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## 86 Players Contest In U. S. Open

### LARGEST FIELD OF PLAYERS MEET IN 48th OPEN TOURNEY Latin American Champions Entered Add That International Flavor

At Corpus Christi, Texas, the largest and one of the strongest fields of chess players contest for the 48th Annual U. S. Open Championship title. Eighty-six players in all, representing seventeen States, Mexico, Canada, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Cuba and New Zealand, are meeting in the modified Swiss System Tournament conducted by the USCF with the Corpus Christi Chess Club and the Texas Chess Association acting as hosts.

The Tournament is the meeting place of champions, average players and novices. A few of the leading names include Isaac Kashdan, former Open Champion; Herman Steiner, defending Open Champion; Anthony E. Santasiere, Ventnor City victor; Dan Abe Yanofsky, present Canadian Champion; R. G. Wade, former New Zealand Champion; Miguel Aleman, Champion of Cuba; Miguel Cueffar, Champion of Colombia; Arturo Colon, Champion of Puerto Rico; and Weaver Adams and Olaf Ulvestad of the U. S. Team vs. U. S. S. R.

Other players of note include Mary Bain, Southern Ass'n Woman's Champion; Alfonso Ferriz, Champion of Mexico City; William Byland, Metropolitan Champion of Pittsburgh; Paul Poschel, Illinois State Champion; Albert Sandrin, former Illinois State Champion; Dr. Gustave Drexel, Florida State Champion; Charles Joachim, Seattle Champion and former Vienna Amateur Champion; Alfred Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion; Robert Steinmeyer, St. Louis District Champion; Dr. Bela Rosza, Oklahoma State Champion; and Bert Brice-Nash, Panhandle Open Champion.

The Junior group of players is ably represented by George Kramer, former New York State Champion; Larry Evans, U. S. Junior Lightning Champion; Joseph Sullivan, Jr., Southern Ass'n Junior Champion; and Paul Poschel, Illinois Junior Champion.

Early rounds reported as CHESS LIFE goes to press indicate an exciting start to the tournament with the usual upsets. In a startling game 15-year-old Larry Evans bested Abe Yanofsky, while Mrs. Mary Bain defeated Alfonso Ferriz, but lost to Olaf Ulvestad. As the early rounds of the Swiss System do not bring together the leading players, most of the ranking entrants in the tournament are as yet undefeated, although Arturo Colon joined the ranks of the unexpectedly vanquished in yielding a game to William Kendall of San Antonio in the second round.

Other early round surprises included the brilliant game of the 18-year-old George Kramer in which he held the undefeated Isaac Kashdan to a draw while the former champion Anthony Santasiere was no more successful, drawing with the young Albert Sandrin of Chicago whose falling eyesight has so far been no handicap to his game.

One of the hardest fought games of the early rounds was the grueling contest between Kashdan and Miguel Aleman of Cuba, which the Cuban finally lost.

See September 5 issue for final report on Tournament.

### CCLA ANNOUNCES ITS 15th ANNUAL U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry for the 15th Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship Tournament which confers the Official Correspondence Chess Title for the United States closes on September 1, 1947. The tournament is conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America under the endorsement of the United States Chess Federation.

Unlike other CCLA events this tournament is open to all residents of the United States (whether members of the CCLA or not) but all competitors must be members of the USCF or become members in order to compete. The tournament has three rounds of play, with prizes in each round. Winner of the championship receives possession of the Henry D. Hibbard Memorial Trophy for one year plus permanent possession of a special trophy, and is recognized by the USCF as the U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion for 1947.

#### RULES

- All entrants must be members in good standing of the USCF.
- Entry fee: \$1.00 per section—\$1.50 if you are not a member in good standing of the Correspondence Chess League of America—and you may enter as many sections as you like.
- One game with each opponent. Unfinished games will be called in for adjudication one year after they are begun in the first round, and eighteen months in the second round.
- Players are allowed 60 hours in which to dispatch their moves and must make 30 moves in three months (ignoring from the postmark of their opponent's cards to the postmark of their own replies) and ten moves a month thereafter. Failure to comply will be sufficient cause to declare the delinquent player's games forfeited.
- One month vacation may be taken during each year of play, either at one time or in periods of a week or more, but notification in advance must be given to the Tournament Director and each opponent.
- Rules of play will be supplied with assignments and govern play on all occasions.
- All entries, accompanied by entry fees in full and made payable to M. O. Meyer, Tross, must be postmarked no later than midnight September 1st, 1947, and sent to: Dick Ross, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Correctionville Road, St. Louis City 19, Iowa.



FIDE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT HILVERSUM

Front Row—Seated: Paul G. Giers, U.S.A.; Postnikoff, Czechoslovakia; Dr. W. Dorazil, Austria; G. C. Dal Verme, Italy.

Back Row—Interpreter; Folke Rogard, Scandinavian Zone; Yudowitch, U.S.S.R.; Y. Marcuse, Palestine; Malsheff, U.S.S.R.; G. W. J. Zittersteyn, Netherlands; Jozse Siska, Yugoslavia; K. J. Nieuwekerke, Secretary.

### AL. WILLS WINS LA. STATE TITLE; FORM STATE ASS'N

In the Louisiana State Championship Tournament at Baton Rouge, July 4-6, Al. Wills of New Orleans emerged as State Champion, closely followed by Cecil K. Collins of Shreveport, the 1946 Champion. Third place went to Frederick Cummings of New Orleans by virtue of a Sonneborn-Berger rating breaking his tie score with Gray who was placed fourth. The seven round Swiss tourney had twenty-two entries and was directed by Otto Claitor of Baton Rouge, with J. C. Currie, A. M. Lockett, Jr., C. K. Collins and A. Wills serving on the tournament committee. The Shreveport Chess Club will be hosts to the 1948 Tournament.

On July 6th the Louisiana State Chess Federation was formally organized and the following officials were elected: A. Wyatt Jones (Shreveport) president, Andrew M. Lockett, Jr. (New Orleans), Ralph H. Agate (Lafayette), Dr. Earl Jones Alexandria) and Eugene K. Flourney (Monroe) vice-presidents; and Otto Claitor (Baton Rouge) secretary-treasurer. Dues for the Louisiana Chess Federation automatically includes membership in the USCF.

Louisiana State Championship	
Wills	5-1
Collins	5-1
Cummings	5-2
Gray	5-2
Gladney	4-3
A. W. Jones	4-3
Lockett	4-3
Noel	4-3
Stirling	4-3
Crow	3-3
Grant	3-3
Raymond	3-3
Hunter	3-4
E. Jones	3-4
Jacobs	3-4
Van Valkenburg	3-4
Lee	2-4
Nasser	2-4
LunEAU	2-5
LaBour	2-5
Dorcher	1-5
Lopez	1-6

### U. S. HAS TWO MEN IN WORLD MATCH FOR "MAIL" TITLE

In the World Championship Correspondence Tournament two well-known CCLA players are entered. One is Jack W. Collins, present U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion; the other J. Edwin Woody, who leads in the current U. S. Correspondence Tourney and can do no worse than tie for the U. S. Title. Collins (Brooklyn) and Woody (Two Rivers, Wis.) will meet such redoubtable correspondence experts as Purdy, G. Wood, Koshnitsky and Henneberger in their endeavor to bring this World Title to America.

### R. E. MARTIN WINS CCA "MAIL" TITLE IN CANADIAN MEET

Robert E. Martin, president of the Gambit Chess Club (Toronto), is victor in the 1946 Canadian Postal Chess Championship Tournament conducted by the Canadian Correspondence Chess Ass'n. with a score of 6-1. Second place went to Frank Anderson (Toronto) with a score of 5-1-1. Anderson bested Martin in their game, but lost to Mornan and drew with Stockli. Third place went to W. Muir (Schenectady) with 5-2. Other scores were J. Stockli (Montreal) 3-3; C. D. Corbould (Winnipeg) and C. N. Mornan (Montreal) 3-4 each; H. J. Daniels (Toronto) 2-5; and D. Paetkau (Rosthern) 0-7.

### PLAYGROUNDS ARE CHESS-CONSCIOUS AT HARRISBURG, PA.

Sponsored by Councilman Leitner the game of chess has become a playground must for Harrisburg (Pa.) Parks Department. Starting with 60 sets and boards purchased on an experimental budget, aided by the advice of the USCF on constructing the program with USCF Director John D. French on the spot to offer suggestions, the Parks Department have already found a playground chess program growing into one of the most popular of activities. Over 100 boys and girls have learned to play chess since its introduction in June of this year.

First instructor appointed was 16-year-old Joseph E. Miller, a Boys' Club chess expert, who has taught most of the other youthful instructors in the fine points of the game. So successful has been the chess program that neighboring cities are already viewing the results at Harrisburg and planning to follow suit.

A championship tournament has been planned for the playgrounds in August with the winners in each park meeting in a final tournament to determine the Park Championship; and the Harrisburg Telegraph is donating prizes for the event.

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By Paul G. Giers  
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## THE WISDOM OF THE OSTRICH

**T**he Ostrich, so the legends run, hides its head in the sand to avoid seeing the more unpleasant facts of life. In this our noble bird ranks among the last faithful followers of that famous Bishop Berkeley who declared so vigorously that anything we could not see, did not exist.

A tree in darkest Africa was the Bishop's favorite example of his theory, for it was his contention that this tree did not exist for us until we crossed the ocean, trekked into the trackless forests and actually saw the tree itself.

Now it chanced that Bishop Berkeley has one other disciple besides the ostrich in these troubled times—a disciple that emulates the ostrich whenever threatened by the terrifying vision of the USCF in American chess. This disciple is a chess publication (need we name it?) which expends a commendable ingenuity in reporting various USCF chess events without ever making a slip and mentioning the forbidden name of the USCF. Its consistency must be respected.

And it would be respected, if events did not demonstrate that in a manner unfaithful to the credo of the ostrich, this latter-day disciple of Bishop Berkeley occasionally lifts its head from the sand and peeks.

In September, 1946, CHESS LIFE began its career as a semi-monthly publication; in October Bishop Berkeley's disciple took a horrified peek and announced the abandonment of a well established policy of ten issues a year for a new policy of a monthly publication.

With the May 20th issue of CHESS LIFE was inaugurated a listing of current tournaments entitled "For the Tournament-Minded"; in June our wavering disciple of the ostrich inaugurated a "Tournament Calendar."

Far from any desire to cry out "Copy-cat," CHESS LIFE is pleased to find these innovations spreading. They benefit the chess player; and his benefit is the primary purpose of CHESS LIFE. We do not even urge this final disciple of Bishop Berkeley to abandon the policy and wisdom of the ostrich and face the fact that the USCF exists. Our sole suggestion is that this follower of the philosophy of the ostrich might profitably peek a little more often. The chess player would benefit thereby; and that is all that really matters to the USCF and CHESS LIFE.

Montgomery Major

## SIGN OF THE TIMES

**A**MONG those symptoms of a healthy growth in chess activity, perhaps the most healthy symptom of all is the increase in State Chess Associations. The past year has seen a parade of these new organizations, each one making chess more active in its local state.

The roll-call of new State Associations begins with South Dakota which organized in the inspiration of the Yankton Tournament. The list continues with Oklahoma, Nebraska, Tennessee, Idaho, Florida, Louisiana and Kentucky. Kansas has reorganized after some years of inactivity, and Washington is even now in the process of organizing.

But let us not stop with the mere act of organization. Each chess player in a State owes it to himself to support his own State Organization by joining it so that it will be truly representative of the State; he owes it to himself to give his State Organization a loyal support that it may be enabled to bring bigger and better chess activity to him and his fellow chess players in the State.

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

IF YOU MUST PLAY CHESS By Arnold S. Denker; David McKay (\$2.00)

Ever a fighting player, rash at times and impetuous, the 1944-46 U. S. Chess Champion, Arnold S. Denker, has that rare distinction of seldom playing a dull game. Ever his losses are illuminated by those flashes of brilliance which make him a delight to the spectator of chess and provide a thrill even in the duller pages of print.

This collection of fifty-five games, each one a gem in its own fashion, covering the period from 1929 to Denker's exciting draw with Botvinnik at Groningen in 1946, has a game to suit every taste; and the reader has the enviable pleasure of both enjoying and learning (the perfect combination) as he plays over the text.

Not the least of the value and charm of this book is the short preface to each game, relating in Denker's quaint humorous style the evaluation the author gives the game, the critical background against which it was played, and often an illuminating note upon his particular opponent in the encounter. In the literature of chess devoted to game collections, few books have been produced as readable and at the same time as enlightening. If you must play chess, this is a book you will enjoy.



Montgomery Major

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HAGUE

A Regular Message by

By Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

**W**ORLD chess has a brighter future as a result of the F.I.D.E. General Assembly concluded at The Hague on August 2. For the first time in history, all chess players on our globe are united in one world organization—Federation Internationale des Echeecs—and it may well be said that the Assembly's decisions will lead to more harmonious and effective collaboration among the chess playing nations.

It was my privilege and pleasure to represent the USCF at The Hague and herewith are some highlights of the meeting as I observed them.

Twenty countries were represented by sixteen delegates: Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., U.S.S.R., and Yugoslavia. Presiding over the meeting was Dr. A. Rueb, of The Hague, perennial president since FIDE's organization in 1924.

Of greatest interest perhaps is the settlement of the world championship problem. Since the tournament of six masters, approved at the Winterthur Assembly of last year, had not materialized for various reasons, the Netherlands Chess Federation proposed that Dr. Max Euwe as the only living ex-champion be proclaimed world champion; that Dr. Euwe play a match for the title with Samuel Reshevsky and the winner finally engage Botvinnik. This proposal was later amended so that the title would not be awarded until after the Euwe-Reshevsky match.

The USCF proposal called for an enlarged tournament to include three American masters: Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky. Neither proposal was adopted.

After considerable discussion, however, a general agreement was reached that a world title tournament of only six masters be held next Spring, starting after March 1 and ending before May 31, 1948. The six participants will be Reshevsky, Fine, Dr. Euwe, Botvinnik, Smyslov and Keres. As decided by draw, the first half of the tournament will take place in Holland, the second half at Moscow. Each contestant will play four games against every other contestant, for a total of twenty rounds.

The federations of the Netherlands and the U.S.S.R. have jointly assumed all expenses of the tourney, including all travel and living expenses of the participants. To prevent further complications and delays, no postponement or substitution of players will be permitted and in the absence of one or more contestant the remaining contestants will play for the title.

Of far-reaching importance is the entry of the U.S.S.R. as an affiliated unit of FIDE. Now that Russia with its 600,000 registered chess players has joined, the world organization is complete and its decisions will carry full weight.

The progress of the Assembly was hampered to some extent by the fact that the Russian delegation, Ragozin, Postnikoff, Yudovitch and Malsheff, whose arrival had originally been announced for the third day, did not report at The Hague until the fourth and final day of the meeting. Their plane apparently was grounded at Berlin and they had proceeded from there by train. Of course, this seemingly unwarranted delay was not to our liking. We must remember, however, that travel and other conditions in the U.S.S.R. are still unsettled and I believe that there was no willful intent on the Russians' part to delay the proceedings. Once there, the U.S.S.R. delegation displayed a spirit of excellent cooperation and it is significant that all decisions of the final day were by unanimous vote.

The new FIDE constitution adopted by the Assembly includes several USCF additions and USSR proposals. A special committee of three, of which I was a member, reconciled the original draft with another draft submitted by the USSR and the USCF proposals.

According to the constitution, FIDE membership is limited to the principal chess organization of each country. The chess world outside of Central and Western Europe is divided into seven zones: U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Scandinavia, Central America, South America, Australia and Canada. Each zone is represented in the Central Committee by a FIDE vice-president.

All major decisions are left to the General Assembly which convenes annually and is attended by one delegate from each affiliated unit. Officers are elected for a term of four years. There are now three official languages: English, French and Russian, with the French designated as the authentic text.

Dr. Rueb was re-elected president, Prof. Meyer of Switzerland was named treasurer and M. S. Kuhns of Chicago, our own president emeritus, was elected FIDE honorary president.

Bogoljubow, the German master, had applied in 1946 for a clean bill of health so that he might again participate in international tournaments. His conduct during the war years was carefully checked by a special committee. After hearing that committee's report, the Assembly decided that no action was in order and left it to the discretion of each organizing committee whether or not to invite Bogoljubow.

Since Spain had been expelled last year for purely political reasons, we urged its readmission to FIDE. By unanimous consent president Rueb was given authority to correct the situation with regard to Spain.

A beautiful chess trophy, made and donated by H. A. Dittmann of Salt Lake City, was offered by our Federation as prize to be awarded to the next world champion. Our offer was accepted with applause.

We also offered to publish in CHESS LIFE the names and addresses of deserving European masters with an appeal to American players to send packages of needed food and clothing. The proposal was warmly received and several such names are already on our list.

The 1948 General Assembly will be held at Stockholm at the invitation of Folke Rogard who represented the Scandinavian zone.

More in a future article about the delegates and their countries, also about the new system of zonal and interzonal competition for the world championship.

## For A Chess Scrapbook

Quotations from Club Publications

Someone has said that Chess Clubs are full of willing people; some who are willing to work and others who are willing to let them.

—A. E. Plueddemann in Firestone Chess & Checker Club Bulletin.

## The Juniors that went to Cleveland

By Donald McElroy

After bidding farewell to Minneapolis, Sheldon Rein and myself journeyed on our way to Cleveland and the second National Junior Chess Tournament. We arrived in Cleveland about midnight and were met at the depot by Mr. A. R. Phillips (thank you, Mr. Phillips) who was in charge of the tournament. He drove us to the old library, where we stayed for the next two weeks. We were quite fortunate that we arrived early enough to have our choice of cots—there were approximately 20 in our room, and six in the other. The following day we saw a little of Cleveland.

Monday, after the formalities of the opening ceremonies, play began. The players were all keyed up and many showed signs of being nervous, myself included. Larry Friedman, who repeated as champion, declined the white pieces after winning the flip. Everyone thought that that was very sportsmanlike of the champion. The following days were packed with the old adage, "Oh! I had a win and then blew it." Sheldon's picture was in the Cleveland paper and if I'm not mistaken he bought several copies. Thursday, July 3rd, we were treated to a ball game at the Cleveland stadium, as guests of the Cleveland Indians. For entertainment several of the fellows played, well, I'll take three; No, I don't want any, etc.

During the night we were often awakened by "raids." The fellows from the other room would be swatting us with pillows. When we retaliated, Herman Steiner, Chess Master and Tournament Director, whose room was just between our two, would wake up and bawl us out. The swims at the "Y" were always fun. Friday, July 11, after the tournament was over, they had a banquet for us that really hit the spot. A simultaneous exhibition by Herman Steiner which was really a lot of fun. By tricks I won a piece on the master, but I soon was compelled to return it for two pawns. It wasn't long then until I gave the pawns back to save my pieces. A few moves later I resigned, Sheldon had a fine game with him but was forced to resign, since we had to catch a 6:15 train the following morning. We met many nice fellows and all in all, had a fine time, although I'm sorry to say, we didn't bring home any trophies or prizes.

—Reprinted from The Pawnshop (Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club).

## The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

I have noticed some discussion in your correspondence columns concerning methods of equalizing the advantage of the first move.

I have considered for some time the possibility of allowing Black 0.5 points for a draw, and White the remaining 0.4 points. Using Mr. Streeter's percentages in your editorial of March 20, this would give White 51.8 points and Black 48.2 points each 100 games.

M. F. ANDERSON,  
Rapid City, So. Dakota

Dear Sir:

May I offer the suggestion that a completely logical National Championship Tournament could be held on the basis that the winner in an elimination contest among State Champions only, would be a most easily recognized National Champion.

H. C. LEONARD  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin



PERUVIAN JUNIOR CHESS PLAYER

Julio Sumar Coury (left), the fifteen year old Peruvian player, is cutting a wide swath in the chess circles of Peru. Here he engages one of the stronger players of the Club de Ajedrez de Lima, Mario Lapata Vinces (right).



Photo: Courtesy Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph

J. W. Stevenson (seated left) faces Carl Miller, while John French (left), president of Harrisburg Club, and C. Zeider, president of Elizabethtown Club, study the game.

### Chess Life

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## For The Tournament-Minded

August 30-September 1  
2nd Ohio Chess Congress Of Ohio  
Chess Ass'n  
Columbus, Ohio

Players must register before noon Saturday at Columbus Central YMCA, as play begins 12:00 noon. Entry fee \$5.00 to OCA members; write J. Eberle Brown, 2064 Bunts Road, Lakewood 7, Ohio. Junior and Woman's championships also.

August 30-September 1  
Southwestern Open Tournament  
Fort Worth, Texas

Open to all chess players; entry fee to be announced later; address Frank R. Graves, 960 E. Mulkey, Fort Worth, Tex. Tournament held in Loughorn Room of Texas Hotel.

August 30-September 1  
Pennsylvania State Championship  
Allentown, Penna.

Open to Pennsylvania players; will be held at Americas Hotel in Allentown with Lehigh Valley Chess Club as host. Entry fee not announced.

August 30-September 7  
New York State Tournament  
Endicott, N. Y.

Open to all players. Write to Harold Thayer of Vestal, N. Y. for details. To be held at the I. B. M. Country Club.

August 30-September 1  
New England Championship  
Tournament  
Boston, Mass.

Open to all New England players; under the direction of Walter L. Walters; to be played at Boston City Club; write Albert J. Hardiman, Young Men's Christian Union, 48 Baylson St., Boston 16, Mass., for details.

August 30-September 1  
West Virginia State Championship  
Huntington, W. Va.

Open to W. Va. chess players; special women's and junior championships if enough entries; write H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va., for details.

August 30-September 1  
Virginia State Championship  
Richmond, Va.

Open to Virginia players; write Ross Owens, 1237 Lorraine Ave., Richmond 22 for details.

September 1  
15th Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship of Correspondence Chess League of America

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September 5-September 26  
Washington State Championship  
Everett, Wash.

Invitational only; one representative from each club; play on Fridays and Sundays.

## DR. J. LUCAS WINS FIRESTONE TITLE

Victor in the winter tournament of the Firestone Chess and Checker Club of Akron (Ohio) was Dr. J. M. Lucas who becomes 1947 Firestone Champion. Second place resulted in a tie between Ernie Slater and Wm. Feasell. In Class "B" Prof. Roberts was the victor with Gale Crombie in second place and R. G. Allen third. Prizes were awarded at the meeting of August 7 at which the 1946 Champion, Leo Sweet, was also presented with his first prize.

## The Corpus Christi Chess Club

By J. A. Creighton  
Vice-President, Texas Chess Association

THE annals of the poor are short and simple. The present Corpus Christi Chess Club was first organized in 1939 and received its initial impetus from an incident bordering on the romantic. In that year Miss Susan Pettengill, daughter of Samuel J. Pettengill of South Bend, Indiana, was visiting in Corpus Christi and through a reporter's error she was quoted as saying that she had played Capablanca and would like to meet all comers. Actually Miss Pettengill was referring to her father's association with the noted Cuban but stimulated both by this announcement and the young lady's picture, chess players poured from behind every palm tree. Over fifty players showed up for the exhibition and Susan very graciously tried to rectify the error by playing each one in turn. That night the Corpus Christi club was organized with John Goldman from New York as president and A. J. Gierod as vice-president.

From that time to the present the Corpus Club has had a continuous existence and has twice been host to the Texas Chess Association in its annual tournament in September. This year the climax of nearly a decade of activity was reached when the local club entertained the United States Chess Federation August 11-23.

## U. S. OPEN TOURNAMENT CONTESTANTS

Weaver W. Adams Dedham, Mass.	Ambroise D. Gring Brookline, Mass.	Paul Poschel Chicago, Ill.
Miguel Aleman Havana, Cuba	Glenn E. Hartleb Erie, Penna.	Renie Poschel Chicago, Ill.
Barney J. Arneaux Houston, Texas	Rhys W. Hays New York City	Robert B. Potter Dallas, Texas
Herbert Avram New York City	Pete Hermann Houston, Texas	Dr. Bela Rozsa Tulsa, Okla.
Mary Bain Miami, Fla.	Nestor Hernandez Tampa, Fla.	Esther Rubenstein New York City
Neil Bernstein New York City	Antonio Higuera San Juan, Puerto Rico	E. E. Mireles Corpus Christi, Texas
Bert Brice-Nash Medora, Kans.	Conrad P. Hoover Corpus Christi, Texas	Luis Salomon Bogota, Colombia
William M. Byland Pittsburgh, Penna.	Charles Hrisikopoulos Corpus Christi, Texas	Albert Sandrin Chicago, Ill.
A. E. Caroe Dallas, Texas	Bertram C. Jenkins Gary, Ind.	Angelo Sandrin Chicago, Ill.
Alfred P. Coles 3rd El Paso, Texas	Charles Joachim Seattle, Wash.	Anthony E. Santasiere New York City
Arturo Colon San Juan, Puerto Rico	Sam Joseph Corpus Christi, Texas	Steven T. Shaw Bronx, N. Y.
Pablo C. Cortez Corpus Christi, Tex.	Isaac Kashdan New York City	Charles L. Smith Montreal, Canada
Pablo C. Cortez, Jr. Corpus Christi, Tex.	William N. Kendall San Antonio, Texas	Kenneth Smith Ft. Worth, Texas
James A. Creighton Corpus Christi, Texas	Horace N. Kornrum San Antonio, Texas	Herman Steiner Los Angeles, Calif.
Miguel Cuellar Bogota, Colombia	George Kramer New York City	Robert H. Steinmeyer St. Louis, Mo.
Milton Danon Philadelphia, Penna.	Lewis H. Lanier Cordell, Okla.	Blake W. Stevens San Antonio, Texas
Cyril Delevanti Corpus Christi, Tex.	Edward Lasker New York City	Joseph G. Sullivan, Jr. Knoxville, Tenn.
Dr. Gustave L. Drexel Miami Beach, Fla.	Dr. John Leach Cal. Allen, Texas	Augusto Sanchez Bogota, Colombia
John E. Earnest Corpus Christi, Tex.	C. P. Little, Jr. Dallas, Texas	Robert Symonds San Antonio, Texas
Larry Evans New York City	Alfred C. Ludwig Omaha, Nebr.	Don Thompson Chicago, Ill.
Ing. Alfonso Ferriz Mexico City, Mex.	Frank H. McKee Dallas, Texas	Olaf I. Ulvestad Seattle, Wash.
Jayne Gibson Robstown, Texas	Clay Merchant Houston, Texas	Hector Vissipo San Juan, Puerto Rico
Joe T. Gilbert Dallas, Texas	A. G. Miller Tulsa, Okla.	R. G. Wade New Zealand
Frank Gladney Baton Rouge, La.	Jesus Mondragon Mexico City, Mex.	Waldo L. Waters Boston, Mass.
A. J. Girerd Corpus Christi, Tex.	Arthur A. Murray Dallas, Texas	E. Folk Weaver Corpus Christi, Tex.
Harry E. Graham Corpus Christi, Tex.	A. S. Neal Cordell, Okla.	Norman T. Whitaker Shady Side, Md.
M. Newton Grant Baton Rouge, La.	Leon Poliakov San Antonio, Texas	C. A. Williamson Houston, Texas
Charles P. Gray Port Gibson, Miss.	Alfred Poschel Chicago, Ill.	D. A. Yanofsky Winnipeg, Canada
Frank R. Graves Ft. Worth, Texas		Henry Youngman Corpus Christi, Texas

## Men Who Work For Chess

By John D. French

Joseph W. Stevenson

HE will not hear you say check, but he can see it coming and usually counters with a driving attack that will have you shifting your own King long before you can put your plan in operation. He, in this case, is Joseph W. Stevenson, late of Carlisle (Pa.), and now in Frederick (Md.).

Steve is stone deaf; has been since he was 12 years old. That doesn't stop him from being one of the upper half of Pennsylvania's players and one of the top correspondence players in the country.

Right now Joseph has the entire (!) student body of the Maryland School for the Deaf (Frederick, Md.) playing chess. And that is where there was no chess before.

Steve is a long-time figure in Pennsylvania chess. He is a Director of the United States Chess Federation, and the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation. He was a key man in starting the Harrisburg and Cumberland Valley Clubs.

An intense student of the game, he tends to become a bit nervous in over-the-board play, but is murderous in correspondence. CCLA rates him "AA" and in a rather new, independent correspondence group, Steve led the field with 30 wins, and not a single loss or draw!

A forester by profession, Steve lost out in one of those political shifts in Pennsylvania which spread into such non-political branches of government as conservation and forestry. An accredited teacher, he decided that deafness should be no handicap to him and so went into a school for the deaf as a shop and mathematics teacher. Having taught chess to various boys in the CCC camps of Pennsylvania during his forester days, Steve was well prepared to make the Maryland School for the Deaf chess-conscious. Starting with a few boys who had a genuine interest in the game he gradually got the entire school playing. This on top of his work with the Boy Scouts of America, for whom he is a Scoutmaster.

Pennsylvania's loss is Maryland's gain!

## NEBRASKA ELECTS FIRST OFFICIALS

As a result of balloting by mail, the new Nebraska Chess Ass'n has elected its first slate of officials with R. E. Wearle (Stamford) as president; B. E. Ellsworth (No. Platte) and H. S. Nielsen (Blair) vice-presidents; and G. R. Stoney (Omaha) secretary-treasurer. Jack Spence (Omaha) remains editor of The Nebraska Chess Bulletin.

## AUSTIN CHESS BOWS IN DEFEAT TO CHICAGO TEAM

Avenging last year's defeat at the hands of the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago), a team from the other Chicago Chess Clubs scored a clear victory by 131-75 in a twenty-one board match at the Austin Club on July 31st. The match was much closer than the final score indicated, as many games remained in doubt almost to the end of the match. Austin showed its weakness this year on the upper boards, while the even strength of its membership was displayed by its preponderance of victories on the lower boards.

Chicago Team	Austin Chess
A. Sandrin ..... 3	P. Poschel ..... 3
D. Thompson ..... 3	J. A. Nowak ..... 3
M. Ellman ..... 1	R. Hildebrandt ..... 0
V. D. Fiers ..... 1	C. P. Adams ..... 0
A. Tucker ..... 1	P. Adams ..... 0
J. Winter ..... 1	E. Bodenshaub ..... 0
A. Justice ..... 1	C. Kalerian ..... 0
J. Moore ..... 1	A. Poschel ..... 1
Ang. Sandrin ..... 1	W. Grombacher ..... 0
D. Scheffer ..... 1	Dr. F. R. Crum ..... 0
S. Stoppel ..... 0	J. Hirsch ..... 1
S. Aronson ..... 3	H. Podolski ..... 3
E. Wiklund ..... 1	R. Leach ..... 0
R. Leef ..... 1	E. Burger ..... 0
R. Herwitz ..... 0	D. Stetser ..... 1
G. Schimmel ..... 1	W. Nyman ..... 1
Mrs. Aronson ..... 3	B. Skilling ..... 1
K. Nedved ..... 0	W. Norin ..... 1
E. Schabin ..... 0	L. A. Kraft ..... 1
E. Youngberg ..... 1	C. Brokaski ..... 0
W. Wislard ..... 1	M. Spartone ..... 0
Chicago ..... 135	Austin ..... 75

## NORTH CITY BOWS TO GERMANTOWN

In Philadelphia the Germantown YMCA Chess Club bested an old rival in defeating North City Chess Club on August 1 by a score of 6-2. A return match is scheduled for August 21.

Germantown	North City
Wachs ..... 1	Lippman ..... 0
Hall ..... 2	Maguire ..... 3
Arkless ..... 1	Sell ..... 0
Farris ..... 1	Walton ..... 0
Nelson ..... 2	Erbe ..... 2
Bortman ..... 1	Bergoy ..... 0
Braundreth ..... 1	Gorsion ..... 0
Kappel ..... 0	Selensky ..... 1
Germantown ..... 6	North City ..... 2

## VISITING FIREMAN PUT ON HOT SPOT, DOUSES FLAMES

J. B. Gee, editor of the Sacramento Union (Calif.) chess column, gave incautious news that he was a chess player while visiting in Phoenix. Before he could catch his breath, Gee was facing twenty-three Phoenixians at the Y Chess Club in a simultaneous exhibition. Taking a deep breath Gee plunged in to the melee. Result: twenty wins, two losses, one draw.

## REYNOLDS SEEKS NEWER WORLDS TO CONQUER

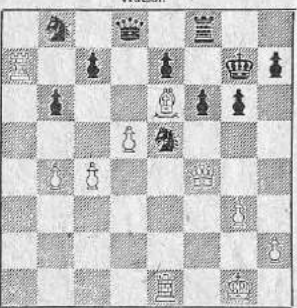
Victor in the Greater Chicago Chess League team matches, the University of Chicago Chess Club (Reynolds Club) is scanning the Collegiate fields for other worlds to conquer. Radio or overboard matches with teams up to ten players are desired; interested collegiate groups may write Milton Q. Ellenby, 6181 Greenwood, Chicago 37, Illinois.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Canada vs. Australia
Radio Chess Match, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White C. A. CROMPTON Black C. G. WATSON
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. P-KK3 B-K12
2. P-QB4 P-KK3 6. B-K12 Q-O
3. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 7. Kt-K2 B-Q2
4. P-K1 Kt-B3 8. O-O Q-B1
Here, or already on the previous move, Black should have tried P-K1. Now White will have a tremendous center.



After 31. Kt-K4
Watson
32. R-K1 Excellent; Black must not take.
33. P-K1 Kt-B3 35. QxP ch. K-R3
34. Kt-K2 Q-Q6 ch. 36. R-R1
White shows that he also knows how to defend well; the black game—with a B minus—is hopeless.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

Playoff Match for Arequipa Championship, Peru

Notes by William Rojman

White J. SUMAR COURY Black J. A. PEREZ
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. Q-K1 Q-K12
2. Kt-KB3 P-K3 6. P-B3 PxP
3. P-K3 P-B4 7. BxP
4. B-Q3 P-QK3
Possibly 7. KPxP was more logical to prevent the invasion of the Black Kt at K15, but Sumar "el diminuto" apparently prefers the open game and complications.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Lancaster vs. Germantown "Y", 1946

Notes by Erich Marchand

White D. McDIVITT Black W. HALL
1. P-Q4 P-K3 5. Kt-B3 Q-K12
2. P-QB4 P-Q4 6. B-Q3 PxP
3. P-K3 Kt-KB3 7. BxP B-K2
4. Kt-KB3 P-QB3
7. P-QR4 (The Meran Variation) is preferable.
8. O-O O-O 10. B-Q3 Kt(K15)-Q4
9. Q-B2 Kt-K13 11. Kt-K1
This case Black's game too much. Better is 11. P-QR4 with a view to P-K4 and P-K5.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

Metropolitan League, 1947

Notes by S. H. Kowalski

White S. H. KOWALSKI Black M. PAVEY
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-K3 P-K3
2. P-QB4 PxP 6. BxP Q-K12
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 7. O-O Kt-K13
4. Kt-B3 B-B4
Better was B-N3 followed by O-O and P-B4.
5. B-K3 B-K2 11. P-K4 Q-B1
6. Q-K2 B-KK15 12. B-R3
10. R-Q1 O-O
Anticipating 12. P-B4; 13. Q-R11, Black's 11th move threatened the freeing P-QB4.
12. P-QB3
P-QB4 has to be played.
13. Q-R1 R-K1 16. P-K4 B-K13
14. P-QR3 Q-Q1 17. B-B2 Kt-K2
15. P-R3 B-R4 18. Kt-K5

Here Black overlooks a chance to equalize:

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

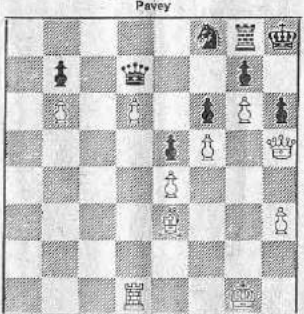
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14. Kt-K5; 16. BxKt, PxB; 16. QxKp, P-B3.
15. R-K3 BxKt
Black can no longer play the above line. For, if 15. Kt-N3; 16. BxKt, PxB; 17. QxP, P-B3; 18. Q-K6. The text move and also the following, however, are ill advised in the game shown.



19. Rxp oh! A beautiful blow which shatters Black's position. If 19. Q-K6, Kt-B1!
20. QxK15 ch. K-B1
There is no better defense. If 21. QxK1; 22. Q-B3 ch. K-K2; 23. P-K4, Q-R5; 24. P-KK3, Q-R3; 25. B-B5, Kt-R1; 26. Q-R5 ch. and 27. BxQ.
22. Q-B3 ch. K-K2 23. Q-K2
White wins a piece by force. If 23. P-KR1; 24. B-Q2 and 25. QxKt.
23. R-R1 25. PxKt oh. PxP
24. B-K16 Kt-B3 26. P-K4 PxP
Better would be 26. K-B1 or else Resigns.
27. QxP ch. K-B1 30. B-B5 R-K1
28. Q-K6 Q-Q4 31. B-Q2
29. QxP ch. K-K1 32. B-Q2
30. Q-K16 ch. and 32. BxP ch. would be more precise.
31. Q-B2 34. B-K16 R-Q1
32. QxQ ch. K-Q 35. B-K14 ch. Resigns
33. R-KB1 K-K2

White now plans to take advantage of Black's cramped position.
16. Kt-K4 21. B-K3 B-B2
17. P-K1 Q-B2 22. Kt-K15 Q-K11
18. P-B4! P-B3
White threatens Kt-R1.
23. Kt-Q6 BxKt 24. PxB Kt-Q2
Blockading with the threat of P-N4, separating the White Ps.
25. Q-B4 R-KB1 27. P-B5!
26. Q-B3 P-K4
With the threat of BxK6, followed by Q-B4.
27. BxB 29. Q-K6
28. QxB ch. K-R1
To start a Queen-wing attack with Ps.
29. P-K4 Q-Q1 33. P-QK5 P-P4
30. P-K4 R-K1 34. PxP P-B4
31. Q-K3 P-QR3 35. Q-O5
32. P-QR4 Q-R1
Expecting 35. P-QK5 upon which 36. B-R1 penetrating the only open file wins.
35. Q-K13! 37. P-K15
36. Q-B4 K-R1
One wing attack is stopped cold, another one on the B-side is begun. In cramped quarters, Black cannot parry both.
37. P-R1 39. Q-K2 R-KK1
38. P-K16 Q-Q1
P-K15 loses because of 40. Q-R3 and Black is helpless on 41. P-R1. Also 39. R-K1 loses because of 40. Q-R5, Kt-B1; 41. P-Q7!
40. Q-R5 Kt-B1 43. B-C3 P-R3
41. Rxp R-R4 44. P-K16!
42. BxR
After 44. P-K16
Pavey



Zugzwang!!
44. P-K1 P 47. R-Q2 Q-R6
45. P-K1 F-B1 48. K-Q2 Q-B5
46. Q-B5 Q-R5 49. P-Q7 Resigns

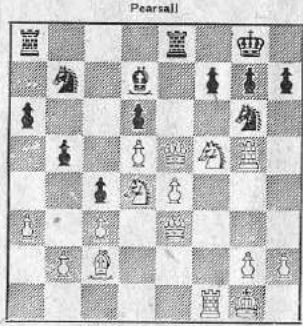
VIENNA GAMBIT

San Diego Championship

Notes by A. G. Pearsall

White H. P. WILKINSON Black A. G. PEARSALL
1. P-K4 P-K4 9. Q-Q2 Kt-K15
2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 10. B-QB4 P-B4
3. P-B4 Kt-B3 11. P-QR3 Kt-B3
4. Kt-B3 P-Q3 12. P-Q5 Kt-QR4
5. B-K15 PxP 13. B-Q3 P-B5
6. P-Q4 B-Q2 14. B-K2 P-KK1
7. BxP B-K2 15. Kt-Q4 Kt-K12
8. O-O O-O 16. B-K3
If 16. Kt-R1, BxKt; 17. Kt-B3, Q-K13 ch.; 18. Kt-Q4, Kt-R1; 19. Q-K2, B-B3; 20. QxKt, Kt-K1; 21. Q-B5, BxKt ch.; 22. K-R1, BxP; 23. Q-R-K1, P-B6.

16. P-QR3 22. R-K4 BxB ch.
17. R-B4 B-B1 23. QxB Kt-K4
18. Q-R-KB1 Q-B2 24. R-K3 Q-K2
19. Kt-Q1 Kt-Q1 25. Kt(B3)-K2
20. Kt-Q1 Kt-Q2
21. B-Q1 B-K14 26. Kt-B5 Q-K4
A poor place for the Q, but 26. QxKt is certainly no better.
27. P-B3 R-K1 29. Kt(K2)-Q4 B-Q2
28. B-B2 Kt-K12 30. R-K15

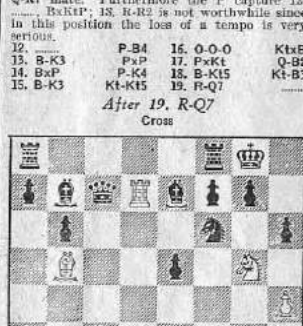


30. There is no way to save the Q.
31. Kt-R6 ch. P-K1 34. RxB Q-R-K1
32. R-Q6 P-R1 35. RxF RxF
33. Kt-B5 BxKt 36. Q-B3
30. QxP, tying up the Black K is the only chance to win. After 36. KxP; 37. BxKt, RxB; 38. KtB the Black Q-side Ps are very weak.
36. K-K12 41. Q-Q1 K-K13
37. K-B2 R-K11 42. P-R4 R-K15
38. P-KK3 Kt-K4 43. Q-Q4 R-K15
39. Q-K2 P-KR4 Kt(K4)-Q6 ch.
40. P-R3 P-R3 44. BxKt
He is forced to take it.
44. Q-R6 RxF 47. Q-KB6 R-K7 ch.
45. Q-R6 RxF 48. B-B3
46. Q-KK15 ch. K-B3
48. K-B1 is no better.
49. QxRP ch. Kt-K5 50. QxRP Resigns, R-K5

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FRENCH DEFENSE U. S. Junior Championship Finals, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White Black
G. KRAUSS J. CROSS
1. P-K3 P-K3 5. P-QR3 B-K
2. Kt-QB3 P-Q4 6. KtP Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4 B-K15 7. Kt(2)-K13
4. P-K1 PxP
More common here is 7. Kt(2)-B3. Then after B-K15 the B can retreat to K13.



15. B-K3 P-B4 15. O-O-O KtxB
14. BxP KxP 17. PxKt Q-B2
15. B-K3 Kt-K15 19. R-Q1 Kt-B3

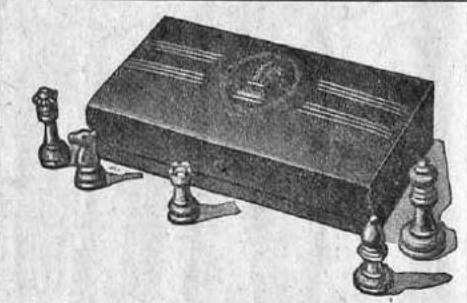
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