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R. Byrne Wins Intercollegiate!

HOT CONTEST MARKS PLAYING IN SECOND COLLEGIATE EVENT

Andrew Acrivos 2nd, Chester Fell 3rd, Sol Gartenhaus 4th over N. Y. Favorites

Yale University's Robert Byrne, budding New York minor master, won the United States Intercollegiate Individual Chess Championship, outdistancing a field of 44 players from 21 colleges at Columbia University, New York, December 26-30. Byrne added insult to injury by taking the rapid transit championship with a perfect 9-0 in the finals.

The main event, sponsored by the United States Chess Federation, produced many thrills and presented several new faces to the ranks of top-flight young players. For the first time in collegiate history, New York schools were unable to get above fifth in the final standings, while two unknowns downed favorites to carry off second and third places.

Runner-up spot went to Andrew Acrivos, native Greek now a student at Syracuse University. The third position was awarded Chester T. Fell, Williams College, while Sol Gartenhaus, University of Pennsylvania player and Pennsylvania State Junior Chess runner-up, took fourth honors, as the two latter men came from far in the rear to place high in the finals.

The top four men were tied with a game score of 5½-1½, but the Sonneborn-Berger tie-breaking method gave 25 points to Byrne, 22 to Acrivos.

Full details in next issue.

SANDRIN TRIES THE BLINDFOLD WAY IN CHESS

Youthful Albert Sandrin of Chicago, Illinois State Champion, is testing out the path toward blindfold mastery of the chessboard now shared by such experts as George Koltanowski and Mendel Najdorf. In a recent tour of Central Illinois, Sandrin performed in two ten board blindfold exhibitions, at Decatur and at Peoria, which received much comment in the local press and even gained an editorial from the more distant Alton Evening Telegram.

At Decatur Sandrin lost one game to R. L. Fletcher and drew with Mrs. Turner Nearing; the score at Peoria is not reported but Paul Adams of Chicago who managed the tour states that Sandrin has only lost two out of the last twenty-four blindfold games.

CP CHESS LEAGUE IN CENTRAL PENN.

Six central Pennsylvania Chess Clubs have organized the CP Chess League to play a double-round, home and home match series, with Russell Miller of Elizabethtown as chairman of the League. The League includes Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Elizabethtown and the Cumberland Valley group (consisting of Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Shippensburg and Carlisle). The scope of the League covers 80 miles at the widest point so that radio matches may be attempted on the most distant games.

ANDERSON WINS TORONTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Frank R. Anderson retained his title as Toronto (Can.) Champion by defeating E. T. Jewitt in the last round adjourned game for a final score of 8-1. The youthful champion's only loss was to S. A. Crompton who finished second with a score of 7-2.

Toronto Championship

F. R. Anderson 8-2	R. F. Rodgers 3½-5½
C. A. Crompton 7-2	S. Gray 3-6
R. E. Orlando 5½-2½	K. Hastings 3-6
P. Avery 4-4	J. H. Neathy 1-7½
E. T. Jewitt 4-5	K. Kerns 4-5

14 QUALIFY IN PUERTO RICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary sectional tournaments have qualified thirteen players to meet with Puerto Rican Champion Rafael Cintron Ramos in the first Open Championship Tournament to be held in Puerto Rico. Play in the championship event will begin in January with the following list of qualified contestants for the final honors: Defending Champion Rafael Cintron Ramos, USCF Director Hector Vissepo, Miguel Colon, Arturo Colon, Francisco Benitez, Francisco Prieto, all of San Juan; Humberto Ortiz, Luis Rojas, Orlando Pla, L. Berrocal, all of Santurce; Jenaro Maldonado and Charlie Colon of Ponce; Manuel P. Cadilla of Arecibo; and Pedro Negroni of Guayama.

Several of these players are well known in the U. S. chess circles. For Miguel Colon tied for second with A. C. Margolis in the Yankton Tournament in 1946, while Rafael Cintron placed sixth ahead of L. Marquez of Colombia and Averill Powers of Milwaukee. At the Open Tournament at Corpus Christi in 1947 Arturo Colon placed fourteenth ahead of such well-known players as Steinmeyer, Evans, and Dr. Edward Lasker; while Hector Vissepo in the thirty-seven spot outdistanced such players as W. M. Byland and Paul Poschel.

In addition Miguel and Arturo Colon, Rafael Cintron, Francisco Benitez, and Luis Rojas played in the two round radio match with Chicago in 1947 in which the Puerto Rican team scored a victory in the first round and lost the second by a close score against a Chicago team of Albert Sandrin, Paul Poschel, A. C. Margolis, Don Thompson S. Cohen and Earl Davidson.



THE GERMANTOWN YMCA CHESS CLUB BOARD OF STRATEGY GOES INTO ACTION

Left to right: Attilio DiCamillo, Pennsylvania State Champion; Walter Hall, Correspondence Champion; Saul Wachs, Pennsylvania Junior Champion; Walter McHale, former Philadelphia City Champion; and Mary Selensky, Pennsylvania Women's Champion.

PUERTO RICO WINS FROM ST. THOMAS

On December 21, a team from St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands invaded Puerto Rico for an inter-island match with the Puerto Rican Chess Federation at the San Juan Chess Club. A double round match resulted in a victory for the home forces by the score of 7-1.

In the course of the festivities USCF Director Hector Vissepo of Puerto Rico spoke so convincingly of the benefits of USCF membership that Secretary Julius Francis Edwards of the St. Thomas Club immediately forwarded the application for a USCF club charter.

Puerto Rico	St. Thomas
Orlando Pla 2	J. F. Edwards 0
Jesus M. Ros 2	A. Allick 0
Carlos B. Vega 2	A. Abramson 0
Fernando Rodil 1	Waldemar Hill 1
Puerto Rico 7	St. Thomas 1

B. CZAIKOWSKI GIVES 2000 HOURS TO VETERAN CHESS

Setting an example to be envied and emulated, Bruno Czaikowski, president of the Chicago City Chess League for many years, has compiled a record of 2000 hours spent in playing and teaching chess to wounded veterans. This remarkable feat becomes more remarkable when it is revealed that Czaikowski compiled this record in the brief span of four years and five months.

A summary of the record is instructive:

Hours
Gardiner General Hospital (Chicago) 2102
McIntyre Hospital (Great Lakes) 48
Downey Hospital (Great Lakes) 236
Vaughan General Hospital (Hines) 530
Hines Veterans Hospital (Hines) 3
Veterans Rehabilitation Hospital (Chi.) 22
Total 2800

PLAY BEGINS IN 2nd ROUND IN CCLA "GRAND NATIONAL"

49 Winners Face The Second Round Hurdle In 14th U.S. Correspondence Championship

A total of 49 first round section-winners have begun play in the second round of the United States Correspondence Chess Championship, the 14th Grand National, according to Mr. James W. Jenkins, Newark, New York, Tournament Director of the Correspondence Chess League of America, who annually conduct this USCF-endorsed national championship.

After hurdling more than 250 opponents in the first round, which began in September, 1946, the following will meet in seven sections for the right to advance into the Finals sometime in early 1949.

The bracketed figures after each name indicates the section number and record in the first round.

- CALIFORNIA STATE: Joseph Frigon, Kirkland, Wash. (1: 7½-1). R. W. Banner, Orange, Calif. (2: 6½-1, one to go), H. M. Graney, Los Angeles, Calif. (3: 7-1), Alan G. Pearsall, Chula Vista, Calif. (4: 6-1, 1 to go, and 6: 7-1), Burnett B. Wisegarver, S. Pasadena, Calif. (5: 6½-1), Dr. H. O. Ellis, Chico, Calif. (7: 7½-1), Fred A. Keith, South Gate, Calif. (7: 7½-1), Robert D. Hayes, Hawthorne, Calif. (8: 6-0).
- WESTERN STATES: Dr. Bela Rozsa, Tulsa, Okla. (1: 7-1), W. F. Please turn to Page 3, col. 5

NOTICE

I am happy to announce to the readers of CHESS LIFE that arrangements have been made to retain the services of Montgomery Major as editor.

Mr. Major has made an outstanding record in establishing a Federation Official Publication, and it is a matter of gratification that he will continue the work which he has so well begun.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, United States Chess Federation.

USCF APPOINTS AREA COMMITTEES FOR U. S. PRELIMS.

Following the provisions of the Wayne Committee report, USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., has announced the appointment of the following Area Committees to arrange details of the seven preliminary tournaments to qualify entrants into the 1948 U. S. Championship Tournament. Details of each tournament will be announced in CHESS LIFE as soon as available, but interested players are advised to contact their own Area Committee as soon as possible.

As reported in CHESS LIFE on December 5, sixteen players will be qualified from these seven areas preliminary tournaments to compete in the final U. S. Championship Tournament in which only Defending Champion S. Reshevsky, Reuben Fine, and the winners of the last two U. S. Open Tournaments will be seeded without preliminary qualification.

Area 1
For Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont:

Orlando A. Lester, Chairman, 152 Profile Avenue, Portsmouth, N. H.; Walter B. Suesman, 237 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston 9, R. I.; Waldo L. Waters, 99 Beacon St., Reading, Mass.

(To Be Announced Later)
Area 2
For Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania:

Area 3
For Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin:

Earl W. Davidson, 44 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.; A. R. Phillips, 607 Williamson Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio; Fritz Rathmann, 4124 S. Austin St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Area 4
For Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico:

Martin Southern, Chairman, 201 Realty Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.; Oscar Shapiro, 1405 "C" St. N.W., Washington, D. C.; Major J. B. Holt, Long Beach, Fla.

Area 5
For Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas:

Frank R. Graves, Chairman, 202 Farm & Home Bldg., 9th and Houston, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Frederic S. Anderson, 6258 Cabanne, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Bela Rozsa, 1571 Swan Drive, Tulsa, Okla.

Area 6
For Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming:

Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, Chairman, 1256 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. H. J. Ralston, 344 Fourteenth St., San Francisco, Calif.; Edward Arnold, 2332 N. Boylston St., Seattle, Wash.

Area 7
For New York:
Harold M. Phillips, Chairman, 258 Broadway, New York, N. Y.; Please turn to Page 4, col. 5

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CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

(Monthly Letter No. 49)

President, United States Chess Federation

Although the President's Monthly Letter is quite properly a report regularly submitted to all members of the USCF, I hope that the membership at large will not take it amiss if this letter is addressed especially to those who will either play in the qualifying tournaments for the United States Chess Championship or take part in the conducting of such tournaments.

Areas Committees composed of able and experienced men have now been appointed in each of the seven Areas. Their names and addresses are listed elsewhere in this issue of CHESS LIFE. If you wish to play in the qualifying tourney for your Area, please get in touch with any member of your Area Committee.

Round robin play is usually to be desired and the Area Committees will endeavor to use that method in the tourneys wherever it is possible to do so, but in those instances where the number of entries makes it necessary, the Swiss System will be employed in some form. In many cases, the Area Committees will not be able to make a determination of this point until shortly before the start of play when the number of entries will be fixed. In order to insure the most effective preparation for a good tourney in your Area, send in your entry at the earliest possible moment. In this you will be doing yourself a service as well as cooperating with your Area Committee, as their plans for your benefit can best be made if they can estimate with reasonable accuracy the number of players for whom provision must be made.

Attention is called to that provision of the Wayne Report (and which was approved by the directors of the USCF) which says that the Area tourneys must be solely for the purpose of qualifying for the finals of the United States Championship tournament. It is also important to keep in mind that the qualification tourneys must be completed at least three months before the start of play in the finals. In effect, this means by the end of March as the finals may be scheduled any time after June 30.

Dates of play in each Area will be printed in CHESS LIFE (See For the Tournament Minded) as rapidly as they are announced by the Area Committees. Players desiring to enter, however, should not wait for these to make their way into print, but should get in touch with their Area Committees as soon as possible.

The next Championship Tournament can be the greatest. It will be if players, committees, USCF officers and directors all unite their efforts to that desirable end.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

TARRASCH'S BEST GAMES OF CHESS by Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$5.00)

It has finally been published. "It," of course, is a collection of the games of Dr. Seigbert Tarrasch, a masterful player who might easily have been world's champion (for a steamboat ticket), but lived to history as a fine teacher and author of one of Caissa's fine texts, "The Game of Chess."

There are 183 games in the well-printed, linen bound volume, which makes it all the more difficult to select the "best" or "most outstanding." All, fortunately, are annotated much as Tarrasch himself would have done it. That is, the notes use the basic "four" of the good doctor: mobility is all-important, confers the initiative, creates its own pawns; and planning must be mastered.

As the skilled Reinfeld points out, the ideas are the same, but Tarrasch's games present them over and over again in new ways so that the student cannot miss their full meaning, while the player (who reads books just for the fun of seeing good chess) finds the games truly delightful.

The short introductions to each game provide not only a fine clue to the forces at play, but do contain a great deal of little-known chess history, especially about the opponents. As these opponents represent the finest chess players in the world, the book is a good one for the follower of chess facts and happenings.



John D. French

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., Newport, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Some Generalities About Problems

THE problem field is a large one and yet, generally speaking, the problems belong to one or the other of two groups: 1) Orthodox; 2) Unorthodox.

Orthodox problems are those depicting positions such as can occur in the actual playing of a game of chess, using legitimate pieces or men on a regulation board of 64 squares and illustrating the mating of a King (usually the black one) in a stipulated number of moves against any and all choices of moves that may be resorted to for defense purposes. These defense moves bring about different mates and are referred to as variations.

Orthodox problems, which are the so-called direct mate problems, may have solutions ranging from one to several hundred moves.

However, in order to be sound they must have but one opening move paving the way or laying the foundation for the remainder of the solution. The opening move is called the Key or the Key-move. After the key is made and successive play reveals two direct lines leading to mate, such multiple continuations are classed as duals. Composers and solvers alike detest duals as they are blemishes spoiling what otherwise might be considered an excellent problem.

Orthodox problems as a rule aim to illustrate some task, theme, or idea which the composer had in mind when creating the composition. A problem to be regarded as good must possess soundness and should have a good key, one both thematic and hidden.

Checking and capture keys are not countenanced unless the idea is such as cannot be illustrated with a better key. Castling for a key also is not desirable in orthodox direct mate creations since the possibility of castling depends on proof that the K and R accomplishing castling have not been previously moved. This proof belongs to the unorthodox group of problems and is known as Retrograde Analysis and often utilized in the building of retractor problems, also regarded as unorthodox.

Composers of orthodox problems, besides illustrating some task, theme, or idea, often conceive fantastic, grotesque and symmetrical arrangement of pieces, revealing formation of letters, objects, animals, etc., such as letters O-M-P-L, etc., or objects like an anchor, heart, chain, cross, etc., or animals such as an alligator, snake, horse, etc. Such productions, if direct mates, belong to orthodox composing.

Problem No. 9
By C. A. Gilberg
(Deceased)
Black: 5 men



White: 7 men
4d3, 8, QSS1pR, 2Brk1K1, 4d3, 8, B7, 4R3.
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 10
By Murray Marble
(Deceased)
Black: 10 men



White: 7 men
Q7, 6S1, Kp4B1, Sp1d1, 3k1r2, p1R4R, 4r2, 8q1.
White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The keymove of Problem No. 6 is: 1) Q-K11. A waiting key, granting the Black K flight square. Variations are: 1. QK1 any; 2. Q-Q1. If 1. KKI any; 2. Q-KK17. If 1. R-B3; 2. Q-Q4. Has a well concealed key according to opinion of many solvers.

The keymove of Problem No. 5 is: 1) Q-B5 with double threat of 2. Qx either R mate. Variations are: 1. QRxQ; 2. R-Q3. If 1. KRxQ; 2. R-B4. If 1. K or QR checks; QxR, etc. Would be considered an ordinary problem in these days, but in Loyd's time was considered a good composing effort.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 5 and No. 6 are acknowledged received from Prof. H. K. Justice, N. Gabor, H. Groendyke, Dr. H. H. Slutz, Edw. Deiss, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; Peter J. Seltz (Akron, Ohio); Roland Pariseau (Woonsocket, R. I.); F. A. Holloway (Grand Rapids, Mich.); Harry Conover (Elberon, N. J.); and Peter Korf (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Solutions to problems No. 3 and No. 4 received too late to acknowledge in last issue came from Roland Pariseau, F. A. Holloway, Peter Korf, and W. O. Winston (Geiger, Ala.). Correct solution for problem No. 3 came from D. C. McDonald (Grand Forks, N. D.).

For A Chess Scrapbook

Benjamin Franklin Advises The Kibitzer

IF YOU are a spectator while others play, observe the most perfect silence. For if you give advice, you offend both parties—him against whom you give it, may cause the loss of his game, him in whose favor you give it, because, though it be good and he follows it, he loses the pleasure he might have had. If you had permitted him to think until it had occurred to himself. Even after a move or moves, you must not, by replacing the pieces, show how it might have been played better; for that displeases, and may occasion disputes and doubts about their true situation. All talking to the players lessens or diverts their attention, and is therefore displeasing. Nor should you give the least hint to either party, by any kind of noise or motion. If you do, you are unworthy to be a spectator. If you have a mind to exercise or show your judgment, do it in playing your own game when you have an opportunity, not in criticizing, or meddling with, or counselling the play of others.

—Benjamin Franklin

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

HERBERT SEIDMAN was just another high school team captain when I first met him in 1936. It wasn't until he had smashed me in competition, and in several skittles games, that I joined the many whose aim in life was to win a tournament game from "that guy Seidman." When he joined the old Kings Chess Club, several of us followed suit. Herb won the club championship with ease, and when the club collapsed because of low dues and high rent, we followed him into the Marshall Chess Club. Seidman was a prizewinner from the first, while the rest of us slowly climbed to the championship class. In four years of intercollegiate play, he lost only two games! At the Marshall Chess Club, he was able to win the championship twice against strong competition. In addition, he, he finished nicely in two U. S. championships.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

Then, Seidman, like several others, lost two games to the Russians. Although he came back nicely to take second prize in the 1946 Open, Adams and Ulvestad received precedence over him in the second Russian match. Disheartened, he played poorly in the preliminaries of the 1946 Nationals, and then retired from active play for a year.

Today, the good news is that Seidman is back, and this columnist predicts that he will again annex the Marshall title, Larry Evans notwithstanding. For Herbert Seidman has that something which makes a great chessmaster—he can play as well as his supporters expect him to!

For The Tournament-Minded

February 21-24

Area 3 U. S. Preliminaries
Chicago, Illinois

Will be played at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. for details.

February 21-28

Area 4 U. S. Preliminaries
Johnson City, Tennessee

Will be played at John Sevier Hotel in Johnson City, Tenn. Write Martin Southern, 201 Reilly Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn. for details.

Club Chapters

Chartered During December

Charter No. 172

Longbranch Chess Club
Longbranch, N. J.

Chairman.....Max J. Katz
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Charter No. 173

P-K4 Chess Club
Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
President.....Valdemar A. Hill
Vice-President.....Abram Allick
Ex. Sec'y.....Julio Francis Edwards
Recording Sec'y.....Verdington Gittens
Treasurer.....Alfredo Abramson

DOCTOR FINDS NEW DISEASE

To Dr. Julius S. Weingart of Des Moines, Ia. goes the credit for scientifically defining the dread symptoms of a new disease, called Xylothism, derived from the Greek "xylon" wood, and "othismos" pushing. The discovery published in the "News" of the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club, is reprinted in The American Chess Bulletin.

Stop! Look! Listen!

POSITION play, be it ever so profound, often affects the amateur like an anesthetic. And no wonder!—for strategic plans generally require many moves to mature.

PHILIDOR'S DEFENSE

Paris, 1937

White Black
O. BERNSTEIN S. TARTAKOVER

Who would expect Black to devise a brilliancy in the grand manner from this slow-poke defense?

6. Bx8 Px8
7. Q-K2 P-K3

The game is already in a critical stage. White attacks the Knight, and also keeps an eye on Q-K5

7. Q-K5 ch P-Q4
Tempting fate—and a very unkind one at that.

8. Kt-B3
With sardonic visions of this delectable possibility: 9. QxKtP, Kt-K5; 10. Q-K5 ch, P-B3; 11. Q-R4

9. Kt-O4
He still has his eye on the QKtP; but Tartakover finds an inspired counter.

10. Kt-KtP Q-Q2
10. Kt-KtP would leave him hopelessly behind in developments.

11. P-B3 B-K5 ch
In order to lose both Rooks, White has no good reply.



12. QxR ch Kt-Kt1!
Throwing himself on his sword, since the prosaic 12. Px8, O-O is clearly won for Black.

13. QxR K-B2 Q-Kt1!
The joker! White resigns: he cannot stop mate.

CATERPILLAR TOPS PEORIA LEAGUE

After three rounds of play the four-man Caterpillar Tractor Co. chess team, captained by USCF Director Arthur A. Hartwig, leads the Peoria (Ill.) Chess League with a match score of 3-0.

Table with 3 columns: Teams, Game Match, Points

WERTHAMER HEAD WEST VA. CHESS

In the annual elections Dr. Siegfried Werthammer was elected president of the West Virginia Chess Association. H. Reid Holt was chosen secretary for a second term.

BAY CITY BESTS MIDLAND CHESS

On December 5 the Rush Willard Chess Club of Bay City (Mich.) defeated the Midland Chess Club in a close match in which the final battle between Dr. F. Chapin and Alvin Brauer sealed the victory for Bay City after tense play.

Table with 4 columns: Rush Willard, Midland Chess, Bay City, Midland

BUFFALO WINS FROM ROCHESTER

The Buffalo Chess Club defeated the Rochester Chess Club on December 7 in a match held at the Buffalo Downtown YMCA by the score of 6 1/2-3 1/2.

Table with 4 columns: Buffalo Chess, Rochester Chess, Buffalo, Rochester

SAN DIEGO CHESS REPEATS VICTORY

With veteran CCLA'er A. G. Pearsall on first board the San Diego (Calif.) Chess Club repeated its victory over the Coronado Chess Club on December 12 at the San Diego club house by a score of 6-5.

Table with 4 columns: San Diego Chess, Coronado Chess, San Diego, Coronado

FIRESTONE BESTS LAKE CO. CHESS

On December 7 the Firestone Chess and Checker Club (Akron) won from the Lake County Chess Club of Painesville in the first round of an intercity series of matches by a score of 10 1/2-3 1/2.

Table with 4 columns: Firestone Chess, Lake Co. Chess, Firestone, Lake Co.

CINCINNATI LOSES AT INDIANAPOLIS

With a team headed by Dr. Keeney of CHESS LIFE, the Cincinnati Chess Club paid a visit to the Indianapolis YMCA Chess Club on November 30 and lost a double round match by the score of 9-3.

Table with 4 columns: Indianapolis Chess, Cincinnati Chess, Indianapolis, Cincinnati

ILLINOIS TIES ANNUAL MATCHES WITH WISCONSIN

As reported in the December 20 issue of CHESS LIFE, Illinois and Wisconsin chess teams tied in their annual meeting at Milwaukee on December 7 with Illinois winning the Senior Match by 6-4 and Wisconsin winning the Junior Match by 5 1/2-2 1/2.

Table with 4 columns: Illinois, Wisconsin, Illinois, Wisconsin

BISHOPS TOP KANAWHA LEAGUE

The Bishops team, captained by William F. Hartling, captured the Kanawha Valley Chess League Championship in a round of matches sponsored jointly by the Charleston (W. V.) Chess Club and the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston. The Knights and Monarch teams finished in a tie for second, one-half point behind the leader.

Top individual scorers were: Lynn Cavendish (Monarch) 6-0; Frank Banner (Knights) 6-1; William F. Hartling (Bishops) 6-1; Tom Arnold (Bishops) 6-1; and Edward M. Poy (Knights) 5 1/2-1 1/2.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Games, Matches, Bishops, Knights, Monarch, Shah Mat, VinYlite, Rooks, Instruments

PORTSMOUTH WINS AT NEWBURYPORT

The Portsmouth (N. H.) Chess Club with the New Hampshire State Champion on board one visited to Newburyport (Mass.) Chess Club gaining an 11-6 victory.

Table with 4 columns: Portsmouth Chess, Newburyport Chess, Portsmouth, Newburyport

FORD DOWNS EDISON CHESS

At a match held in the Service Building of the Detroit Edison Co., the Ford Chess Club defeated the Edison Chess and Checker Club by the tight score of 6-5.

Table with 4 columns: Ford Chess, Edison Chess, Ford, Edison

ROITSTEIN WINS OMAHA PREP TITLE

Gerald Roitstein, Benson High School, won the Omaha School Championship in a double-round tourney at the Omaha YMCA for the third successive year, drawing his last match and winning the others. Second was Jerry Belzer, Central High, who scored four wins, on loss and one draw. H. F. Underwood directed the tournament.

PEORIA CLAIMS IMPROVED CLOCK

The Peoria Chess League, noting in CHESS LIFE the article by Gene Collett on "Home-Made Chess Clocks" on November 5, advance their claim of an improved version. The Peoria model is an electric clock without the sweep second-hand; and in each clock a small flag has been inserted which drops as the minute hand passes the twelve o'clock position, similar to chess clocks manufactured prior to the war.

The other advantage claimed for the Peoria model is the use of a three-way household mercury switch, wired to send current alternately into each clock at the flip of the switch. The third feature is a second switch at the back of the clocks to cut off current altogether when games are adjourned. The Peoria model is housed in an attractive wooden case, and otherwise its basic construction is similar to those made by the West Virginia group.

PHILA. LEAGUE LEADERS TIED

End of the first half of the Philadelphia Chess League finds leadership hanging on the result of an adjourned game between A. DiCamillo of Germantown YMCA and S. Rubinow of the University of Pennsylvania with the match between the two leading clubs standing at 3-2 in favor of Germantown, pending the playoff. Starting off with a bang, the Franklin Chess Club met defeat at the hands of the Germantown Reds, but is still in contention for the title.

Table with 4 columns: Teams, Games, Matches, University of Pennsylvania, Germantown Reds, Franklin Chess Club, Germantown Blues, Abington YMCA Chess Club, Mid-City Chess Club

COUNCIL CENTER PLANS ACTIVITY

Plans of the Council Center Chess and Checker Club (Detroit), lay stress on chess promotion for the coming season with the formation of a team to participate in the Metropolitan Chess League and a program of teaching chess to juniors under the direction of George Fabian who has already taught several hundred neighborhood youngsters the fundamentals of the game.

At the annual meeting George Fabian was elected president; S. Krauss, vice-president-secretary; and S. Wolfson, vice-president-treasurer. Other members of the Executive Committee are: F. Moss, I. Stone, C. Fabian, I. Lubin and M. Weidenbaum.

NEWTON Y BESTS BRATTLE CHESS

Avenging an earlier defeat, the Newton "Y" (Mass.) Chess Club won by the score of 7-5 from the Brattle Chess Club of Cambridge, which had previously defeated them 9-3.

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R. Clevenger, Des Moines, Iowa (2: 8-0), M. Newton Grant, Baton Rouge, La. (3: 6 1/2-1 1/2), Paul Lindgren, Duluth, Minn. (4: 6 1/2-1 1/2), D. E. Eliason, Minneapolis, Minn. (5: 9-0), Charles H. Stewart, Boise, Idaho (6: 7-0, 1 to go), Dr. R. F. Miller, Hays, Kansas (7: 7-1).

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN STATES SECTION "A": A. C. Davis, Atlanta, Georgia (1: 7-1), Russell Miller, Elizabethtown, Pa. (1: 7-1), Charles Barasch, Baltimore, Md. (2: 7 1/2-1 1/2), Robert H. Dewart, Erie, Pa. (3: 7 1/2-1 1/2), Ira G. White, Elizabeth, N. J. (4: 7-1), M. F. Perkins, Jr., Cambridge, Mass. (4: 7-1), Prof. James McClure, Nashville, Tenn. (5: 6 1/2-1 1/2).

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN STATES, SECTION "B": Russell H. Olin, Erie, Pa. (6: 5-2), C. S. Weikel, Roversford, Pa. (6: 5-2), Jack L. Harrington, Richmond, Va. (6: 5-2), H. P. LaFountain, Havertown, Pa. (7: 6 1/2-1 1/2), Stephen H. Kowalski, Newark, N. J. (8: 7-1), Max Doelling, Irvington, N. J. (9: 6 1/2-1 1/2).

NORTHEASTERN STATES, SECTION "A": Dr. Isaac Farber, Bronx, N. Y. (1: 8-0), Dr. J. Platz, Bronx, N. Y. (2: 7 1/2-1 1/2), Daniel A. Levin, Northampton, Mass. (3: 7-1), Vernon Gable, Tonawanda, N. Y. (4: 6-2), Francis W. Trask, Plymouth, Mass. (4: 6-2), Edward J. Werner, Bronx, N. Y. (4: 6-2), Austin H. Hobson, Montpelier, Vermont (4: 6-2).

NORTHEASTERN STATES, SECTION "B": D. D. Williams, New York City (6: 7 1/2-1 1/2), Francis Saizano, Staten Island, N. Y. (7: 6-2), Allen Goldstein, Brooklyn, N. Y. (7: 6-2), Ellis E. Bennett, Rockville Center, N. Y. (7: 5-2, 1 to go), E. J. Fisher, Buffalo, N. Y. (7: 5-2, 1 to go), Hyman Sachs, Brooklyn, N. Y. (8: 7 1/2-1 1/2).

The late Henry G. Tyer, Andover, Mass., also qualified for this section (5: 8-0).

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