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Important Decisions Taken



Photo: Carl Graf

At the U. S. Open, Dr. Bela Rogsa (left) faces L. Lanier in the first round, while Dr. Edward Lasker takes time out from his own game to kibitz.

SOME WORK AND OTHERS PLAY AT 48th U. S. OPEN TOURNEY

USCF Transacts Important Business In Annual Meeting At Corpus Christi

The Annual Business Meeting of the United States Chess Federation and the Directors Meeting at Corpus Christi during the course of the USCF Open Tournament was productive of many important decisions and plans for the future of American Chess.

Among the more important actions of the meeting was an amendment to the By-Laws permitting the admission of all United States Territories to an equal footing with the various States and qualifying them to elect Directors in proportion to their membership. A by-product of this far-reaching amendment will be to qualify players from the various Territories to compete in the next U. S. Championship Tournament.

Other important matters under discussion included the report of the Championship Tournament Committee by Chairman Richard Wayne which presented the fruit of long hours of study by the committee in considering various possibilities and in reviewing various suggestions and opinions submitted by the membership in answer to President Warner's request for a general discussion of the problem (Chess Life, March 20).

This report is now being submitted to all the Directors by mail for further consideration, and its details will be published and discussed in an early issue of CHESS LIFE.

A third important measure was the appointment of Arpad Elo of

Milwaukee to head the Committee on the Rating of Tournament Players as Chairman, replacing Kenneth Harkness in the post. The report of this committee will be released in CHESS LIFE some time in the near future as Mr. Elo plans immediate action by his committee.

Results of the election of officers, conducted this year by a mail ballot according to an amendment passed at the Pittsburgh annual meeting, resulted in the re-election of all officers, with Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. (Chicago) president; William M. Byland (Pittsburgh), Geo. E. Roosevelt (New York), Herman Steiner (Los Angeles), J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie), and N. P. Wigginton (Washington) vice-presidents; and Edward I. Treond (Detroit) secretary. Paul G. Giers (Syracuse) was reappointed treasurer, and his office of Executive Vice-President was not up for ballot this year, while Maurice S. Kuhns (Chicago) holds permanent title of president emeritus.

The election of Directors by the States and Territories saw the inclusion of several new faces. The results were: Alabama: J. T. Jackson; Arizona: Walter S. Irvins; Arkansas: Rev. George G. Walker; California: Robert Ferer, J. B. Gee, George Koltanowski, Dr. Ralph Kuhns, Dr. Edward Kupka, H. J. Ralston, M. J. Royer, and Rev. Donald G. Weston; Colorado: Virgil Harris; Connecticut: Dr. I. M. Kingbury and Norman T. Reinsch; Delaware: Samuel A. Collins; District of Columbia: Oscar Shapiro and I. S. Turover; Florida: Mrs. Mary Bain; Idaho: Mel Schubert; Illinois: Edwin N. Asmann, Samuel Factor, Lucius A. Fritze, Arthur A. Hartwig, Lewis J. Isaacs and Montgomery Major; Indiana: Judge Bertram C. Jenkins; Iowa: Kenneth F. Schumann; Kansas: Bert Brice-Nash; Kentucky: Merrill Dowden; Louisiana: Newton Grant and J. S. Noel; Maine: Dr. J. Melnick; Maryland: George Lapoint and Ira Lovett; Massachusetts: Weaver W. Adams, W. M. P. Mitchell and Norman Ward; Michigan: Reuben Buskager, Frank A. Hollway, Harold H. Jones, Virgil E. Vandenburg and James R. Watson; Minnesota: George S. Barnes and Orin M. Oulman; Missouri: Frederic Anderson and H. M. Wesenberg; Montana: John H. Gilbert; Nebraska: Alfred C. Ludwig; New Hampshire:

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PINKUS TOPS NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In the annual strong New York State Championship Tournament at the beautiful grounds of the I. B. M. Country Club in Endicott, August 30 to September 7, A. S. Pinkus of New York City placed first with a score of 6½-1½ in the eight round Swiss tourney. Second place was a mad scramble, with seven players tying on a won and lost basis. By a Sonneborn-Berger percentage George Kramer, (New York City) 1945 champion, was declared second; J. F. Donovan (New York City) third; Erich W. Marchand (Rochester) fourth; while Dr. Mengarini (New York City), M. Siegel (Buffalo), J. Soudakoff (New York City) and George Shainswit (New York City) remained in a tie for fifth. F. R. Anderson, Toronto Champion, and J. W. Collins (New York City) tied for eighth. Surprise of the tournament was the poor showing of defending champion Anthony E. Santasiere after his brilliant performance at Ventnor City and Corpus Christi.

The Class A Tournament Finals resulted in the victory of Hans Berliner (Washington) with 2-1. Richard Cantwell (Washington) and E. Shapiro (Brooklyn) finished in a tie for second with 1½-1½. Donald Sibbett (New York City) was fourth with 1-4. In the preliminary A Class groups Sibbett won the 1st section with 7-0 and Berliner was second with 6-1, while Cantwell won the second section with 6½-1 and Shapiro was second with 6-1. The Class A Consolation was won by M. Duchamp (Paris, France) with 3-0.

The Class B Tournament was won by D. Schlanger (New York City) with 7-1, and Fred Bronner (New York City) was second with 6-2.

In all there were forty entrants in the Championship event; sixteen in the Class A Tournament; and nine in the Class B Tournament. Malcolm Sim, Toronto Chess Editor, served as Tournament Director—a post he has filled faithfully and efficiently through many New York State Tournaments.

In the team matches Syracuse captured the coveted Genesee Cup while Queens won the newly established Susquehanna Cup, donated jointly by the I. B. M. Chess Group and the Binghamton Chess Club.

In the business meeting at the Homestead, Endicott all the officers of the NYSCA were re-elected with the exception of Harold Thayer who begged to be excused because of poor health. His place was filled by M. L. Mitchell, also of Endicott. It was voted to present the I. B. M. Country Club with a chess set for the trophy room in appreciation of their hospitality, and a committee composed of H. M. Phillips and Herman Helms was appointed to select the award. Mr. Greenawalt of Binghamton was appointed as a committee of one to organize the southern New York clubs for team matches and to establish a southern team tournament similar to those for the Genesee and Susquehanna Cups.



Photo: Carl Graf. Courtesy: Corpus Christi Caller. Isaac Kashdan receives a check for \$1,000 as first prize from donor, Sam E. Wilson, Jr. of Corpus Christi, while Harry Graham, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, holds the Sturgis Trophy.



Photo: Carl Graf. Courtesy: Corpus Christi Caller. Miss Jayne Gibson of Robstown (13 years old), youngest entrant in a U. S. Open Tournament, faces Isaac Kashdan in the first round.



Officials at the New York State Tournament (left to right): Harold M. Phillips, treasurer; Tom McConnon, president; Dr. Max Herzberger, vice-president; Robert Skelding, president of I.B.M. Country Club; Harold Thayer, secretary.



Al Mitchell of the I.B.M. Country Club registers the Championship entries in the New York State Tournament at the I.B.M. Country Club in Endicott.

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WHY THEY CALL IT LABOR DAY

THE uninformed may logically assume that Labor Day received its name as a festive occasion dedicated to the honoring of the laboring man. They may even have subscribed to that story which goes the rounds about the holiday resulting from the suggestion of a union carpenter. But readers of Chess publications know better.

A hasty scanning of the list of State and Regional Chess Tournaments is sufficient to convince the most skeptical that Labor Day receives its title rightfully because it is a day devoted to the strenuous labor of playing chess.

CHESS LIFE has listed for the Labor Day week-end tournaments in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, New York, West Virginia, Virginia, Florida. It noted a New England Championship and a Grand National Correspondence Championship Tournament; and, no doubt, the list is incomplete.

Although the Editor may groan as the returns pour into the office, demanding prompt and adequate attention, the fact itself is a healthy one, promising much for the future of American Chess. The Editor can conceive of no better manner of celebrating the great cause of Labor than a friendly game of chess.

Much has been written that is ill-advised and bitter about the rights and wrongs of Labor and the Employer. Some of it is justified, but much of it is short-sighted and partisan. Without wishing to take sides in the field of Labor-Management disputes, the Editor feels that both have erred more through misunderstanding than intention. And if on Labor Day instead of glorifying their separate causes, they would only sit down in some State Tournament and play a friendly and competitive game of chess together, they would find a common point of contact and each discover that the other wasn't such a bad fellow after all.

Montgomery Major.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

MEET THE MASTERS! By Dr. Max Euwe; McKay (\$3.00)

A refreshing book from Europe by Ex-World Champion Dr. Max Euwe, this clean-cut volume works over the background, biography, general statistics and games of eight present-day chess leaders (including the good Doctor himself, whose evaluation was made by translators I. Prins and B. H. Wood). A picture of each of the eight is included: Alekhine, Capablanca, Flohr, Botvinnik, Reshevsky, Fine, Keres and Euwe. As five of these men (the last named) will join shortly in battle for the World Championship, this book is a "must" for those who will pour over the scores of the coming tournament, looking for personalized aspects of the play.

Averaging about a half-dozen illustrative games for each player, the notes of the Dutch teacher will prove most helpful to the student of chess, both for his own game and on increasing an appreciation of master-play.

A delightful book, quite different from the usual collections of "Best Games."

CAPABLANCA'S 100 BEST GAMES. By H. Golembek;

Harcourt-Brace (\$4.00).

Harcourt-Brace and Company, New York, has published another chess book and this one is up to the high standards the Company set with their books by Alekhine and Capablanca. The book, "Capablanca's 100 Best Games of Chess," which sells at \$4, is by a distinguished author and critic not too well known in America these days: H. Golembek, chess correspondent of the London Times and player in many international tournaments.

Golembek starts his collection of the games of this highly controversial master with the Corzo series and ends with the very pretty win against Czerniak at Buenos Aires, 1939.

As the author points out in his introduction, Capablanca suffered much from the defractions heaped on him by fellow masters who refused to acknowledge the beauty of his simple, but powerful, combinations. The book makes an excellent text for the ever-increasing crop of younger players who are daily turning more and more to the style of Capablanca and deserting the intricate plan of his nemesis, Alekhine. Golembek says of his annotations: "Playing through a Capablanca game constitutes a liberal education in the art of chess. I have found it necessary to annotate the games as exhaustively as was within my powers." He has done a most successful job of it.

Only Rubinstein, when he did not lapse into his grotesque blunders, could rival Capablanca in the production of such a mass of games "imregnated by that inner logical harmony that constitutes the essential quality of a great game of chess," the author points out. The author himself has contributed largely to the understanding of these chess gems with his notes, bringing out many facets of play not noted in previous annotations of Capa.

LIFE IS LIKE A CHESS GAME: IT TAKES GOOD MOVES TO WIN

By O. A. Holt

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THE game of life and the game of chess may be divided into three stages, opening, mid-game and end-game. Some folks do not find themselves till the mid-stage. Their "opening" has not been too good... not sufficient thought behind their moves, too many missed opportunities, no particular set goal. They consolidate their position in the mid-game, point their thinking, efforts and energies toward a definite aim, and gain accomplishments which carry through the end-game. One example, Henry Ford.

In chess, we have a type of player known as a "wood-pusher." He moves with no particular thought behind his plays, misses the depth and beauties in the still chess waters, and overlooks even some of the shallow surface stata.

Very occasionally he may develop a nice combination, but then only by accident. That he receives enjoyment from the game will not be disputed, but the degree is commensurate only with his playing skill.

An executive recently said in substance: "We have some over 700 people working in our plant. Working conditions are ideal, good ventilation, good lighting. Pay is considerably above average. All of our employees are agreed on one thing, however. They want a bigger pay check. Why? So they can enjoy more of the luxuries in life. But, what are they doing to improve themselves that they may merit a bigger paycheck?"

Too many of us miss opportunities of self-government, not only in a financial way incidentally, and miss the real joys in living. Thought behind moves is nil or haphazard. Wood-pushers in life!

In chess there is a piece known as a pawn which has less power than any other piece. By careful manipulation and nursing, he may be pushed up the board and upon achieving the eighth rank may be promoted to the most powerful piece on the board:

A person may start in the lowest station in life and yet achieve the highest rank. An outstanding example is Abraham Lincoln. Translating the thought in another manner, some people have good little habits which develop and grow into virtues.

Timing is one of the most important elements in chess or life. All moves are important in a chess game but a few have an extra importance and are known as "key," "star," "crucial" moves.

The balance or turning point of a game hinges on them. They must be made at exactly the proper moment. The same good move made in a slightly different sequence, or even a slightly different position, can be fatal.

Most people can point to definite "crucial" moves which have changed the course of their lives. Because a "move" was good a year or even a week ago, does not mean that move is good today, or vice versa.

Some players in chess are known as "wood-choppers," or by the more slangy "pawn-snitchers." They chop off or capture opponent's pieces promiscuously. They miss the goal of the game and would rather take a queen or pawn than trap or checkmate the king.

Life has the same problem. Many folks set as a goal money, power, entertainment, or other false aims, and miss the deeper joys, the beauties, and peace of mind.

Each piece on the chess-board is important in the over all picture. The minor or less powerful men have a major role in many positions, and their value at a particular stage may be more important than the most powerful.

So it is in life. Although a person may occupy a humble station, speaking in a material sense, his role in social and economic life can be and often is of genuine value and importance.

The co-ordination, the working-together of all the chess pieces toward a definite goal is what makes chess.

Each person lives in different worlds, the spiritual world, the home world, the business world, the social world, the entertainment world, the music world, and many more. It is a combination of these, each in its proper perspective, that makes full life.

Certain players receive the gift, let us call it a peculiar talent for this type of thing, and develop into master players. Chess, to them, is not merely a game or contest, much less a pastime. It is a science and an art. Their appreciation and enjoyment of chess is of necessity much deeper, much fuller, than the average or even the good player can comprehend.

What about "masters" of life or the goal of a full life? Man's chief destiny is to serve all of humanity. To do this he should develop fully and completely given characteristics. He may build his better self if he receives divine gifts of wisdom such as sowing seeds of consideration, cheerfulness, helpfulness and the like. Then, he may, in his small way, help build a better family, a better community, a better country, a better world.

Who is this man? It could be you.

"Life is but a chess game." It takes good moves to win.

Who's Who In American Chess

Isaac Kashdan

Among American chess players Isaac Kashdan is one of the most distinguished and in Europe is counted as one of the Big Three of American experts. His continental record, beginning with yeoman service on the U. S. Teams which brought the Hamilton-Russell Team Trophy to these shores, included many important victories. Among these were his first in the 1930 Berlin Tournament and his first in the 1930 Stockholm Tournament.

In 1932 Kashdan tied for first with Alekhine in the International Tournament at Mexico City, and was seriously considered as the possible successor of Mr. Frank Marshall as U. S. Champion. But plans for a Championship Match between the two did not materialize. In all American Tournaments in his earlier days his record was equally enviable with a second behind Alekhine in the Pasadena International Tournament of 1932 and a second behind Capablanca and ahead of Frank Marshall in the New York International Tournament of the same year.



Isaac Kashdan

In 1938 Kashdan tied with Horowitz for first in the U. S. Open Tournament at Boston; in 1940 he placed third behind Reshevsky and Fine in the U. S. Championship Tournament at New York. In 1942 he tied for first with Reshevsky in the U. S. Championship Tournament, but lost in a hard-fought playoff match.

After a vacation from tournament chess Kashdan returned in 1945 to place fourth in the Pan-American Tournament at Hollywood behind Fine, Reshevsky and Pilnick. And in 1946 gave a very convincing performance in the U. S. Championship Tournament when he placed second behind Reshevsky. His victory at Corpus Christi in the 1947 Open Tournament shows that he has indeed regained the form of earlier years.

As an international team player, Kashdan has always given a superlative performance. At Folkstone in 1933 he went through the series of team matches without a loss. And while he lost to Kotov in the 1945 Radio Match with Russia, he avenged the defeat in his over-the-board encounter with Kotov in Moscow in 1946 with a victory and a draw.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

A Veteran Answers Mr. Gray

Dear Mr. Gray:

As a hospitalized veteran, as well as the Chairman, sub-committee for correspondence chess, "Chess for Veterans," USCF, I would like to publicly answer your letter in the September 5th CHESS LIFE.

The veteran doesn't want sympathy or coddling, Mr. Gray. We didn't ask for it when we "went in." We didn't ask the enemy to "pull punches," neither did we pull our punches.

If we asked for no quarter then, Mr. Gray, why should we play cry-baby and ask quarter in a game of chess?

In my ward there are 60 men. Exclusive of Purple Hearts for

wounds received, there are more than 50 decorations, which include Medal of Honor, Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, Distinguished Flying Cross, etc.

Do you think that the men who earned these medals in combat need coddling and "punches pulled"?

A game of chess, unless played the best that both players can, is not a game. If the civilians who start games with veterans, sir, you will have done the veteran an irreparable injury.

It is true that we are handicapped, some in wheel-chairs, on crutches, in bed, and all confined more or less closely to a hospital

ward. But we are not cry-babies. You don't find cry-babies in Veterans Hospitals.

We cannot get out and find opponents in chess clubs, and are compelled to find opponents where and how we may.

I think I speak for all the hospitalized chess players when I say that "pulling punches" will be a disservice to the veteran.

Personally, though I am a dub chess player, no one has been able to make me say "Uncle." Try it on me, Mr. Gray.

Very truly yours,

FRANK TROUTMAN
U. S. Veterans Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky.



USCF DIRECTORS MEETING
Back row (left to right): Conrad P. Hoover, Judge Bertram C. Jenkins, Dr. Bela Rozsa, Alfred C. Ludwig, Frank R. Graves, Hector Vissepo, Herman Steiner, Paul G. Giers, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., Edward I. Treand, William M. Byland. Front row: Harry E. Graham, Anthony E. Santastiere, Weaver W. Adams, James A. Creighton, Mrs. Mary Bain, Newton Grant, Dr. Edward Lasker.

Photo: Carl Graf. Courtesy: Corpus Christi Times.

USCF OFFICIALS
Seated (left to right) the re-elected officers of the United States Chess Federation: Wm. M. Byland, vice-president; Edward I. Treand, secretary; Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., president; Paul G. Giers, executive vice-president; Herman Steiner, vice-president.

Photo: Courtesy Fort Worth Star-Telegram.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Graves of the Texas Chess Association with the Trophy for the Southwestern Women's Championship Tournament.

SIXTY ENTERED IN SOUTHWESTERN; WADE IS WINNER

Almost rivaling the recent U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi (where eighty-six players competed), the 1947 Southwestern Open Tournament registered a list of sixty entrants in the Swiss System Tournament held at Fort Worth (Texas) August 30 to September 1. Many of the entrants, not satisfied with their two weeks of chess at Corpus Christi, came from the U. S. Open to round out their chess season by competing in the Southwestern Open. Among these were R. G. Wade, Blake Stevens, Dr. Bela Rozsa, Clay Merchant, F. H. McKee, Joe T. Gilbert and Robert B. Symonds among those finishing in the top fifteen at Fort Worth.

Victor was the New Zealander, R. G. Wade, who won all seven games in the seven round Swiss. Second was J. C. Thompson of Grand Prairie, defending Southwestern Champion, who suffered two draws and finished with a score of 6-1. Blake Stevens of San Antonio was third with a score of 5½-1½, while fourth was a tie between nine players with 5-2 each. On a point system A. H. Roddy of Oklahoma City and J. D. Webb of Austin were declared tied for fourth, and Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa and Clay Merchant of Houston tied for sixth.

In a round robin tournament with five entrants, Mrs. Edwina Watson of Fort Worth emerged as Women's Champion with a perfect score of 4-0.

The one unfortunate feature of the meet was the fact that the winner, R. G. Wade, did not face the runner-up, J. C. Thompson, due to the workings of the Swiss movement; and Thompson was further handicapped in his defense of the title by acting as Tournament Director—a task of appalling magnitude in a sixty-player Swiss tournament.

At the business meeting Ben R. Milan of San Antonio was elected president of the Texas Chess Association for the ensuing year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WINS TROPHY IN 4TH EVENT

At Blaine (Wash.) in the beautiful International Park in sight of the Peace Arch on the International Boundary, British Columbia won the Fourth International Match from Washington and the Peace Arch Trophy by taking the A Class Match by a score of 16½ to 11½ with two games to be adjudicated.

In the B. Class Match Washington scored a come-back by winning the B Division Plate by 33½ to 19½.

The international match was the most colorful of the series, and British Columbia in acting as host for the occasion proved as bountiful as hosts as they were victorious as players.

MARKS REGAINS W. VA. STATE TITLE; WERTHAMMER 2ND

H. Landis Marks of Huntington won the ninth annual West Virginia Chess Association championship August 30 to September 1 in the Frederick Hotel at Huntington without loss of a game and only one draw for a score of 5½-½ to regain the title he held in 1942 at Charleston.

His tie was with Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, defending champion, of Huntington, who lost no games but yielded three draws for a score of 4½-1½. Marks and Werthammer have held the title twice in the nine years of play.

WVCA President William Harrington of St. Albans, 1940 champion, and Edward M. Foy of Charleston, who scored the other draws against Dr. Werthammer, ended in a third place tie with 4-2 each, along with Allen DuVall and John Hurt, Jr., both of Charleston. Eighteen entrants took part in the six round Swiss tourney.

At the close of the tournament, six players engaged in an informal problem solving contest, using two and three-movers selected by Francis J. C. DeBlasio, WVCA problem director. H. Reid Holt of Charleston won by a perfect score, using 1:48 of the allotted two hours.

A special feature of the tournament was the use of six electric clocks which were made by members of the WVCA. All worked perfectly and CHESS LIFE plans to publish details of their construction in an early issue.

USCF DIRECTORS

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Abbott Gotschall; New Jersey: Robert T. Durgan, Edgar McCormick, E. Forry Laucks, and Richard W. Wayne; New Mexico: James R. Cole; New York: Severin Bischof, Milton Finkelstein, Herman Helms, Dr. Edward Lasker, Tom McConnon, Erich W. Marchand, Harold M. Phillips, Fred Reinfeld, Anthony E. Santastiere and Maurice Wertheim; North Carolina: Everett B. Weatherpoon; North Dakota: D. C. MacDonald; Ohio: Lawrence C. Jackson, Jr., S. S. Keeney, A. R. Phillips and A. E. Plueddemann; Oklahoma: Dr. Bela Rozsa and Dr. Kester Svendsen; Oregon: Rev. George H. Swift; Pennsylvania: Isaac Ash, Thomas Eckenrode, John D. French, Thomas Gutekunst, Harry Morris and Paul Schwarz; Rhode Island: Theodore Peisach; South Dakota: M. F. Anderson; Tennessee: George W. Somers and Martin Southern; Texas: James A. Creighton, Harry E. Graham, Frank R. Graves, and Conrad P. Hoover; Utah: Herman A. Dittman; Vermont: Arthur H. Holway; Virginia: A. T. Henderson; Washington: R. C. Cannon and Ray LaFever; West Virginia: Dr. Siegfried Werthammer; Wisconsin: Averil Powers and Fritz Rathman; Puerto Rico: Hector Vissepo.

SANDRIN WINS ILL. STATE TITLE IN HOT PLAYOFF

In the strongest field of players in some years Albert Sandrin and Einar Michelsen ended in a tie for first place with scores of 6-1 each. Michelson lost to Stanbridge in the first round and Sandrin to Michelsen in the seventh, in the seven round Swiss System meet played August 30 to September 1 at the Chess Club of Chicago.

A three game playoff was agreed upon for the title; and resulted in a win for each and a draw. A fourth game was played and in this "sudden death" contest Sandrin emerged as victor and Champion of Illinois.

The contest was close, and as late as the sixth round either Sam Cohen or Earl Davidson had a chance to tie the winner, but eliminated each other by drawing. Twenty-eight players entered in the contest, including defending State Champion Paul Poschel and former Champion Lewis J. Isaacs who withdrew after the fifth round.

DREXEL WINS FLA. STATE TITLE; HERNANDEZ 2ND

Dr. Gustave Drexel of Miami Beach confirmed his claim to the Florida State Championship in winning the Florida Chess League Tournament at the Floridan Hotel in Tampa August 30 to September 1 with a score of 5½-2½. Runner-up was Nestor Hernandez of Tampa, former Southern Ass'n Champion with 5-1 while third place was shared by A. Montano and W. A. Reynolds, both of Tampa, with 4-2 each.

Sixteen players competed in the six round Swiss tourney which received excellent local publicity in the Tampa Morning Tribune and Tampa Daily Times. The success of this first Florida tournament of the newly created league has given encouragement to plans to hold a series of Rapid Transit Tourneys in various cities.

LOUISVILLE CLUB IS CRUSHED BY CINCINNATI

By the drastic score of 14-4 the Louisville Chess Club bowed in defeat to a Cincinnati chess team headed by Dr. Keeney, the well-known problemist, who personally led the onslaught with a double victory over Kentucky Champion J. Moyses. On the top four boards Louisville could garner no better than one-half point out of a possible eight.

Cincinnati	J. Moyses	Louisville
Dr. Keeney	..... 9	J. Moyses
N. Gaber	..... 3	D. Shields
F. Hartman	..... 1½	W. B. Schmitt
Dr. Sletz	..... 2	M. Blum
F. Groendyke	..... 3	M. Gatz
G. Weidner	..... 2	M. Dulke
E. Osterhaus 2	D. Witherpoon
S. Baxter 1	C. Sauer
S. Clapper 1	J. Mayer
Cincinnati 14	Louisville
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DICAMILLO WINS PA. STATE TITLE; YATRON IS 2ND

In a field of fifty-six entrants, Attilio DiCamillo retained his crown as Pennsylvania State Champion, nosing out Michael Yatron of Reading in an exciting finish. The tournament was played at Allentown August 30 to September 1.

Saul Wachs also repeated as Junior State Champion in a field of eleven players and Mrs. Mary Selsensky scored 4-3 to retain her title as Women's Champion.

At the business meeting of the PSCA William M. Byland of Pittsburgh was elected president, Harry Morris of Philadelphia vice-president, John D. French of Harrisburg second vice-president, Walter Hall of Philadelphia secretary, and Thomas Gutekunst of Allentown treasurer.

ELLISON WINNER IN OHIO TOURNEY; JACKSON SECOND

Thomas Ellison, Cleveland City Champion, annexed the Ohio State title in the Labor Day week-end tournament at Columbus in which the players from Cleveland took most of the victories.

In a field of 27 players, Ellison ended with a 6-1 tie with Lawrence C. Jackson of Toledo but was awarded first place by weighted points with Jackson second. Julius Goodman of Cleveland was third with 5½-1½; and E. E. Stearns of Cleveland fourth with 5-2.

Mrs. Catherine E. Jones retained the Women's title by default of opposition, and consoled herself by playing in the men's tournament.

Others who placed high in the Championship were Green fifth, P. Seitz of Akron sixth, Weiman seventh and W. Granger eighth.

In the Junior Championship James Harkins of Cleveland was first, Marty Levitan of Cleveland second, Snyder third, and Earl Dannison of Akron fourth. M. H. Allison was Tournament Director.

MINNEAPOLIS CLUB YIELDS TO CANADA IN ANNUAL MATCH

On September 8 the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club trekked to Detroit Lakes (Minn.) for the annual meeting with a picked team from Canada. This time the Minnesotans lost by the close score of 15½ to 14½ in the thirty board match.

On board one George Barnes, Minnesota Champion, met his perennial opponent Abe Yanofsky, Champion of Canada. Their score to date is one win each and two draws, but this year Yanofsky won.

On board two Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, former Minnesota Champion, evened matters by besting R. G. Wade of New Zealand. But top board weakness toppled Minnesota. They only gained two points on the first ten boards, while taking five and one-half on the second ten, and seven on the third ten boards.

Detailed score in next issue.

For The Tournament-Minded

October 8th
2nd Annual Junior Championship of Hudson County Jersey City YMCA

Open to residents of Hudson County under 21; entry fee \$1.00; file entry with William J. Cooper, Jersey City YMCA, 654 Bergen Ave., Jersey City 4, before October 4th. Sponsored by Senior Jersey City YMCA Chess Club.

NORTH CITY BOWS TO GERMANTOWN

In a return match the Germantown YMCA Chess Club took the measure of North City by a score of 5-4 as the two clubs sharpened their wits for the approaching Philadelphia Chess League season.

Germantown	North City		
Arkless	..... 1	Lipman	..... 0
Hall	..... 0	Walton	..... 1
Selsensky	..... 1	Gerson	..... 0
Ash	..... 0	Oster	..... 1
Bortman	..... 1	Maguire	..... 0
Farris	..... 0	Go	..... 1
Nelson	..... 0	Rubman	..... 1
Clarkson	..... 1	Erbe	..... 0
Jesser	..... 1	Bergoy	..... 0
Germantown	..... 5	North City	..... 4

RADIO CHESS PRODUCES DRAW

A close radio match between Germantown and Elizabethtown resulted in a 2½-2½ deadlock. Penn. State Junior Champion Wachs carried the top board for Germantown to victory by scoring a brilliancy over R. Stauffer.

Germantown	Elizabethtown		
Wachs	..... 1	Stauffer	..... 0
Hall	..... 0	D. Eiders	..... 3
Bortman	..... 0	Shields	..... 1
Nelson	..... 0	Frey	..... 1
Jesser	..... 1	Hershey	..... 0
Germantown	..... 2½	Elizabethtown	..... 2½

Saturday, September 20, 1947

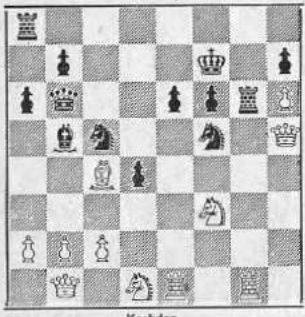
FRENCH DEFENSE

U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: 1. KASHDAN P-K4 5 P-K5 D. YANOFSKY
1. P-K4 P-K3 5 P-K5 KKI-Q2
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 6 P-KR4 P-Q8

After 29. B-Q2 B-K4
Yanofsky



This loses the exchange at least. If Black should try 29... Kt-Q3; 30. Kt-R4, Kt-B3; 31. Kt-R3 there might be swindling chances...

Tournament Life

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30. QxK1 BxR 31. QxRP ch. K-K14
If 30... Kx1; 31. QxRP ch. K-K14
32. Kt-B3 Q-K15 37. P-K19 R-QK1

MERAN VARIATION

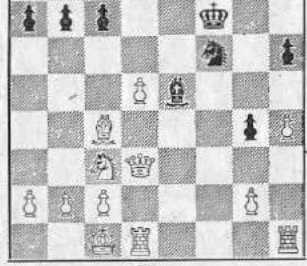
New York State Championship

Endicott, 1947

Notes by E. Shapiro

White: E. SHAPIRO 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. BxP P-QK4
2. P-Q4 P-K3 8. BxP P-QK4
3. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 9. P-K4 P-B4

After 15. O-O-O Steiner



20. Kt-K15 KtP has been suggested. There might follow 20... P-R4; 21. Kt-B5, P-B2; 22. QxKt, KR-Q2; 23. Q-B7, BxP; 24. Kt-B6 ch, KR-R2 (if 24... KR-R1; 25. KtP ch, KKK1; 26. KtR, BxR; 27. Q-B7 ch and 28... Q-R8 mate); 29. Q-K15 ch, K-B1 (if 29... Q-K2; 30. Kt-B5 ch forces mate); 30. Q-R8 ch and 27. QxP mate.

24. Kt-B3 Q-R3 26. B-K5 BxR
25. QxQ RxQ 27. KtB BxRP
White here went over the time limit.

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: M. DANON 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 13. B-B4 W. ADAMS
2. P-B4 P-K4 14. QR-Q1 R-K1
3. PxP P-Q3 15. KR2 P-R5

After 24. KixP Adams



24. KixP R-K1 30. Q-K5 Q-K13 ch
25. Q-B5 Kt-B3 31. Q-K15 Q-K5
26. BxR ch KxR 32. R-KK1 KxR
27. QxR Kt-K15 ch 33. R-K1 Q-K5 ch
28. K-K13 Kt-K5 34. K-R4 R-R3
29. QxP ch K-K13 35. Q-Q5 ch
It is suddenly very hard for White to save himself. The best try appears to be 35. R-KK1, R-R5 ch; 36. QxR!
There is no salvation.
35. R-R3 ch 36. K-B5 Q-K13 ch
37. K-K15; Q-K16 ch 39. K-K5 Q-K3 mate

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: O. ULVESTAD 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. B-B4
2. P-QB4 P-B3

This leads to rather innocuous play where Black has no great problems. 3. Kt-QB3, P-Q4 leading into regular channels will give White better chances.

3. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-QR3 B-Q3
4. P-K3 P-K3 6. P-B5 B-Q3
This move is frequently possible in the various Queen's Gambit lines. The chief disadvantage is that Black can almost always counter effectively with P-R4 after proper preparation. If White's P remains at his B4, however, the threat of BxP makes P-R4 by Black rather risky.

After 25. RPxP Kashdan



25. The B cannot be captured because of mate
26. Kt-B1 RxB 38. P-B3 Q-R6 ch
27. QR-R1 Kt-K5 39. K-K2 QxP
28. R-Q3 BxR 40. Q-B5 Q-B2
29. RxB R-K3 41. K-Q3 P-KK13
30. Kt-R2 Q-K2 42. Q-B6 Q-Q2
31. Kt-K4 Kt-K4 43. K-Q4 Q-B4
32. Kt-K4 R-R4 44. Q-Q5 QxP
33. KtR Kt-B6 ch 45. Q-K5 ch K-K12
34. K-B1 Q-K4 46. Q-P Q-K5 ch
35. Kt-B2 Kt-K4 47. K-B3 P-Q5 ch
36. Kt-Q4 Kt-K3 48. K-K3 Q-Q4 ch
37. KtKt QxKt Resigns
If 49. R-B2, Q-B5 ch, etc.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: O. ULVESTAD 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 13. B-B4 W. ADAMS
2. P-QB4 P-B3

This has the intention of preventing P-QR4 by Black, but it weakens White's QR4. For this reason 7. Q-K3 is considered stronger.

7. Q-K3 Q-B2
The usual move here is 7... PxP. Lasker's move seems much better, for now he threatens 8... PxP attacking the B. Besides, there is no need to open the position up too soon.

8. P-QK13 Kt-B3 10. PxP
9. B-K12 PxP
One frequently hears talk of isolated P's being weak. But in open positions with sharp combinations about this is often a small consideration.

11. P-QK13 P-QK13 11. Q-K2 B-K2
12. R-B1 Q-O 14. Kt-Q2
13. Kt-K5 B-K12
White can win at least a P by 14. BxP!, PxB; 15. RxB; BxKt; 16. QxP ch and 17. QxR(6). And if 14... KtQ3; 15. RxQ; RtxQ ch; 16. Kt-B1. It follows that Black's last move was not best.

14. KtKt
This is very dangerous as the course of the game shows. Best appears to be 14... Q-Q3. Then if 15. RxB3; QxR1; 16. P-Q5; PxB (not 16... KtP; 17. BxP; BxB; 18. Q-K14, Kt-B3; 19. BxR; BxB; 20. RxQ; 17. Qx3; PxB threatening mate.

15. PxB1 Q-B3 19. R-Q1 B-Q4
16. Kt-B3 Kt-K15 20. B-B2 KR-B1
17. B-Q3 Q-Q2 21. BxP ch, K-B1
18. R-B4 Kt-R3
21. Kt-R1 would prevent White's next move. White could then play 22. Q-K1.

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P-K15; 23. BxP with an excellent attack.
22. Q-Q2 Q-K12 26. Kt-Q4 P-KK14
23. R-B1 R-Q1 27. B-K4 Q-Q2
24. Q-K2 BxP 28. P-R5
25. RxB ch RxB

After 28. Q-R3 Lasker



28. K-K12
If 28... Kx1; 29. QxKt ch, K-K1 (if 29... Q-R5 ch, B-B1; 31. B-B3 wins).
29. R-B6 R-KR1 32. B-R3 ch K-K1
30. KtB BxR 33. Q-B3 P-K15
31. PxB ch K-B1 34. Q-K2 QxP
This attacks all three of White's minor pieces yet Black's game is hopeless both as to material and position.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

New York State Championship

Endicott, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: E. MARCHAND 1. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 9. P-K3 P-Q4
2. P-B4 P-K3 10. PxP KtP
3. P-KK13 P-QK13 11. P-K4 Kt-KB3
4. B-K12 B-K12 12. P-B3 B-K2
5. O-O P-B4 13. B-K12 O-O
6. P-Q4 PxP 14. Q-K2 Kt-B3
7. KtP BxB 15. KtKt
8. KxB Q-B1
If 15... R-B1, KtKt.

15. QxKt 19. KR-Q1 Kt-K1
16. Kt-R3 QR-B1 20. P-KR4 Kt-Q3
17. QR-B1 Q-K12 21. Kt-K3
18. Kt-B4 KR-Q1
If 21... Kt-K5, B-B3; 22. KtP, KtKt.

21. R-Q2
If 21... KtP; 22. PxB; QxP ch; 23. Q-B3; 22. K-R3 R(1)-Q1 25. RxB Kt-Q3
23. Kt-K4 K-K1 26. P-K5
24. Q-K15 RxB
White wished to gain time on the clock before attempting the sacrifice on move 28.

25. Q-QK15 Kt-Q3
After 28. RxB Anderson



28. BxR?
Black should here play 28... RxB; 29. Q-R5 ch, B-B1; 30. B-B3, Q-R2 (30... Q-Q2; 31. Q-R5, Q-Q1; 32. BxR); 31. QxQ (not 31. Q-R5, R-Q1); BxQ; 32. BxR; BxB; 33. P-B5.

29. Q-K15 P-B3 33. Q-K15 ch K-B2
30. KtP ch K-B2 34. Q-R5 ch K-K2
31. KtP R-KK1 35. Q-K14 Q-Q2
32. Q-R5 ch K-K2
Both sides were in severe time pressure, but Black is lost in any case.

36. Kt-B4 Q-K1 38. QxKP Q-B5 ch
37. KtR ch Q-K1 39. K-K14 Resigns

By reason of the large number of important tournaments played over the Labor Day week-end which CHESS LIFE is anxious to report to its readers, the space usually devoted to advertising chess books and equipment handled through the USCF Service Department is given over to news of such tournaments.

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