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Reshevsky Regains U. S. Title

**KASHDAN 2nd, SANTASIERE 3rd,
LEVIN 4th AHEAD OF DENKER**

**Dr. Mengarini Wins Masters' Reserve
Avram Noses Out Berliner For 2nd**

After eighteen rounds of play at the Chanin Auditorium in New York, it is conceded that Samuel Reshevsky holds the number one spot among American chess players. Once again he becomes the U. S. Champion, a title he lost by failure to compete in the 1944 Championship Tournament. His most dangerous rival was the runner up, I. Kashdan, who once tied him for the title but failed this year to repeat.

Anthony Santasiere, playing some of the best chess of his career, was a surprise third to most handicappers who were also outguessed by the steady play of the Philadelphian Levin who ended in fourth. Horowitz proved the disappointment by setting off to a flashing start but lost heart when beaten by Kramer in the fifth round and never recovered. Kramer and Sandrin upheld the honor of the younger players by finishing ninth and tenth.

The only incident to mar the perfect conditions of the meet was the withdrawal of Lewis J. Isaacs after nine rounds of play. It was agreed to cancel his score.

Kenneth Harkness was Tournament director, and the referee was Richard W. Wayne, well known for his conducting of the Ventnor City Invitation Tournaments.

In the Masters' Reserve Tournament, Dr. Mengarini won while Herbert Avram edged out Hans Berliner in a tie for second place by virtue of his win over Berliner.

Milton Finkelstein served as Tournament Director of this Master Reserve Group which consisted of Herbert Avram (New York), Hans Berliner (Washington), Robert Durkin (Ventnor City), Major J. B. Holt (Miami Beach), Edgar T. McCormick (East Orange), Dr. Ariel Mengarini (New York), Irving Rivise (New York), W. Rohland (Milwaukee) and Mel Schubert (Twin Falls). Larry Friedman (Cleveland), the National Junior Champion, was to have played, but was forced to withdraw at the last minute.

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YANKTON MEET STARTS CHESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

With the new South Dakota Chess Association issuing the first of its series of monthly Bulletins, there is every sign of great chess activity in South Dakota. The Rapid City Chess Club has organized to meet Thursday nights at Ellison's Cafe with O. H. Ellison as president and Arnold Baron as secretary-treasurer. In Sioux Falls chess players are organizing another chess club with Leo McKenna as president and R. B. Denu as secretary-treasurer. M. F. Anderson, Co-Champion of South Dakota and president of the South Dakota Chess Association played an eleven board simultaneous exhibition at the Battle Mountain Sanitarium on October 18, winning eight, drawing one and losing two.

Among the planned activities is a State Correspondence Chess Championship tournament to begin on December 1st, open to members of the Association who are residents of the state.

The Chess Bug Sez:-

by Robson



USCF ORGANIZES NATIONAL CHESS RADIO LEAGUE

Now that the wartime restrictions on amateur and shortwave radio transmission have been lifted, the USCF announces the formation of a national chess radio league to encourage and promote the playing of matches between distant chess teams by amateur radio. In recent weeks several chess clubs have probed into the possibilities of matches by shortwave, as being in tune with the spirit of the age; and it is to assist these clubs and encourage others to share their pioneer spirit that the USCF has organized its radio league.

Details of organization are being studied and developed by Paul G. Giers, executive vice-president, and Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., president of the USCF; but the primary purpose of the league is to provide competition between distant teams of nearly equal strength and arrange for matches between all clubs desiring to participate in radio chess. A competent official will be placed in charge of the league's activities as soon as all organization details are completed; and information on registration will be published in a later issue of CHESS LIFE.

KANAWHA VALLEY CHESS LEAGUE FORMED IN W. VA.

The Charleston and Carhite (South Charleston) Chess Clubs of West Virginia have organized the Kanawha Valley Chess League, to consist of four five-man teams from each of the two clubs. The teams are Labs, Vinylite, Aces, Shah Mat, Chemicals, Instruments, Marshall and Monarch.

Chess activities in the Charleston Club included a rapid transit tournament won by William Hartling who captured his preliminary section and then won the playoff from Allen DuVall. John F. Hart, Jr. has been reelected president and Allen DuVall secretary-treasurer of the Charleston Club. An exhibition by George Koitanowski on November 20 is sponsored by the two clubs, working in close cooperation, and at a later date an exhibition by I. A. Horowitz is planned.

WOMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE TO N. MAY KARFF, MARY BAIN 2nd

**Defending Champion Grisela Gresser
Loses Title, Comes In Third Place**

In an intense struggle which saw four former Women Champions involved, Miss N. May Karff (former Champion) regained the crown from Mrs. Grisela Gresser, the defending Woman's Champion. Miss Karff went undefeated, conceding one draw to Mrs. Slater. Mrs. Mary Bain, who placed second, drew with Mrs. Gresser as well as losing her game to Miss Karff. Mrs. Gresser suffered an early round loss to former Champion Dr. Helen Weissenstein in addition to her loss to Miss Karff and draw with Mrs. Bain, and so had to be content with third place.

PFC. STEINMEYER LIKE LIGHTNING AT CHESS DIVAN

Pfc. Robert H. Steinmeyer entertained the Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan on November 6 with a distinguished performance, playing a twenty board simultaneous in two hours and ten minutes—winning 18, losing 2 games.

Steinmeyer may be remembered as the 17-year-old Champion of St. Louis who tied for third in the 1944 Open Tournament at Boston.

PROMISED USCF CLUB MANUAL ABOUT COMPLETED

The long waited Club Manual which will contain a wealth of information on every subject of interest to Chess Clubs and will cover every phase of club life is almost ready for the printer. Associate Editors of this compendium are Lucius A. Fritze of Glen Ellyn (Ill.), N. P. Wigginton of Washington (D.C.), J. C. Thompson of Grand Prairie (Tex.), and W. W. Winans of Rochester (N.Y.). Contents will include material on how to organize a chess club, how to conduct a club, how to manage tournaments and matches, together with the complete rules of chess and many other items important to the management of any chess club.

TORONTO CHESS ALWAYS ACTIVE IN GAMBIT CLUB

On November 1 former Canadian Champion R. E. Martin gave a simultaneous exhibition and scored 19 wins, 3 losses and 3 draws. Successful against him were G. Tharp, R. Cody and J. Shebaylo while J. Good, G. Cunningham and C. Jotham were the players who drew.

On November 15 a tournament to decide the Rapid Transit Chess Champion of Ontario will be held at the Gambit (Toronto) Chess Club upon the occasion of the official visit of W. S. Ross, president of the Chess Federation of Canada.

AFTER U. S. MEET HOROWITZ PLANS LONG CHESS TOUR

After the completion of the current U. S. Championship Tournament, I. A. Horowitz, Co-Editor of Chess Review, plans an extended tour giving lectures on chess and simultaneous exhibitions. Horowitz has always been rated as one of the most instructive and entertaining lecturers on chess subjects and is one of the outstanding performers in the field of simultaneous chess. Interested clubs may obtain further details by writing Horowitz at Chess Review, 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

MOST WELCOME IS VETERAN'S HOSP'L OF LEXINGTON, KY.

The Advocate, published by the Veteran's Administration Hospital of Lexington (Ky.) notes in its pages the formation of a chess club which is affiliating with the USCF, formed by ten patients in the hospital under the encouragement of the Recreational Director. The club will meet once a week, and refreshments will be served at each get-together. For those more willing than learned in chess, instructions in the rudiments of the game will be furnished.

NEW JERSEY HAS ACTIVE BERGEN, PASSAIC CO. CLUB

The Bergen and Passaic County Chess Association (New Jersey) is completing arrangements for a championship tournament in which it is expected that thirty or more players will compete. Play will be held at Rochelle Park, headquarters of the Association.

In a recent inter-county series of matches, the Bergen and Passaic organization placed third among the twelve clubs engaged in competition. William L. Ginnane is team captain and arrangements are in the charge of Ernest W. Tyler, second-vice-president.

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LET THE POSTMAN HELP YOU TO PLAY CHESS

NO learning is painless in the acquiring; and when Euclid stated that there was no royal road to knowledge, he covered a wider field than the mathematical learning he proposed to teach. But there are shadings in the intensity of effort required to accumulate the lore of chess. And the wise student profits by the shadings.

Practice in itself is important; but practice without an effort toward increased learning is a rather barren pursuit. There are players who play their chess games every day without perceptible betterment in style or conception. Practice alone solves no problem.

But practice adjoined to study is the creator of improvement. And how can that end be better achieved than by playing correspondence chess? In a game over the board there is no time to give study to the full implication of each move, nor can a reference book be consulted to seek out the best response to some unexpected retort of a more skilled or knowing opponent. In correspondence chess there is time for both, and beyond that the competitive urge to seek and find out. And the lore acquired by playing out the variations you study in a correspondence game lodges in the memory without effort.

There is an interest in the game that absorbs the time devoted to study of opening and variation so that it passes without notice; whereas the time devoted to the memorizing of lines of play without other ulterior motive than the memorizing for future use is both tedious and uninviting.

Then there is the attractive fact that correspondence chess can be played upon a pocket board at odd moments of the day and does not demand the seeking of an opponent when the urge for chess descends or the spare time for chess becomes available. Perhaps that is why the professional men—the doctor, the lawyer, the minister—are among the more devoted proponents of the game. While in the background of many a young player now rising into general notice is the fact that much of his skill and fluency in the game were developed by correspondence play.

Therefore, let the postman aid you when you play at chess—the cost of the postage is trivial; and the reward in friendly contact and learning of the game is beyond price.

DR. WERTHAMMER IS RIGHT (AND ALSO WRONG)

UNDER the heading of "Chess Problem by Dr. Werthammer" the versatile and aggressive editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, Gene Collett, publishes a letter from Dr. Siegfried Werthammer and editorially requests CHESS LIFE to reproduce this letter. We are glad to comply and reproduce the greater part of it, for Dr. Werthammer is both right and wrong in his statements therein—a state of affairs that is more frequently in occurrence among mortals than we are generally willing to admit.

I have a little problem which I think is very important for the promotion of publicizing of chess, a thing which should be nationally attacked. As you know in late June I went to San Francisco to take the Pathology Board examinations. I had to stop in Chicago several hours and having no place to go I went to two libraries to study. I asked in both libraries (one on 86 E. Randolph St., I forget its name, the other one the big public library on Michigan boulevard where I went when the first one closed) for chess journals. Neither library could give me one . . . In San Francisco, I tried the same (a tremendous-sized library on Civic Square) and to my biggest surprise they had only the British Chess Magazine and NO American chess journal . . . On my return to Huntington, I asked a librarian in our local library (which has a few chess books) if there was ever a request for chess journals. She said, "Yes, a few youngsters (!!) ask for them but, of course, the magazine budget for the library is too small to include them." . . . Locally, that problem is solved; I donated to our library the \$5 necessary to subscribe to Chess Review and the American Chess Bulletin . . . Don't you think it would be a worthwhile action if chess clubs or individuals would make it possible to secure chess journals for the public libraries in their cities?

Dr. Werthammer is correct in his belief that it would be a worthwhile action on the part of clubs and individuals to assure chess players in every city that their own public libraries had copies of the more important chess publications. CHESS LIFE endorses his belief. But Dr. Werthammer is incorrect in some of the facts which spurred him to his conclusion, and it is only fair to the institutions named that their characters be cleared of the charges against them. We cannot speak for San Francisco, which must speak for itself on the subject; but the "big public library on Michigan boulevard" does have copies of both

Chess Review and American Chess Bulletin. Current numbers in the periodical room on the fourth floor, bound volumes in the reference room on the same floor. The Editor has had occasion to visit the Chicago Public Library recently and in view of Dr. Werthammer's remarks verified his own recollections, so Dr. Werthammer must have been misinformed by some not-too-alert employe of the library. As to the library "on 86 E. Randolph St.," this is the John Crerar Library—an institution devoted exclusively to technical works in a limited number of fields, and chess does not fall into the orbit of its purpose.

Dr. Werthammer is right, however, in his general assumption that the libraries subscribing regularly to one or more chess publications are all too few. With the larger libraries it is frequently only necessary to convince the librarian that a demand for these chess publications exist—with the smaller libraries it is sometimes necessary to supply the funds for these subscriptions. But in any case, it is the duty of chess players in every city to see that their libraries subscribe to at least one chess publication.

IS YOUR CLUB IN STEP?

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

ALMOST daily the mailman brings tidings of chess clubs newly organized, requests for information and advice from players who want to organize a club, and offers of cooperation from clubs eager to take part in our Federation's club program: New club applies for USCF charter, enrolls each member as individual USCF member; Veteran enthusiasts aid of Recreation Director to start club at U. S. Hospital, teaches his buddies and enrolls them in USCF; "Send application blanks for our fifty-seven members"; "Tell us how to conduct our first city tournament"; "How do we go about having a State Tournament?"; etc., etc.

It is encouraging indeed to observe this tremendous increase in chess club activity everywhere. Our congratulations to the many new organizers who so cheerfully forego playing pleasure to devote their energies to the important task of chess organization. Outstanding among these are our veterans who learned, under Uncle Sam's tutelage, the art of ignoring obstacles and getting things done.

Chess clubs form the backbone of organized chess. Theirs is the all-important function of uniting the players in a congenial group, developing greater playing strength through tournaments and other club activities, initiating new players into the game and of providing inter-club and state-wide competition.

Our Federation is vitally interested in the welfare of the nation's chess clubs. After careful consideration of the various club problems, it has developed a program of club sponsorship and club assistance which is constantly being enlarged to meet new needs. Since this program was initiated at the Boston Annual Meeting in 1944, it has been wholeheartedly endorsed by the many clubs which have become USCF chapter members.

Advantages of chapter membership include:

A beautiful charter certificate suitable for framing and display in the club-room.

Federation Merit Certificates awarded to the winners of club tournaments.

A copy of the current yearbook.

A free subscription to CHESS LIFE.

Advice from USCF officers on all club problems.

A valuable aid to our chapters will be the new *Club Manual* which is now being prepared under the able guidance of Editor Gene Collett. Assisting him with their wealth of experience as Associate Editors are J. C. Thompson, N. P. Wigginton, Lucius A. Fritze and Wm. W. Winans. This Manual will cover all phases of club activity and management.

A book of chess instructions, "*Chess for the Millions*," will soon be ready for publication and made available to all clubs at lowest possible cost. This book will play an important part in the club's educational program. Enlivened by a series of descriptive cartoons, penned by Ed Robson of "Chess Bug" fame, it will catch the beginner's fancy.

Under new arrangements with manufacturers of chess equipment, chapter clubs may now obtain chess sets through the Federation at an attractive discount.

If there is no club in your city, get busy and let us help you get one started. We need more clubs, strong and active clubs, to ensure the future of American Chess.

Address inquiries concerning club matters to: Paul G. Giers, 2904 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N. Y.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Congratulations to Mr. Giers for his editorial in CHESS LIFE; and for his appointment to a new position. Thanks for his chess work as Sec'y-Treas.

Here is a suggestion to you that might cover one of the points in the editorial:

If you could spare the space, publish in CHESS LIFE the enclosed column from the Philadelphia Inquirer (writer encloses "*Chess and Checkers*" by Isaac Ash, *Et.*) or another like it after permission from Mr. I. Ash or the paper and then in other issues columns from papers that are listed in USCF Yearbook, 1945.

This might be interesting to the members and encourage publication of columns in other newspapers.

W. T. McALLA,
Philadelphia 31, Penn.

Dear Sir:

We had an evening of real fun, October 30, A *Tandem Rapid Transit Tourney*, with rotating partners. Twenty players (of widely varied strengths) drew numbers out of a hat and then were paired, according to a system we'd worked out, with nine different partners, each during the round-robin of play. The Divan has featured Tandem Rapid Transit many times; but this novelty seemed more enjoyable than any previous session. We think the idea is well worth passing along. (Reading over what I've written, it occurs to me it is somewhat unclear—perhaps! Each player had nine games, playing tandem with a different partner each time against nine different "teams.")

N. P. WIGGINTON
Washington Chess Divan
Washington, D. C.

Who's Who In American Chess

Samuel Reshevsky

Since the days when he toured this country and Europe as the boy wonder of chess, Reshevsky has always been one of the most distinguished practitioners of the game. For some years while going to school he made no appearances in tournament chess, but after graduation from college soon demonstrated that his chess had not grown rusty in the years of tournament idleness.

In 1931 Reshevsky won the Western Association Tournament at Tulsa, and in 1933 was second to Reuben Fine in the Western Tournament at Detroit, winning his individual game from Fine. In 1934 he tied for first with Fine in the first U. S. Open Tournament at Chicago; and won the Syracuse International Tournament.

At Margate in 1935 he won without loss of a game and finished ahead of Capablanca from whom he won his individual game. In 1936 Reshevsky began to assert his claim to the U. S. Championship by winning the first U. S. Championship Tournament; he has won every U. S. Championship Tournament he has played in since that date (tie with Kashdan in 1942). Since the 1936 Tournament he has never lost a game in defense of the title. He lost to Horowitz and Bernstein in the first tournament and lost two games to Kashdan in the play-off match in 1942.

Other international success include finishing in a three-way tie for first at Kemerli with Flohr and Petrow ahead of Alekhine, Keres, Fine and Tartakower; and a first at Hastings ahead of Alekhine, Keres, Fine and Flohr in 1938.

Dr. Ariel Mengarini

The winner of the Masters' Reserve is a practicing physician who has only recently returned from active service in the medical corps. In 1943 he won the Second Annual Amateur Tournament without a loss, defeating E. S. Jackson, Jr. his predecessor in the title. Previous to this he had finished second to Reuben Fine in the 1942 Championship Tournament of the Washington Chess Divan.

In 1940 Dr. Mengarini won the Championship of the District of Columbia, and in 1941 placed fifth in the Ventnor City Invitation Tournament, won by Jacob Levin of Philadelphia.

In 1944 and 1945 Dr. Mengarini was unable to compete because of his military duties, but his showing in the first Masters' Reserve Tournament demonstrates that his chess skill did not diminish from the lack of tournament practice.

N. May Karff

Miss N. May Karff has been among the most active of New York women chess players and has a distinguished tournament record. In 1938 she first won the Woman's Championship in Boston with Mrs. Mary Bain as second. In 1939 she finished in a three-way tie for first with Dr. Helen Weissenstein and Mrs. Mary Bain. In 1940 she lost the title to Miss Adele Rivero (Mrs. Belcher), finishing second ahead of Mrs. Gresser and Dr. Weissenstein. In 1942 she regained the title without losing a game in a tournament which had Mrs. Belcher and Mrs. Roos and Mrs. Gresser among the contestants. In 1944 she lost the title to Mrs. Gresser, losing their individual game—a defeat she avenged in regaining the Woman's Title this year.

Dear Sir:

I suggest you print fewer game analyses (P. 4) and then you can use larger print which will be more conducive to reading.

Rev. GEORGE L. PAINE
Boston, Massachusetts



Photo: Courtesy St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer. U. S. Smith (left) of Willernie and Archie Olson (right) of St. Paul ponder their moves, while (left to right) Mrs. Maury Boudreau, Mrs. Kenneth Moen, Mrs. Sprague Smith, Mrs. U. S. Smith and Mrs. Arthur Cheasick watch.



Photo: Courtesy St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer. Ham radio operators Maury Boudreau (left) of Bald Eagle and Thomas Boudreau (right) of Minneapolis relayed the moves of the Piccadilly Chess Club via short-wave to the Milwaukee Club in two seven hour sessions.

R. BADERTSCHER JR. CHAMPION OF HUDSON CO., N. J.

Ronald Badertscher becomes the first Junior Champion of Hudson County, N.J. in a lively contest between seven aspirants from four townships. The tournament was sponsored by the Jersey City Chess Club, and Badertscher was off to an early lead. Second place was in doubt until the last round when Ray Lutwiniak defeated Alfred Lingen to create a three way tie for second place between these two and George Stevenson. Final standings were:

Table with names and scores: R. Badertscher 6-0, S. Kreitzberg 13-43, Alfred Lingen 4-2, Michael LoBue 11-43, Ray Lutwiniak 4-2, Martin Dale 0-6, George Stevenson 4-2.

OMAHA DEFEATS KANSAS CITY 6-4 AT FALLS CITY

In a recent match this fall a team from Omaha defeated a team from Kansas City at a meeting in Falls City, Neb.—half-way point between the two cities. State Champion Howard E. Ohman (USCF Director of the Junior Chess Program) was successful upon board one against W. Wessenberg. The score by players was:

Table with names and scores for Omaha vs Kansas City: Howard Ohman 1, H. Wessenberg 0, Delmar Sutton 3, H. Horak 4, Alfred Lucwig 3, H. Hardy 4, George Haas 1, Art Leonard 0, Gerald Rostenfeld 0, Phil Horroff 1, David Ackerman 0, Harold Brauch 1, Lee Marge 0, Howard Nichols 0, E. L. Holland 0, Garth Webb 1, W. D. McLaughlin 1, Ross Latschaw 0, Jack Spence 1, P. Vialk 0. Total: Omaha 6, Kansas City 4.

PICCADILLY CLUB HAS RADIO MATCH WITH MILWAUKEE

On September 12-13 the Piccadilly Chess Club of Willernie, Minnesota, contested a chess match by radio with the Milwaukee Municipal Chess Association. This match antedated the Kansas City vs. St. Louis radio match (reported in October 5th CHESS LIFE) by more than a week and is reported as the first amateur radio chess match in the United States.

Play began at 7 p. m. Thursday and continued until 2 a. m. On Friday night it began again at 7 p. m. and concluded at 2 a. m. on Saturday morning. The six board match was won by Milwaukee with two victories and four draws. For Piccadilly the "ham" operators were Maurice and Thomas Boudreau, operating short-wave station W0WKK. The Milwaukee operator was Cyril Shallow of station W9SQK.

The system of procedure used by the Piccadilly Chess Club in this match is available to any interested club upon writing to U. S. Smith, the Piccadilly Chess Club, Willernie, Minn. The match received full coverage in the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer, the White Bear Press of Willernie, and the Milwaukee Journal and Milwaukee Sentinel.

Scoreboard for Milwaukee Chess Club vs Piccadilly Chess Club. Milwaukee: 4, Piccadilly: 2.

NEWTON'S CHESS NUTS VICTORIOUS OVER WELLESLEY

The Sword Invisible remained safely in the custody of the Newton, (Mass.) Chess Nuts at the completion of their return match with the Magnus Chess Club of Wellesley October 30. The score was 6 1/2 to 1 1/2, representing a more decisive victory than the earlier match in which the score was 3 to 2. William Cushing Loring was host to the match in his home at Newton Centre.

Scoreboard for Newton vs Wellesley: Newton 6 1/2, Wellesley 1 1/2.

CHESS INVADES UNIV. OF TAMPA CLASSES FORMED

The Tampa (Florida) Chess Club has made a peaceful invasion upon invitation of the University of Tampa where it will make its home in the future. Dr. Robinson of the University will organize and conduct a chess class to teach the game to students, and Arthur Montano, publicity director of the club, will write a column under the heading of "The Chess World" which will be published regularly in the Minaret, the official student publication of the University.

The Tampa Chess Club is the home of Nestore Hernandez, frequent Southern Association Chess Champion, and will be associated with the St. Petersburg Chess Club in acting as host for the 1947 Southern Chess Association Tournament. As the names Hernandez and Montano indicate many members of these Florida chess clubs boast of a Spanish ancestry and some of them have not forgotten the tongue spoken by their forefathers. Arthur Montano, the club's publicity expert, frequently writes articles on chess for La Traducccion Prensa, the daily Spanish-language publication of Tampa.

THE RED ROSES LANCASTER, PENN. ELECT OFFICERS

The Red Rose Chess Club, proud in its rapid growth from sixteen to sixty-four members in one year's time, held their annual meeting to elect a new scroll of officers. Elvin T. McDevitt was named president; J. Snyder, vice-president; J. Logue, recorder and treasurer; and C. Malcolm, secretary and editor of "The Red Rose Clatter."

The Club meets at 141 Queen Street, Lancaster; and recently had an over-board match with the Wilmington (Delaware) Chess Club, which was lost by 7 1/2-4 1/2. The Red Roses expect to do better in a return match at home on Armistice Day, November 11.

GAMBIT (TORONTO) BEATS ROCHESTER AT BUFFALO 9-6

The Gambit (Toronto) Chess Club added to its recent international victories by defeating the Rochester (N.Y.) Chess Club in a team match at the Lafayette Hotel in Buffalo on November 3 by a score of 9 to 6. Canadian Champion J. H. Belson and former champion R. E. Martin headed the strong Toronto group.

Scoreboard for Gambit vs Rochester: Gambit 9, Rochester 6.

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Photo: Courtesy Tampa Morning Tribune. Arthur Montano (left) engaged in a friendly battle with James B. Gibson, Jr. (right), Vice-President of the Tampa Chess Club.

UNIVERSITY CLUB BEATS OKLAHOMA CITY AT CHESS

At Norman, Okla. on November 3 the Faculty Chess Club of the University of Oklahoma (assisted by five students) defeated a team from Oklahoma City Chess Club by a score of 11 to 9 in a double round match.

Scoreboard for Univ. of Okla. vs Oklahoma City: Univ. of Okla. 11, Oklahoma City 9.

Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa and Mr. E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City are drawing up plans for a state chess tournament to be played December 28-29.

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Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

CHESS, the game for heroes and for warriors. Did not Abu'l Fida record in his Annals how the Emperor of the Romans (at Constantinople), one Nicephorus, wrote the Harun Al-Rashid (he of the Arabian Nights' fame):



William Rojans

The Empress (Irene) into whose place I have succeeded looked upon you as a Rukh and herself as a mere Pawn; therefore she submitted to pay you a tribute more than the double of which she ought to have exacted from you. All this has been owing to female weakness and timidity. Now, however, I insist that you, immediately on reading this letter, repay me all the sums of money you ever received from her. If you hesitate, the sword shall settle our accounts.

The gentle Harun replied to this bombast briefly: "I have read thine epistle, thou son of an infidel mother; and my answer to it thou shalt see, not hear." A few years of warfare sustained Harun's assertion; and Nicephorus was forced to admit that he had confused his pieces on the chess board in his little game of bluff. Heroes? Did not Charles XII of Sweden beguile the weary hours at Bender when besieged by Turk and Tartar by playing chess with his ever faithful Albert Christian Grothusen? (And of this fact Professor Willard Fiske once concocted a charming tale, illustrated with ingenious chess problems by the great and only Samuel Lloyd). Did not Timurlane play at chess with his son, Shah Rukh, while his Mongol hordes overcame the famous Bayazid the Thunderer outside the walls of Turkish Angora? —a little given space in Cressy's "Decisive Battles of History."

NOTE that the first (or possibly second) book printed in the English language was that strange and popular morality by Jacobius de Cessolis, translated and printed by William Caxton in 1474 as "The Game and Playe of Chess."

U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Table showing results for U.S. Championship Tournament with 19 players and scores.

MASTERS' RESERVE

Table showing results for Masters' Reserve with 10 players and scores.

U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

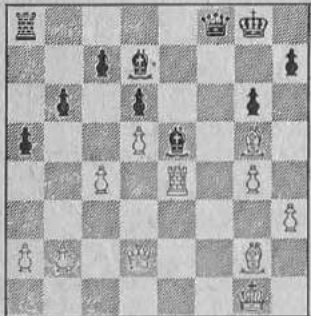
Table showing results for U.S. Women's Championship with 10 players and scores.

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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE U. S. Championship Tournament, 1946

Chess notation for King's Indian Defense, U.S. Championship Tournament, 1946. Includes moves like P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, etc.

After 24, B-Q2 Horowitz



Chess notation for King's Indian Defense, U.S. Championship Tournament, 1946, moves 24-30.

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE U. S. Championship Tournament, 1946

Chess notation for Nimzovitch Defense, U.S. Championship Tournament, 1946. Includes moves like P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, etc.

VIENNA OPENING U. S. Championship Tournament, 1946

Chess notation for Vienna Opening, U.S. Championship Tournament, 1946. Includes moves like P-K4, P-KB3, Kt-KB3, etc.

RUY LOPEZ 1946 Groningen Tournament

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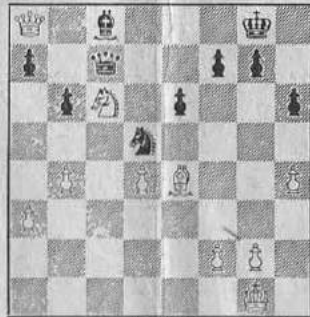
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After 27, Kt-B6 Kötov

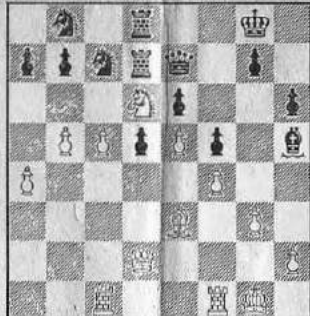


28. Kt-K7 ch. Resigns

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED 1946 West Virginia Championship

Chess notation for Queen's Gambit Declined, 1946 West Virginia Championship. Includes moves like P-Q4, P-KK3, P-QB3, etc.

After 30, Kt-B2 DuVall



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QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries. Includes moves like P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, etc.

White emerges with a definite edge. Trailing off his Bishop, he gets a better Queen position. In the near future Black must submit either to an isolated Pawn or to "hanging" Pawns.

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries, moves 13-17.

The hanging Pawns really begin to hang. Black should now try 21, Q-B4; 22, R(3)-B5, Kt-K5; 23, R(3)-B2, P-KK4 for 24, Kt-Q2 cannot be played.

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries, moves 21-25.

The extra Pawn gives White a probable win, but the heavy pieces make considerable technical difficulties.

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries, moves 30-32.

A difficult decision, but 34, RxfP; 35, RxfP, R-K7 offered better drawing chances.

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries, moves 34-36.

Not 63, P-QR4, P-Q6; 44, P-R5, P-Q7; 45, RxfP, RxfP and the win is by no means easy.

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries, moves 43-45.

A well played game by Byrne.

Chess notation for Queen's Indian Defense, Pittsburgh Open Tournament Preliminaries, moves 43-45.

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