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U. S. Championship Details Set

BYRNE WINS NEW ENGLAND TOURNEY WAGMAN SECOND

In the eight-round Swiss system tournament which grants the New England Championship, the 18-year-old Yale freshman, Robert Byrne, proved to be a shade better than his rivals. In the play over the Labor Day weekend August 30th to September 2nd at Hartford, Conn., Byrne gathered 7½ points out of a possible 8 for the championship. Stuart E. Wagman of Boston was a close second with the nearly perfect score of 7 points, while Walter B. Suesman of Providence with a score of 6 points was third. Fourth to ninth were Dr. Gerald Katz, Harlow B. Daly, Charles Schoenfeld, Al. Martin, Robert G. Mitchell and Richard Brainard, whose point score was in each case 5½, alined by the Sonneborn-Berger system of "weighing" ties. In all forty-seven players participated in this annual tournament which was won in 1945 by Weaver W. Adams, now in Europe with the U. S. Team.

J. C. THOMPSON 1ST AL LIPTON 2ND IN SOUTHWEST OPEN

Seven States sent representatives to the Twelfth Annual Southwestern Open Championship Tournament at Houston, Texas, August 31st to September 2nd. Among the seventy contestants were players from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. The tournament was held at the Rice Hotel in Houston and was refereed by J. Allan Anderson, former St. Louis champion and member of U. S. Team at Hamburg in 1930.

J. C. Thompson won the title of Southwestern Champion with a score of seven wins, no draws or losses. Al. Lipton, also of Dallas, was second with 6 points. Third to sixth place went to J. W. Stapp of Dallas, James Webb of Dallas, Mevis R. Smith of Houston, and Don Kilgore of Dallas, all of whom had 5½ points, according to a Sonneborn-Berger "weighing" of their scores. Seventh to tenth place went to Alfred P. Coles III of El Paso, Alfred Wills of New Orleans, Joe Gilbert of Dallas and F. H. McKee of Dallas, with 5 points each, according to their Sonneborn-Berger score.

KOWALSKI WINNER TRENTON TOURNEY McCORMICK 2ND

Three players each from northern and southern New Jersey met at the Stacy-Trent Hotel, Trenton, N. J. to determine the finalist in the U. S. Championship from their area. Stephen W. Kowalski of Newark won with 4½ points; Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange was second with 3½ points. There was a three-way tie for third between R. F. Cotton of Camden, R. T. Durkin of Ventnor City, and J. Fleishner of Vineland with 2 points each. Sixth place went to S. Fenichel of Newark.

NEW JERSEY STATE CHESS ASS'N FORMS WAYNE PRESIDENT

As a result of the tournament at the Stacy-Trent Hotel players from north and south New Jersey met and organized the New Jersey State Chess Association. First president of this august body is R. W. Wayne of Ventnor City, well known for his direction of the Ventnor City Invitation Tournaments. Three vice-presidents were elected: C. B. LeCato of Haddonfield, F. E. Lauchs of West Orange, and William Van Bremen of Trenton. Robert T. Durkin of Ventnor City became secretary and S. Caplan of Vineland treasurer. It was voted to apply for membership in the USCF.

ISAACS, SANDRIN WIN PLACES IN U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve players contested in the Area Six Tournament to decide the representatives at the U. S. Championship. The veteran Lewis J. Isaacs was first and Albert Sandrin, also of Chicago, was second. Third place went to Alfred Ludwig of Omaha, Nebr. and fourth to Mark Surgies of Milwaukee. Fifth place went to Paul Poschel of Chicago.

The tournament was conducted under the auspices of USCF Chapter, Milwaukee Municipal Chess Club, and the Tournament Director was Fritz Rathman, Editor of Wisconsin Chess Letter. The tournament was played at Milwaukee from August 30th to September 1st.

AREAS SELECT THEIR CHAMPIONS IN LABOR-DAY WEEK-END MEETS

First Democratic U.S. Championship Meet Draws Strong Field of Promising Contenders

As the final results emerge from the smoke of battle clouding the fair Labor-Day skies, it becomes more and more apparent that the Sixth Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament will set a new record in the annals of American Chess. The Sixth U. S. Championship Tournament will be held in the Chanin Auditorium in New York City from October 26th to November 16th. At the same time plans cover a Woman's Championship Tournament and a Masters' Reserve Tournament for the players from the seven areas of the United States who barely failed to qualify for the Championship Finals.

Details of the Tournament are in the hands of a Committee headed by Maurice Wertheim while Kenneth Harkness (Co-Editor of CHESS REVIEW) will serve as Tournament Director in addition to his important duties as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Results from most of the seven areas into which the country has been divided promise that the seven seeded players will have no easy time of it. The seven seeded players are: U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker, U. S. Open Champion Herman Steiner, Reuben Fine, I. A. Horowitz, I. I. Kashdan, Albert Pinkus and Samuel Reshevsky, who will meet in the finals of the U. S. Championship the fifteen contenders selected from the seven areas by the democratic method of preliminary contests.

First to finish its selection was Area Three, consisting of Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In a special tournament held at Cleveland, Ohio, from August 10th to 12th Jacob Levin and Attilio DiCamillo, both of Philadelphia, qualified to enter the U. S. Championship finals while George Eastman of Detroit and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, West Virginia, will represent the area in the Masters' Reserve.

In Area One the annual New England Championship Tournament at Hartford, Conn., from August 30th through September 2nd provided one finalist for the U. S. Championship. This was Robert Byrne, 18-year-old Yale freshman, who became New England Champion. Stuart E. Wagman of Boston or Walter B. Suesman of Providence will compete in the Masters' Reserve.

On August 30th through September 2nd another special tournament held at the Stacy-Trent Hotel in Trenton, N. J., decided the other finalist from Area One. This was Stephen W. Kowalski of Newark, while Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange became eligible for the Masters' Reserve.

Anthony E. Santasiere in winning the New York State Championship at Cazenovia, August 17th to 25th, placed as one of the three finalists from Area Two. Alexander Kevitz of New York has been appointed as the second finalist, and the third will be decided by a short tournament to be held at the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs, begin-

ning September 21st. Selection of players for the Masters' Reserve has not been announced.

Area Five qualified its contestants in the annual Southwestern Open Chess Tournament at Houston, Texas, from August 31st to September 2nd. J. C. Thompson and Al. Lipton, both of Dallas, qualified for the U. S. Championship finals, while J. W. Stapp and James Webb, both of Dallas also, qualified for the Masters' Reserve.

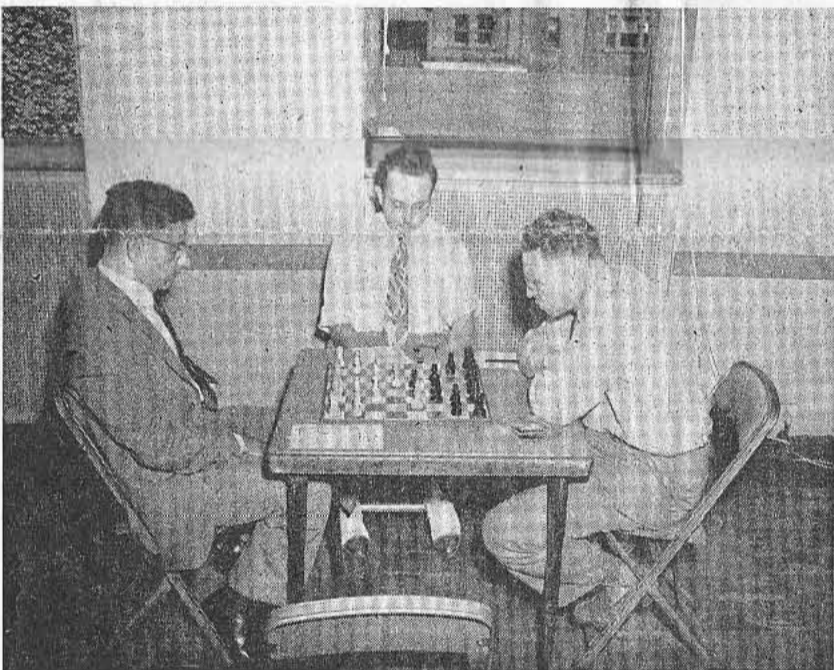
The veteran Lewis J. Isaacs and the youthful Albert Sandrin, both of Chicago, qualified for the Championship finals in Area Six in a tournament held at Milwaukee August 30th to September 1st. Alfred Ludwig of Omaha, Nebraska and Paul Poschel of Chicago were the two ready for the Masters' Reserve.

Area Four and Area Seven have not been heard from as yet, but it is known that both have plans under way to qualify players from their respective areas.

DR. WERTHAMMER WINS W. VA. TITLE ALLEN DUVALL 2ND

For the third time in four years Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington won the West Virginia Championship in the tournament played at Clarksburg from August 31st to September 2nd. In a six-round Swiss System he scored 6 points to regain the title lost in 1945 to Harold W. Liggett by half a point.

Second place went to Allen Duvall of Charleston with a score of 5-1. Other high scorers in the fourteen-man tournament were former State Champion William F. Hartling of St. Albans 4-2; former State Champion John Hurt of Charleston, Dr. Victor J. Lemke of Morgantown and Milford B. Mott of Arthurdale with 3½-2½ each; Edward M. Foy, former Charleston City Champion, 3-3. Last year's Champion, Harold W. Liggett of South Charleston ended in a four-way tie for eighth.



Jacob Levin (left) meets Dr. Bruno Schmidt (right) in the Area Three finals, while M. A. Kontosh acts as timekeeper.

USSR TEAM WINS SCORES 12½ - 7½ OVER U. S. TEAM

Once again the U. S. Team faced defeat when it met the USSR Team at Moscow. Heroes for the Americans were I. Kashan and A. Kevitz with 1½-½. The U. S. Team, however, showed improvement over last year when it lost the radio match by a score of 15½ to 4½.

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LEVIN, DICAMILLO QUALIFY IN AREA THREE TOURNEY

In a special tournament held in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 10th to 12th, Jacob Levin of Philadelphia won first place with three wins and two draws. Attilio DiCamillo, also of Philadelphia, was second with two wins and two draws. A four-way tie was the result in the other places between Malcom W. Patrick of Cleveland, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, West Virginia, and George Eastman and Dr. Bruno Schmidt, both of Detroit.

According to arrangements, Levin and DiCamillo will represent the area in the U. S. Championship, while Eastman and Werthammer will play in the Masters' Reserve.

J. H. BELSON WINS CANADIAN TITLE; MAURICE FOX 2ND

In the 1946 Dominion Chess Championship Tournament played at the Central YMCA in Toronto from August 31 to September 7, J. H. Belson won the title in a strong tournament which included former champions M. Fox, J. S. Morrison, and R. E. Martin. Maurice Fox was second, R. E. Martin third and J. Rauch fourth. Bernard Freedman was tournament director. Twenty-eight players competed in two 14-round preliminary sections to determine those seated in the final championship round-robin. This was the second title for Belson who won the 1934 tournament.

SANTASIERE WINS NEW YORK STATE STERN TIES 2ND

In the annual New York State Championship Tournament at Cazenovia August 17th to 25th Anthony E. Santasiere won the title to qualify for a place in the U. S. Championship finals. Second place in the New York State Tournament was a tie between Adolph Stern, dark horse of the meet, and Edward Lasker. Erich W. Marchand won the Consolation Tournament.

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GET BEHIND AMERICAN CHESS

THERE was a time when it was considered correct to be deprecatory about all things American when compared with any European model. It was assumed that things American were inferior, and our apologists often were embarrassed by the necessity of deprecating something because it failed to conform to the pattern of inferiority.

In Chess, however, we escaped the worst phases of this pathological inferiority complex, for the deeds abroad of Morphy and Pillsbury and Marshall permitted no apologies for the American brand of chess; and the showing of our younger masters in more recent European tournaments have sustained the reputation that earlier American chess players have created.

The course of American success on the chessboard has not always been smooth and uninterrupted; we have had our moments of abrupt and rude reversal, as when the USSR Chess Team rode rough-shod over the U. S. Chess Team in the New York-Moscow Radio Match in 1945. But we face the world without need to apologize to anyone for the brand of chess that thrives in these United States.

A rosy picture for the optimist? Yes; but let us not become too lost in admiration of one single bloom. There yet remains much to be done for American Chess; and only the individual chess player can do it! The individual player in his own community by joining with thousands of other individual players in other communities to create and support a consistent program for American Chess.

Briefly, American Chess needs:—

- 1) A healthy national organization, supported by every player of chess whether amateur or master, to supervise national competition and encourage the development of chess in every community;
- 2) An active State organization in every state to keep alive the spirit of local competition and foster the development of chess playing among the young;
- 3) Various alert publications to keep the news of chess alive, so that each player may know what is being said and done for chess everywhere;
- 4) A permanent sinking fund with which to promote chess upon a national organized scale without the necessity of using "hand to mouth" methods of financing.

Point one has been answered by the creation of the United States Chess Federation, but many individual players have so far failed to contribute their support to making the USCF representative of every individual player in the country. Point two has been subject to much activity, and today there are only a few areas left in which chess remains as yet unorganized. Point three is best served of all, for there are several excellent chess publications, in addition to CHESS LIFE, which give the individual player no excuse for being uninformed about chess in America.

Point four may be met affirmatively by each chess player in a simple gesture. It requires no more than clipping the coupon on Page four, filling it out and mailing it to Kenneth Harkness with a contribution to the continued cause of American Chess.

We borrow a phrase from our eminent contemporary, CHESS REVIEW—borrow it because we feel that it should be shouted from the rooftops and drummed into the ears of every American Chess player:

GET BEHIND AMERICAN CHESS!!

Guest Editorial

JUNIOR CHESS IN MILWAUKEE

By Fritz Rathmann

Editor, Wisconsin Chess Letter

MILWAUKEE'S junior chess program has received attention by many national magazines because the annual chess tournament has had over two thousand entries, all boys and girls under eighteen years of age. In a recent article in *Colliers* magazine, it was estimated that over twenty thousand youngsters play chess in Milwaukee.

It is possible for any other community to use the Milwaukee system with success. The Recreation Department of Milwaukee Public Schools furnishes chess teachers who teach chess on the playgrounds in the summer and in the evening schools or social centers and in the high schools during the fall and winter seasons. The Milwaukee Journal gives regular space on its sport page every Sunday for chess news and contributes one hundred chess sets each year as prizes to boys and girls who win final, runner-up and sectional championships in each age group from seven to seventeen, with separate groups for boys and for girls.

The main objective of the Milwaukee program is not to make experts but to teach the names of the pieces and the way in which they move and then to suggest that for further study a trip be made to the

main library which has a very fine section on chess books. Proof of the working out of this system is Richard Kujoth who learned only the moves a year ago on the playground and then spent many hours at the library with chess books. Only a year later, he won the right to represent Wisconsin in the National Junior Championships in Chicago.

Not so long ago, Cleveland inquired about the junior chess program in Milwaukee and then went ahead to develop the National Junior Championship winner, Larry Friedman. If other cities, large and small, follow the example of Milwaukee and Cleveland there is no reason why every state should not be well represented in the second annual junior championship.

The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

LOOKING AHEAD

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THOSE who look back on past development of American Chess and deplore the fact that the Royal Game has not yet attained its full measure of well-deserved popularity, are apt to forget or minimize the brighter side of American Chess history. Through the years, an enormous amount of work has been done on behalf of chess by ardent boosters and impressive indeed is the record of their accomplishments. So let's give credit where credit is due and refrain from the attitude not uncommon among youngsters of belittling the earnest efforts of an older generation.



Paul G. Giers

American Chess may never be quite the same as that in other countries. We may not have giant chess spectacles in opera houses, nor the opportunities to enjoy a pleasant game at our favorite coffee-house or side-walk cafe. If American chess retains its own individuality, this can hardly be criticized as Americans have always indulged in the habit of doing things in their own way.

During the past few years, the United States Chess Federation has made considerable progress coordinating chess activities from coast to coast. Whatever problems are now confronting us to place these activities on a broader and more solid footing need not cause us undue concern. After all, chess players by the very nature of their game are expected to command a fair degree of ingenuity, strategy and intelligent planning and should have no real difficulty finding a proper solution to their problems.

The Federation's Directors and Officers have given much thought to our future course and formulated definite plans to be carried out with the least possible delay. Here are some of the objectives for which we are aiming and which will be fully discussed in coming issues of CHESS LIFE:

- A strong and active Chess Association in every state;
- A chess club in every community of 5,000 or more population;
- A vastly larger number of players through full use of all educational facilities, publicity and a country-wide membership drive;
- A national rating system for rank and file players with provision for automatic merit advancement;
- Regular tournaments conducted under standard rules by all clubs, state associations and regional districts tied in with the national rating system;
- A vast program of instruction and competition for schools, colleges and playgrounds;
- More local chess columns and general newspaper publicity for chess;
- Higher standards for local clubs—location and appearance of club-rooms, equipment and effective club management.

All of these objectives will entail much constructive work and the co-operation of many. They are deserving of our best efforts and general support, because there is no sounder basis on which to build the kind of American Chess we are all hoping for.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

For the second issue of *Chess Life*, the comments have been selected from the questionnaires sent to members, asking for suggestions in making the work of the USCF more effective. Hereafter, this column will be devoted to the opinions of the readers who are invited to express their ideas freely.

Tie in the various state organizations with the USCF. Each state organization should be a Chapter in the USCF so that one membership included all. Keep it all as democratic as possible at all times. You have made a fine beginning.

LeRoy Johnson
Los Angeles, Calif.

1) The establishment of a rating system for at least the top 100 chess players in the United States. 2) The sponsoring of at least one chess tournament in each state during each year.

M. O. Meyer
Sacramento, Calif.

Request present members to turn in names and addresses of everybody they know who plays chess and is not now a member of USCF, so they can be solicited through the mail by a letter from the USCF.

Charles C. Brokaski
Chicago, Ill.

Continue the effort to give more people an opportunity for competition in Tournaments,

Albert S. Baptist
Flint, Mich.

1) Sponsoring chess in the schools is one of the best ideas yet. This will interest children in the great game, who in turn will interest their parents, which should cement family relations, checking delinquency.

2) One of the most popular type of books printed is the 25c pocket book. They sell by the thousands. If one of these books could be published on chess, giving all the necessary information on rules, strategy, etc., in a simple, easy to understand manner, it should help popularize chess greatly.

D. F. Gray
Denver, Colo.

Who's Who In American Chess

Fritz Rathmann

Learning chess at the age of six, Fritz Rathmann has been active in Wisconsin chess ever since. The first interstate match with Illinois was a family affair between the Rathmanns, headed by the late Otto C. Rathman, Sr. (Fritz's father) and the Oak Park Chess Club.

Thirty-three

years of chess activity has made many friends for Fritz who publishes the mimeographed Wisconsin Chess Letter and is about to issue Global Chess Digest, which will be a digest of chess



Fritz Rathmann

publications all over the world. Fritz also contributes a chess column to Uncle Ray's Magazine, which he believes will be read by ten million children.

Always active in chess for children, since 1931 Fritz has been connected with the Milwaukee public schools as a chess teacher, teaching chess in the evening schools and to directors of the summer playgrounds. He serves as referee and tournament director for all tournaments held in Milwaukee, including the Area 6 tournament reported in this issue.

Fritz seldom finds time for tournament play, but makes a good showing when he does play. He placed second in the Wisconsin State Tournaments of 1939 and 1946, and second in the Class A Division of the 1935 U. S. Open Tournament in Milwaukee.

In a busy life Fritz finds time to visit the veterans at Resthaven Hospital in Waukesha and Mirdale Sanatorium. In both places he has taught chess, arranged simultaneous exhibits and tournaments for the patients.

Fritz is on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin State Chess Association as well as the United States Chess Federation. He expects to add father of Wisconsin Champion to his titles soon, as Freddie, 13-year-old, placed one-half point behind former State Champion Averill Powers in last year's tournament. Sons Mike, aged 9, and Bobby, aged 12, are also chess players, and so is Josephine (Mrs. Rathmann) to round out a 100% chess playing family.

Arpad E. Elo

Prominent in Milwaukee Chess circles for many years, Arpad E. Elo has also been active in national chess circles. For two terms, in 1935 and 1936, he served as president of the American Chess Federation (predecessor of the United States Chess Federation) during the active period of the Open Tournaments at Milwaukee and Philadelphia.



Many times Wisconsin State Champion, Elo has not been quite as fortunate in the various national tournaments he has attended, although he has always made a very respectable score. But in two of these he was handicapped by being involved in the management of the tournament. At Chicago in 1937 he placed fourth in the Consolation ahead of Suesman and the Chicago veteran, John Winter.

Recent years have not seen Elo so active in chess, although he put in an appearance at the Pittsburgh Open Tournament.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

WHERE did this Royal Game of Chess have its origin? Alas, it is still a mystery of mysteries. Its invention has been ascribed to the Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Scythians, Egyptians, Jews, Persians, Chinese, Hindus, Arabians, Castilians, Irish, Welsh and Scandinavians. (Perhaps I slight a few races in this catalogue.)

Its fabled creators range from Japhet, Shem, King Solomon, the wife of Ravan (King of Ceylon) to the philosopher Xerxes, Aristotle, Seriramis, Zenobia, the mandarin Hansing, the brahmin Sissa and Shatrenscha, the Persian astronomer.

But in any case we inherit our chess from the Persians (probably through Arabic sources), for the names of our pieces indubitably prove this to be true. The Bishop (fou in French and affil in Spanish) descends from the pil or fil (elephant) of the Persians. Is there just a touch of malice in the transmutation of the French madman or court jester into the sober English prelate?

The Knight is but a translation of the aswa (horse) of the Persian. The Rook (or Castle) is merely an anglicized form of rokh (camel)—the camel-mounted light cavalry of ancient Persian warfare. Pawn is what its Spanish counterpart peon (peasant)—indicates—a common foot soldier.

But strangest of all is the Queen who has changed her sex in the tangled course of the centuries. In medieval English she was fers, and already feminine, for Chaucer in his "Booke of the Duchesse" depicts John of Gaunt lamenting at the death of Blanch, his consort:

At chesse with me she gan to play
With her false draughts full diverse
She stale on me and toke my fers.

The "she" was Fortune and the "fers" Blanch, Duchess of Lancaster. In Persian, however, firz or fazin (general or counsellor) is always masculine. Medieval French transliterated it as ferge. Then the confusion of the times made the general a virgin—vierge; and so today we have our Queen (and the French their Dame) for our most warlike amazon.

In the olden days of Latin speech in polished circles the chess player said "Cave regem" (Beware the King) or simply "Regem" as we now say "Check" today. But when Latin was banished from the game, we leapt back over the centuries, for in Persian the phrase is shah mat (the King is dead) to end the game—a sensible phrase grown meaningless in our mutilated English phonetics of "Check mate."

When 'Omer smote 'is blooming lyre
They played at chess in Babylon,
In Samarcand, Delhi, and Tyre,
In Troy unburnt, and Avalon.
There brahmin, mandarin and squire
Would squirm and twist and ponder on
The self-same problems we acquire;
Then blunder, just as we have done.

DIRECTING FIRST JR USCF TOURNEY A REAL PRIVILEGE

By Howard Ohman,
National Junior Chairman

It was a genuine privilege to work with the thirty-two junior players who met in Chicago on July 1 for the first USCF National Junior Chess Tournament.

A finer group of teen-age boys could not have been found than lads who came from all parts of the country to compete in most serious fashion for the national junior champion. They were an amazingly strong group of players and there was not a weak one among them.

Most satisfying of all was the excellent brand of sportsmanship and fine spirit displayed throughout the tournament. Despite the keenness of the competition and the tenseness of play, at no time was there a single instance of poor sportsmanship.

It was a great pleasure to have with us throughout the tournament the presence of Herman Steiner, one of the great players of the country and certainly one of the most colorful. His intense interest in the tournament and in the boys themselves added much to the enjoyment of everybody. He was most generous in the expert advice he gave to the players when they asked questions regarding the game and this they did on many occasions.

Also assisting most helpfully was Bruno Czalkowski of Chicago, another very strong player who was on hand much of the time. He, too, lent color to the tournament as well as assisting in caring for many details. Behind the scenes giving much assistance, especially before the tournament began, was Edwin Asman of Chicago. His help in preparing for the tournament was invaluable.

In talking with many of the boys when play was over, they emphatically stated that they planned to come back next year for the second annual junior tournament. They gave every indication of enjoying themselves tremendously and of receiving real benefit in the development of their game.



William Rojam



Larry Friedman

MEET THE 1ST U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPION LARRY FRIEDMAN

The first U. S. Junior Chess Champion, 16-year-old Larry Friedman, is a quiet boy with a boy's normal interest in sports. He will tell you that he is going to defend the junior title next year, and with equal enthusiasm he will explain that he is going out for halfback when football starts this fall. Larry will be a junior at East Cleveland's Shaw High School where he has averaged a grade of "B." He is interested in all outdoor sports and won his school letter in track as a sprinter.

In chess, too, Larry has been a sprinter. Although he learned the moves when he was nine years old, it was not until the winter of 1943-44 that he began to study the game seriously. In April 1944 he played in the city tournament, finishing third in a preliminary section of five.

In March 1945 Larry won his game against Arnold Denker in Denker's 85-board simultaneous exhibition. The same year he won the Cleveland Junior Championship and the championship of the Pawns Chess Club. This last is something to brag about, as Clevelanders know, for the youngsters of the Pawn Chess Club captured the Cleveland Team Championship in the match play scheduled each year by the Cleveland Chess Association. Playing first board for the Pawns, Larry went through the twenty or more games of the 1945-46 season undefeated.

Larry Friedman placed fourth in the 1945 Ohio State Tournament and expects to compete again this year at Columbus.

LANSING LOSES TO BATTLE CREEK 3-4

By the tight score of three to four Lansing Chess Club lost a match to Battle Creek. The clubs met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Day of Charlotte, Mich.

DIRECTORS ELECT USFC OFFICERS AT PITTSBURGH

Two changes in the By-Laws of the United States Chess Federation were enacted at the meeting of the Board of Directors during the Pittsburgh Meet to render more efficient the work of the Federation. One was the creation of the post of Executive Vice-President for a single three-year term to supervise international relationships and have direct control of the increasing publishing and educational activities of the Federation; the other was the adding of three new Vice-Presidents, to bring the total to five.

Results of the election of Officers for 1946-47 were: Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., President; Paul G. Giers, Executive Vice-President; William M. Byland, George E. Roosevelt, Herman Steiner, J. C. Thompson, and N. P. Wigginton, Vice-Presidents; and Edward I. Treend, Secretary. Paul G. Giers was reappointed Treasurer.

A. SID. TEST SAYS:—

I knew a fellow once who played chess until he made a lot of money. He still has a weakness for Queens, but they aren't wooden ones now.

U. S. vs. USSR TEAM MATCH

Board	UNITED STATES	Score
1	Reshevsky, Samuel	1
2	Fine, Reuben	0
3	Denker, Arnold	0
4	Horowitz, I. A.	1
5	Kashdan, Isaac	1
6	Steiner, Herman	0
7	Pinkus, Albert	0
8	Kevitz, Alexander	1
9	Dake, Arthur	1
10	Ulvestad, Olaf	0
Total Round One		2½

Board	UNITED STATES	Score
1	Reshevsky, Samuel	0
2	Fine, Reuben	0
3	Denker, Arnold	0
4	Horowitz, I. A.	1
5	Kashdan, Isaac	1
6	Steiner, Herman	1
7	Pinkus, Albert	0
8	Kevitz, Alexander	1
9	Dake, Arthur	1
10	Ulvestad, Olaf	1
Total Round Two		5

Russia played White on odd-number boards in round one; U. S. played White on odd-numbered boards in round two.

	RUSSIA	Score
	Botvinnik, Mikhail	1
	Keres, Paul	1
	Smyslov, Vassily	1
	Boleslavsky, Isaac	1
	Kotov, Alexander	1
	Flohr, Salo	1
	Ragozin, Vyacheslav	1
	Bondarevsky, Igor	1
	Lilienthal, Andrea	1
	Bronstein, David	1
Total Round One		7½

	RUSSIA	Score
	Botvinnik, Mikhail	1
	Keres, Paul	1
	Smyslov, Vassily	1
	Boleslavsky, Isaac	1
	Kotov, Alexander	0
	Flohr, Salo	1
	Ragozin, Vyacheslav	1
	Bondarevsky, Igor	0
	Lilienthal, Andrea	1
	Bronstein, David	0
Total Round Two		5

MORE DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED AT PITTSBURGH MEET

Many new names found place in the revised list of Directors elected at the Pittsburgh Meeting of the USCF. Like Representatives in Congress, Directors of the USCF are in proportion to membership and so the enlarged list offers encouraging proof of the increase in USCF membership.

The following were elected to represent their respective States: Alabama: J. T. Jackson; Arkansas: Rev. George G. Walker; California: Robert Ferer, J. B. Gee, Paul Harmat, Edwin Janss, Jr., LeRoy Johnson, Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, C. T. McKinney, M. J. Royer, Nikolai Russ, Dr. Harold W. Tower, Rev. Donald G. Weston; Colorado: Virgil Harris; Connecticut: Robert J. Campbell, Warren A. Hough; Delaware: Samuel A. Collins; District of Columbia: Charles W. Stark, N. P. Wigginton; Florida: Mrs. Mary Bain; Georgia: Lt. Col. John Soule; Idaho: Scott A. Lamb; Illinois: Samuel Factor, Lucius A. Fritze, L. G. Harrison, Arthur R. Hartwig, Lewis J. Isaacs, Montgomery Major; Indiana: Glen C. Donley, Judge Bertram C. Jenkins; Iowa: Kenneth F. Schumann; Kansas: Carl Weber; Louisiana: Otto Claitor; Maine: Dr. J. Melnick; Maryland: I. S. Turover; Massachusetts: Weaver W. Adams, W. M. P. Mitchell, Norman E. Ward; Michigan: Frank A. Hollway, Edward I. Treend, Virgil E. Vandenburg, James R. Watson; Minnesota: George S. Barnes, Orrin M. Oulman; Missouri: M. W. Gilbert, H. M. Wesenberg; Montana: S. J. Alexander; Nebraska: Howard Ohman; New Hampshire: Paul B. Kilmister; New Jersey: Sam Caplan, Steven H. Kowalski, Edgar T. McCormick, Richard W. Wayne; New Mexico: James R. Cole; New York: Severin Bischof, Milton Finkelstein, Herman Helms, George Koltanowski, Tom McConnon, Erich W. Marchand, Harold M. Phillips, B. M. Smith, Maurice Wertheim; North Carolina: George H. Wright; Ohio: S. S. Keeney, A. R. Phillips, A. E. Plueddeman, James L. Stevens; Oklahoma: Dr. Bela Rozsa; Oregon: Rev. George H. Swift; Pennsylvania: Isaac Ash, William M. Byland, John D. French, J. W. Stevenson, Robert W. Wilson; Rhode Island: Walter B. Suesman; South Dakota: Charles H. Gurney; Texas: J. A. Creighton, Mevis R. Smith, J. C. Thompson; Vermont: Arthur H. Holway; Virginia: A. T. Henderson; Washington: R. C. Cannon, Ray LeFever; West Virginia: Dr. Siegfried Werthammer; Wisconsin:

Chess Life

Friday, September 20, 1946



Stewart S. Taylor

STEWART S. TAYLOR SETS A RECORD

In the course of time quite a few chess players have gained the honorable emblem that indicates one thousand hours spent under Red Cross auspices in entertaining the wounded veterans. But few have the stamina and the heart to crowd approximately one thousand hours into a little more than one year's activity. It is even more remarkable in the case of Mr. Stewart S. Taylor, for although he seems a young sixty-five in appearance, his actual age was seventy-five on July 15th of this year.

From April 1st, 1945 to June 1st, 1946 (when the hospital closed) Mr. Taylor spent two to three hours six days a week playing and teaching chess to the wounded. For good measure he would add the same stint two or three evenings a week and throw in an occasional Sunday as a bonus. Since the closing of England General Hospital, he has been visiting the Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix. Mr. Taylor, who resides in Atlantic City, has worked out a simple instruction sheet which he leaves with his pupils together with old numbers of chess magazines.

Now that the war is over, it is easy to forget the wounded veterans who will need in the future more care and attention than they have received in the past. But the astonishing record of Mr. Taylor should serve as an inspiration and a reminder to all.

L. R. Ayers, Fritz Rathmann.
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A few open dates are left in this itinerary; clubs interested should write at once.

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Tournament Life

RUY LOPEZ

New York State Championship
Notes by *Erich W. Marchand*
White Black
I. RIVISE A. SANTASIERE
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5 P-QR3
4. B-R4 Kt-B3
5. O-O B-K2
6. Q-K2 P-QKt4
7. B-Kt3 O-O
8. P-B3 P-Q4

White is playing the Worrall Attack. Black, however, tries Marshall's Defense anyway. The difference is that White's Queen is at K2 instead of Q1 and his Rook at B1 instead of K1.

9. P-Q3
Probably not best. Marchand-Kramer (Consolation Tournament) proceeded 9. Pxp, P-K5; 10. PxKt, PxKt; 11. QxBP, B-Kt5; 12. Q-K3, B-Q3; 13. P-B3 and Black's attack was insufficient.

10. P-KR3 KB-B4
11. B-Kt5 P-KR3
12. Q-B-R4 Q-Q3
13. P-KK14 B-K3
14. BxKt PxB
15. Kt-R4 Kt-K2
16. Kt-B5 KtxKt
17. KtPxKt BxB
18. PxB

The chances now appear about even.

18. K-R2
19. K-R2 R-KKt1
20. P-QB4

20. P-Kt4 is better. Then White could route the Knight from Q2 to Kt3 to R5. The text gives Black the chance to operate effectively on the QKt file.

20. PxB
21. KtPxP QR-Kt1
22. R-R2 Q-B1
23. Q-B3 Q-Kt2
24. Q-Kt3 QxQ ch.
25. PxQ R-Kt6
26. R-Q1 KR-Kt1
27. R-Q2 B-Kt5
28. R-Q1 P-KR4!

Reminiscent of Alekhine, who loved to manoeuvre alternately on both wings. Black plans to bring the

Bishop to K6, a pleasant conception.

29. K-Kt1 B-B1
30. RxP B-R3
31. RxP B-K6 ch.
32. K-R1 K-Kt2
33. R-B6 RxKtP
34. RxP

Too late he realizes the forcefulness of Black's play. If now he tries to save the Knight by 34. Kt-R3, R-QR1; 35. Kt-Kt5, then R(R1)-R7 forces mate. White could safely have resigned here.

34. RxKt
35. RxR RxR ch.
36. K-Kt2 R-Kt6
37. P-Kt4 PxP
38. Pxp RxP
39. P-B5 R-B6
40. P-B6 P-Q6
41. R-Q7 B-Q5
42. K-B3 RxP
43. P-Kt5 R-B8
44. P-Kt6 P-Q7
Resigns.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

1st U. S. Junior Championship
Finals

Notes by *Donald Mugridge*

White Black
H. BERLINER L. FRIEDMAN
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3. B-B4 Kt-B3
4. Kt-Kt5 P-Q4
5. Pxp Kt-Q5
6. P-QB3

Since White is by no means immune from counter-attack in this variation, he may as well play 6. P-Q6.

6. P-QKt4
7. B-B1 KtxP
8. Kt-K4 Kt-K3
9. Bxp ch. B-Q2
10. Q-R4

After this, and in spite of the exchange of Qs, White is left with a very serious weakness on his Q3. 10. B-B1, if unappetizing, is the best under the circumstances.

10. Kt(4)-B5!
11. BxB ch. QxB
12. QxQ ch. KxQ
13. P-KKt3

The logical move, only — But af-

ter 13. O-O, Kt-Q6 White's game is very difficult and Black's well worth the pawn minus.

13. Kt-Q6 ch.
14. K-K2 KtxB ch.
15. RxKt P-KB4

At K4 a Kt enjoys maximum mobility and is enviably situated. But in chess there are exceptions to all the rules.

16. P-Q4 PxB
17. Pxp P-KKt3!

The Junior Champion ruthlessly forestalls all White's attempts to get an ending worth contesting.

18. R-Q1 ch. K-K2
19. K-K3 Kt-B4
20. P-QKt4 B-R3 ch.
21. K-K2 Kt-Q6
22. P-KB4 P-KKt4
23. Pxp BxB
24. Kt-Q2 BxKt
25. RxB K-K3
26. QR-KB1 KR-KB1
27. R-B6 ch. RxR
28. PxB R-KB1
29. K-K3 K-K4
Resigns

FRENCH DEFENSE

1st U. S. Junior Championship
Finals

Notes by *Donald Mugridge*

White Black
L. FRIEDMAN R. KUJOTH
1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
4. Kt-K2 Pxp
5. P-QR3 B-K2
6. KtxP Kt-KB3
7. KKt-QB3 Kt-B3
8. B-K3 O-O
9. B-Q3

If this was intended as a sacrifice, White does not get his money's worth for this important pawn.

9. KtxQP
10. Q-Q2 P-QB4
11. O-O-O P-QR3

Waste of time, since Black gets no opportunity for counter-offense.

12. P-KR4 P-K4
13. B-KKt5 P-QKt3
14. KtxKt ch. BxKt
15. Kt-K4 BxB
Just what the doctor ordered — for

White. Black's game is still perfectly solid after 75 B-K2.

16. PxB B-KB4
17. R-R2

Much too light-hearted, 17. P-KB3 was in order, with good prospects.

17. P-B5
18. R(1)-R1 PxB
19. QxP BxKt

19. Kt-Kt6 ch! would leave Black secure and a piece ahead; whereas the text allows a devilish rejoinder, leaving Black in a precarious situation.

20. RxP! QxP ch.
21. K-Kt1 P-KKt3
22. QxB Q-B4

In such a position, any slip must be immediately fatal. Black can keep afloat by careful play — 22. R-QKt1 (keeping the White Q out of QKt7); 23. Q-Q5, P-R4; 24. Q-Q6, Kt-K3; 25. Q-Q3, Kt-B5, etc.

23. Q-R4 P-KB3
Or 23. Q-B5; 24. Q-K7! Otherwise 24. Q-R6.

24. R-Kt7 ch. Resigns

A. SID. TEST SAYS:—

There is a lot to be said for getting the right slant on things in life or chess. Look at a Bishop commanding the long diagonal.

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Many bank accounts (and chess games, too) are ruined by too many careless checks.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM TOURNEY PLANNED AT XMAS

College chess players will note with enthusiasm that plans are already well under way for a spectacular Team Tournament in New York during the Christmas holidays, December 26-30. Teams of four players each from various colleges will compete for the custody of the Harold M. Phillips trophy and the title of U. S. Collegiate Team Champions. Teams from all colleges and junior colleges in the country will be eligible, and those interested should communicate at once with Rhys Hays, Secretary of the Committee, 430 West 116th Street, New York City.

This tournament, according to Milton Finkelstein USCF Director of the Collegiate Chess Program, gives local chess clubs and associations their opportunity to do something worthwhile for national competitive chess, in addition to building up local interest in the game. For college boys are notoriously never wealthy. Here, then, is the chance for the local chess club to gain kudos in its own community by financing the expenses of a team of four from the college or junior college in its locality.

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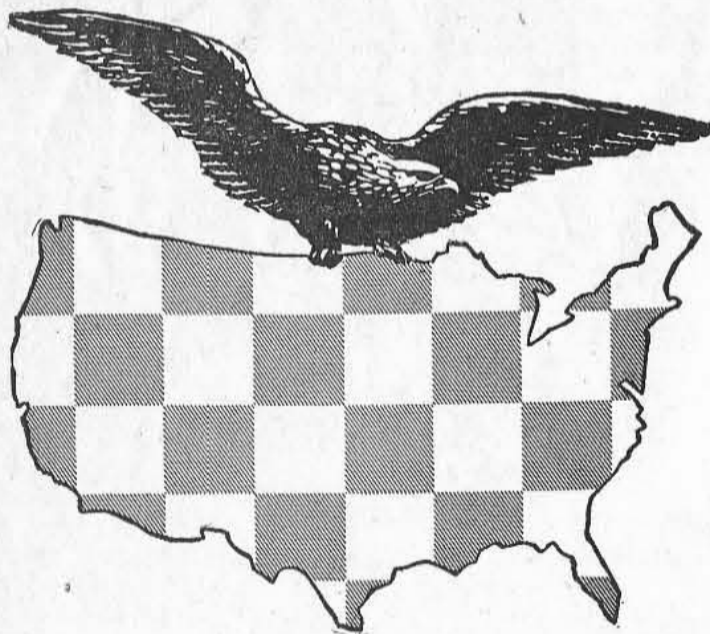
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