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Cleveland Welcomes Juniors!

HELMS' SIMUL. SENDS PLAYER TO JR. CHAMPIONSHIP

On May 21 Herman Helms, dean of American Chess, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the junior chess club of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, winning eight, drawing one, and losing three. The funds raised at this event will be used to defray the traveling expenses of the Hudson County Junior Champion, Ronald Badertscher, to the U. S. Junior Championship at Cleveland.

May 19 saw the Log Cabin Chess Club "B" Team in the visitor's role rush to defeat against a Jersey City "Y" team led by Badertscher. Final score was 6-2.

Jersey City	Log Cabin
1. Badertscher..... 3	S. Smith..... 3
2. Cohen..... 1	J. Lauter..... 0
3. Eigen..... 0	C. Lauter..... 1
4. Lingen..... 1	C. Johnson..... 0
5. Vavra..... 3	F. Lanch..... 3
6. Kaplan..... 1	D. Campbell..... 0
7. Brehne..... 1	D. Blankam..... 0
8. Westerman..... 1	J. Kortjus..... 0
Jersey City..... 6	Log Cabin..... 2

In an election held on May 12 Paul Helbig was chosen president, Louis Eigen vice-president, Dave Koese treasurer, William J. Cooper, Jr. secretary, and William Walbrecht team captain. By victory in the club tournament Fred Brehne became club champion for the 1946-47 season.

PHILA. BULLETIN CENTENNIAL HAS "LIVING CHESS"

The Philadelphia Bulletin will celebrate its centennial as one of America's outstanding newspapers with a gala field day upon July 4, planned to accommodate a million spectators, expected to attend. As the closing feature of this day of many outstanding events a mammoth game of chess is planned with living chessmen. Harry Morris, member of the USCF Committee on Intercollegiate Chess, together with members of the Philadelphia Intercollegiate Chess League will be in charge of the chess pageant and game. The Bulletin has always evinced interest in chess, and is the donor of the fine cup which serves as championship trophy in the Intercollegiate League of Philadelphia.

DR. G. A. KOELSCH WINS SO. MINN. CHAMPIONSHIP

Nineteen players competed May 25 at Owatonna (Minn.) in a four-round Swiss to determine the Southern Minnesota Chess Championship. Victor was Dr. G. A. Koelsche (Rochester) who recently won a match from the Minnesota State Champion, George S. Barnes. Second place went to Stan McMahon (Winona), third to Sommer Sorenson (Zumbrota), and fourth to B. C. Broderick (Mankato). Others placed in the first eight were in order: Don Alkire (Mankato), L. S. Harbo (Winona), Ken Grant (New Ulm), and Al Knaub (Mankato).

APOLOGIES IN ORDER—DISCOVER BOY IS GIRL

Reporting in the May 5 issue of CHESS LIFE the early entries in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland, the name of Jean Bowley (Newton Junction, N. H.) was included with those of other boys. Blushing, we must admit that we missed the "Miss." Now, let us formally introduce Miss Jean E. Bowley, born May 2, 1932, whose feminine intuition needs no prompting to know that any miss is more than a match for a mister.

Remembering the "Vera Menchik Club" composed of ranking masters who found the Czechoslovak maiden more than a match in a tournament game, we confidently prophesy that the Junior Tournament will have its "Jean Bowley Club" before the meet is over. CHESS LIFE must not take sides, but our best wishes go with you, Jean Bowley, for showing once again that chess is not a "man's game."

KUJOTH WINS WISCONSIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In the annual Wisconsin State Chess Championship Tournament held at the Athena Hotel, Oshkosh, May 2-4, Richard Kujoth, the promising Milwaukee junior, walked away with the honors, scoring 6½ out of a possible seven in a seven round Swiss. He conceded his only draw to Averil Powers of the Milwaukee Journal.

Second place went to Ayer with 5½-1½, while third place ended in a three-way tie between Powers, Buerstette, and Rev. Spear with scores of 5-2 each.

The quality of Kujoth's achievement may be measured by the fact that in the next group, tied for sixth were 1946 Champion Jerome Kraszewski and former Champion A. Elo, Rathmann, Hurley and Cabot with equal scores of 4½-2½.

D. O. BROOKS WINS INDIANA TOURNEY MARTINSON 2nd

In the Indiana State Championship Tournament held at Logansport on May 17-18, D. O. Brooks of South Bend, member of the Gary Chess Club, emerged as Indiana State Champion. Runner-up was George Martinson of Chesterton, also a member of Gary Chess Club. Semi-finalists were Worth Meehan of Portland and D. E. Rhead of the Gary Chess Club.

The tournament, conducted on an elimination basis, had twenty-eight entrants, and defending State Champion John Van Benton of Indianapolis (three times winner) had the misfortune of facing George Martinson in the first round of play. After twelve hours of play they had both won a game and drawn a third, so a fourth game was necessary in which the defending champion weakened and lost.

CITY OF CLEVELAND

Thomas A. Burke
Mayor

June 4, 1947

Mr. A. R. Phillips, Chairman
U. S. Chess Federation,
607 Williamson Bldg.,
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I am happy to welcome to Cleveland the National Junior Chess Tournament for 1947. This City appreciates the distinction of being the center of national chess player interest from June 30th to July 12th and of being host at that time to so many outstanding young players from all over the country.



Thomas A. Burke

The ability to play chess well is an indication of advanced mental discipline and training. Persons so endowed can be expected ultimately to be numbered among the leaders of their communities. We are gratified at the prospect of having so many chess enthusiasts in our midst and hope that the warmth of this official welcome will lend brilliance to your party.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS A. BURKE, Mayor.

FOR "OPERATION MICHIGAN" A FLYING START

With twenty-six students in Northville on June 6 and thirty-two at Plymouth on June 7, "Operation Michigan" (as reported in June 5 issue of CHESS LIFE) got off to a flying start. The Northville attendance at the first of the series of instructive lectures on chess was primarily composed of high school age, while by contrast the groupings at Plymouth were of a family type, fathers and sons or daughters and in several cases mothers, too.

In each case the service of the library was used in the lending to the chess students of chess books or instruction and chess sets also. It was an inspiring sight to see these folk, many quite young, leaving the library with a set and a book tucked under the arm. Sixty chess sets and fifty copies of Learn Chess Fast had been purchased to provide this most unusual service.

Under the able direction of Walter H. Kaiser, County Librarian of Wayne County, and the patient and pains-taking instruction of J. E. Peckover, this project should serve as a model for similar ventures, and special mention should be made of the enthusiasm shown by the staffs of the Plymouth and Northville libraries and the excellent news coverage of the project by the Plymouth Mail.

A feature of the advertising at Northville was a display of rare chess books, interesting pictures and unusual chess sets in the center of the main room of the library, which attracted much interest. Items in the exhibit were from the collection of Edward I. Treend (Detroit), USCF Secretary, who loaned them to the Northville library for this occasion.

CCLA PROBLEMS CONTEST WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Winners in the big international two-move change-mate problem tourney conducted by the Chess Correspondent in memory of Walt James, have been announced. No less than 100 entries were received from forty-three composers in twelve countries. The world-famous American two-move expert, F. Gamage, acted as judge.

AWARDS	
Regular Section	
1. A. Chieco.....Italy	
2. N. Guttman.....Minneapolis	
3. M. Wrobel.....Poland	
4. C. Mansfield.....Scotland	
5. E. M. Hassberg.....New York	
6. T. Elend.....Hungary	
Special Section	
1. E. M. Hassberg.....New York	
2. E. Castro.....Portugal	
3. E. M. Hassberg.....New York	
4. E. M. Hassberg.....New York	
5. J. Benavente.....Holland	
6. M. Wrobel.....Poland	
7. A. Chieco.....Italy	
HONORABLE MENTIONS	
Regular Section	
1. E. M. Hassberg.....New York	
2. H. L. Musante.....Argentina	
3. E. Foschini.....Italy	
4. N. Benavente.....England	
5. J. Benavente.....New York	
6. M. Wrobel.....Poland	
7. A. Chieco.....Italy	
Special Section	
1. E. M. Hassberg.....New York	
2. E. Holladay.....Charlottesville	
3. E. Lindner.....Hungary	
4. A. P. Zerler.....Holland	
5. J. A. W. Swane.....Holland	
6. C. Mansfield.....Scotland	
7. A. Ellerman.....Argentina	

In addition the following problems received commendation without being graded: Bata, 2 (Hungary); Croes (Holland); F. C. J. De Blasio (New York); Foschini, 2 (Italy); Gevers (Belgium); Kiss (Hungary); Kovacs (Hungary); Mathot (Belgium); Piatetsi (Italy); Postma (Holland); Rietvelt (Holland); Rizetti (Argentina); Szoeghy (Hungary); Visserman (Holland); Watts (England).

The prize-winning problems will be published in the July-August issue of the Chess Correspondent.

ALL DETAILS SET FOR JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

As the time draws near for the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland, Ohio, the Tournament Committee through its chairman, A. R. Phillips, reports that all the details are set for this important event.

Advance entries from all over the country show that the field will be strong and observation of junior chess tactics prove that the meet will be exciting from start to finish. Cooperation of the City of Cleveland through Mayor Thomas A. Burke and of the Cleveland Public Library through Clarence S. Metcalf are but a token of the way the Cleveland business men and Cleveland Press have put their shoulders to the wheel to make the 2nd Junior Tournament one of the outstanding chess events of recent times.

Recent entries include Dean Tweeddale (Everett, Wash.), Snohomish Co. Jr. Champion and fifth in 1946 Northwest Washington Championship; Carl Cohen (Miami, Fla.); Thomas Swinart (Goshart, Ind.); Robert C. Warner (Toronto, Can.), Jr. Champion of Toronto; Ross Siemms (Toronto, Can.); and Ernest Shulman (Toronto, Can.), Jr. Champion in 1946.

Expected entries include Richard Kujoth, new Wisconsin Champion; Eugene Levin, Jr. California Champion; and Jim Cross (Calif.), a veteran of the 1946 Jr. Tournament.

DOMINION CHESS CONGRESS (CAN.) QUEBEC JUNE 22

From June 22-23 the Canadian Chess Championship Tournament will be held in Quebec under the sponsorship of the Quebec Chess League with Jules Therien as chairman of the Tournament Committee and Osias Bain as secretary. Due to the untimely death of J. H. Besson there will be no defending champion, but former champions in Frank Verhoff and D. A. Yanofsky are expected to compete as well as the visiting New Zealander, R. G. Wade. M. Sim of Toronto will be Tournament Director.

Concurrently a juvenile championship tournament will be held under the direction of P. H. Nadeau, open to players under nineteen years of age. Prizes for this meet have been donated by the Civil Employees Chess Club of Toronto.

COLLEGE GROUP ACTIVE IN "CHESS FOR VETERANS"

Under the leadership of the USCF College Chess Committee, headed by Milton Finkelstein, the colleges of the New York City area are sending a steady stream of players to provide chess for the 6,000 patients at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the David Kukul Post of the Jewish War Veterans is sponsoring the H. Arthur Nabel Chess Club.

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ETHICS IN JOURNALISM

It is with regret that we notice that in recent issues our once esteemed contemporary, CHESS REVIEW, is floundering in that treacherous morass of half-truths and evasions that inevitably leads to a policy of deliberate lies. The most dangerous trap in modern journalism is the temptation to "slant" the news to bolster up a previously established belief or policy. It is a trap that has snared more than one great newspaper, and caused loss of prestige and honor to more than one editor. We are glad, therefore, to note that CHESS REVIEW has merely slipped upon the edge of this morass, and still has time to draw back to firmer ground.

It is a matter of no concern to the USCF that for many months CHESS REVIEW has carefully excluded any mention of the Federation in reporting various USCF tournaments and events—the Federation requires no publicity from CHESS REVIEW—but it is a matter of great concern to the loyal readers of CHESS REVIEW that they are not receiving an unbiased and complete report of chess in their own country. They have paid their money in the understanding they would receive the truth; when they receive less than the truth, they have been cheated.

A typical example of this policy of half-truth (the art of lying by omission rather than commission) occurs in the April issue of CHESS REVIEW where the next U. S. Junior Championship Tournament is announced and CHESS REVIEW assures its readers that "the Cleveland Press, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio Chess Association are working jointly to insure the success of the event." It would be difficult for the uninformed reader, relying upon CHESS REVIEW for his knowledge, to know that this is a Federation tournament and that without the Federation support it could not be held. Yet CHESS REVIEW cannot plead ignorance of this fact, for the details of its printed story are drawn from Monthly Letter No. 39 by President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. in the March 5 issue of CHESS LIFE.

Since CHESS LIFE considers these journalistic tactics contemptible in themselves and beneath the dignity of the Federation as well as unjust to the reader who is at all times entitled to the truth, there will be no attempt at retaliation.

It would be easy, however, in reporting the simultaneous tour of L. A. Horowitz to "slant" the news items on his various exhibitions so that the reader would draw the conclusion that he was not particularly successful. When in Toronto, for example, Horowitz conceded seven draws to junior players, CHESS LIFE reported simply that "Horowitz meets Junior Talent" and said that the "juniors were not easy pickings even for an experienced campaigner." If CHESS LIFE had wished to sink to the level of CHESS REVIEW it could have leadlined this story: "Juniors Baffle Horowitz," and said in effect that "Horowitz succeeded in drawing seven difficult games, owing to the experience of his young opponents" to infer that the juniors actually did much the best of it. Likewise a judicious selection of games in "Tournament Life" (carefully chosen to include only games that Horowitz lost) could be used to bolster up the impression that the Co-Editor of CHESS REVIEW was an over-rated player who was slipping rapidly.

These tactics would undoubtedly seem ethical to CHESS REVIEW, to judge from their recent issues; but CHESS LIFE will never stoop to such dubious and sordid tricks. If the time comes that Horowitz's activities as Co-Editor of CHESS REVIEW are so detrimental to American Chess that they out-balance his contributions as a player, CHESS LIFE will simply ignore him. Until that time his activities will continue to receive an unbiased reporting.

Since it is always a sad spectacle to see a fine publication (and CHESS REVIEW has contributed much to American Chess) sink into the mire of misstatement and misrepresentation which leads inevitably to obloquy and oblivion, we express the hope that our formerly esteemed contemporary will find the mud distasteful and climb back again upon the path that is strait, the path that is difficult to follow, but the path that leads surely to honor and respect.

According To A. Sid. Test

There is no use in making plans in advance against some chess players I know. By the time they have decided to make their next move, you've completely forgotten everything you planned in advance, and have to begin all over.

PASSING THOUGHTS

A Regular Message by
Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THE sun beamed upon Syracuse in rare good humor when Bill Bland and John French came up from Pennsylvania for a week-end of consultation and planning. As king pin of chess in the Keystone State and with his string of chess titles, Bill needs no introduction.

John French has been in organized chess for hardly more than a year, but his exploits in chess promotion already have made the front pages of CHESS LIFE. An editorial writer for the Harrisburg-Telegraph, he wields a mighty pen, his enthusiasm for the royal game is positively contagious and it's a safe bet that he will play a star role in USCF development.



Paul G. Giers

We concentrated on plans for national chess publicity, expansion of our Junior and College chess program, final touches on the USCF instruction book Chess for the Millions and a variety of other subjects.

The next morning found us without serious after-effects from our mental exertions and we boarded the trusty 1940 model for a meeting with the officers of C.C.L.A. (Correspondence Chess League of America) at the Newark, N. Y., home of Tournament Director "Jimmie" Jenkins. It seems good to shake hands again with Erich Marchand, the League's new president, well known also as games editor of CHESS LIFE.

The officers of C.C.L.A. have injected much new life in this excellent organization which has always been on the friendliest of terms with our Federation. An even closer affiliation than heretofore was established at Pittsburgh last year when C.C.L.A. was made custodian of the U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship title.

We had a most pleasant discussion at Newark and worked out various details of collaboration. Phil Gold, who had come up from Brooklyn, blushed with becoming modesty when we paid tribute to his fine work as editor of the Chess Correspondent. It's a splendid chess magazine and the C.C.L.A.'ers have good reason to be proud of their publication.

Genial N. P. Wigginton of the Washington Chess Divan, USCF club chapter No. 1, is having his troubles these days with a severe back ailment. Those who know our effervescent vice-president will agree that he deserves only the best of health. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Wig!

An orchid to Ed Treend, our noble secretary, for his part in "operation Michigan," successfully launched at Northville, Mich. two weeks ago. This program of library instruction for newcomers to chess, as reported in CHESS LIFE, may well be the forerunner of a tremendous library chess program from coast to coast. It is remarkable how "Ed" can find the time and energy for this and other feats of chess promotion in addition to the long hours devoted to his secretarial duties.

It All Depends On You

NOT every chess player, however sympathetic his intentions, can participate in that great and glorious part of the "Chess for Veterans" program which revolves upon frequent visits in groups to the various VA hospitals to play chess with the maimed and ailing victims of our recent war. Some of us are so employed that we cannot fit a visit into the schedule of our day; others do not live with a reasonable distance of a VA hospital.

BUT there is a program that we can all find the time to enter upon and a program which scoffs at distances. We can all play correspondence chess with a few veterans, if not with many, and so do our own small part in the most worthwhile enterprise that has been given to chess in our time.

It is now generally agreed that chess has a recreational and a therapeutic value particularly adapted to the needs of the wounded and hospitalized veterans—it provides distraction, it arouses that competitive urge that is so necessary to shake some from the lethargy of post-war exhaustion, it supplies that ever needed and most important link with the outside world which softens the tendency toward too much introspection. The link with the world is the cardinal point; who wins the games does not matter much.

Reader, you can give so much for so little in effort and cost! It takes only a few minutes (caught at any odd moment of the day) to make your move and write in on a penny postcard, adding only a word or two of friendly interest. The dividends it will pay in comfort and recreation to some isolated veteran (for one can be lonelier in a crowded hospital ward than anywhere else in the world) are incalculable. And your own reward will surprise you in the making of unexpected friends and contacts among your correspondents, in finding new outlets for your own interests, and in that most satisfying of all accomplishments: the knowledge that you have done something worthwhile for which you expect and ask no reward.

BUT remember that our wounded veterans are for the most part only allotted \$8.00 per month for their incidental expenses: tobacco, postage, toilet articles and the necessary comforts that alone make hospital life bearable. Most of them cannot afford the luxury of many penny postcards for many correspondence games. So when you play correspondence with a veteran in a VA hospital, use a double postcard so that he can answer you without cost.

Chess clubs, neighboring any VA hospital, can add to their activities by supplying government postcards, rubber stamp sets for diagrams together with ink pads for the veterans who wish to play correspondence chess. Consult your local Red Cross unit in the hospital to ascertain the exact needs.

And chess clubs and individuals everywhere can all join in the worthy cause of correspondence chess for wounded veterans by writing to their Congressmen and urging emphatically passage of a bill (now lost in a committee) which would provide for the franking of the mail of all veterans in VA hospitals.

Make the resolve today to add at least one or two correspondence chess games with veterans to your program, and write at once either to S. S. Keeney, 511 Parke Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio or Frank Troutman, VA Hospital, Lexington, Ky., asking for the names of veterans who desire to play chess by mail.

Who's Who In American Chess

John D. French

John D. French, 25-year-old USCF Director for Pennsylvania, is a relatively newcomer to organized chess. He learned the game some years ago from his Episcopal clergyman father, but was unable to find competition. Little more than a year ago he started playing again when he discovered a friend who "knew the moves." He organized the Harrisburg Chess Club to "have someone to play with," and arranged a match in that city between Pittsburgh and Allentown as an introduction to organized chess.

At the Pittsburgh meeting of the USCF French was named to the vacant Central Pennsylvania Directorship of the USCF. Since that time he has edited the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Bulletin, now called the



John D. French

"best 'Little Chess' paper in the country" by Gene Collett; refereed the USCF Intercollegiate Championship Matches in New York City; written the publicity section of the USCF Club Manual; helped organize several clubs in his district and the Central Pennsylvania Chess Team League.

Johnny French is now head of the PSCF Scholastic Chess, a new activity in that State; and has sold "chess in the playground" to the City of Harrisburg, which recently purchased 60 USCF sets to start the program this month.

French is a newspaper man on the Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph and has succeeded in making Central Pennsylvania, and at times the whole State, chess conscious.

Gene Collett

Editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, one of the most ambitious and informative of State Chess Bulletins, Gene Collett is one of the best known publicists of chess. His own Bulletin circulates widely outside West Virginia, and Gene is tireless in his search for other chess publications, issuing frequent bibliographic notes in his own publication concerning the issuance of other chess bulletins and papers.



Gene Collett

Long active in the West Virginia Chess Association, even after business requirements forced his residence in Pittsburgh, Penna., Gene has a long record of successful achievement in West Virginia in the organization of clubs, leagues and tournaments under the auspices of the WVCA.

High-light of his achievements on a national scale was the handling of publicity for the U. S. Open Tournament at Pittsburgh in 1946 in which Gene in cooperation with L. A. Scholpp set a standard of publicity and news coverage which will keep all future publicity committees on the run to equal.

Recognizing Gene's experience and gift along the lines of publicity and organization, the USCF selected him to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the USCF Club Manual, now almost completed; and those who have had a preview of the ms. realize that the choice was wise.

When not engaged in chess promotion, Gene is night-editor for the AP office in Pittsburgh.

Remembrance of Things Past

For years, Edward Lasker has been famous as one of our outstanding players and as the author of that incomparable classic, CHESS STRATEGY. Recently I spent a delightful evening with him discussing the manuscript of his forthcoming book, which is modestly sub-titled "The Adventures of a Chess Amateur." During the course of our conversation, the following delightful miniature turned up. It was played by Lasker against his brother a good many years ago.

GIUOCO PIANO
Breslau, 1909

White
A. LASKER
1. P-K4
2. K1-KB3
3. B-B4
4. P-Q3
5. B-KK5
6. P-KR3
7. B-K15
8. BxK1ch

Black
E. LASKER
P-K4
K1-QB3
K1-B3
B-B4
P-Q3
P-K3
P-QR3
PxP

Thus far the course of the game has been quite tranquil; but now it lives up.
9. P-Q4
10. Kt-P
11. B-Q2 is the move to preserve the two Bishops, but Black apparently does not want to lose time.

1. Qx6
12. Q-Q3? The text is more adventurous, but turns out badly.



12. Apparently "falling" into White's trap. Actually, we are about to meet our old friend, the double Rook sacrifice.

13. QxK1P? Best was 13. BxQ, KtxQ; 14. KtP. KtxK1; 15. BxK1, K-Q2; 16. B-R5, BxQRP; 17. R-R1, B-Q4 and Black's material advantage may be nullified by the Bishops of opposite color.

15. QxR
16. K-K2
17. K-K3
Now it's Black's turn!

18. K-Q3
19. KtK1
Had White played 15. QxP, the conclusion at move 19 would be: 19. P-Q4 ch; 20. K-K5, Q-K6 ch; 21. K-B6, Q-B5 ch; 22. K-K17, Q-K14 ch and mate next move.

GEO. KOLTANOWSKI
TWICE VICTOR
AT OMAHA (NEBR.)

Playing at the Omaha Chess Club before a crowd of fifty spectators, undismayed by inclement weather, George Koltanowski gave a brilliant simultaneous exhibition against twenty strong players, losing one game and drawing three. The sole victor was 1944 Nebraska Champion George Halsey, while 1947 Nebraska Champion Al Ludwig and William Carr and Walter Nelson gained the draws. Among the vanquished were Omaha City Champion Delmar Saxton and former Champion Howard Ohman, while none of Omaha's talented juniors, Dave Ackerman, Jerry Belzer, Lee Magee and Gerald Roitstein, could stop the avalanche of wins.

On May 15 at the Jewish Community Center Koltanowski gave an equally brilliant performance in an eight-board blindfold simultaneous against a picked team from the Omaha YMCA Chess Club and the Jewish Chess Club. He conceded draws to Delmar Saxton, Jack Spence and Dave Ackerman while winning from H. F. Underwood, Jacob Feldman, Sam Richman, Jerry Belzer and Harry Feldman.

PAUL POSCHEL
AGAIN ILLINOIS
JR. CHAMPION

In the Memorial Day weekend Illinois State Junior Tournament, Paul Poschel, (Austin High) defending Jr. Champion as well as State Champion, kept a firm grip on his crown, winning in the Championship Group with a perfect 3-0. Second place went to S. Winikaitis (Schurz High) with a score of 2-1; K. Nedved (Evanston Jr. College) was third with 1-2, and D. Stetzer (Wright Jr. College) was fourth with 0-3. The Masters' Reserve Group ended in a tie for first between R. Leach (New Trier High) and R. Berg (Univ. of Illinois), while D. Macdonald (New Trier High) and E. Bensley (Hyde Park High) tied for third. In the Consolation Group T. Lewis was first, D. Whitehouse (Evanston High) was second, D. Sweet (Evanston High) was third, and D. Levadi (South Shore High) the fourth.

Of these players Paul Poschel and Ted Lewis (both veterans of the first U. S. Junior Championship) and Donald Stetzer entered in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship at Cleveland.

KANAWHA COUNTY
JR. CHESS MEET
A THREE-WAY TIE

In the Kanawha County Junior Championship Tournament held at the Charleston (W. Va.) YMCA on the weekend of May 24-25 three Charleston High School players tied for the title. The tournament was conducted by the Charleston Chess Club in cooperation with the Carbide Chess Club (South Charleston) with the endorsement of the West Virginia State Chess Ass'n. Ted Bingamon, Edward Holt and Larry Kinnaman were the trio of victors with scores of 4-1 each to become co-champions of Jr. Chess. David Marples of South Charleston High School finished fourth with 2-3; and last place went to Benny Argento and Robert Swarbrick (both of South Charleston) with tied scores of 1-4 1/2 each.

EN PASSANT (CAN.)
WINS AND LOSES
IN TWO VISITS

Montreal's En Passant Chess Club ventured into the stronghold of Quebec May 4 with a six-man team and motored home consoling themselves as best they could for a 3 1/2-2 1/2 defeat.

Quebec	En Passant
Therrien	David
Hain	LeBlain
Nadeau	Guzo
Dion	Gersho
Leclere	Pudlone
Audet	Colson

Quebec 3 1/2 En Passant 2 1/2
Visiting Ottawa next, the En Passant team found better consolation in a 3 1/2-2 1/2 victory, but conceded that the Ottawa team had grown in strength and purpose, for their last match with Ottawa had conceded their hosts only a single point.

En Passant	Ottawa
E. Davis	S. Kites
P. Brunet	G. Palmer
M. Guze	W. N. Wilson
C. Pudlone	I. Towson
J. Gersho	J. Postlot
W. Tannenbaum	C. Montgomery



LIGHTER MOMENTS IN A BUSY CONFERENCE
Left, USCF Director John French suspends a modern sword of Damocles over USCF Vice-President Bill Byland. The miracle of the stationary chessman is accomplished by using a magnetic set and board. Right, the happy warriors engaged in chess while Mrs. Paul G. Giers is the patient spectator.



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WEST MEETS EAST
AND REVERSES
THE PROCEDURE

May 19 saw the traditional match of East vs. West in the city of Toronto (Can.); but West reversed the tradition by trouncing East 26-16 in the forty-two board match. Previously East was victor in sixty-eight board match by 41 1/2-26 1/2.

During the evening George Coyne, president of Toronto Chess League, presented the Freedman cup to F. R. Anderson, winner of the city championship; while the Mellish shield was presented to Hart House as victors in the major section of the Team Matches. The intermediate Victory cup was presented to the Beaches Chess Club, one of the oldest chess groups in the city. It was announced that A. L. Buckley of Oshawa had generously presented the Toronto Chess League with a handsome trophy to be known as the A. B. Orpen trophy to be awarded each season for brilliancy in the city championship games.

AUSTIN (MINN.)
HAS CHESS ON
CITY PROGRAM

In Austin (Minn.) chess is a part of the municipal recreation program under the direction of Harry Stronge, Superintendent of Recreation at Austin. Mr. Stronge is busy organizing a league of southern Minnesota chess clubs to develop and promote the chess program.

On June 2 the young Austin Chess group found the veteran Mankato Chess Club a little too strong when it paid a neighborly visit to Mankato for a match.

Mankato Chess	Austin Chess
Dr. E. C. Broderick	R. Strand
R. E. Church	A. Westergaard
A. K. Knaub	W. K. Evans
J. A. Baber	O. Herrick
Don Alkie	A. Christman
Vincent Steele	W. Stronge

WINKELMAN-LEVIN
TIE IN PHILA.
METRO. TOURNAY

Final results in the Metropolitan Philadelphia Tournament displayed a tie between Bernie F. Winkelman and Jacob Levin, with Adolph Regen in third place.

A seven round knockout preceded the final three-man round robin in which the twenty original entrants were reduced to the three finalists. In these preliminaries Levin and Winkelman each conceded only one half-point - Levin drawing with Chrysanthemus, a rising young player, and Winkelman drawing with Regen. At their heels was Regen who drew also with Bolden to concede a full point in the preliminaries, while winning a fine game from A. DiCamillo. In the finals Winkelman and Levin drew with each other, but both defeated Regen in hard-fought games.

T. ELLISON IS
NEW CLEVELAND
CITY CHAMPION

By scoring 1 1/2 points in the final two rounds of play, Tommy Ellison of the Post Office chess team became the new Cleveland City Champion with a score of 7-2. Close on his heels was Elliott Stearns with 6 1/2-2 1/2 for second place, while D. Salom finished third with 6-3.

The new champion earned his victory the hard way in one of the toughest battles Cleveland has seen, for the preliminary sections for qualification in the finals had no soft spots and several of Cleveland's leading players failed to get over that original hurdle and qualify.

OMAHA (NEBR.)
WINS INTER-CITY
TEAM MATCHES

Sioux City (Iowa) on May 4 was the scene of a successful seven five-man team match with George Koltanowski, the blindfolded wizard, serving as director. Omaha (Nebr.) was the victor with Yankton (So. Dak.) following closely on its heels. Third place was shared by Sheldon (Ia.) with Sioux Falls (So. Dak.). The last three places fell to the host with three teams entered: Sioux City Sues., Sioux City Reds, and Sioux City Blues.

CHADWICK CHESS
(POUGHKEEPSIE)
BESTS I. B. M.

In a return match on May 10 at Hancock (N. Y.), the Chadwick Chess Club of Poughkeepsie scored a victory over the I. B. M. Chess Club of Endicott with a score of 4 1/2-2 1/2. At this meeting plans were made for a team match to be played early in June at Delhi (N. Y.) between the chess clubs at Syracuse, Albany, Endicott and Poughkeepsie.

Chadwick Chess	I. B. M. Chess
E. S. Carter	C. Thompson
F. Schmitz	M. Mitchell
G. Traver	R. Allen
J. Meyerson	C. McCommon
Don Meyerson	J. Brookes
H. Gronke	H. Thayer
Dick Meyerson	W. Schaefer

HOT SPRINGS
MAKE IT HOT FOR
RAPID CITY CLUB

Visiting Hot Springs (So. Dak.) on May 13, the Rapid City Chess Club found the climate too hot for them and retired with the short end of a 7-2 score in a double-round match.

Hot Springs	Rapid City
Fred Thomas	J. S. Laughlin
F. E. Wehler	C. Stearns
B. Goddard	M. F. Anderson
W. Eggers	F. V. Rehurek
D. E. Cone	A. Metcalf
F. E. Wehler	J. S. Laughlin
B. Goddard	C. Stearns
D. E. Cone	F. V. Rehurek
W. Eggers	A. Metcalf

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Tournaments in August and September will be listed in later issue.

CITY TOURNAMENT
AND PLAY-OFF
ALL END IN DRAW

At Syracuse (N. Y.) a hard-fought contest for the City Championship ended in a draw between Arthur F. Woods, winner of three previous tournaments, and Walter Froelich, the 1946 title holder. Play was held at the Chess Club headquarters in the Hotel Syracuse.

As a three-game play-off match between Woods and Froelich resulted in a win, loss and draw for each player, the tournament committee threw up the sponge and declared them co-champions for 1947. However, plans are discussed for a title-deciding match in June.

Other winners in the tournament were: Arthur Damon, third; P. L. Guckemus, fourth; and Mrs. Catherine Nye and Arthur Hurwitz in a tie for fifth.

HAROLD H. JONES
USCF DIRECTOR
FOR MICHIGAN

USCF President Wagner has announced the appointment of Harold H. Jones (Kalamazoo, Mich.) as additional USCF Director for Michigan to which increased membership entitles the State. Harold Jones is in private life Manager of Sales Promotion for the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company. In chess his untiring work in organizing the successful Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club and his general activity in chess organization assure the Federation that his acceptance of a term as Director is guarantee of even greater chess activity in the Kalamazoo Valley where chess is already recognized as a vital element for recreation and development.

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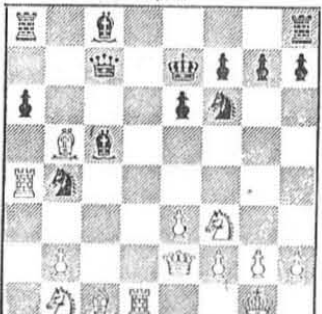
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QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED
1947 Manhattan Chess Club
Championship

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

M. PAVEY vs. A. BISQUIER
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. K1-KB3 P-QR3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3 K1-KB3
An attempt to hold the extra Pawn would be futile: 4. ... P-QR4; 5. P-QR4, P-QR3; 6. PXP, BXP; 7. P-QR3, PXP; 8. BXP ch. etc.

After 13. ... K-K2
Bisguer



Correct was 18. ... B-Q2; 14. BxB ch. KtxB; 15. Q-Q2, R-QK1; 16. K1-K4, Q-Q1 or 15. B-Q2, Q-Q2; 16. R-QH1, Q-K12, etc.
14. B-Q2 P-QR4
Of 14. ... B-K12; 15. BxK1, PxB; 16. QxP (or 16. RXP), B-R1
15. R-QB1 Q-K13
Also hopeless is 15. ... B-K12; 16. BxK1, PxB; 17. RXP, B-K12; 18. QK1-Q2, etc.

SLAV DEFENSE
1947 St. Louis Open Tournament
Notes by M. L. Horn

J. CARRON, JR. vs. M. L. HORN
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-QR4 B-B4
2. P-QB4 P-QB3 6. P-K3 P-K3
3. K1-KB3 K1-KB3 BxP QK1-Q2
4. K1-B3 PXP S. O-O Q-B2
I guess I left the "hook" here.
9. Q-K2 K1-K5 11. K1-Q2 B-Q4
10. KtXKt BxK1 12. P-K4
Steinmeyer says he should have played 12. B-Q2
12. ... BxB 14. P-B4 B-B3
13. KtXB B-K2
I wanted a mate here. Should have Q-Q4.
15. P-K5 B-K2 20. QR-K11 K1-Q4
16. P-B5 PXP 21. K1-K5 KtXB
17. P-K6 K1-B3! 22. RxBK1 P-KK13
18. PXP ch. K-B1 23. RXP
19. B-B4 Q-Q1
Steinmeyer suggests 23. Q-B4, but this was a tricky move at that.
23. ... PXR 24. Q-R5
Could be mate in one.
24. ... QXP ch. 25. K-R1 B-B3

After 25. ... B-B3
Horn



26. K1-K14
I looked a long time before I took the Kt sacrifice.
26. ... PxKt 27. R-K8 ch. K-K12
27. ... BxR7, mate in two, White resigns.

ORANG-UTANG
1947 Dallas City Championship
Notes by Richard Harrell

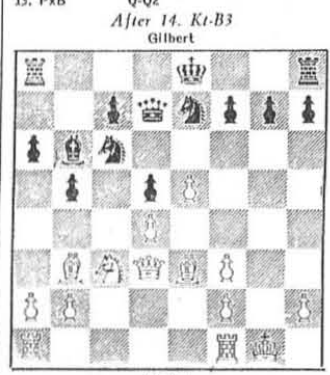
J. GILBERT vs. R. POTTER
1. K1-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-QK14
Here's that move again.
2. ... P-KB3
This is best according to Fine. The idea, of course, is to build a strong P-center. Contrary to the usual state of affairs, the weakness created on the K-side is of minor importance.
3. P-Q4 B-B4
This is hardly to the point. The much argued game, Santoro-Lovy, New York, 1942, went 3. ... P-R4; 4. P-QR3, P-K5; 5. K1-Q2, B-Q3; 6. P-K3, P-K14 and Black has a highly advantageous variation of the French Defense with colors reversed; naturally 4. PXP, BXP ch.; 5. P-B3, B-Q14 is in Black's favor. As the game proceeds Black does not follow up with P-K4 (which is all that makes 2. ... P-KB3 logical) until way too late.
4. B-K12 K1-B3?

Tournament Life

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RUY LOPEZ
1947 Dallas City Championship
Notes by Richard Harrell

White Black
D. KILGORE J. GILBERT
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-K15 P-QR3
2. K1-KB3 K1-QB3 4. B-R4 B-K15
This B is to exert pressure later on the White center from QK13.
5. Q-O K1-K2 8. PXP P-Q4
6. P-B3 B-R4 9. P-K5
7. P-Q4 PXP
Apparently the only try for an advantage.
9. PXP, QxP; 10. B-K15, Q-R4 equalizes completely.
3. ... B-K15
The pin is of little value here as White shows by his 12th move. 9. ... B-B4 was probably better and would prevent any attacking formation along the diagonal by White.
10. B-K3 P-QK14 12. Q-Q3
11. B-K13 B-K13
A bid for attacking chances; the broken K-side will not be dangerous here, and the K1 file may be useful. A better reply than that made by Black seems ... B-K14; ... K14;
12. ... BxK1 14. K1-B3
13. PxB Q-Q2
After 14. K1-B3
Gilbert



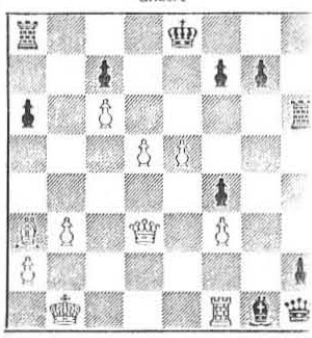
14. ... KtXP
This try for freedom loses; but against any passive defense White's Bc and the open K1 file would make things very difficult. Black's error was at move 12 (see previous note)—or perhaps, he should have chosen a different defense.
15. PxBKt P-Q5 16. QR-Q1 P-QB4
The piece cannot be regained. 16. ... R-Q1 is answered by 17. Q-K4 and the pin on the Black Q allows White to get out from under.
17. Q-K4 Q-R2 18. K1-Q5 PxB
If 18. ... KtXK1; 19. BxK1, PxB; 20. BxK, P-K7 (20. ... R-Q1; 21. B6 ch and 22. BxK1); 21. B6 ch and 22. QXP.
19. K1xB P-K7 21. K1-Q PXR(Q) ch.
20. QxR ch. QxQ 22. KxQ and wins.
A convincing demonstration of insufficient calculation in a combination.

KING'S GAMBIT
1947 Dallas City Championship
Notes by Richard Harrell

White Black
A. MURRAY J. GILBERT

1. P-K4 K1-QB3 4. K1-B4 B-K2
2. K1-QB3 P-K4 5. P-KR4
3. P-B4 PXP
A doubtful innovation. The purpose is to prevent the check at R4, but it does not even accomplish this. Far better is 5. B-R4, BxP ch.; 6. K1-B1 (Not 6. K1xB, QxR1 ch.); 7. K1-B1, for Black to only aided by the exchange) with a fairly even game.
5. ... K1-B3 6. P-Q4
P-Q4 is usually undesirable for White in this opening since it only provides Black with a target. Preferable is 6. B-B4 and 7. P-Q3.
6. ... P-Q4 7. P-K5
7. PXP would only free Black completely and leave him with much the sounder game.
7. ... K1-KR4 9. K1-K2
8. B-K15 B-K15
Multiple murder is threatened and this is about as good as can be fanned. 9. Q-O would undoubtedly be fatal.
9. ... BxKt 12. KtXKt BxKt
10. PxB BXP ch. 13. Q-Q3 P-KR4?
11. K-B1 Kt-K16 ch.
In what follows Black becomes too anxious and plays too nervously. This is understandable, however; extra P's seem always to make people nervous.
15. BxKt ch. PxB 16. B-R3
Natural and excellent—the P triangle effectively blocks the file and this B sweeps through Black's whole game.
16. ... Q-Q2
The B's influence is strongly felt and makes a coordinated game difficult. The R's cannot unite and for the present are both tied down to guarding lonely P's.
17. R-B1
With this White threatens by P-QH1 to release his center P's and operate with good effect on the QR file.
17. ... P-R5
This heading advance is the best chance; it frees Black's pieces somewhat and by the

After 26. ... QxKR
Gilbert



Murray
27. Q-B5 R-Q1 28. P-K6 R-R
If 28. ... PxB; 29. Q-R8 mate, and if 29. ... P-R3; 29. P-K7 with a mate to follow.
30. BxR P-B3 33. P-B3(Q) B1
31. Q-K18 ch. K-K2 34. Q(QB)-Q8 mat

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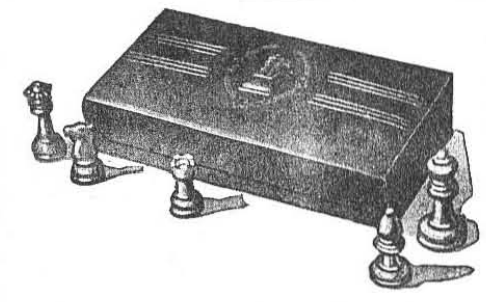
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