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MAX PAVEY TOPS FIELD TO WIN 6th ANNUAL LIGHTNING EVENT

*D. Byrne and L. Evans Tie for 2nd;
Kevitz and Seidman Tie for 4th*

Forty players met at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on November 30 to compete in the Sixth Annual U. S. Lightning Tournament, sponsored by the Brooklyn Chess Club under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation. The title of U. S. Lightning Chess Champion, held for four years by Reuben Fine and then in 1946 by Dr. Juan Gonzales, went to Max Pavey, former Champion of Scotland, who lost one game to Herbert Seidman, former Brooklyn College Champion, and drew with Arthur Bisguier and Larry Evans, U. S. Junior Speed Champion.

Winning the preliminaries in a tie with Arthur Bisguier with 6½-½ and conceding his only draw to Bisguier, Pavey continued in top form to win the finals and custody of the Stephens Trophy by a score of 7½-1½.

Tied for second in the finals were two New York juniors, Donald Byrne and Larry Evans with 6½-2½ each. Evans lost games to Donald Byrne and Bisguier and drew with Pavey. Byrne, New York State Speed Champion, lost to Pavey and Walter Shipman and drew with Alexander Kevitz. Fourth place was shared by Kevitz and H. Seidman with 5½-3½ each.

The consolation tournament of eleven contenders who did not qualify for the finals was won by George Shainswit with a score of 9-1. Jack W. Collins, chairman of the Brooklyn Chess Club, was second with 8-2; and J. F. Donovan and A. Turner tied for third with 6-4.

In the second consolation group, Julius Goodman of Cleveland was first with a score of 8-1, losing only one game to Sven Almgren, while Almgren finished in a triple tie for second with P. Brandts and H. Ostreicher with scores of 6-3 each.

The tournament was conducted by Dr. Edward Lasker as Tournament Director, and Phillip Gold, president of the Brooklyn Chess Club and editor of the Chess Correspondent of the CCLA, acted as referee.

SCHOOL LEAGUE IN HUDSON CO.

The Interscholastic Chess League of Hudson County (N. J.) opened its second annual team tournament for the Paul Helbig trophy on November 25 with teams from Demarest, Memorial and Bayonne High School Chess Clubs competing. Play will be held at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club which is sponsoring the tournament.

TENN. OPEN MEET AT CHATTANOOGA

On December 27-28 the Tennessee Valley Open Tournament will be held at the Patton Hotel in Chattanooga as a six round Swiss under the direction of John Hay. Open to all players, large delegations are expected from Knoxville, Oak Ridge, Johnson City, Elizabethtown and Atlanta. The Chattanooga Chess Club is host to the event.

MAX GUZE SHOWS SPEED AT QUEBEC

Winner of the Montreal Speed Title, Max Guze added to his laurels by acquiring the Quebec Provincial Speed Championship in a tournament held at Sorel by the newly organized Quebec Provincial Chess Ass'n in which thirty players took part.

Officers of the new Ass'n are: Mayor Napoleon Courtemanche of Montreal honorary president; Dr. J. Rauch (Montreal) president; R. Trotter (Quebec) and E. Brisebois (Montreal) vice-presidents; P. Brunet (Montreal) secretary; J. A. Morrissette (Quebec) treasurer; A. Holton (Sherbrooke), P. Hersberger (Arvida), G. St. Pierre (Shawinigan Falls), and G. Ross (Rimouski) directors.

G. KOLTANOWSKI AT UNIV. OF OKLA.

Visiting Norman, Okla., George Koltanowski won twenty-one games while drawing one against University of Oklahoma Chess Club players. The draw went to Dr. Kester Svendsen. In two blindfold games, Koltanowski lost one (his first in many exhibitions) to student Lee Hendrix.

The University of Oklahoma Student Chess Club won a match against the Ft. Sill-Lawton Chess Club on November 21 by a score of 5½-2½; and plans a return match with the Oklahoma City Chess Club, with which it drew by a score of 7-7 in October.

MINN. CHESS CLUB BESTS SO. MINN.

The Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club journeyed to Owatonna (Minn.) on November 2 to meet and triumph over the Southern Minnesota chess group by a score of 13½-4½ despite the presence of Dr. Koelsche at first board for the Southerners.

Minneapolis Chess	Southern Minnesota
W. R. Jones	Dr. G. A. Koelsche
Robert Ott	Dr. Di Paula
C. Diesen	S. McMahon
R. Goeydan	S. Sorenson
P. Gantella	Dr. Hunter
H. Fruchtman	M. Kahn
Sheldon Rein	B. Charney
C. H. Sinner	R. Haines
O. M. Oulman	Robert Berggren
W. E. Kaiser	O. N. Linden
J. Miller	C. F. Smith
O. Aachus	H. Jackson
E. J. Miller	J. A. Baker
W. A. MacManical	A. E. Knaub
W. Gelmer	Steve
Donald McElroy	A. Alkire
C. Spangola	G. Walner
Dr. L. T. Knapp	Kendall
Minneapolis	So. Minnesota
13½	4½

Prize Winning Problems USCF Problem Composing Tourney

FIRST PRIZE
Francis J. C. DeBlasio
Brooklyn, N. Y.



White mates in two moves

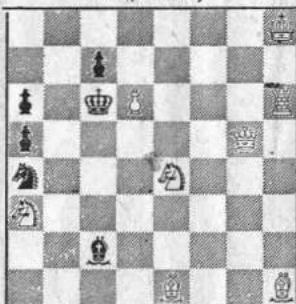
SECOND PRIZE
Vincent L. Eaton
Washington, D. C.



White mates in two moves

Solutions will be published in January 5th issue

FIRST PRIZE
J. Scheel
Aker, Norway



White mates in three moves

SECOND PRIZE
Antonio Piatasi
Bologna, Italy



White mates in three moves

J. SCHEEL AND F. J. C. DEBLASIO WIN USCF PROBLEM TOURNEYS

*Brooklyn Composer Wins Two Mover;
Norwegian Wins Three Mover Event*

The Problem Tourney of the United States Chess Federation, announced in the 1945 Yearbook, attracted entries from 94 problem composers, representing 23 different countries, including Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Palestine, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and the United States.

In the Two Move Tourney victory went to Francis J. C. DeBlasio of Brooklyn with the entry of Vincent L. Eaton of Washington in second place. Third place went to C. S. Kipping of England, fourth place to J. Gize of Denmark, and fifth place to Eric Hassberg of Brooklyn. Honorable mentions were accorded Alfred Karlstrom (Norway), Comins Mansfield (Scotland), A. F. Arguelles (Spain). Commended problems were submitted by E. A. Wirtanen (Finland), Lars Larsen (Denmark), P. C. Thomson (England), G. J. Nietvelt (Belgium).

In the Three Move Tourney J. Scheel of Aker, Norway, won the first prize, and Antonio Piatasi of Bologna, Italy, was second. Third place went to Vincent L. Eaton of Washington. Honorable mentions were given to Eric M. Hassberg (Brooklyn), Vincent L. Eaton (Washington), G. A. Croes (Holland). Commended problems were submitted by Otto Wurzburg (Grand Rapids), Nicholas Gabor (Cincinnati), E. A. Wirtanen (Finland) and Knut Arnstam (Sweden).

Dr. P. G. Keeney (CHESS LIFE Problem Editor) and his colleagues, Frank A. Hollway and Edgar W. Allen, tested all the entries before submitting them to the Tourney judges, Kenneth S. Howard, editor of the Problem Section of The American Chess Bulletin, and Geoffrey Mott-Smith. A final test for anticipated positions was given each selected entry through the courtesy of C. S. Kipping of Wednesday, England, curator of the White-Hume Problem Collection, before the awards were made.

Complete publication of all prize-winning problems, those receiving honorable mention and those given commendation has been made in the 1946 USCF Yearbook, available to all USCF members.

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SYRACUSE FOUNDS "CHESS TALK"

Opening its fall season, the Syracuse (N. Y.) Chess Club has established a new publication "Syracuse Chess Talk" under the editorship of Walter Froelich, 1947 Co-Champion of Syracuse and student in journalism at the University of Syracuse. Donald D. Dann will be associate editor.

At the annual meeting Hedley R. Weeks was elected president; Leon Grass vice-president; John C. Cummings treasurer; Walter Froelich secretary; and Arthur Damon assistant secretary. USCF Executive Vice-President Paul G. Giers was elected chairman of the board; and the following were named directors: Severin Bischof, George N. Cheney, William L. Ford, P. L. Guckemus, Arthur M. Hurwitz, Bede Hutchinson and Jacques Levey.

Donation of the "Edward Robson Trophy" by Mr. Nye was announced at the meeting. The trophy will be awarded annually to the winner of the Syracuse City Championship and commemorates the late Edward Robson, well remembered for his "Chess Bug Sez" cartoons in earlier issues of CHESS LIFE.

EDWARD I. TREEND BUSY TRAVELLER

USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend of Detroit is a much travelled man. November 14 saw him at the Battle Creek Chess Club where he delivered a short lecture on an unusual display of valuable chess pieces and unique chess books and photographs from his private collection to members of the club and visitors from the Percy Jones General Hospital.

December saw him present the same display of interesting chess curiosities and antiques to the Northville Library Chess Club upon the occasion of presenting the Club with USCF Charter No. 168. Upon each occasion Mr. Treend offered a problem solving contest and awarded a book prize to the quickest solver.

HYDE PARK UPSET TO UNIV. OF CHGO

In the Greater Chicago Chess League the Hyde Park Chess Club scored a 4-2 upset over the defending champion University of Chicago, while the Ill. Inst. of Technology bested Viking Athletic 4-2; Austin Chess downed Irving Park Chess 3½-2½; and Ogden Chess defeated Electro-Motive Chess 4-2. In the second round Hyde Park bested Ill. Inst. of Technology by 4-2; Austin downed Ogden by 3½-2½; and Hawthorne Chess defeated Irving Park by 3½-2½.

GERMANTOWN "Y" RESUMES "NOTES"

After a five-month interval the Germantown YMCA Chess Club (Pa.) has resumed publication of "Chess Notes" under the editorship of Walter Hall. On the annual business meeting October 1, W. L. Arkless was elected president, Walter Hall secretary, W. Kappel treasurer, W. L. Arkless captain of Red team, and Joe Nelson captain of Blue team.

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A Chess Club Is Born

By Lucius A. Fritz

(From the United States Chess Federation Club Manual)

This is second in a series of articles from the USCF Club Manual, scheduled for publication in book form at an early date.

Every community, there are many persons who have played chess in the past but whose game has gone rusty. They are frequently quite sensitive about the lapse and need considerable encouragement before they will attempt club play.

Such players, and others who may not have been reached in a promotional campaign, can often be interested through newspaper publicity. One effective method is to announce that the new club will have classes, with competent instructors, to provide training for those who wish to brush up on their game, as well as for those who do not know the game but wish to learn it.

How much you can get into the newspapers depends on how good a publicity man you have and how receptive he finds the editors. If possible, you should get into your stories the purpose of the club, the recreational and social value of chess, and some of your plans for play and entertainment. Mostly, you will be forced to stick to straight, simple news items about your club, but this can be made very effective.

There are ex-soldiers in every locality. Many of them learned chess while in the service. Get them to your meetings and let them know what a good thing the club is.

College students—if there is a college in your vicinity—will want temporary membership in your club. They are usually good players and will add to the strength of your competition. A junior section also will be a strong adjunct to your club.

Here is an important point: A chess club, in the last analysis, serves its members best and most completely when it provides chess, and nothing but chess, for their enjoyment. If, however, your survey shows that your town cannot provide a sufficiently large group for a purely chess club, it may be possible to enlarge the prospective membership by admitting checker players. Checkers is an excellent game, closely allied to chess, and though there is much rivalry between the adherents of the two sports, it has been found that they can work and play in the same club without dissension. In fact, where both games are played, many inveterate checker players develop quickly into first-rate chess players.

And a word of warning: What we say here about checkers does not extend to other games, such as bridge. Clubs which have added bridge sections usually find, and in a short time, that their play is distracted by the alien activity. Promoters who permit card-playing sections in chess clubs have only themselves to blame if, after a while, they find the chess players have withdrawn and only bridge players remain.

When a club promoter's preliminary work has been completed, the next step is an organization meeting. It is advisable for the group to select a chairman, preferably the promoters, and a secretary, who also should be familiar with the work already done. To keep everything proper, the organization meeting, as all other meetings of the club, should be conducted under Roberts "Rules of Order."

The purpose of the first meeting is to set up committees to work out details of the proposed club prior to the election of directors and officers. The chairman should be given authority to name committees and to prepare recommendations to be submitted at a later meeting, say, in two or three weeks. It is suggested that these committees be named:

- (1) Organization—to prepare by-laws and an organizational chart.
- (2) Club headquarters—to secure a meeting place.
- (3) Nomination—to submit candidates for directors and officers.
- (4) General—to offer recommendations on the number of meetings to be held each month and a suitable name for the club, to assist in providing publicity for the club, and to perform such miscellaneous functions as, in view of peculiar local locations, the promoter may find needful.

The type of quarters selected for the club will depend mainly on the number of players and the club's financial resources. A large club can maintain elaborate rooms, open at all times, making it possible for members to drop in for a game at any time of the day or night. With smaller clubs, the situation is more complex; meetings must generally be limited to one a week or two a month.

The committee chosen to nominate officers should not be influenced by the chess-playing ability of the various eligible members. The president, as the club's principal officer, should be a person of the executive or leader type; the utmost care is needed in selecting a qualified or capable president for the first year.

Usually, if a club is to be made successful, a president should not be reelected. If he is a good president, the temptation is to give him another term, then another and another. Such action is not in the best interests of the club, but rather a pitfall to be avoided. There are two inherent dangers: first, such a man will dominate club activities, and second, should he die or leave the city, the club, without a trained leader, would be likely to disintegrate.

In an effort to avoid such hazards, it is suggested that the vice president manage the club under the direction of the president and then

shall be elected president next year. This provides a year's experience for the official before he becomes president. Within a few years, under this plan, the club will have a number of men, any one of whom is experienced in club management.

It is suggested, also, that the president appoint four committee chairmen each year. From these four, one could be selected for vice president the following year. This plan would insure having experienced men by the time they were called upon to direct the activities of the club.

The offices of treasurer and secretary may be filled by the same individuals for more than one year if well qualified men are selected.

When the fledgling club gathers for its second meeting, the chairman should call on each committee for its report and recommendations. The club as a whole should be asked for comment and should be asked to accept or reject the recommendations.

The business program for the second meeting should include adoption of by-laws, selection of meeting place, choice of club name, decision on number of meetings to be held each month, and election of officers and directors for the first year.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Problems of Life,
Chess Life's Problems,
and A Chess Nut

or

It is more blessed to give, etc.

SEZ I to meself, sez I, when I gave me consent (which was all I could give, after givin' me hat to the hatless, hairless barber's Society, me pants to the trouserless legion of losing race horse bettors, me shoes to the band of disappointed office seekers, who wear out not only their shoes but also their souls running after "do nothing for cash" political jobs, and finally I give me awl to the shoemakers union, all of which places me in the fix of the feller who had to sneak home in a barrel. I might add I forgot to mention I had also given me sox to a bunch of sockless prize fighters or cauliflower-eared pugilists. Add to these gifts me donations to Orphans Homes, Veterans of two World Wars, Veterans of Indian, Spanish, Mexican, Civil and Religious Wars, various labor unions, the war debt, the relief program, the Red Cross, the Community Chest, the March of Dimes, contributions both for the Suppression of John L. Lewis and also for exalting him. Also am I giving to the Salvation Army, hospitals, lodges and even to the U. S. Government am I giving my income tax, which of all other gifts most taxes my income. And I must not forget the aid I have given to the erection of homes for the aged, the inebrates, defeated politicians, ex-Governors, Chess Nuts and their mates.) But as I was sayin' to meself, as I started to write "when I gave me consent" to take over the job of acting as Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE, sez I to meself, sez I: You are sure lettin' your self in for a parcel of trouble and worry. Sez I: You are sure provin' you are a really good Chess Nut, for who else would take a job in these days workin' overtime without pay, and all the time havin' all living expenses raised to a point where it taxes your income so that you are flat broke and have to go around begging or borrowing money in order to keep from being sent to prison because you have nothing left with which to pay your income tax, which I kinder remember is now about due again.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

You ask: What is the solution for these life problems? Bein' a Chess Nut, I'll tell you. Don't try to solve them. Forget them by getting out your board and chessmen and compose yourself by solving the Problems of Chess Life.

Enjoy peace and rest. Merry Xmas to all!

Problem No. 7
By G. E. Carpenter
(deceased)
Vintage of 1876
Black: 8 men



White: 10 men
4Rk, 2sP, 2R2S, 1Q1s1p, sK3, 6P1, 4r7, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 8
By E. B. Cook
(deceased)
Vintage of 1864
Black: 6 men



White: 7 men
4Rk, 2sP, 2R2S, 1Q1s1p, sK3, 6P1, 4r7, 8
White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The solution to Problem No. 3 is: 1. B-K4 with the threat to mate by 2. P-K3. The Black moves which defend against the threat by White are: 1. ... P-B6; 1. ... P-Q6; 1. ... P-K6; 1. ... P-Q; 1. ... R-P; 1. ... R-P. The respective mates by White to these defenses are: 2. Q-B7; 2. P-P; 2. Q-B3; 2. P-K4; and 2. Q-Q3. Easy to solve but a marvelously constructed problem. In problems of this character where the key creates a threat to mate, the defenses are referred to as threat create problems.

The solution to Problem No. 4 is: 1. Q-K4 with threat of 2. Kt-Q4 mate. The only defenses Black has to guard against the threat are the flight moves of the Black K, via: 1. ... K-Q2; 1. ... K-Q4; and 1. ... K-R4; the respective mating White moves ensuing are: 2. Kt-KP; 2. Q-B3; and 2. Kt-B7. This problem has an excellent well concealed key, which grants the Black K two extra flights. Variety is scant but is far more difficult to solve than No. 3.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 3 and No. 4 were received from Homer Groendyke, N. Gabor and Dr. H. H. Slutz, all of Cincinnati, O.

Education in Chess has to be an education in independent thinking and judgment. Chess must not be memorized, simply because it is not important enough. . . . You should keep in mind no names, nor numbers nor isolated incidents, not even results, but only methods. The method is plastic. It is applicable in every situation.—Emanuel Lasker.

Who's Who In American Chess

Kenneth S. Howard

Among the most distinguished of American problem composers must be ranked Kenneth S. Howard, who adds to this distinction the honor of being the most popular of writers on the chess problem and one of the outstanding editors of problem departments.

Born in LeRoy, New York on April 12, 1882, Kenneth Howard



Kenneth S. Howard

learned to play chess at the age of four. He attended the University of Rochester and before graduating had become the champion of the Rochester Chess Club, a title he held for many years.

Studying to be a chemist, Howard turned eventually to the advertising field, and his miscellaneous writings include "How to Write Advertisements" and "Method of Sales Promotion." Moving about the country, he won championships in the Erie Chess Club and East Orange Chess Club, and in the period from 1927 to 1938 played on the Marshall Chess Club.

But it is as a problem composer and editor that Kenneth S. Howard is best known, despite his playing skill. He composed his first problem in 1895 at the age of thirteen, and won his first success in an international tourney with second and fourth prizes in the two-move tourney of the Belgian Revue d'Echecs in 1904.

Known for many years as editor of the excellent problem section of the American Chess Bulletin, Howard acquired new fame with the publication of "The Enjoyment of Chess Problems"—a book which has done more to increase interest in the problem than any one other item. For that reason, the USCF selected Kenneth S. Howard to head the Problem Committee of the USCF which has just completed its first major duty in awarding the prizes in the First USCF problem Tourneys.

For The Tournament-Minded

December 26-30

2nd Biennial Individual
Intercollegiate Championship
New York, N. Y.

Sponsored by the College Chess Committee under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation; open to any college player meeting his school's regular eligibility rules; four entries permitted from each school; write Rhys Hays, Secretary of the Committee, 430 West 116th Street, New York 27, N. Y., for further information.

December 27-28

2nd Oklahoma State Championship
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Open to residents of Oklahoma; held at Hotel Mayor in Tulsa by invitation of Tulsa Chess Club under auspices of the USCF. Five round Swiss. Entry fee \$2.00 to USCF members; \$3.00 to nonmembers. For details write Dr. Kester Svendsen, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

December 27-28

Tennessee Valley Open
Tournament
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Open to all chess players; play at Red Room of Fatton Hotel; Entry fee probably \$2.00 to \$3.00; For details write: L. J. Miller, 2404 Chamberlain Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Tournament Life

Conducted by
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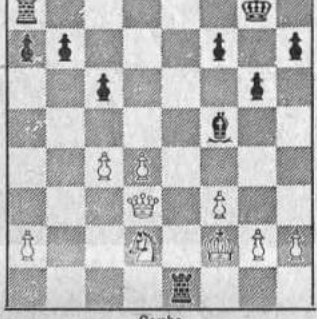
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Quebec Provincial Championship
Montreal, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
1. GERSHO M. GUZE
2. P-Q4 P-K3 5. B-K5 B-K3
3. Kt-K3 Kt-K3 6. P-K3 P-B2
4. P-Q4 P-K3 7. PxP KtP
5. Kt-Q3 QK1-Q2
6. KtP would be more satisfactory. It would strengthen Black's P center and help release the QB. The coming exchange of Kt's will help White.
7. BxP QxB 10. P-K4 P-K4
8. B-Q3 KtKt
9. This is Black's method of releasing the QB. White will retain a slight advantage because of quicker development, somewhat stronger center, and a chance to attack the QK1 before long.
10. Q-B2 P-KK1
11. The weakness created here is not fatal. But more important was to save time in development. 11. P-K4 would be better.
12. O-O O-O 14. Kt-Q2
13. KR-K1 R-K1
14. This does not turn out too well for White. 11. P-K4 would be better.
15. P-Q3 Kt-Q4
16. Black's last move was a good one. If 16. P-QR3, Pxp; 17. BxpP. (If 17. KtP, QxR ch) KtP! If 16. P-R4, Kt-B5 with a good attack. White should here try the defensive line R-Kt-B1.
17. Q-B3 Kt-K15 18. QxKt Pxp
19. It was better to permit an isolated P by 19. QxP. Black's two Kt's will be considerably better than the Q if properly handled. Black has more than equalized.
20. R-Qx Rfx ch. 21. K-B2 B-B4
22. R-Qx Rfx ch.

After 21. B-B4
Guze



Gercho

A difficult decision but this attractive looking move is a little too energetic. Black's best chance lies in 21. R-K1 with a slow careful reorganization. If then 22. Kt-K4, B-B4; 23. Kt-B6 ch (if 23. Q-K13, R-K2), R-K1!
22. Kt-K4 R-QR3 23. Q-K13 P-QK14
24. BxKt would be advisable here. The Kt is strong here and the B weak, blocked as it is by its own P's. White will then soon have a Passed P but Black will have two very active Bs. White's next move is stronger than it looks.
24. Q-K12 R-Q5 25. Kt-B6 ch K-B1
If 25. Kt-K2 (or R1); 26. P-Q5!
25. Pxp Pxp 26. Kt-K15 B-K3
27. KtP ch. K-K12
A move like this should be avoided as if it were poison. Of course if 28. P-R3; 29. QxP. P-Kt1; 30. Q-R17 ch. Probably best is 28. R-K1 with a difficult game for both sides. If then 29. QxP, R-Q7 ch; 30. K-K15, R(1)-K7.
29. P-KR4 R-QK15
Here 29. R-K1 was essential to prevent White's next move.
30. Q-K2 K-K12 32. P-R51 R-KB1
31. Q-K5 ch. K-K11 33. Q-B67
33. P-R6, P-B3; 34. Q-K7 forces a mate. But White wins easily anyway. A hard fought game.
34. R-K17 ch. 37. Q-R7 ch. K-B3
35. K-K13 Pxp 38. Q-R6 ch. K-K2
35. QxB K-K2 39. P-Q6 ch. K-K1
36. P-Q5 R-K7 40. P-Q7 ch. Resigns
Awarded prize as best played game in tournament.

RUY LOPEZ

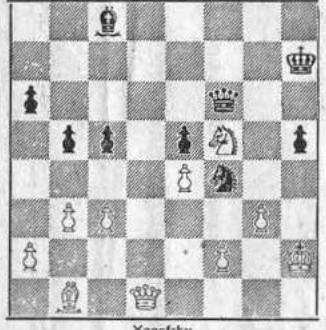
Canada vs. Australia
Radio Chess Match, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
1. YANOFSKY G. KOSHITSKY (Australia)
2. P-K4 P-K4 6. B-K13 B-K2
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. R-K1 O-O
4. B-K15 P-QR3 8. P-B3 P-Q3
5. B-R4 Kt-B3 9. P-KR3 Q-K2
6. O-O P-QK14
It is worthwhile to prevent the pin.
9. Kt-Q2 12. B-B2 P-B4
10. P-Q4 B-B3 13. QK1-Q2 Q-B2
11. B-K3 Kt-R4 14. Kt-B1 P-K13
Black can win a P by 14. Pxp etc. since at the end White's B will hang. But it would leave the P position much too ragged to be worthwhile.
15. B-R6 R-K1 19. BxB KxB
16. Kt-K3 Kt-K13 20. Q-B3 QK1-B5
17. PxBP P-P 21. QK1-K4 Q-K2
18. Kt-R2 B-KK12
If 21. KtP; 22. Q-B6 ch, K-K1; 23. Kt-R6 ch, K-B1; 24. Q-R8 ch, K-K2; 25. QxRP, B-K3; 26. Q-K17 and 27. Kt-K4.
22. P-QK13 P-KR4 27. RxR KtR
23. Kt-K3 KtKt 28. Kt-B3 Kt-B1
24. QxKt B-K12 29. R-Q1 P-B3
25. Q-K13 QR-Q1 30. Kt-R4 K-R2
26. QR-Q1 R-Q2
There was a slight threat of 31. Rt-B5 ch.
31. K-R2 R-Q1 33. B-K11 P-K14
32. R-KB1 R-Q7
This is going from Scylla to Charybdis (from trying-pan to fire). The threat of 31. P-IB4 could be met by 33. Q-Q8. If then 34. P-KB4, Pxp; 35. Rxp, Q-K4.
34. Kt-B5 Q-KB2
34. Q-QB2 would save the loss of a P by 36. Q-K3.
35. P-KR4
White doesn't bother to take the P with

35. Q-K5 and 36. QxP. He prefers to attack and keep Black off balance.
35. Kt-K3 36. Pxp!
If now 36. KtP; 37. P-KB4, KtK1P leads to some delightful combinations. But after 38. Q-K3, Q-Q4 (if 38. Pxp; 39. KtP or 38. Q-K2; 39. BxK1); 39. KtKt (or 39. Pxp! Rfx! ch and Black almost snaps). P-B4; 40. KtKt, PxtK1; 41. BxP ch! But White can avoid all this by 37. Q-K5 and then 37. P-KB4.
36. R-Q1 38. Q-B3 Kt-B5
37. Pxp P-Q2 39. R-Q1
It is hard to realize that Black will be practically helpless after this.
39. R-R4 41. P-K3 Resigns
40. QxR B-B1

After 41. P-K3
Koshitsky



Yanofsky

If 41. BxKt; 42. PxB and the Kt is lost.
If 41. Kt-K13; 42. QxP ch, K-K1; 43. QxKt ch. A beautiful game.

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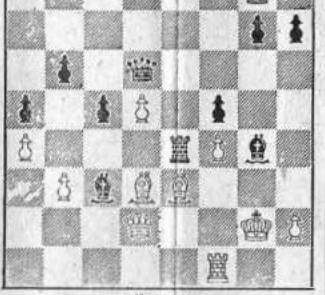
U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Edward J. Korpany

White Black
1. KRAMER N. T. WHITAKER
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. Kt-B3 QK1-Q2
3. P-QB4 P-K3 5. P-K3
4. Kt-Q3 Kt-KB3
We prefer either 5. B-B4 immediately or 5. Pxp, Pxp; 6. B-B4. In the latter case White opens the diagonal for the Black QB. But he gets an open QB file for his R and saves a tempo when developing his KB to Q3.
5. B-K2 9. O-O O-O
6. B-Q3 Pxp 10. Q-K2 P-QK1
7. BxBP P-QR3 11. P-Q5
8. P-QR4 P-B4
11. R-Q1 looks much better. Then if 11. B-K2; 12. P-K4, P-K4; 13. Kt-B3 gives prospects of an even and lively game.
11. Pxp 12. KtP B-K12
Black's development is better. The QB controls a long diagonal. It should prove difficult or costly to neutralize it.
13. P-K4
On the face this looks good because it frees the QB. But it can be converted by Black to an isolated P which will be difficult to hold. We still prefer R-Q2.
13. KtKt 14. PxtKt R-K1
Black here has the initiative. His position is excellent with threats facing White constantly.
15. Q-Q3
If 15. B-K1, then 15. Kt-B3. But 15. 11-K3 looks promising. Threat if 15. Kt-B3; 16. QR-Q1 and Black must not take the QP.
15. B-KB3
A neat detaining move forcing White to defend the QK1 before he can develop his B.
16. R-K1 Kt-K4 17. KtKt BxKt
White's K-side now looks rather bare of defense.
18. B-KO
Emerging at last—to hold Q4. If the Black B were allowed to take up his Q5 permanently then the White QP is a dead duck.
18. P-QR4
Having accomplished his purpose Black takes care of his Q-side P's to go ahead with his attack.
19. P-QK13
To free the R from his menial job of guarding the P.
19. Q-Q3 20. P-K13 QR-Q1
Black constantly attacks that QP to force White to defend it. To do so White must place his men so that they are out of play in defense of his K.
21. QR-Q1
21. P-KB4, B-B3; 22. B-KB2 gives some relief, but it further opens the K-side.
22. B-B1
Now going after the K position.
22. B-KK15 P-B3 23. B-Q2

Back to K3 looks better. Then if Black plays his R to K15 and R6, White plays his R to F and Q-Q2 and Black has to struggle much harder.
23. B-K15 24. P-B3
Very bad. Was White in time difficulty? A sacrifice by Black is soon in order.
24. B-R6 27. P-B4 B-K15
25. KR-K1 BxP 26. R-KB1 B-R5
26. Rfx ch. Rfx 27. B-K3 P-B4
Opening up a passage for the Q to the K-side.
30. Q-Q2 B-B3
Threatening Rfx followed by B-Q5.
31. K-K12 R-K5 32. B-Q3 B-QB6

After 32. B-QB6
Whitaker



Kramer

33. Q-KB2
This helps toward building a mating net. But if 33. QxB, RxB Black threatens QxP ch winning the R, or B-fxch winning the exchange. In that case 34. Q-B5, offering the most resistance, is answered by 34. R-R6 ch; 35. K-B2, Rfx! 36. QxR, QxP ch; 37. K-K1 or K1, QxR ch; 38. QxQ, BxP; 39. FxR, K-B2 an+1 win.
33. BxR announced mate in two moves. It seems that in the latter part of the game White was either pressed for time or just weary. We feel the young man from Queens is capable of better things. The P on Q5 started all his troubles. Black never gave it a chance to be "dynamic."

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

Correspondence Match, 1944-45
Notes by Dr. Siegfried Werthammer from the West Virginia Chess Bulletin

White Black
1. COVEYOU DR. S. WERTHAMMER
2. P-K4 Kt-K3 1. P-B5 Kt-Q4
2. P-K5 Kt-Q4 3. B-B4
3. P-QB4 Kt-K13
White's 4th and 5th moves in this defense are a recommendation of Emanuel Lasker.
5. Kt-B5!??
The natural 5th move for Black would be P-K2. However, a Kt-Q3 or a Q-K14 would give White a strong attack. The next move is tricky but Black should get a congested and compressed game.
6. P-Q4 Kt-K3 7. P-QK14
With this move, Mr. Coveyou sent this note:—"With all due respect to the hyper-modern openings, I cannot believe an opening is good which consists of moving a Kt for 6 moves and placing it on a square where it blocks the development of important pieces." Mr. Coveyou was definitely right with his opinion of the opening but a great deal may occur after the opening.
7. P-Q4 8. B-K13!??
Much better would have been 8. KtP e. p. Bxp; 9. P-Q5, Kt-B2 with a free and superior game for White. The idea of the text move is to prevent Black from developing his B but Black's next move threatens to win a P and force the trade of White's "good" KB for a K.
8. Kt-B3 9. B-QR4
The only way to prevent loss of a P.
9. B-Q2 10. BxK1 BxB
Black is still very restricted and his pieces have little scope, but he has a great strategic advantage. White's white squares are very weak due to absence of the KB, and the P phalanx on black squares. The motif of Black's play in the following will be to utilize these weaknesses and break through behind White's imposing P-chain, which White will try to keep his B moving keep Black constricted.
11. Kt-QB3 Q-Q2 13. R-QK1 P-QK12
12. P-QR4 P-QR3 14. P-R5
White cannot afford to open lines for B's by 14. Pxp or 14. QRxp e. p.; therefore he seals the Q-side, hoping Black's QB will be blocked in forever.
14. P-K13 15. P-KB4
15. White supports his Kt, as he fears breaking up of his center—later 30. Black's P-B3.
15. P-R4 17. P-K13
16. Kt-B3 B-R3

All of White's P's are now on black squares.
17. Q-O4 20. Q-O
A possible plan for White would be R-KB4, followed by P-B5, with a fair game. Black proceeds however to break up the White center and K-wing by sacrifices.
18. KtRFP P-K14! 20. Kt-K12
19. KtRFP P-R5 20. Kt-K12
Best.
20. Pxp 21. Pxp KtXPQ!
After 21. KtXP!
Werthammer



Coveyou

A positional sacrifice of rare beauty. 21. R-K12 would have been good enough to maintain an advantage despite the P minus. But White could defend in this case with Q-B3, followed by Kt-K2 and B-K3.
22. QxKt Q-R6 23. R-B2 QR-K1
24. K-R1
24. B-K14 26. QR-K12 B-K16
25. Kt-K1 B-R5
Every zig-zag move of Black's KB constitutes a lethal threat.
27. B-K3 BxR!
The right moment to take the R.
28. RxB R-K16! 29. B-Q2 Q-R5!
Much stronger than Q-K15 after which Kt-R2 would have defended. Black threatens R-R6—there is no good defense against this. One notices White's helplessness.
30. R-K2 Rfx 32. K-B1 R-K1
31. KxR QxRP ch. 33. Kt-K2 B-Q2
He finally feels fresh air.
34. Kt-K11 RfxKt ch. 36. Q-K18 ch K-K12
35. QxR QxB 37. P-B6 ch.
A last trap.
37. Bxp
Of course, not 57. Kxp??; 58. Q-QB8 mate.
38. QxP P-Q5!
Resigns
White cannot prevent P-Q6. For example, 39. Q-B5, B-Q4; 40. Kt-Q3, B-35!

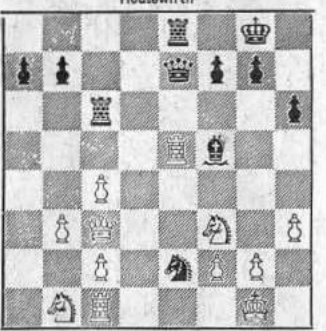
TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

Ford Chess Club vs. Detroit Edison
Chess Club Team Match, 1947

Notes by J. O'Keefe from the Paul Morphy Club Bulletin

White Black
1. TREEND G. HOUSEWIRTH (Ford)
2. P-K4 P-K4 4. Kt-K15 P-Q4
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Pxp Kt-QR4
3. B-B4 Kt-B3 6. P-Q3
White now keeps his P plus.
6. KtB
Better is 6. P-KR3; 7. Kt-KB3, P-K5; 8. Q-K2, KtB; 9. PxtKt, B-QB4! with an equal game.
7. PxtKt P-KR3 8. Kt-KB3
Now if 8. P-R3; 9. Kt-Q4 is possible.
8. B-Q3 10. QK1-Q2 O-O
9. O-O B-KK15

Threatening P-K5.
11. Q-K1 R-K1 14. P-KR3 B-KB4
12. P-QK13 R-QB1 15. R-B1
13. B-K12 Q-K2
Not 15. P-B3 because of 15. B-Q6.
15. P-B3 16. Pxp Rxp
Now B-QK15 is a possibility so White gives back the P.
17. P-R3 BxQR 19. Kt-K11
18. BxB QxB
After 19. KtP, Kt-Q2 Black wins the Kt by P-B8.
19. Q-K2 21. KR-K1 Kt-B5
20. Q-B3 Kt-R4
Setting a trap
22. RfxK1 Kt-K7 ch.
... into which White has fallen ...
After 22. Kt-K7 ch
Housewirth



Treend

23. RfxKt QxR 24. R-K1!
... only to spring a bigger trap!
24. QxR ch. 25. KtQx R(3)-K3
For several moves now White maneuvers his Kts into a better position.
26. Kt-B3 R-K7 31. Kt(R4)-B5 BxK1
27. Kt(1)-Q2 B-Q2 32. KtB R(5)-K4
28. Kt-Q4 R(7)-K2 33. Kt-Q6 R(1)-K2
29. Kt(2)-B3 P-R3 34. KtKtP
30. Kt-R4 R-K5
White cleverly takes advantage of the fact that one R must defend the other.
34. R-K8 ch. 37. Q-Q4
35. K-R2 R(8)-K7 38. Kt-B5 P-QR4?
36. Q-Q3 R(7)-K4 39. Kt-Q7 ch. Resigns
Black's 38th move hastened the inevitable result of this well-played game.

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