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## City College (N.Y.) Wins Trophy

### BROOKLYN COLLEGE SECOND YALE UNIVERSITY IS THIRD

#### 4th Columbia University Ties New York University (Washington Square Team)

By a score of 25-7 City College of New York won the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship and custody of the Harold M. Phillips Trophy. Brooklyn College's 24-8 was a close second. Third place went to Yale University with 18½-13½, while fourth was a tie at 17½-14½ between Columbia University and the Washington Square team of New York University. The tournament was played December 26-30 at the John Jay Hall of Columbia University and was refereed by John D. French of Harrisburg, Pa.

Individual scoring leaders were rated by position played. On board one Walter Shipman (Columbia) tied Robert Byrne (Yale) at 6-2; on board two Morton Shaffer (City) had 7-1; board three was Andrew Larsen (Yale) with 7-1; while top score went to Isadore Fleischer (Brooklyn) on board four with 7½-2. Outstanding feature of the play was the number of victories by unknown players over name players.

On December 28th a rapid transit tourney was held, refereed by Alfred Krenbourg (Chess-playing poet). A Bisguier (City), veteran of U. S. Lightning Tourneys, won the title of intercollegiate Lightning Champion, scoring 6-0 in preliminaries and 5-0 in finals. Second was a tie between Walter Shipman (Columbia) and Julius Kielson (Brooklyn) with 5½-2½ each in preliminaries and 2½-2½ in finals.

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### GERMANTOWN "Y" FACES ACTIVE SEASON IN 1947

At the annual meeting of the Germantown (Pa.) YMCA Chess Club in October Walter Hall was elected president, W. L. Arkless vice-president, Mary Selensky secretary, Ben Ash treasurer, while W. L. Arkless and Saul Wachs became captains of the Red and White teams of the Germantown Club respectively.

On December 4th the Club was host to George Koltanowski who held a twenty-six board simultaneous exhibition, winning twenty-two games and drawing four. The successful contestants who drew were W. L. Arkless, John Seibert (winner of the club knockout tournament), Dale Shrader and Saul Wachs (Penn. Junior State Champion).

In the past two months Germantown has staged three home and home matches: with Abington YMCA (winning 8-6 and 7½-4½), with Haddonfield Chess Club, N. J. (winning 12-9 and 16½-5½) and with Reading-Lancaster teams combined (winning 9-6 and losing 8-11). This last defeat snapped an eight-match winning streak for Germantown. The Germantown teams are currently third and fourth in the Philadelphia Chess League; the White team third with 2-1 in match points, the Red team fourth with 1½-1½ in match points. As the White team is composed of lads under eighteen, the future of chess looks safe in Germantown.

### TEAM TOURNAM'T ORGANIZING FOR LOS ANGELES

On December 12 representatives of the Santa Monica, Inglewood, Hollywood, Sawtelle Veterans (W. L. A.), Los Angeles Athletic Club, Bureau of Light and Power and Los Feliz chess clubs met at the Hollywood Chess Group to organize a ten team tournament or league toward the team championship of Los Angeles. A final organizational meeting will be held December 28 at which delegates are expected from Pasadena, Los Angeles Chess, Southgate, Long Beach, Northrup Aircraft, Van Nuys, Lockheed Aircraft, Douglas Aircraft, South Pasadena, Hawthorne, Beverly Hills, Birmingham Veterans Hospital (Van Nuys) and the Los Angeles Veterans Admin. Region Office chess clubs. Dr. R. H. Kuhns, USCF director for California, director in California State Chess Ass'n and chess commissioner of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, has been instrumental in bringing the organization of this league into being.

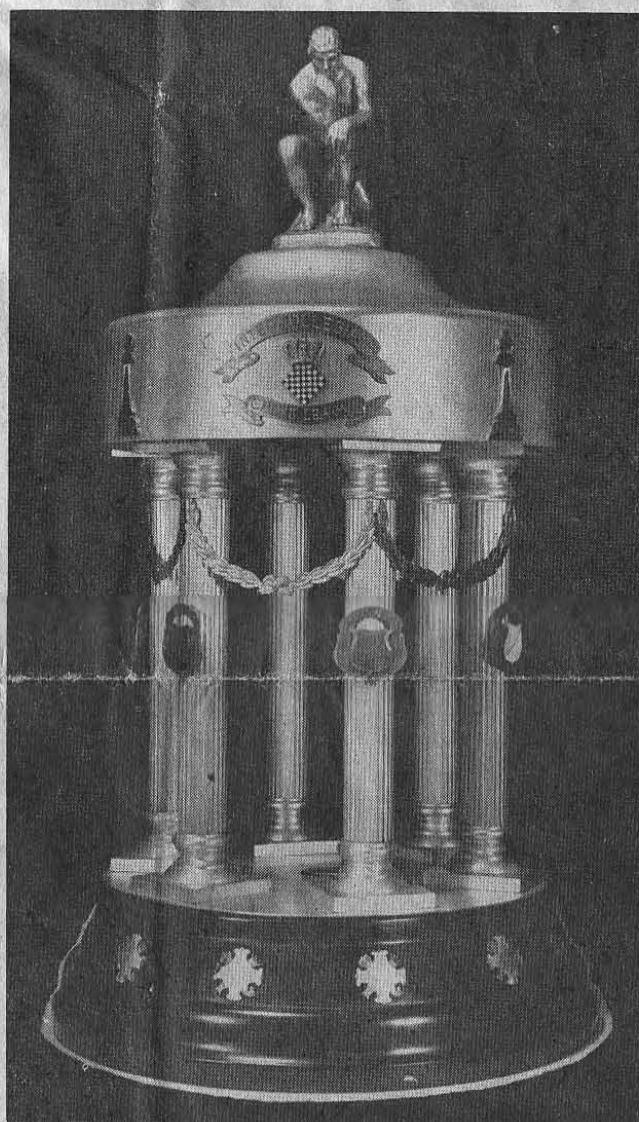
### SAN DIEGO (CAL.) ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

At the annual business meeting of the San Diego Chess Club, 441 "C" Street, on December 14, the following officers were elected to serve for 1947: Eugene Cleroux, president; Ward Waddell, vice-president; Lyle Rathbun, secretary-treasurer. As a recognition of his long and faithful service a life membership was conferred upon Vincent R. Jordan who retired from office after holding the post of secretary-treasurer for twenty years.

### SUESMAN, HOFFER CITY CHAMPIONS PROVIDENCE, R. I.

By a tie score of 13½-13½ W. B. Suesman and O. Hoffer became co-champions of Providence, R. I., in the tournament just completed. Final standings were:

Player	Score	Player	Score
Hoffer	13½-13½	Augenstein	6-8
Suesman	13½-13½	I. Winsor	5-9
Reich	10½-9½	Worrell	4½-9½
Karp	9½-4½	H. Winsor	4-10
Hudnut	8½-5½	Butterworth	3½-10½
Felsach	8½-5½	Brown	3-11
Glynn	8-6	Salomon	1-13
Sperling	6-8		



The Harold M. Phillips Intercollegiate Team Chess Trophy

### MAIL CHESS ASS'N FORMED BY U. S. VETERANS HOSP'L

In process of formation is a correspondence chess league for veterans in various veteran hospitals to link together the chess players with a common background of service by their common interest in the game of chess. The movement for an exclusively veterans hospital organization (including staff, doctors and nurses) for correspondence chess had its origin in the Veterans Hospital at Lexington, Ky., where a chess club for staff and patients is already in active being.

Endorsed at Lexington by the various service organizations, Red Cross, D.A.V. and 40 & 8, according to Frank Troutman, secretary of the Veterans Hospital Club there, the correspondence chess league idea is growing rapidly, and Troutman soon hopes to include practically every Veterans Hospital in the league.

This movement also has the whole-hearted backing of the "Chess for the Wounded" committee of the USCF, which has already been in communication with Troutman, and the committee has expressed the hope that all USCF members will lend their aid to the veteran hospitals in their area for the successful promotion of this project. While the veterans through Troutman have disclaimed any desire for financial assistance, the committee feels that a local group can best lend assistance in their areas by providing correspondence chess cards for transmitting of moves, back numbers of chess magazines, helpful advice and the moral support of friendly cooperation.

Other veteran hospital groups and interested outside chess groups may communicate with Frank Troutman, U. S. Veterans Hospital, Lexington, Ky.

### CLARKSBURG (W. V.) CHESS CLUB NOW REORGANIZING

The Clarksburg Chess Club, which suspended operations during the war, has held a reorganization meeting at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Clarksburg. The reorganized group elected Dr. Robert T. Humphries as president and Frank Wisinski as secretary-treasurer.

### "BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!" FOR NATIONAL CHESS MONTH

#### National Chess Month Council Named For USCF February Membership Drive

Every member enroll a member, is the aim and goal of National Chess Month proclaimed for February by the USCF. For it is recognized by the members of the National Chess Month Council that the ultimate goal of National Chess Month can only be achieved by the whole-hearted cooperation of every member of the United States Chess Federation in enrolling non-member chess players in their communities in the ever-growing ranks of the USCF.

It is emphasized by William M. Byland, Chairman of the Membership Committee, that the only way in which the USCF can serve the chess playing public of the United States in a full and complete program is by gaining the active support of chess players in all communities. And this support can only be obtained by the active cooperation of all members of the USCF in enrolling other chess players as members.

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE 1946 U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

NOW that the 1946 version of the biennial championship tournament (held at the Chapin Bldg. Auditorium in New York City) has become a part of recorded chess history and the newly crowned king of American Chess is safely seated on the throne he so adequately and convincingly regained, it is time perhaps to ponder upon some of the lessons of the recent tournament in the light of experience and in particular to consider the strengths and weakness of the new system established this year of 1946 to designate entrants into the U. S. Championship Tournament.

It was not expected by the Executive Committee or the Directors of the USCF that so radical a departure from the procedure of the past could be accomplished in one quick operation without revealing minor flaws to be eliminated in future revisions. It takes time and thought and experience of things done to create any satisfactory break with tradition. And this is not accomplished by prestidigitation but by blood and sweat and tears.

When the first of the truly "open" tournaments in America was held at the Lawson "Y" in Chicago in 1934, there was much doubt and a long after non-existent precedents. The tournament itself was a great success (one of the strongest of the open tournaments), but admittedly there were certain flaws in the procedure. The years since 1934 have seen several drastic changes in the minutiae of the procedure on the Open Tournament as experience constantly suggests improvements.

So shall it be with this new conception of the U. S. Championship Tournament which did not spring, adult and full-armed from the head of Jove like Minerva, but must gain its maturity in a more restrained and natural process of aging.

There is certain to be criticism in many quarters of the fact that several of the entrants were nominated—no improvement over the old system—by local chess authorities in various areas. This criticism will be reinforced by the fact that none of these "nominated" players were in the upper ten of the tournament. Theoretically there is no denying the complete justice of this criticism; practically it was a weakness of the system accepted for the first tournament only in recognition of the fact that in certain areas there was insufficient time and (more to the point) inadequate organizational structure of local or state type to manage such regional tournaments properly in the limited span available for such organization.

The USCF is moving to remedy this basic structural weakness in these regions (as readers of the monthly messages of Mr. Giers and Mr. Wagner are well aware) so that in 1948 all entrants to the U. S. Championship will be qualified by contest in properly constituted regional meets. (We do not, of course, refer to a minimum group of recognized masters who will be seeded, as in the past, upon their acknowledged records.)

But these are all matters of detail which do not in any sense either justify or condemn the basic principle of the new U. S. Championship Tournament system. The one important question is: Was the change justified by results? The answer is an emphatic: Yes!

There may be those who viewed the final results of this 1946 Championship with chagrin because no young Lochinvar came riding out of the West to wrest the trophy from the dominant so-called "New York" chess group. (Actually Reshevsky claims Boston as his residence.) But the expectations of the USCF Executive Committee and Board of Directors (as well as the Editor of CHESS LIFE) did not include such a vision when they voted the change into effect. They were satisfied by the fact that in the first ten players were two youngsters who would not have been invited to participate under the old scheme of things; and that these two younger players finished ahead of players who were invited to previous U. S. Championships. They were no menace to the title (although one of them drew with the final victor); but they gained a valuable experience for future tournaments, and one of these days a young Lochinvar may come riding out of the West to snatch chess supremacy from the Eastern Seaboard where it has rested for so many years—even if one of the youngsters cited above lives no further west than New York City.

In any case the 1946 U. S. Championship Tournament laid the cornerstone for a chess edifice to be erected upon a democratic principle of nation-wide representation by preliminary qualification upon the basis of open contest, abolishing forever any autocratic theory that chess titles in this country belong by precedent and right to any selective group. The establishment of the ideal is the important fact; the minor defects in its first presentation are of no consequence, so long as they are subject to and receive intelligent correction.

## A PROGRAM FOR ALL

(Monthly Letter No. 37)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, The United States Chess Federation

NEXT to their basic concern to keep the entire program moving, is the desire of the Executive Committee that the activities of the Federation be accurately directed and properly distributed. While perfect balance is not susceptible of human attainment, the officers of the Federation are striving to reach this desired condition as closely as may be permitted to them.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

who would buy the books in which they impart their wisdom? To each his own rightful place, and to serve in every place is the aim of the Federation.

The building of a strong chess program for junior players has been regarded as a laudable task to which every man might well set his hand. The benefits of such a project are many and have been accepted as self-evident, yet now and then a protest is heard that efforts devoted to the program for juniors might better be spent in arranging tournaments for maturer players, and let the youngsters take care of their own chess.

The program of "Chess for the Wounded" is one which we thought would be beyond the range of adverse criticism. Surely none, or so we thought, could say aught against doing what little might be within our power for service men on hospital cots. But not even here could we rest secure in a feeling of duty recognized and done. One member protested against using Federation funds to distribute specially imprinted copies of the Yearbook to the soldiers and sailors who are recovering (or to some who may not recover) from their wounds, saying that such things were better left to the American Red Cross.

Yet while every honest criticism is welcome received no matter how greatly it may differ from the official views of the members of the Executive Committee, it must always remain the purpose of the Federation to offer a program of chess activity so complete that every player, be he master, duffer or beginner, and no matter what his interest, may find in it something for which he will eagerly reach. The composite of the efforts of all will provide the attainment of this desired goal.

## Guest Editorial

### A STROLL INTO THE PAST

By Waldo L. Waters

President, Massachusetts State Chess Association

When United States chess is considered, in a historical sense, it will be found that the eastern part of the country has played a prominent role. In New England one's mind is immediately drawn to thoughts of George Sturgis, a man, though not so well known for his chess playing, shall never be forgotten as the one who brought order out of chaos. As a result of the untiring efforts of George Sturgis an amalgamation of the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation took place, resulting in our present well organized United States Chess Federation, which elected Sturgis as its first president in 1939. Sturgis held this office until his untimely death in 1944.

In going behind the scenes of George Sturgis' national prominence I found that the Sturgis influence had molded the policies and outlook in the club he called his "chess home." This is the Boston City Club whose fond memories of chess immortals would fill many a volume. Let's stroll through the chess room for a few moments. See that match game score in the frame on the wall? If you look closer you will notice that it was played in a match between the great Harry Pillsbury and John Barry, chess writer for the *Boston Transcript*. Well, to heap surprise on the spectators, Barry announced mate in thirteen moves at one point in the game, and lo and behold his calculations were correct.

This picture next to it is the "boy prodigy" Sammy Reshevsky giving a simultaneous exhibition at the age of nine. This took place April 21, 1921. Score: 16 wins, 1 loss, 2 draws.

You guessed it, the big picture in the center is George Sturgis, past Massachusetts Chess Association president. Look! here's Philador, world's champion in 1747. There's Frank Marshall, popular U. S. Champion who was a great favorite in Boston. Of course, you know this one, William Steinitz, world title holder 1866-1892, and more later to surprise you about this man.

That scholarly looking gentleman there! Why, that's Dr. Max Euwe, the only living ex-world champion and strong enough still to regain the title during the coming tournament. No need to say anything about the next picture, you're very familiar with the likeness of Alexander Alekhine. Over here in the corner we have that comedian of the chess board, mental "whiz" George Koltanowski. George will always be a favorite about here.

Now, see this big brown volume here in the rack? This is one of the old treasures of the club. It is a scrap book of chess columns and notices printed in the 1800. Many people (and I was one for a long time) believe that an American never held the World's Chess Championship. You're wrong. In New York City on December 9, 1890, I. Gunsberg of England sat down opposite William Steinitz, who at that time was an American citizen, and a match started for the championship of the world. This match took place at the Manhattan Chess Club. At the beginning of this match the English chess world considered it a foregone conclusion that Gunsberg would win, but an article in the *Boston Herald* on January 22, 1891, says: "Steinitz, America's chess champion, remains champion of the world." Thus Steinitz was greeted after drawing the nineteenth game of the match, thereby clinching the title.

## Who's Who In American Chess

Waldo L. Waters

Among the younger New England enthusiasts for chess is the chess editor of the Boston Herald, Waldo L. Waters, who was born in Somerville, Massachusetts in 1912. Waldo was educated at the Farm and Trades School, a private institution, and at the early age of thirteen became fascinated by the mysteries of chess. Once bitten by the disease, he remains completely unrepentant and agrees cheerfully with the old saying that "when chess takes hold of one, one is no good for much else." Waldo, however, is a living denial of the truth of the adage.



Waldo L. Waters

Professionally Waldo is employed by the Boston Edison Co. as an electrical draftsman and devotes as much time to this occupation as he can spare from the serious vocation of chess, for chess and its organization remain his avowed hobbies.

In 1946 the Massachusetts State Chess Association recognized both his ability and their own good fortune in his availability by electing him president. He signaled the appointment by instituting an endeavor to promote chess instruction in the public schools in New England and has expressed the hope that other chess organizers, successful in similar projects, will earn his grateful appreciation by communicating to him their suggestions and advice.

It takes no formal appointment to contact Waldo, for he can usually be found in the Boylston Chess Club engrossed in a game or kibitzing on someone's else's efforts.

W. M. Parker Mitchell

A familiar figure in Bay State chess circles is W. M. Parker Mitchell whose chess activities, however, have not been limited to the circumscribed areas of one state. Born in 1883, Mitchell was educated at Harvard University where he first began to take an interest in chess. After finishing his education he entered the U. S. Consular Service and served in Mexico, Canada, Belgium and Spain.



W. M. Parker Mitchell

It was while acting as U. S. Consul in Belgium that he first experienced the urge to participate in international tournaments, so frequent journeys to England found Parker among the entrants at such famous meets as the tournament at Oxford 1910, Hastings 1930, Hastings 1931, Folkstone 1931, journeying to the latter with the U. S. team captained by Frank Marshall. Other meets were Cambridge (England) Easter Tournament 1933, Chester 1934, Great Yarmouth 1935. Many of these were conducted under the auspices of the British Chess Federation.

Parker Mitchell's activities in American chess have been no less distinguished and he has in addition been generous of his time and efforts in the more laborous field of chess organization. He has served in many capacities in the Massachusetts State Chess Association, being president in 1940. At present he is USCF Director for Massachusetts and holds the office of vice-president in the Massachusetts State Chess Association.

# Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

CHESS anecdotes from many sources fill several engrossing pages of that curious compendium, Hone's Yearbook. We read the solemn communications of one C. J. Hampton (March 2, 1831) with interest, even if we doubt the historical accuracy of several of the statements:



William Rojam

Al Amin, khalif of Bhagdat, was earnestly employed at this game when his capital residence was on the point of being taken by assault. Tamerlane the Great is recorded to have been engaged at chess during the decisive battle between him and Bajazet. King John of England insisted upon concluding his game before he gave audience to the deputies from Rouen, coming to apprise him that their city was besieged.

King James I styled this game a philosophic folly. His son, Charles I, was at chess when told that the Scots had finally determined upon selling him to the English; and he did not seem any way discomposed, but coolly continued his game. Charles XII of Sweden, when surrounded in a house of Bender by the Turks, barricaded the premises, and then coolly set down to chess; this prince always used the king more than any other piece, and thereby lost every game; not perceiving that the king, although the most considerable of all, is impotent, either to attack his enemies or to defend himself, without the assistance of his people.

## PHILADOR CHESS (PATERSON N. J.) SET FOR MATCHES

The Philador Chess Club of Paterson, N. J., began life as a social activity of the employees of the Wright Aeronautical Corp. with eight members in 1944. Now as an independent group it boasts a membership of seventy-nine of which some thirty-five are regular attendants at all meetings.

A midsummer tournament ending in September, was held to determine the six-man team which will uphold the Philador tradition in the coming competition of the Inter-County Chess League of New Jersey. Secretary-treasurer of the Philador, Carlisle Saxton, is also one of the founders of the Inter-County League.

Competition is keen in the Philador Chess Club, for the summer tournament was conditioned so that each contestant would meet every other for best two out of three games. Fifty-seven players completed this arduous course including a gentleman of eighty-four and another youngster of eighty-two who travelled by bus from his home in a neighboring town, twenty miles each way, and yet never missed a meeting.

## MANKATO-NEW ULM OUTSMART CARLETON PROFS

In a chess match played at Northfield (Minn.) between the Carleton College Faculty Chess Club and the Mankato-New Ulm team, the laymen were too smart for the professors (at chess!).

Mankato-New Ulm	10½	Carleton	8½
Grant	3½	Erickson	3
Church	3	Headley	2
Glasson	1	Wegner	1
Knaub	2	Phillips	0
Baker	1	Strong	1
Smith	1	Johnson	1
Steele	2	Esner	0

## WINNIPEG CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TO I. A. DREMAN

For the third successive year the City Championship of Winnipeg (Canada) and custody of the Pulitzer Cup went to I. A. Dreman of the Jewish Chess Club. Championship of the B Class and the Mitchell-Copp cup went to H. R. MacKean of the Winnipeg Chess Club. The C Class and custody of the Anderson cup ended in a tie between D. R. Duncan and J. H. Lewis, both of the Winnipeg Chess Club; while S. W. Firman of the Winnipeg Club won the D. Class and the Watch Shop cup. The tournament with thirty-five entrants was conducted by the Manitoba Chess Association with Canon H. L. Roy as tournament director.

## SIoux FALLS AND HOT SPRINGS (S. D.) FORM CHESS CLUBS

Final details of organization of the Sioux Falls (So. Dak.) Chess Club have been completed and the club meets Thursday nights at the YMCA. Leo A. McKenna is president, Richard B. Denu vice-president, Henry Hausdorff secretary, Levi Hansen treasurer and George Poland director. M. F. Anderson, co-champion of South Dakota, inaugurated the season with a simultaneous exhibition, winning five, drawing one and losing one.

Hot Springs chess players have combined with patients and personnel of the Battle Mountain Sanitarium to organize the Hot Springs Chess Club. First activity of the club is a round robin tournament to be finished after the first of the year.

## MALLINCKRODT WINS THE FERRIS CHESS TROPHY

The Mallinckrodt (St. Louis) Chess Club won possession of the Ferris Trophy, emblematic of the team championship of the city of St. Louis with three victories and no defeats. Final standings of the four teams in the St. Louis team competition were:

Team	Match Points	Game Points
Mallinckrodt Chess	3-0	14½-9½
Federal Chess	2-1	12-12
Y.M.C.A. Chess	1-2½	11-18
Independents	1-2½	10½-18½

## TEAM STANDINGS IN PHILADELPHIA CHESS LEAGUE

Current standings in the 1946-47 season of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Chess League show the Mercantile Library on top with the defending champions, Franklin Chess Club, in fifth place.

Team	Match Points	Game Points
Mercantile Library	2-0	8½-8½
Abington YMCA Chess Club	3-1	14½-9½
Germantown YMCA—White	2-1	12-6
Germantown YMCA—Red	1½-1½	10-8
Franklin Chess Club	2-1	12-12
North City Chess Club	1-2½	7½-10½
Rheem Manufacturing Co.	0-3	1½-16½

## GEO. KOLTANOWSKI SAYS COLLEGIATE SIMUL IS TOUGH

At a twenty-seven board simultaneous exhibition in connection with the Intercollegiate Team Tourney George Koltanowski found the going tough. Almost every board was a consultation. The score was fifteen wins, ten draws and two losses for Koltanowski who called it the hardest exhibition in his career.

# National Chess Month Council Named

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To aid the individual player a member of the National Chess Month Council has been named for each State, and all members of the USCF are urged to aid their own Council member in gaining new memberships in his area.

- Alabama: J. T. Jackson, Jasper, Ala.
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- Mississippi: Sandy Rushing, Vicksburg, Miss.
- Missouri: M. W. Gilbert, Clayton, Mo.
- Montana: S. J. Alexander, Manhattan, Mont.

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- West Virginia: Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington, W. Va.
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Harold M. Phillips in an embattled mood at the New York State Chess Tournament at Cazenovia.

## HAROLD PHILLIPS DONOR, COLLEGE TEAM TROPHY

Donor of the Intercollegiate Team Trophy is Harold M. Phillips, well-known attorney-at-law in New York City, who is known for his skill on the chess board as well as in court. Harold M. Phillips is also USCF Director from New York.

## LEXINGTON (KY.) AND LOUISVILLE BOTH VICTORS

When Louisville travelled to Lexington in the Blue Grass region early in December, both chess centers remained victors at the end of the day's play. The Louisville Chess Club team lost to the Lexington Chess Club by 10½-5½; but the University of Louisville scored a victory over the University of Kentucky at Lexington by a score of 6-4.

Victors for Lexington were Eric Ryden, William C. MacQuown, Geo. Anderson, Hobart Ryland, Charles Povolovich, A. Grau, N. B. Allison and Prof. Jose Puente. For Louisville the conquerors were Dick Shields (former State Champion), Leslie Gatz, Marvin Duke, Carroll Sauer, Gus Brakmeier and Clay W. Smith. Victors for the University of Louisville were Wendt, Kuhn and Warnock, while Long and Kingsolver were the triumphant pair of the University of Kentucky team.

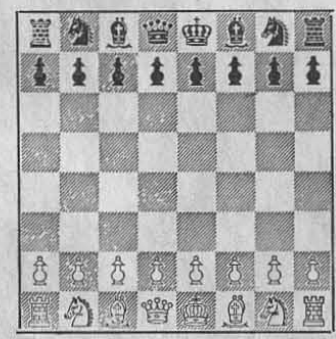
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College	Score
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Brooklyn College	24-8
Yale University	18½-13½
Columbia University	17½-14½
New York University (Washington Square)	17½-14½
Princeton University	15-17
Cornell University	13-19
Cooper Union	12-20
New York University (Union Heights)	11½-20½
Yeshiva University	11-21
Harvard University	10½-21½
Stevens Institute of Technology	10½-21½
Rutgers	6-26

## A COMPLICATED POSITION

What Is White's Best Move?

(Study the Position Carefully Before You Consult the Answer to the Problem Given Below)



WHITE'S BEST MOVE IS TO ENROLL BLACK AS A MEMBER OF THE USCF

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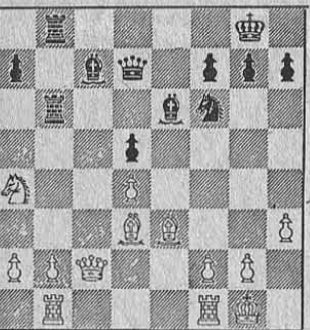
Simultaneous Exhibition, Akron, 1946

One of twenty-seven boards

Notes by William Rojman

White Black
G. KOLTANOWSKI E. J. CERNY
1. P-K4 P-Q3 3. PXP PXP
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. P-QB4 Kt-KB3

After 21. Kt-R4 Cerny



22. PxR R-B1 24. P-B3 Kt-K5!
25. QxP QxP 25. BxBt
Black plays in masterful fashion; the threat was 25. R-Kt3 ch, with mate to follow.

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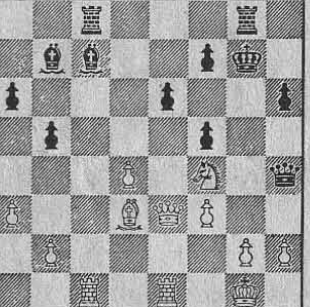
U. S. vs. USSR Team Match Moscow, 1946

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
A. KOTOV I. KASHDAN
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 9. 0-0 PXP
2. P-QB4 P-K3 10. BXP P-QR3

Each side has a good free development. White has an isolated QP but also a cramping pin on the Black Knight. Black decides to permit a weakening of his Kside in exchange for several helpful things: 1) elimination of a White Bishop (the Bishops are particularly important in such an open position); 2) elimination of the pin; 3) the opening of the Kt-file for possible attack against the White King.

After 22. Q-R5 Kashdan



23. P-KK3
The strength of Black's move begins to become apparent. 22. Kt-R3 is surely not very appetizing and 23. RxR, RxR; 24. Q-K5 ch., K-R2; 25. KtXP, P-Kt1; 26. QxR ch., R-Kt2; 27. Q-B3, BxP would offer better chances than the text which loses a Pawn. But by 24. Q-R5, Bt1 Black could hold the exchange. There are numerous fascinating combinations in the position.

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

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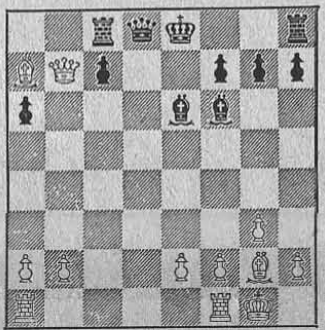
There is an old slogan attributed to Reuben Fine to the effect that "Passed Pawns must be pushed."
K-Q2 48. P-K17 P-B3
The intention here is to push the K-Pawn and create two connected passed Pawns. By advancing these far enough Black may then give up his Rook for the threatening White passed Pawn and still win.

ENGLISH OPENING

1946 U. S. Lightning Tournament "Rook on a Shuttle"

White Black
D. H. MUGRIDGE H. SUSSMAN
1. P-QB4 P-K4 4. P-KK13 P-Q4
2. Kt-QB3 P-K3 5. PXP KtXP
3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 6. B-K12 B-K3

After 15. R-QB1 Sussman



16. B-B5 R-QK1 19. KR-Q1 ch. K-K1
17. B-B6 ch. B-Q2 20. Q-B6 ch. Resigns
18. BxQ ch. KxB

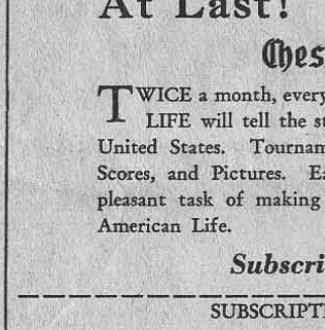
QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

Yankton International Tournament, 1946

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
L. MARQUEZ H. BERLINER
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-B4 P-K3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 4. B-K15 B-K15 ch.

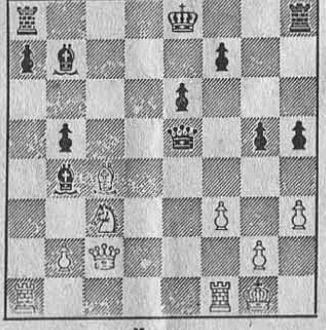
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P-B4; 7. BxP, PxP; 8. KtXP, Q-R4; 9. BxKt1, BxKt ch.; 10. PxB, QxP ch.; 11. K-B1, QxB ch.; 12. K-Kt1 threatening R-B1, B-K1.
6. P-QR4 P-K14 12. Q-B2 KtXKt
7. P-QR4 P-B3 13. PxBt P-K14
8. Kt-K5 B-K12 14. B-B2 Kt-Q2
9. PXP PXP 15. B-K2 Q-B2
10. P-B3 P-KR3
11. B-R4 QKt-Q2 16. B-K2

After 21. BxP Berliner



Marquez

22. Q-R4 ch. K-Q1
23. QxB, K-B1 (or K2) would lose both Bishops. Perhaps Black had counted on 22. B-B3; 23. Q-B ch., K-K2. But then 24. KR-K1, Q-Kt1; 25. Kt-Q5 ch., K-B1; 26. KtXB, QxKt; 27. QxR ch. After the text Black's game rapidly folds up.

GIUOCO PIANO

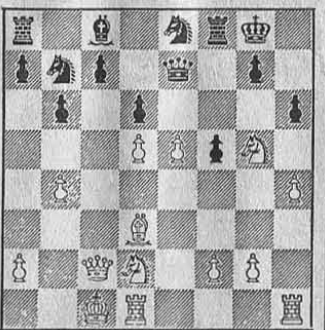
Game played by 17-year-old brother of Miguel Colon of Puerto Rico. (Miguel finished second at Yankton in tie with Margolis; Arturo is playing second board for Puerto Rican team now competing in the Caribbean Championship at Columbia, S. A.)

Notes by Albert C. Margolis

White Black
ARTURO COLON RALPH RIVERA
1. P-K4 P-K4 5. P-Q4 PXP
2. Kt-B4 Kt-B4 6. PXP B-K5 ch.
3. B-B4 B-B4 7. B-Q2
4. P-B3 Kt-B3
Probably sounder than the more usual Kt-B3 which leads to one of the most highly analyzed variations in chess. The text is very tricky and not so well known.

true in almost all King Pawn openings) viz: 2. P-Q4, BxB ch.; 8. QKtXB, P-Q4; 9. PXP, KRtXP; 10. QxKt3, QKt3; 11. 0-0, 0-0; 12. RR-K1, P-QB3; 13. Kt-K4, Kt-QKt3 with equality. Only by comparisons of this kind can the tyro begin to get the basic ideas of how to defend such positions. 7. KRtXP with equality. Only by comparisons of this kind can the tyro begin to get the basic ideas of how to defend such positions. 7. KRtXP with equality. Only by comparisons of this kind can the tyro begin to get the basic ideas of how to defend such positions.

After 16. P-KB4 Rivera



Colon

17. P-K6 PxKt 24. B-K16 ch. K-K2
18. PXP QXP 25. RxR KxR
19. R-R2 Q-B3 26. R-R8 ch. K-K2
20. QR-R1 BXP 27. RxKt ch. RxR
21. PxB QXP 28. QXP ch. K-B3
22. R-R8 ch. K-B2 29. Q-B7 ch. K-K14
23. BXP Q-K4 30. Kt-B3 ch. Resigns
Our younger experts had better watch out for this boy.

RUY LOPEZ

1945 Missouri Postal Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

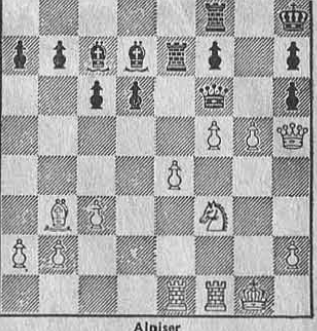
White Black
F. M. ALPISER H. M. WESENBERG
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-K15 Kt-Q5

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2. Kt-KB3 Kt-K5 7. 0-0 B-B4
Considering the thousands of times the Ruy Lopez is played, it is surprising that this variation does not appear more often. White gets a slightly better game by 4. KtXKt, P-Kt1; 5. 0-0 (not 5. P-Q8, Q-Kt4 winning a Pawn).
4. B-R4 KtXKt ch. 7. 0-0 B-B4
5. QxKt P-QB3 8. P-Q4
6. B-K3 Kt-B3
The sequel should show that this sacrifice, if not analytically sound, will give White a rapid development and hence a dangerous attack. The usual rule in such cases is that a Pawn is worth three tempi. Here White gets only two. One help, however, is that Black's development was somewhat slow (5. P-QB3).
8. PXP 10. Q-Kt3 0-0
9. P-B3 B-K13
White's attack is very strong. Black should probably return the Pawn with h10. Q-Kt2; 11. QxKt1, R-Kt1. If instead of the text, 10. KRtXP, KtXP; 11. QxKt ch., Q-K2; 12. QxKtP, Q-B3; 13. BxP ch.
11. B-R6 Kt-R4 14. Kt-Q2 P-Q3
12. QxKtP PxB 15. QR-K1 B-B2
13. QxKt Q-B3
15. B-K3 (or 15. Q-Kt3) was in order here.
16. P-KB4 K-R1 19. P-KK14 R-K2
17. P-KB5 B-Q2 20. P-KK15
18. Kt-B3 QR-K1
This is not as dangerous as it looks. If, for instance, 20. PXP; 21. KtXP, Q-Kt2 (threatening P-B3); 22. P-B6!

After 20. P-KK15 Wesenberg



Alpiser

20. KRt1 R-K1 23. P-K5 Q-B4
21. P-KR4 P-Q4 24. P-B6
22. K-R1 Q-Q3
One of the many advantages of an advancing wall of Pawns is that many variations arise. The opponent has difficulty in finding a correct defense, even if there is one. The text wins a piece for if 24. KRt1; 25. QxRP, R-Q1; 26. B-B2. Black should resign here.

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