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PRUNER WINS MECHANICS' INSTITUTE CENTENARY

Earl Pruner of San Francisco won one of the strongest tournaments in San Francisco history when he took first prize in the event commemorating the Institute's first 100 years by the fine score of $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Pruner won nine games and allowed five draws, to finish a point and a half ahead of his nearest competitor.

Charles Bagby, who also was undefeated, won second prize, 10-4. Bagby, a vice-president and trustee of the Institute, was prime mover and chief promoter of the tournament. The event was held in September, October and November of 1955 and was directed by Arthur B. Stamer. (Our belated reporting of this event and other events in this issue is due to our devoting the entire December issue to the late Herman Steiner.)

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE CENTENARY

Earl Pruner served notice on San Francisco chessplayers that he is back in form after serving a hitch in the U.S. Army. Earl had previously shown great promise as a junior player, then became more interested in playing bridge than chess, and fell below par during his army service. (In 1949, the last U.S. Junior Championship in which the great rivals, soon to become U.S. champions, Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier competed, they were forced to widen the space at the top for a Big Four, composed of Evans, Bisguier, Jim Cross and Pruner. Pruner made a plus score against the others.)

Charles Bagby scored a consistent six wins and eight draws for second place. This is mighty fine chess, and might cause our readers to ask "what happened to Bagby at recent California Opens?" (but not old Instituteters, who remember Bagby's many successes over the past 25 years against local players and visiting masters alike). As Charles will tell you himself, a score of six wins and eight draws is very creditable for a strong round-robin such as the Centenary, but is neither "hot" enough nor lucky enough for a Swiss System event — which is why he suffers so much at California Opens.

William Addison and Henry Gross shared third and fourth places, $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. Walter Pafnutieff, Gilbert Ramirez and Jim Schmitt shared fifth, sixth and seventh, 9-5. That these five should be "also rans" is eloquent testimony to the strength of the Mechanics' Institute Centenary. Four of the five are past champions of various events — State championships, Northern California championships, City championships and club championships. The fifth, Gil Ramirez, is one of this area's brightest young stars. Ed "Casey" Logwood, 8-6, and Ted Eisenstadt, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ with two forfeits, are two more youngsters on their way to stardom.

In a tenth-place tie with 5-9 were Kurt Bendit, a Mechanics' Institute mainstay, and the first of the East Bay players, Eugene Lien of Berkeley. Next, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$ scores, were Howard Bullwinkel, star of last year's Mechanics' Institute "B" team, and two East Bay players, Russell Freeman and Bob Trenberth of Oakland. A point below was Spencer Van Gelder of San Francisco.

In most tournaments the upsets can be spotted quickly by looking at the two halves of the cross-table, separated by the X's. The farther from the X's, the more radical the upset; and in the farthest corners, even draws are considered upsets. If we stay one row away from the line of X's, we find as upsets: Logwood over Gross, Logwood

over Pafnutieff, Eisenstadt over Pafnutieff, Freeman over Gross, and Trenberth over Bendit. Of the upset draws, Van Gelder-Pruner, Trenberth-Pruner, Trenberth-Bagby, Bullwinkel-Bagby and Bullwinkel-Addison were outstanding.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Score	
1 E Pruner	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1*	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2 C Bagby	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	10-4	
3 W Addison	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 H Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 V Pafnutieff	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	9-5	
6 G Ramirez	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	9-5	
7 J Schmitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	9-5	
8 E Logwood	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	0	0	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	8-6	
9 T Eisenstadt	0*	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0*	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 K Bendit	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	X	0	1	1	0	1	5-9	
11 E Lien	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	1	0	1	1	5-9	
12 H Bullwinkel	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
13 R Freeman	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	X	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
14 R Trenberth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
15 S H Van Gelder	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1*	0	0	0	1	0	X	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$

* Forfeit.

FRESNO CHESS CLUB - by William Shirey

Mike Hailparn and P. D. Smith have tied for first place in the annual Fresno Board One tournament. This is Mike's fourth Fresno tournament in a row in which he has come in first or in a tie for first. (Mike will miss the next few Fresno tournaments. His address as of January 9, 1956, was: "Private Michael Hailparn US56230704, Co. A, Stu. Bn., 8579th Dv., Fort Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland" - Ed.)

The tournament was a double round robin affair, played between the five strongest players in the club. The cross-table:

	Smi	Hai	Ach	Fri	Dra	Total
1-2. P. D. Smith	X	1- $\frac{1}{2}$	1- $\frac{1}{2}$	1- $\frac{1}{2}$	1-1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1-2. M. Hailparn	0- $\frac{1}{2}$	X	1-1	1-1	1-1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. E. Achterberg	0- $\frac{1}{2}$	0-0	X	1- $\frac{1}{2}$	1-1	4-4
4. T. Fries	0- $\frac{1}{2}$	0-0	0- $\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	2-6
5. K. Draughon	0-0	0-0	0-0	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	X	1-7

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

The Mechanics' Institute "A" team having lost some players from last year's team, a qualifying tournament was held in January in order to promote the best of the "B" aggregation. Horst Bullwinkel and Kurt Bendit took the first two places and evidently will be "A" players from now on. The cross-table:

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. H. Bullwinkel	X	0 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1 1	1 1*	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. K. Bendit	1 0	X	1 0	1 1	1 1*	6-2
3. C. Brussel	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	0 1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	1*1*	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. O. Wreden	0 0	0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	X	1 1*	3-5
5. F. Rosenthal	0 0*	0 0*	0*0*	0 0*	X	0-8

* Forfeit.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

Last September's business meeting saw the election of officers and the 1955-56 teams matches scheduled. The new officers: President, Frank Olvera (Pittsburg); Vice-President, M. A. Sanders (Stockton); Secretary-Treasurer, Neil T. Austin (Sacramento).

Results of one round's play are at hand:

ROUND 3, December 4, 1955

Oakdale 3 - Pittsburg 5 1) E. Kimball O, A. Loera 1;
2) R. Ewing $\frac{1}{2}$, S. Poulsen $\frac{1}{2}$; 3) H. Blickenstatt $\frac{1}{2}$, L. Talcott $\frac{1}{2}$;
4) W. Maxey 1, L. Skarrrls O; 5) C.J. Smith O, G. Garcia 1;
6) R. Corporon O, F. Weinberg 1; 7) V. Smith $\frac{1}{2}$, F. Olvera $\frac{1}{2}$;
8) S. Sampson $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Snavely $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fresno 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Modesto 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) T. Fries 1, L.E. Davis O;
2) W. Shirey O, E.L. Jeffers 1; 3) K. Draughon 1, P. Lang O;
4) R. Baker O, L. Krogness 1; 5) R. Garabedian $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Paul 1;
6) O. Mashke 1, E. Hobbs O; 7) L. Legler 1, C.J. Cook O;
8) M. Phetteplace 1, C. Garlow O.

San Jose 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Stockton 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) W.T. Adams 1, R. Leigh O;
2) P. Foley 1, R.C. Juhre O; 3) B. Mueller $\frac{1}{2}$, M.A. Sanders $\frac{1}{2}$;
4) H. O'Shaughnessy 1, M.E. Mattingley O; 5) K. Chapman 1, H. Kiebler O; 6) H. Hindman O, N.N. Johannaber 1; 7) G. Van Hooser 1, Forfeit O; 8) A. Lutz 1, Forfeit O.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

At the year-end business meeting held at the Hotel Somerton on December 18, 1955, the following officers were elected: President, Guthrie McClain; Vice-President, Charles Bagby; Secretary-Treasurer, Russell Freeman. Henry Gross was appointed Tournament Director.

Six teams entered in each of the two divisions. The results to date:

DIVISION ARound 1, January 28, 1956

Oakland 3, Golden Gate 4 1) C. Bergman O, H. Cross 1;
2) J. Demos $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Capps $\frac{1}{2}$; 3) R. Cuneo 1, G. Ramirez O;
4) L. Ledgerwood, Jr. O, W. Bills 1; 5) R. Trenberth 1, R. Currie O;
6) E. Lien O, D. Peizer 1; 7) R. Freeman $\frac{1}{2}$, E. Logwood $\frac{1}{2}$.

Palo Alto 1½, Mechanics' Institute 5½ 1) P. Braumann ½,
E. Pruner ½; 2) C. Stein O, C. Bagby 1; 3) Cuomo O, C. Svalberg 1;
4) Pesek O, W. Addison 1; 5) E.T. Dana ½, H. Bullwinkel ½;
6) J. Petriceks O, K. Bendit 1; 7) F. Morsman ½, A.B. Stamer ½.

DIVISION B

Round 1, January 21, 1956

Golden Gate(2) ½, Mechanics' Institute 6½ 1) C. Huneke O,
H. Bullwinkel 1; 2) H. Pirkner O, K. Bendit 1; 3) Dr. Rosen-
stein O, O. Wreden 1; 4) B. Pisani O, K. Bopp 1; 5) T. Baskin O,
W. Hudson 1; 6) N. Nielsen O, R. Conway 1; 7) H. Dasteel Sr. ½,
J. Hill ½.

Alameda 1, Golden Gate(1) 6 1) L. Talcott ½, S.H. VanGelder ½;
2) H. Minchaca O, H. Rosenbaum 1; 3) D. Ogilvie O, H. Edelstein 1;
4) R.W. Rutherford O, H. King 1; 5) P. Kelly O, J. Vaughn 1;
6) W. Parker O, C. Schroth 1; 7) O. Sobol ½, G. Lutz ½.

January 28, 1956: Oakland 4, Russians 3:

1) W. Landfair ½, A. Palmin ½; 2) T. Theodoroff 1, A. Tokmakoff O;
3) A. Buder ½, W. Leeds ½; 4) S. Thacker 1, N. Beloff O;
5) S. Joplin O, D. Shishkin 1; 6) L. Ledgerwood Sr. O, P. An-
dreeff 1; 7) B. Willis 1, C. Gordeeff O.

The Alameda team has been quite active recently with "Sequoia League" matches in the Chess Friends:

December 14, 1955: Alameda "Staunton" 3, Oakland "Steinitz" 3

1) J. Bristow 1, Dr. Abel O; 2) O. Sobol O, J. Lieberman 1; 3) D.
Ogilvie O, Dr. Igra 1; 4) L. Osternig O, Capt. Sullivan 1; 5) S.
Momono 1, Dr. Hatshek O; 6) L. Leonard 1, H. Steiner O.

Jan. 16, 1955: Alameda "Staunton" 1½, Hayward "Marshall" 4½:

1) L. Talcott O, R. Trenberth 1; 2) J. Bristow 1, E. Salo O;
3) D. Ogilvie ½, R. Rutherford ½; 4) L. Osternig O, E. Bartholomew 1;
5) W. Parker O, L. Perry 1; 6) L. Leonard O, H. Hitchcock 1.

GAME OF THE MONTH

When the touring team from San Francisco's Golden Gate Chess Club visited the Carlo Salvioli club, Venice, in 1953, it seemed that everyone from millionaire Eugenio Szabados on down wanted us to bring back his greetings to Herman Steiner. The lovable Los Angeles master had participated in their international tournament in 1950 and their memories of his warm personality were still fresh. Although Herman did not win the tournament, he made a creditable showing with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$, tying for fifth, sixth and seventh places behind Kotov, Smyslov, Rossolimo and Pachman.

It was therefore of interest to leaf through the British Chess Magazine recently and re-discover the game in which Herman won the second brilliancy prize, Venice 1950.

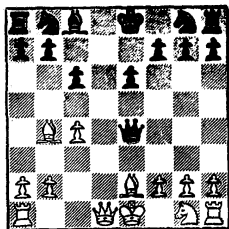
Game No. 305 - Semi-Slav

White	Black
H. Steiner	E. Paoli

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-QB3 |
| 4. P-K4 | |

The Marshall Gambit. With 4.Kt-B3 White could avoid complications.

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| 4. ... | PxKP |
| 5. KtxP | B-Kt5ch |
| 6. B-Q2 | QxP |
| 7. BxB | QxKtch |
| 8. B-K2 | |



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| 8. ... | Kt-QR3 |
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If 8...QxKtP; 9. B-KB3, Q-Kt3; 10. Kt-K2, P-B3; 11. Q-Q6, Q-B2; 12. O-O-O, B-Q2; 13. Kt-B4, Kt-R3 with a game perfectly suited to Steiner's style - although Black is two pawns ahead.

Black's best may be 8... P-QB4; 9. B-B3 (9. BxP, QxKtP; 10. Q-Q6, Kt-Q2; 11. O-O-O, Q-B3!), Kt-K2; 10. BxP, R-KKt1.

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| 9. B-B3 | P-B3 |
| 10. Kt-B3 | |
| 10. Q-Q6 | was well analyzed and led to an even position. |
| 10. ... | Kt-K2 |
| 11. O-O | O-O |
| 12. R-K1 | Q-Kt3 |
- 12...P-K4 seems better.

13. P-QKt4

In keeping with Steiner's fondness for giving his opponent plenty to think about.

13. ... Q-B2

One is struck by the difference between Black's last two Q moves and the movements of the Black Q in the games Lilienthal-Kotov, Tallinn 1945, Flohr-Szily,

Moscow-Budapest 1949, and a number of other examples of this opening. In this game the Q retreats and Black defends with pawn play. In the games referred to, Black gets his pieces out as fast as he can and keeps his Q in the middle of the board.

14. Q-B2 P-K4

15. B-Q3 P-KKt3

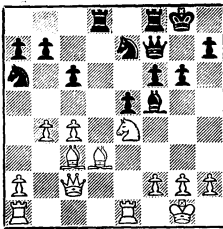
Black's position seems to be impregnable, but Steiner is adept at blasting open rock walls.

16. Kt-Q2 B-B4

17. Kt-K4

The manner in which Steiner avoids the exchange of Bishops, at the same time loosening up the Black pawns, is instructive.

17. ... QR-Q1



18. P-B4!

Black must have overlooked this powerful move. 18...PxP is impossible so long as the White Kt stands on K4. So:

18. ... BxKt

19. RxB

And White not only has the powerful Bishop-pair, but has an active pair of Rooks.

19. ... PxP

20. QR-K1 R-Q2

21. RxP P-KB4

This move unfortunately seems necessary, but now the QB has a tremendous diagonal. From now on, Black's game goes downhill rapidly.

22. Q-K2 KR-Q1

23. R-B3

23. Q-K5 is tempting, but evidently leads to nothing after ...K-B1; 24. Q-R8ch, Kt-Kt1.

23. ... Kt-B2

24. P-Kt4

Another charge of dynamite! With the Bishop-pair's vastly greater scope over the pair of Knights, opening of new lines through pawn exchanges is fatal to Black.

24. ... Kt-K1

25. PxP PxP

Not 25...KtxP, because 26. BxKt, PxB; 27. R-Kt3ch and there is no Kt left to interpose.

26. K-R1

So as to check with the QR, keeping the KR attacking the BP.

26. ... Kt-Kt2

27. R-KKt1 Kt-Kt3

Through his Kt maneuvers Black has protected the pawn but now can only interpose on the forthcoming B check by giving up the exchange.

28. P-B5 Q-K1

29. B-B4ch K-R1

30. QxQch RxQ

31. RxKt Resigns.

For if 31...PxR; 32. R-R3 mate.

An elegant finish to a typical Herman Steiner game.

N E W S

LOS ANGELES: The continuation of the chess column in the Sunday Times was assured in January with the appointment of grandmaster Isaac Kashdan to conduct the column. "Kash" formerly was co-editor of Chess Review, has a wide reputation as a problemist, and writes an interesting and informative column.

CORRECTION: In December we reported that George Koltanowski was one of the applicants for the Times column. We now learn that Kolty did not enter a bid. Our apologies, George! We were primarily anxious to show that the column would be in good hands. The fact that the name of George Koltanowski had come out in various editorial discussions was misinterpreted by our reporter.

JOHN PURDY: The young Australian champion came to California last November on his way home after competing in the World's Junior Championship and in some British tournaments. The young man from Down Under, son of C. S. Purdy, Australian chess editor and world's correspondence chess champion, made an immediate hit with California and California made a hit with him.

Purdy's trip from New York, where he only appeared at chess clubs briefly, was punctuated by an overnight stay at the Chicago airport, where he found himself without funds — so he walked several miles to the home of Montgomery Major, whom he waked up at two A.M. in order to borrow ten dollars!

John then flew to Los Angeles, where he was the house guest of the late Herman Steiner. His first simultaneous was November 11 in Hollywood, where he won 10 of 16, losing to Kyle Forrest, Morris Gordon, Richard Sanford, George F. Goehler and David Elliott and drawing with Bruse Margolin. On November 13 he was the guest of the Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club of Long Beach, where he took on 18 opponents, winning 12, losing to K. Reissmann, J. Read, J. Doan and J. Mitchell and drawing against A. Pachrik and J. Smith. On the following Tuesday, November 15, John was the guest of Dudley H. Hosea of San Diego, where he met 28 players, results not announced. (So by this time John had a few dollars in his pockets.)

John was the house guest of the editor of THE REPORTER in northern California, where he gave two exhibitions: on November 22 he clobbered seven members of the Golden Gate club with clocks, drawing one game with Casey Logwood; the next night he ran up

against stiff opposition at the Mechanics' Institute, losing to Ed Fawcett, Gil Ramirez, Dave Peizer, Casey Logwood, Horst Bullwinkel, Karl Bopp, C. Brussel and Victor Bloomfield and drawing with Charles Svalberg, Kurt Bendit and Oliver Wreden, out of 17 players.

Purdy went home the next day a very tired but happy young man. He retained warm memories of his brief stay in the Golden State, and left Californians with friendly affection for this breezy youngster with his frank and engaging ways.

LOS ANGELES: The Memorial Tournament of the Herman Steiner Chess Group is under way with a large entry list. The following club members are in the competition for the handsome cash prizes:

Master Section: Moskowitz, Levin, Rivise, Kovacs, Martin, Lapiken, Bobby Cross, Yarmak, Almgren, Gordon, Jacobs, Schain.

Experts: Brieger, Weinbaum, Gross, Geller, Gibbs, Johnson, Rubin, Mrs. Piatigorsky, Lorber, Stein.

Class A-1: Stanford, Henderson, Maron, Karpilowsky, Mrs. Grumette, Koutz, Carvalho, Semco, Monarch, Hearsey.

Class A-2: Margclin, Rea, Ulrich, Meisner, Gifford, Erus, Klausner, Ifill, Hummert, Ralston.

DUARTE: U.S. Women's co-champion Nancy Roos is at the City of Hope hospital, convalescing after a recurrence of a serious malady. Nancy saw a number of her friends when in Los Angeles over the recent holidays, and we know she would welcome correspondence from our readers. She had hardly returned from New York, where she tied with Mrs. Gisella Gresser for the U.S. title, when she was hospitalized. Our best wishes go to Mrs. Roos in her courageous struggle, and may she recover soon and go on to new heights and accomplishments!

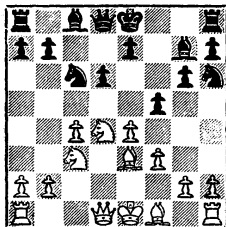
NORTH-SOUTH MATCH FOR FRESNO? A number of influential officials in the California State Chess Federation are reported to be swinging their weight behind a movement to change the venue of the North vs. South team match from San Luis Obispo to Fresno. It will be recalled that last Labor Day week end the temperatures in Los Angeles were 110 degrees and over; chessplayers who went to Fresno for the California Open were struck by the comfortable air-conditioning in the Hotel Californian, and the Southern California Chess League will pass a resolution calling for a change to Fresno. It seems obvious that the proposed change will depend on the facilities available at Fresno. What do our readers think?

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Game No. 306 - Sicilian

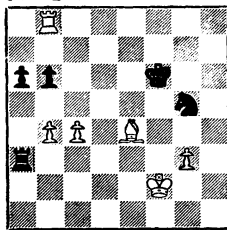
White Black
E. Pruner W. Addison

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. | KtxP | P-KKt3 |
| 5. | P-QB4 | B-Kt2 |
| 6. | B-K3 | P-Q3 |
| 7. | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KR3 |
| 8. | P-KB3 | P-B4 |



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| 9. | Q-Q2 | Kt-B2 |
| 10. | B-K2 | O-O |
| 11. | PxP | PxP |
| 12. | O-O | KtxKt |
| 13. | BxKt | BxBch |
| 14. | QxB | P-K4 |
| 15. | Q-Q2 | B-K3 |
| 16. | QR-Q1 | QR-B1 |
| 17. | P-QKt3 | P-QR3 |
| 18. | Kt-Q5 | BxKt |
| 19. | QxB | Q-K2 |
| 20. | P-QKt4 | K-R1 |
| 21. | B-Q3 | P-B5 |
| 22. | KR-K1 | R-KKt1 |
| 23. | R-K2 | R-B2 |
| 24. | B-B5 | R-Kt4 |
| 25. | B-K6 | Kt-Q1 |
| 26. | B-R3 | Kt-B2 |
| 27. | P-R3 | P-KR4 |

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| 28. | Q-K6 | K-Kt2 |
| 29. | QxQ | RxQ |
| 30. | K-B2 | K-B3 |
| 31. | P-Kt3 | PxPch |
| 32. | PxP | R-B2 |
| 33. | R-K4 | R-Kt3 |
| 34. | B-B1 | K-K3 |
| 35. | B-K2 | Kt-Kt4 |
| 36. | R-R4 | R-B2 |
| 37. | K-K3 | R/3-B3 |
| 38. | P-B4 | Kt-R2 |
| 39. | PxP | PxP |
| 40. | BxP | R-Kt2 |
| 41. | B-Kt4ch | K-B2 |
| 42. | R-Q7ch | K-Kt1 |
| 43. | RxRch | KxR |
| 44. | B-B3 | P-Kt3 |
| 45. | B-Q5 | R-B8 |
| 46. | R-Kt4ch | K-B3 |
| 47. | R-Kt8 | R-QR8 |
| 48. | R-Kt8 | RxPch |
| 49. | K-B2 | P-K5 |
| 50. | BxP | Kt-Kt4 |



Adjourned Position

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| 51. | RxPch | K-K4 |
| 52. | B-Kt7 | K-Q5 |
| 53. | P-B5 | R-R7ch |
| 54. | K-K1 | P-R4 |
| 55. | R-Kt6 | R-R8ch |
| 56. | K-K2 | R-R7ch |
| 57. | K-K1 | R-R8ch |

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| 58. | K-Q2 | R-R7ch |
| 59. | K-B1 | K-B6 |
| 60. | K-Q1 | R-R8ch |
| 61. | K-K2 | KxP |
| 62. | RxKt | R-QB8 |
| 63. | B-B8 | P-R5 |
| 64. | B-K6 | P-R6 |
| 65. | R-K5 | P-R7 |
| 66. | BxP | R-B7ch |
| 67. | K-B3 | RxB |
| 68. | P-Kt4 | K-Kt4 |
| 69. | K-B4 | K-B3 |
| 70. | P-Kt5 | K-Q2 |
| 71. | P-Kt6 | R-B7ch |
| 72. | K-Kt5 | R-Kt7ch |
| 73. | K-B6 | R-B7ch |
| 74. | R-B5 | R-KKt7 |
| 75. | P-Kt7 | Resigns. |

Tartakower against Lillienthal, match, 1933, Tarrasch against Alekhine, Baden-Baden, 1925, Spielman against Eliskases, match 1936-37, Van Scheltinga against Euwe, Maastricht, 1946, and Rosetto against Euwe, Mar del Plata, 1947.

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| 8. ... | P-QR3 |
| 9. P-Q5 | |

This advance is not to be recommended. Black's king's bishop is given a free diagonal. In the games where White plays 8. P-QR4 he usually follows with P-QKt4 as soon as possible and then B-R3. This maneuver tends to put pressure on Black's center. The line adopted by White in this game gives Black no problems. It is most instructive to see how Black takes over. Note throughout how White's king's bishop has no scope and how it becomes a target for Black's attack; to my mind a direct result of 9. P-Q5.

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Game No. 307 - Giuoco

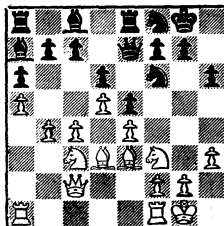
White	Black
R. Brieger	C. Bagby

(Notes by Henry Gross)

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-B4 | B-B4 |
| 4. | O-O | P-Q3 |
| 5. | P-B3 | Q-K2 |
| 6. | P-Q4 | B-Kt3 |
| 7. | P-KR3 | Kt-B3 |
| 8. | P-QR4 | |

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| 9. ... | Kt-Kt1 |
| 10. P-R5 | B-R2 |
| 11. B-Q3 | QKt-Q2 |
| 12. P-QKt4 | O-O |
| 13. Q-B2 | R-K1 |
| 14. P-B4 | Kt-B1 |
| 15. B-K3 | P-R3 |
| 16. Kt-B3 | |

More usual here is R-K1 as played by Bouwmeester against Euwe in the 1952 Dutch Championship, Rossolimo against Euwe in the 1951 Gijon tournament, and by Tartakower against Euwe in the 1948 Venice tournament. However, the P-QR4 theme is also played as evidenced by



16. ... P-KKt4
 Beginning with this move and continuing for the next few moves Black aims at controlling his KB5.

- 17. K-R2 Kt-Kt3
- 18. Kt-K2 Kt-R4
- 19. Kt/3-Kt1 K-R2
- 20. Q-Q2 R-KKt1
- 21. P-Kt3 B-Q2
- 22. R-R2 Kt-Kt2
- 23. BxB RxB
- 24. P-B4 KtPxP
- 25. PxP PxP
- 26. KtxP Kt-K4
- 27. Q-K3

Not good. It only forces Black's queen's rook back into the game and places his queen in a most dangerous position.

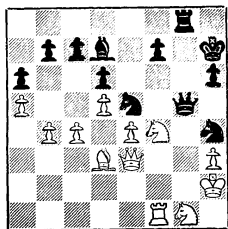
- 27. ... QR-R1
- 28. R-KKt2 Kt-B4!
- 29. Q-Q2

Of course not PxKt because 29... Kt-Kt5ch wins the White queen.

- 29. ... Kt-R5
- 30. RxR RxR
- 31. Q-K3

Black was threatening RxKt. White could not retake with either the rook or the king because Kt-B6ch would win the White queen.

- 31. ... Q-Kt4



- 32. B-K2

Overlooking Black's powerful reply. But what can White do? He is lost in any event. His best try is Kt/1-K2 but that is refuted by 32...B-Kt5! 33. Kt-Kt2, BxKt; 34. QxQ, RxQ wins. It is remarkable that after 32. Kt/1-K2, B-Kt5 is the only move that gives Black a clear cut demonstrable win. White could answer 32...Kt-Kt7 with 33. Q-Kt1 and Black has nothing. The threat after 32...B-Kt5 is 33...BxKt after which White cannot retake with the queen because of 34...Kt-B6ch or with the bishop because of 34...Kt-Kt7.

- 32. ... Kt-Kt7
- Resigns.

For the queen must move and after 33...KtxKt White cannot retake with either the queen or the rook. There is a little story about this game. It was played in the California State Open Championship at Fresno less than one month after the United States Open Championship at Long Beach. At Long Beach Bagby and Brieger had played a draw. Bagby also had an unfortunate experience at Long Beach losing to Sonia Graf Stevenson. Brieger was continuously riding Bagby about both losing to a woman and the draw between them. So when the draw at Fresno pitted Bagby against Brieger again Charley threw his usually cautious style to the winds and determined to get back at Brieger's ribbing by wiping up the board with him.

FRESNO CHESS CLUB PLAYOFF, 1955

Game No. 308 - Sicilian

White Black
P.D. Smith T. Fries

(Notes by Phil Smith)

- 1. P-K4 P-QB4
- 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
- 3. P-Q4 PxP
- 4. KtxP Kt-KB3
- 5. Kt-QB3 P-QR3
- 6. B-KKt5

Fries was familiar with Evans' article in Chess Life on the Najdorf line, but Evans didn't mention this line, so White plays it.

- 6. ... P-K3

Euwe recommends Kt-B3; 7. Q-Q2, transposing into the Rouser-Richter line.

- 7. Q-B3

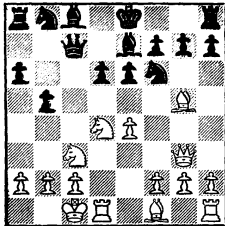
Keres seems to prefer 7. B-B4 (see Jan., 1955, British C. M.).

- 7. ... B-K2

This is no improvement over 7...QKt-Q2.

- 8. O-O-O Q-B2
- 9. Q-Kt3 P-QKt4?

9...QKt-Q2 was correct.



- 10. P-QR3?

In Chess Archives Euwe says that 10. BxP is unsound; however, his analysis is based on 7...QKt-Q2 rather than B-K2. White thought B-K2 made no difference, even though he knew of Bronstein's win over Najdorf with BxP. Analysis by Fries and Smith after the game revealed BxP would have "busted" Black. Euwe's comment seems to merit further study - his "refutation" is 10. BxP, PxB; 11. KKtxP, Q-B4 (Najdorf-Bronstein went ...Q-Kt1; 11. KtxPch, BxKt; 12. QxB, QxQ; 13. RxQ and won the end game, partly because Najdorf castled king side); 12. KtxPch, BxKt; 13. RxP, Kt-R4! and wins. The flaw is that Euwe doesn't consider 12. B-K3! for White after Q-B4.

- 10. ... B-Q2
- 11. P-B4 Kt-B3
- 12. KtxKt BxKt
- 13. P-K5 PxP
- 14. PxP Kt-K5
- 15. KtxKt BxKt
- 16. B-Q3 BxBch
- 17. QxB B-Kt3
- 18. P-KR4 R-QB1
- 19. P-B3 Q-R4
- 20. K-Kt1 P-R3
- 21. Q-Kt4 R-B5!
- 22. Q-B3 O-O?

Black should play 22...BxB and then castle.

- 23. BxB PxP
- 24. Q-Q3 R-KKt5
- 25. Q-Q6 RxKtP
- 26. QxPch K-R2
- 27. KR-Kt1 R/1-B7
- 28. RxR RxR

- 29. Q-Kt3 Q-Kt3
- 30. R-Q6 Q-K6
- 31. R-Q8

the game was all in his analysis.
 41...P-R4; 42. P-R5, R-Kt5;
 43. K-Kt3 wins.

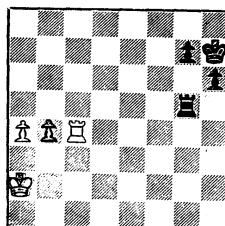
During the game both players thought this a mistake and that 31. K-R2 would win; after the game White discovered it was the best move — 31. K-R2 gives Black at least a draw.

- 31. ... Q-K5ch
- 32. K-R2 Q-B5
- 33. QxQ PxQ
- 34. P-K6 R-K7
- 35. R-Q6 P-QR4
- 36. R-Q4 RxP
- 37. RxP R-K4
- 38. P-R4! P-Kt4
- 39. PxP RxP
- 40. P-Kt4 PxP

Since this move leads to a forced win for White, Black should try 40...P-R4.

- 41. PxP

The sealed move. White analyzed this position for some 16 hours, trying to cover every line — every one seemed to lead to a win for him, since he is two or three tempo ahead. The rest of



- 41. ... R-Kt7ch
- 42. K-R3 P-Kt4
- 43. P-Kt5 P-Kt5
- 44. P-Kt6 R-Kt6ch
- 45. K-Kt4 R-Kt8
- 46. K-B5 P-Kt6
- 47. P-Kt7 R-Kt8
- 48. K-B6 P-Kt7

If 48...P-R4; 49. R-B2, P-R5;
 50. R-KKt2 wins.

- 49. R-KKt4 R-B8ch
- 50. K-Kt6! P-Kt8=Q
- 51. RxQ RxR
- 52. P-Kt8=Q Resigns.

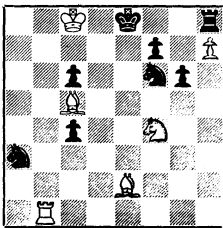
White wins by a tempo.

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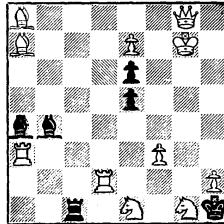
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