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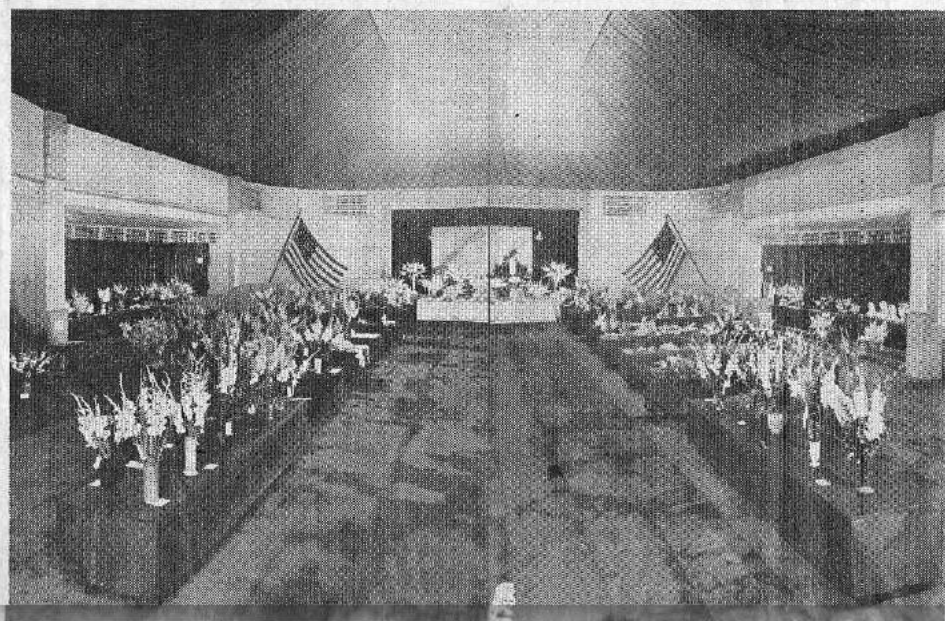


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Hahlbohm Is Chicago Champion



THE HIGBEE AUDITORIUM

The scene of the approaching U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament, a luxurious and spacious hall dedicated in this picture to the displaying of the Ohio State Gladiolus Show. Donated by the generosity of the Higbee Company of Cleveland, it provides an ideal setting for the Junior Tournament.

ENTRY LIST FOR JR. CHAMPIONSHIP SWELLING DAILY

A recent release by S. S. Keeney, registrar for the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland, June 30 to July 12, shows the out of town entries pouring in. Local entries from Ohio and Cleveland have not been announced, as their number may be limited by the number of entries from throughout the country.

Among the more recent entries (since publications of the original list in CHESS LIFE on May 5, are these veterans of the first Junior Tournament: Ted Lewis (Chicago), Richard J. Crittenden (Milwaukee), Henry Martin Blume, Jr. (Milwaukee), and Paul Poschel (Chicago). The last is the present Illinois State Champion.

Others are Morton Mark Shaffer (New York), Harold M. McDonald (Flint, Mich.), Ronald Badertscher (Hoboken), James Kelly and Saul Wachs (Philadelphia), Albert H. Rothaus (New York),

Donald F. Stetzer (Chicago), and Dan W. and Dick Ralph Myerson (Poughkeepsie, N. Y.). Of these challengers Morton Shaffer scored 7-1 on board two for City College in the recent Intercollegiate Team Matches; Ronald Badertscher is captain of the victorious Hoboken team in the Jersey City School League, while Saul Wachs is Pennsylvania Junior Champion and James Kelly the runner-up.

Other entrants, previously announced, include Walter Shipman, Champion of Columbia University; Larry Evans, Jr. Champion of the Marshall Chess Club, Jack Hursch, second in the Denver City Championship; and Jack Spence who tied for first in Nebraska State Championship.

CANADIAN JUNIOR PLAYERS ENTER U. S. JR. TOURNEY

By vote of the USCF Executive Committee junior players from Canada will be eligible to compete in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament. The request of Mr. Bernard Freedman of Toronto for admittance of Canadian juniors was enthusiastically endorsed by the Tournament Committee; and this action has particular significance in the fact that Larry Friedman, defending Junior Champion, and Harold Miller, both of whom played in the 1st Tournament at Chicago, are members of this committee. The boys warmly welcomed the proposal and scornfully rejected a suggestion which would prevent the Canadians from taking the national title in event that one of them finished first. "If they're good enough to win, they are entitled to the honor."

Among the youthful Canadian experts to enter are: Robert Warner (16), Junior Champion of Toronto; Ross Siemans (12), who finished second to Warner; Frank Anderson (19), Walter Prystawski (13), president of the Toronto Junior Chess League, and K. Hastings (16).

H. HAHLBOHM IS WINNER CHICAGO CHAMPIONSHIP

In an unusually difficult field of ex-champions, Herman Hahlbohm rode out the storm to become 1947 City Champion of Chicago with a score of 6-2. Hahlbohm lost one game to Margolis and drew two games—with Poschel and Shaffer—to gain the title by one-half point. Breathing on his neck during the whole course of the contest was runner-up Albert C. Margolis with a final score of 5½-2½, who lost games to Michelsen and Thompson and drew with Isaacs. Third place was a three-way tie between Einar Michelsen, Lewis J. Isaacs and Burton Dahlstrom with score of 4½-3½, to testify to the tightness of the contest, in the strongest City Championship event since the early thirties in Chicago.

Three former Western Ass'n Champions: Einar Michelsen (Excelsior, 1907), A. C. Margolis (Kalamazoo, 1927), and H. Hahlbohm (St. Louis, 1929) were in the finals,

together with Illinois State and Junior State Champion Paul Poschel. Lewis J. Isaacs, dean of Chicago chess players and veteran of several U. S. Championship Tournaments added to the strength of the field. Only the names of S. D. Factor (Western Ass'n Champion, 1921 and 1930) and former State Champion Albert Sandrin were missing from the list of Chicago's top flight players in the contest.

(For box score see page four.)

EUWE-REINFELD JOIN THE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The Chess Correspondent (publication of the CCLA) has just announced the signing of Dr. Max Euwe, former world champion, and Fred Reinfeld, this country's best known writer and theorist, for what is described as the most important series of analyses published in America since the war.

Starting in the Correspondent's May-June issue, the series will lead off with Reinfeld's analysis of the "Radio Match" variation of the Ruy Lopez, including a new line, and will continue to keep the readers up-to-date on new variations as they appear.

Dr. Euwe, currently in Curaco, will follow with hitherto unpublished investigations in the Indian Defenses—one of the broadest fields in the whole gamut of chess theory, many variations of which are still unexplored.

These new articles, by two of the world's leading analysts, climax the Chess Correspondent's emphasis during the past year on giving its readers the best and newest ideas in chess, according to P. L. Gold of Brooklyn, the editor. Recent features included Botvinnik's early games with his own annotations, A. E. Santasiere's exclusive analysis of his own opening (1. Kt-KB3, 2. P-QK4), and analytical articles on Flohr's Gambit, the Exchange and Motzko variations of the Ruy Lopez, and others.

FRANK ANDERSON TORONTO (CAN.) CITY CHAMPION

Winning his final game from Howard Ridout, Frank R. Anderson became 1947 Toronto City Champion with a clean score of 6-0. Second place went to R. B. Cody, former Hamilton champion with 4½-1½, and Howard Ridout placed third with 4-2.

The newly organized Weston Chess Club ambitiously picked a tough customer for testing its fledgling powers and crashed down to defeat after a hard fight with a score of 4½-1½. The victorious host was the well-established Gambit Chess Club of Toronto.

MOTHER NATURE KABITZES MATCH CALLS STALEMATE

All set for a peaceful evening of chess via short-wave radio, the Lancaster (Pa.) Red Rose Chess Club and the York (Pa.) Chess Club failed to obtain a clearance from Mother Nature. The match was well under way with Harry Shelly of Lititz (Pa.) on W3LUC sending for the Red Roses and Geo. Gable of York on W3EDO sending for York when Mother Nature asserted her resentment at not being invited to the match. A sudden electrical storm engulfed York and lightning struck the York station, burning out fifty feet of the lead-in wire. Result—a stalemate.

Plans to complete the match are under way, and the Red Roses are looking for more worlds to conquer, beginning with their rivals in Harrisburg, Elizabethtown, Chambersburg and Allentown.

MARTIN SOUTHERN PLANS COMPILING CHESS DIRECTORY

Martin Southern, USCF Director for Tennessee and President of the Southern Chess Association, plans to issue in September a directory of chess players in the United States. Chess players are requested by Mr. Southern to furnish him with biographical data, year of birth, business address and telephone numbers, family hobbies and chess activities. The directory will be assembled alphabetically by states. Historical data on all chess clubs, active or defunct is also wanted. Address information to Martin Southern, 615½ Market St., Knoxville, Tenn. The directory will sell for \$2.00 and may be ordered from Mr. Southern, but it is not necessary to place an order for the book to be included in the listing.

PHILADELPHIA GROWS ACTIVE ON AIR LANES

With an experimental team of five match via short-wave radio between the Germantown "Y" Chess Club and the Abington YMCA Chess Club, Philadelphia took to the air. Next came a match against Bryn Mawr Chess Club, and matches against Lancaster and York are planned.

In addition a match is being arranged against Buenos Aires in which the Germantown and Abington clubs will pool their talent to face the Argentine experts, Alfred E. Caserta, 433 East Gorgas Lane, Philadelphia, is radio operator on station W3KRF, and clubs are invited to contact him for arrangement of short-wave matches.

FRANK TROUTMAN CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAIRMAN

Recognizing that a veteran best understands the needs and problems of veterans, the USCF has appointed Frank Troutman of the Veterans Hospital, Lexington, Ky., as chairman of a sub-committee on correspondence chess in the general program of "Chess for the Veterans" under the general chairmanship of S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Troutman, himself a patient in a VA hospital, has waged an unremitting campaign to have the therapeutic and recreational value of chess recognized; and has gained approval of his program from the Chief Medical Director and the Special Services Bureau of the Veterans Administration. As chairman of the USCF sub-committee he will bend his efforts to the developing of correspondence play between the veterans in various VA hospitals, USCF members and Club Chapters in various communities can lend inestimable aid and encouragement to this project.

PATRICK HENRY WINS CLEVELAND JR. HIGH TITLE

After several tie matches the Patrick Henry Junior High School team wrested victory from the Thomas Jefferson Junior High in Cleveland to gain the Junior High School Chess Championship. Melquist, sponsor for the Patrick Henry Club, has had a club going in the school for some twenty years. M. L. Warren is the sponsor of the club at Thomas Jefferson.

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SOUR GRAPES?

SOMEWHAT tardily in the May issue of CHESS REVIEW appears an article by M. Botvinnik—it was published in "CHESS" in March—in which the Russian master criticizes the proposals concerning the World Championship originally advanced by CHESS REVIEW over a year ago.

Our occasionally esteemed contemporary hastens to inform its readers that the views criticized were indeed those of CHESS REVIEW and not the proposals of the USCF. On this point CHESS LIFE thanks the REVIEW for its somewhat belated assumption of ownership—CHESS LIFE had already published a disclaimer of interest in those views on April 5.

In the editorial of this same May issue, CHESS REVIEW reiterates its belief in its own opinions (and why shouldn't it?); but ends its statement lamely with a question concerning the "silence" of the USCF concerning the World Championship.

Readers of CHESS LIFE, of course, are well aware of the exchange of correspondence between our Mr. Giers and Dr. Rueb (all of which has been published in CHESS LIFE). If recent issues have been silent on the subject, it has been because there has been no change in the Federation's attitude, and so nothing further meriting publication.

Since copies of this correspondence between Mr. Giers and Dr. Rueb were released to CHESS REVIEW, it is difficult to excuse this question (and its false implication) upon the basis of ignorance. It is true, however, that the USCF has not hastened to embrace all the ideas advanced by our ingenious contemporary.

Can it be that the grapes taste sour?

YES, JUNIORS PLAY CHESS

FROM time to time some well-intentioned adult will rise in protest to the matching in club contests of some bright-eyed junior against an inoffensive and astigmatic adult. Remembering how on the athletic field the youth, even of more mature years, is outmatched by the greater experience and stamina of the older athlete, our protesting interrupter always means well. But he is not very well versed in the history of chess.

To the fact that Morphy at the age of thirteen won and drew in a two-game match with the recognized Hungarian master, J. J. Lowenthal, he responds that this was an exception; and he shrugs his shoulders at the reminder that Capablanca was Champion of Cuba at fifteen.

A few years ago, he could afford to shrug and state these were exceptions. But today, his well-intentioned protests merely display his ignorance. A junior, Robert Byrne, is New England Champion; a junior, Paul Poschel, is Illinois State Champion; a junior, George Kramer, was last year's New York State Champion; in the U. S. Championship two juniors, George Kramer and Albert Sandrin, not only qualified in a field of their seniors but placed ninth and tenth ahead of well known players. Third place in the Master Reserve Tournament went to a junior, Hans Berliner. In the U. S. Open Tournament fourth place was shared by Donald Byrne, a junior, and the well-known theorist, Olaf Ulvestad; while the Master Reserve, Major, and Major Reserve Divisions were all won by junior players.

Yes, the junior plays chess; and he often plays it better than his seniors. In this city of Cleveland, where the 2nd U. S. National Junior Tournament will be held, it is the Pawns Club (composed exclusively of juniors) which holds the club team championship of the city.

Guest Editorial

ORGANIZED CHESS

By Lucius A. Fritze
USCF Director, Illinois

THE position of the local small playing groups in relation to the broad expansion of chess club activities in this country is one of increasing interest. Many of the chess clubs that have functioned for years had a beginning which stemmed from a small playing group who desired greater competition in their chess play and a more attractive program of chess entertainment.

In the evolution of the small group to a well organized chess club we find the underlying strength of chess advancement in the U. S. A. The pattern of such progress has been demonstrated in the many clubs now functioning and whose origin was a small group playing at irregular intervals at the home of one of the members.

Under our American way of life and with the business background of many of our chess players, we usually find in any small group an individual who has had experience in promotional or organization work and who is highly qualified to organize a chess club. Usually such an individual can weld together easily several playing groups in a city to form a club and thereby provide programs of greater interest for all the members and at moderate cost.

The united effort of two or more small playing groups provides a nucleus for an active club. The result of such cooperation is well demonstrated by many prosperous clubs now operating in various cities throughout the country.

Some 12 years ago in a small midwestern city, two groups of chess players were active. One group included a number of strong players who met frequently at the home of one of the members. The second group included rather weak players, but these players were anxious to learn. The second group, however, included several successful business executives who felt that the logical thing to do was to combine both groups into a club, since it would be possible to provide a more varied form of entertainment. With well directed publicity, including a little persuasion, a club was organized and within a short time it had a membership of over 35. In spite of war conditions, with a heavy shift in population, the club has been most active and the members have enjoyed excellent entertainment and a happy association.

The small playing group is the key to chess expansion in this country.

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

BUSY JULY — BUSY AUGUST

(Monthly Letter No. 42)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE next two months will see two major Federation tournaments, both of which promise to set new records in size, quality of play and all around excellence. The second annual tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States will open at Cleveland on the 30th of this month, and for two full weeks the good burghers on the shores of Lake Erie will see pyrotechnics never before displayed on the chess board. The first junior tournament a year ago demonstrated that the average youngster would rather wind up in a blaze of glory after a brilliant combination (as would the rest of us if we dared) than rest content to score a mere win through more prosaic methods. This year the number of players will be larger, the play more diversified and the entry list considerably stronger.

An international-tinge will be given the tournament if present plans materialize for a group of Canadian boys to enter the competition, and their presence will add interest as well as strength to the tourney.

Another pleasing note is the prospect that Herman Steiner may again be on hand to officiate at the tournament. The youngsters idolized Steiner a year ago and are eager to have him back. The Californian's breezy personality, his tales of other tournaments in this country and abroad, plus the fact that in spirit he is completely a youngster himself, assure his popularity with players of all ages.

For their playing room the boys will have the luxurious setting of the huge auditorium of the Higbee Company's department store—a spacious hall which can easily accommodate fifty tables for match play and leave comfort and space for many spectators. Designed for flower shows, art exhibitions and other dainty displays, the Higbee Auditorium will gain new character by the experience.

For recreation the boys have some delightful surprises in store. It was my pleasure to meet with the Tournament Committee at Cleveland a few weeks ago, and I know that a great deal of earnest preparation is being made for the comfort and entertainment of the boys who will play in the Junior Championship.

Transferring our thoughts from Ohio to Texas, mention must be made of the gigantic tourney for which the Open Championship Tournament Committee is preparing at Corpus Christi in August. Details will be announced in later issues of CHESS LIFE, but meanwhile a word to suffice the wise: This particular Open will sparkle with color and interest; don't delay in sending your entry to the Tournament Committee—you will most decidedly not want to miss this event.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

MODERN IDEAS IN CHESS By Richard Reti; David McKay (\$2.00) Richard Reti's book, "Modern Ideas in Chess," is just that, although the volume was written when Dr. Max Euwe was "a young Dutch master." The valuable little handbook has been reprinted by the energetic McKay Company in its new program of reissuing many of the standard texts of the world.

Reti was the herald of the Hypermodern School of masters, (and average players such as we), and in this volume he gives a concise explanation of just what these players (as Capablanca and Alekhine) have to offer in improving the game. Like any chess text, the volume uses games to illustrate the points involved. These, however, are made even more sparkling by the intimate appraisals made of almost all the players by Reti, an interesting writer as well as an enterprising master. Most of these men he knew personally, played against them, then analyzed with them the Hypermodern School ideas.

The book deals more fully with many of the European "new thinkers" than most American and English texts. As such it will prove both entertaining in the personalized aspect of the masters, and of immense value in the study of their playing style. A book to read, not study; the full value is thrust upon the player without any conscious effort at work or drill.

According To A. Sid. Test

Misfortune isn't funny, but some comedians can turn misfortune into laughter. Chess isn't a dull game, but some players . . .

Who's Who In American Chess

Lucius A. Fritze

A successful business man himself, Lucius Fritze has always maintained that the same principles which bring success in business are applicable to chess organization. Equally well as Vice-Pres. of the Elgin Softener Company and as organizer of the Glen Ellyn Chess Club, he has often proved his point.

Always supporting any constructive suggestion for Chess, Fritze has himself contributed many excellent ideas to promote and strengthen the whole Federation program. About two years ago he made a systematic survey concerning chess clubs in every Illinois city having a population over 10,000 and the results and conclusions of the survey have been valuable to the Federation in determining more than one point of policy.

As USCF Director for Illinois since 1944, Fritze has been liberal with his time and the benefits of his experience whenever called upon by the Federation, and currently is acting as an Associate Editor of the Club Manual which will be published in the near future.

Married and the father of a son, Richard, (15) Fritze does not let the love of chess monopolize his interests. As an additional outlet for his gifts he holds a love for music, and is a composer of distinction.

Herbert H. Holland

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, Herbert Holland has traveled extensively as might be expected of an attorney in the service of the Federal Government, and is at present

located in Chicago, Illinois. As a lawyer, he has the distinction of being licensed to practice in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. As a veteran of the 1st World War and who spent many months in a government hospital,

Herb Holland has a particularly strong feeling of fellowship for the service men who are hospitalized as the aftermath of the recent struggle.

Upon settling in Chicago Herb became the USCF Area Director for the Midwestern area in the USCF "Chess for the Wounded."

Herb has successfully demonstrated the theory that a man on a hospital cot, feeling low and lost, will respond more favorably to learning chess, if the suggestion comes from a pretty miss. He has therefore taught numbers of young women to play chess so that they in turn can teach the game to wounded veterans—this with the assistance and under the watchful eye of Mrs. Holland. For this program of instruction the Allerton Hotel of Chicago has generously provided a spacious room and donated much equipment.

Groups organized by Herb Holland visit on a regular schedule the veterans at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, McIntyre Hospital (also at Great Lakes), Hines Hospital, and Vaughn Hospital (adjacent to Hines). For his extensive work with the wounded Herb has been honored by the American Red Cross with special recognition.



Lucius A. Fritze



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.



Herbert H. Holland

Time Marches On

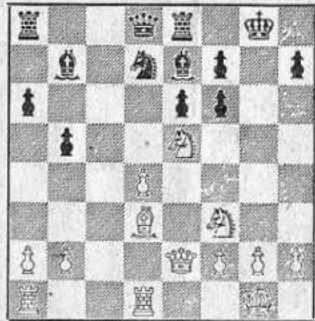
ONE evening I was very much taken with a pretty little game played by Milton Hanauer in a Metropolitan League match. "Here," I said to myself, "is the perfect refutation of the view that modern chess is dull. This game deserves to be published." I clipped the score out of a newspaper and carefully placed the clipping in my wallet. Many a time I was on the point of annotating and publishing the game, but always something intervened. My wallets wore out, I bought new ones, but the clipping, like its contents, was indestructible. At last the time has come to publish the game. Alas, almost two decades have passed since it was played! Can the game still be called modern?!

New York, 1929

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

White
M. HANAUER
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 4. B-K15 QK1-Q2
2. Kt-KB3 P-K3 5. P-K3 B-K2
3. P-B4 P-Q4 6. QKt-Q2
Capablanca's idea: he intends to answer an eventual Pxp with KtxP, bringing this piece into powerful play at K5.
6. O-O 7. B-Q3 P-QR3
The simplest course, and quite good for equalizing purposes, is P-B4 followed by P-QKt3, ... B-Kt2 etc.
8. O-O P-B4 9. Q-K2 R-K1
Weakening the King Bishop's Pawn, without any apparent purpose.
10. KR-Q1 BPxP 11. KPxP Pxp
He lets the Knight come into play because he is intent on burdening White with an isolated Pawn.
12. KtP P-QK4 14. BxKt PxP?
13. Kt(K4)-K5 B-K12
Played with a laudable objective: keeping White's Knights out of K5.

But now White has a winning attack:



15. KtxP!! KxKt 16. Kt-K5 eh!! PxKt
King moves transpose into the text continuation; 16. KtxKt;
17. Q-R5 ch wins easily for White.
17. Q-R5 ch K-Kf2 19. O-R6 ch K-Kt1
18. QxRP ch. K-B1 20. B-R7 ch Resigns
If 20. K-R1 White mates in 3. If 20. K-B2, White mates in 2.

FOR "OPERATION MICHIGAN" D-DAY SET AS JUNE 6

In an ambitious program for the benefit of those who have never played chess, a group of public spirited citizens—the Wayne County Public Library Commission headed by William Van Dyke of Detroit—will sponsor a series of lessons on chess. This will not be a library function, but the facilities of the library will be used as a setting for the lectures in the various towns where the commission operates a public library.

Northville (Mich.) will be the scene of the first of the series, starting on June 6 and conducted bi-weekly until the seven lectures have been completed. On June 7 a similar series of lectures will be inaugurated at Plymouth (Mich.), a city about five distant.

After the instruction has been completed, it is planned to organize chess clubs in each town and schedule a series of friendly matches. If the experiment is successful, the plan will be extended to other towns throughout the county.

The chess classes will be conducted by Edmund Peckover, a man of considerable experience in teaching chess, and sufficient sets will be provided by the commission so that all the participants may take them home between sessions during the instruction by signing up for them at the library. The outcome of this experiment will be studied carefully by USCF officials in the hope that it will prove a pattern adaptable to other communities throughout the country.

FERNDALE CHESS OUTMATCHES EDISON CHESS

In a nine-board match played at the Service Building quarters of the Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit), the Ferndale Chess Club outplayed their hosts to win the match 5½-3½.

Ferndale Chess	Edison Chess
Schechter	0
Sargent	1
Eckhardt	1
Gaby	0
Jenkins	2
Moore	0
Briely	1
Becker	0
Huster	1
Ferndale	5½
Edison	3½

GREATER CHICAGO CHESS LEAGUE ENDS ITS SEASON

Play in the Greater Chicago Chess League team matches ended with a gala open house at the Hawthorne Chess and Checker Club on May 9. Special feature of the event was a lightning team tournament at ten seconds a move, won by the Reynolds Club (University of Chicago) team with a score of 5-0. Austin Chess and Checker placed second in the speed bout with 4-1; and the hosts, Hawthorne Chess and Checker, were third with 3-2. Prizes at this event for the six best individual scores went to Paul Poschel (Austin Chess) and five members of the victorious Reynolds team: M. S. Ellenby, M. Kahn, A. Tuckler, J. Hubert, and J. Moore.

In the regular schedule of the Greater Chicago Chess League the contest ended in a tie between the recently organized Chess Club of Chicago and the Reynolds Chess Club—both teams winning six matches and losing one. It is planned to play off the tie in the near future. Leading individual scorer in the league was M. S. Ellenby, former Illinois State Junior Champion and former Ohio State Champion.

Greater Chicago Chess League	Score
Chess Club of Chicago	6-1
Reynolds Chess Club (U. of C.)	6-1
Austin Chess and Checker Club	4½-2½
Hyde Park Chess Club	4-3
Antarctic Electric Chess Club	3-4
Hawthorne Chess and Checker Club	2½-4½
Electro-Motive Chess Club	2-5
Ogden Chess Club	0-5

ROYERSFORD CLUB BOWS TO READING IN FIRST MATCH

The recently organized Chess Club of Royersford (Pa.) visited Reading Chess Club for its first inter-city match on April 25 and admitted defeat in its initial effort by a score of 7-3 in favor of their hosts.

Reading Chess	Royersford Chess
R. Kneerem	1
M. Zizman	1
A. Schiebler	0
H. Thoma	1
G. Shindel	0
L. Rothermel	1
C. Fosell	0
H. Kawecky	1
C. Pfautz	1
W. Harris	1
Reading	7
Royersford	3

Say You Saw It in CHESS LIFE.



As host to the Edison Chess Club (Detroit) the Ford Chess Club accepts defeat gracefully. Board One (left) is the promising young Jack O'Keefe of Edison, facing Murray G. O'Neil, President of Ford Chess Club. Board Three (left) is USCF Director James R. Watson, and USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend may be distinguished in the background.

FORD CHESS CLUB MEETS EDISON CHESS CLUB IN MATCH

J. F. HURT WINS CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

With a single loss to H. Reid Holt to mar an otherwise perfect score, J. F. Hurt, Jr., 1939 West Virginia Champion, won the city championship of Charleston. Hurt has held the title twice before, in 1935 and 1942. H. Reid Holt was second with 7-2, losing to Edward Foy and drawing with William Hartung and Allan B. Gilliland. Edward M. Foy placed third.

The consolation division of the Charleston tournament was won by Frank Branner with a score of 6½-1½, who yielded his only draw to young Edward Holt. The latter placed second with 5-2. Third was a tie between Larry Kinnamon and A. Schoenfeld with 4-3 each. In the minor division Jesse Church and Delmer Robinson tied for first with 7½-1½, one-half point ahead of Hugh Allison with 7-2.

In the club championship tournament of the Carbide Chess Club (South Charleston), a six round Swiss, Allen DuVall placed first with 6-0 and Ray Martin finished second with 4½-1½. Both these players competed simultaneously in the club meet and the Charleston City Tournament. In the City Tournament DuVall placed in a tie for fourth with 6½ and Martin placed eighth.

Charleston City Championship	Score
John F. Hurt, Jr.	8-1
H. Reid Holt	7-2
Edward M. Foy	6½-1½
Allen DuVall	6-0
William Hartung	6-0
John Wiley	4-5
Allan Gilliland	3-6
Ray Martin	2½-4½
Mrs. Myrtle Snyder	1-8
Fred White	1-8

OKLA. CITY CHESS BESTS STUDENT CLUB (OKLA. U.)

In a double-round five board match on May 18, the Oklahoma City Chess Club, acting as hosts, gained a 6-4 victory over the Student Chess Club of the University of Oklahoma (Norman).

Oklahoma City	Student Chess
S. Lomanitz	1
E. H. Gill	2
W. L. Calvert	0
U. G. Stroud	2
R. Kelly	1
Oklahoma City	6
Student Chess	4

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States, to be played at Cleveland, June 30/July 12, 1947.

NAME: _____ (Please Print)

ADDRESS: _____ (Street Number) _____ (City) _____ (State)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Month) _____ (Date) _____ (Year)

TOURNAMENTS WON OR TITLES HELD: _____
It is understood that free housing accommodations are to be provided for 60 players in the Junior Tournament. In the event that I am not among those to whom housing is to be

given without cost, I shall _____ shall not _____ be able to play.
I agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)
All entries should be sent to S. S. KEENEY, 511 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$5.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to S. S. KEENEY. Please do not send currency.

Honor Roll of Club Chapters

Chartered During Month of May, 1947

Charter No. 160

Northern Valley Chess Club
Hackensack, N. J.

Meets Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A.
President..... J. Primoshic
Vice-President..... V. Kelly
Treasurer..... J. Anderson
Secretary..... H. Anderson

Charter No. 161

Paul Morphy Chess Club of Detroit
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EDISON CHESS (DETROIT, MICH.) ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Edison Chess and Checker Club James R. Watson was elected president, H. Douglas Lewis vice-president, Edward I. Treend secretary, and Abra Mason treasurer.

In the Noon-Day Tournament of the Club final results showed Mahon victor with a score of 11½-2½; Watson was tied with Mason for second with 11-3; Sellar was fourth with 10½-3½; and Treend and Lewis shared fifth with 10-4.

M. FINKELSTEIN IS MEMBER OF TOUR. COMMITTEE

Milton Finkelstein, energetic director of collegiate chess activity for the USCF, has been appointed a member of the committee under Richard Wayne which will study the problems of the U. S. Championship Tournament and present recommendations at the Corpus Christi meeting.

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IRREGULAR OPENNING Chicago Championship Tournament, 1947

Notes by Lewis J. Isaacs

White: L. J. ISAACS Black: E. MICHELSEN 1. P-K4 P-KK3 Michelsen plays an irregular opening...

Position after Black's 82nd Move



83. Kt-K6 ch. K-K1 85. P-B8(Q) ch. KtxQ 84. P-B7 ch. K-K2 At this point someone in the audience shouted...

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE Caribbean Team Tournament, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

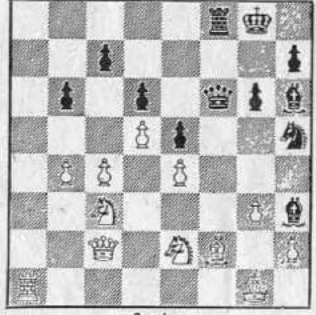
White: SANCHEZ Black: F. PLANAS (Cuba) 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 B-B3 P-K4 2. P-QB4 P-KK3 B-P5 B-K12 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 7. P-B3 P-K13 4. P-K4 QKt-Q2 B-P-QK47

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

18. PxP RxB 19. RxB Q-B3 Q-B3 After 19..... Q-B3 Planas



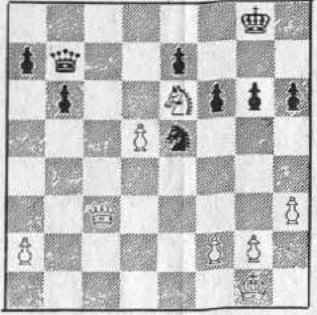
Sanchez White resigns for if 20. Kt-Q1, Q-B6. Black's adroit play has produced a diverting miniature.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE Simultaneous Exhibition, Dallas, 1947

Notes by W. N. Kendall

1. A. HOROWITZ Black: W. N. KENDALL 1. P-Q4 White? Or! Why do I always get Black against the strongest players...

38. RxB RxB 39. QxR QxR After 39. QxR Kendall



Horowitz 39. Q-Q2? Horowitz allows a draw by perpetual check. When I saw that I looked no further...

FALKBEER COUNTER GAMBIT U. S. Master Reserve Tournament, New York, 1946

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White: H. BERLINER Black: M. ROHLAND 1. P-K4 P-R4 3. Kt-KB3 QPxP 2. P-KB4 P-Q4 4. KtXP B-K3

still struggle: 18. Kt-Q6 ch. K-K2 19. KR-K1 Q-K3 20. R-R2 R-R2 21. Kt-B5 ch. BxKt; 21. RxB ch. B-B3; 22. RxB ch. etc. KR-B1 22. B-B5 Kt-B7 21. Bx8 KR-B1 If 21. PxB; 22. Q-B7 mate, 22. Kt-B5 ch. Resigns So far both players have followed the book but now Black tries an innovation, 10. Kt-K15 The book move and better move here is: 10. PxP which counter-attacks and breaks up the White center. The text move brings the Black Kt into a very vulnerable position, 11. Kt-K15! In connection with the following move this is the refutation of Black's strategy. 12. This is still comparatively the best. If instead 11. Kt-R3, follows 12. KtXP, PxB; 13. BxKt, PxB; 14. Q-R5 ch, K-K2; 15. P-Q5, PxB; 16. KtXP ch, K-K3; 17. Q-B5 ch, RxB; 18. B-K4 ch, K-B5; 19. Q-K6 ch, R-K5; 20. P-R3 ch, R-R4; 21. P-K4 ch, PxB; 22. PxB ch, KxP; 23. O-O and the Black K is helpless, 12. KtXP! Insufficient would be 12. QxKt or 12. Q-B3 because of KtXP, etc. 12. Q-R5 Black combines counterattack with defense. 12. KxKt would leave him after 13. QxRt, KtXP; 14. Q-R5 ch, K-K1; 15. QxKt

SLAV DEFENSE Manhattan Chess Club Championship Preliminaries, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White: J. SOUDAKOFF Black: H. AVRAM 1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 6. B-Q3 PXP 2. P-QB4 P-QB3 7. BxBP P-QK14 3. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 8. B-Q3 P-QR3 4. Kt-QB3 P-K3 9. P-K4 P-B4 5. P-K3 QKt-Q2 10. P-K5 Resigns So far both players have followed the book but now Black tries an innovation, 10. Kt-K15 The book move and better move here is: 10. PxP which counter-attacks and breaks up the White center. The text move brings the Black Kt into a very vulnerable position, 11. Kt-K15! In connection with the following move this is the refutation of Black's strategy. 12. This is still comparatively the best. If instead 11. Kt-R3, follows 12. KtXP, PxB; 13. BxKt, PxB; 14. Q-R5 ch, K-K2; 15. P-Q5, PxB; 16. KtXP ch, K-K3; 17. Q-B5 ch, RxB; 18. B-K4 ch, K-B5; 19. Q-K6 ch, R-K5; 20. P-R3 ch, R-R4; 21. P-K4 ch, PxB; 22. PxB ch, KxP; 23. O-O and the Black K is helpless, 12. KtXP! Insufficient would be 12. QxKt or 12. Q-B3 because of KtXP, etc. 12. Q-R5 Black combines counterattack with defense. 12. KxKt would leave him after 13. QxRt, KtXP; 14. Q-R5 ch, K-K1; 15. QxKt

PxKt; 14. QxBP hardly any counter chances. 13. P-KK3 Q-R4 16. P-KR3 QxP 14. KtXR PxB 17. O-O! QxB 15. B-K4 R-R2 18. R-K1 P-B7 Instead 18. KtXP was not a bad possibility for Black. Q-B3 21. P-K15 Kt-Q4 19. Q-Q2 KtXP 22. P-K16 B-K15 20. PxBt KL-B3 22. P-K16 B-K15 After 22..... B-K15 Avram



Soudakoff 23. PxP!! Excellent; if now 23. BxQ, then 24. Kt-K16, BxR; 25. P-R8(Q) ch, K-Q2; 26. Kt-K5 ch! winning the Q. KxK2 25. Kt-K16 KtxKt 24. Q-B7 ch. K-Q1 27. P-R8(Q) ch. Resigns This dramatic finish reminds us of Marshall's or Pillsbury's brilliancies. The poor White Kt seems to be trapped but a P approach; then the Kt is sacrificed to make room for a new Q, but no, she also disappears, so the B can give the knockout blow.

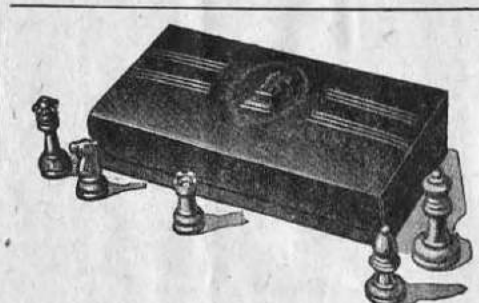
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