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Chess Life Poll Gives One Answer

CHESS LIFE COUNTS VOTES; FINDS READERS SATISFIED

Questionnaire Shows 82% of Readers
Approve Present CHESS LIFE Policies

By William Rojam

Responding enthusiastically to the questionnaire published in CHESS LIFE on December 20th under the heading "Our Own Quiz Program," readers of CHESS LIFE have indicated without reticence their individual preferences; and the sum and total of their replies adds up to a continuation of present CHESS LIFE policies with certain minor modifications.

It has been generally established that in a "preference survey" a return of one percent, if distributed equally over all the territory covered, will reflect a clear and accurate picture of reader reaction. CHESS LIFE with the unusual response of two and one-half percent of its readers, geographically distributed from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Pacific with Northern and Southern sections equally represented has received an exceptionally clear analysis of reader reaction.

In such a survey it is usually customary to discount to a degree the critical and adverse comments upon the basis that the reader who is dissatisfied is much more apt to write his views than one who is satisfied with conditions as they are. But the CHESS LIFE survey has had the rare result of receiving such a predominant number of returns from readers who desired no radical changes while expressing preferences for certain types of articles and features, that this usual discounting of adverse comment has been unnecessary, and the percentages cited in this article reflect the actual percentages of the returns without the use of any discount factor.

Foreign Chess News Wanted

Principle change desired by the readers on the basis of the returns was the publishing of some foreign chess news in a brief form covering the more important foreign chess events. Most readers voiced dissatisfaction with the daily press in its treatment (or lack of treatment) of chess news abroad; and also complained that the news came too slowly in monthly chess publications. They asked CHESS LIFE to furnish the brief flashes on current news, leaving to the monthly chess publications the duty of reporting the fuller details.

Bowing to the mandate of its readers, CHESS LIFE has arranged for foreign chess news under the able editorship of George Koitancowski, former Belgian Champion and World-famous Blindfold Expert, whose first column appears in this issue.

In answering Question One, 82% of CHESS LIFE readers (on the basis of returns) indicated complete satisfaction with the present general format and policy of CHESS LIFE; 18% indicated dissatisfaction, expressing a desire for a publication of the magazine type to compete with existing monthly chess publications.

On Question Two the voice of the readers was unanimous that CHESS LIFE could be improved (a view shared by the Editor); but 12% of the readers confessed in their questionnaires that they could offer no concrete ideas for improvement.

General suggestions for improvement of CHESS LIFE in answer to

Question Three ranged from detailed ideas on procuring better coverage of local chess and club news to the using of larger type. Some readers demanded more news items and fewer features; others more features and fewer news items. Several suggested more news to cover everything pertaining to chess including detailed analysis of openings, etc. There was a demand for fuller annotations of games and less news; and a vote for more club news with fewer annotated games. Some wished more problems; others insisted that the problem corner be abolished. There were several suggestions for a section dealing with end-game positions (a want that CHESS LIFE has recently undertaken to fill); and several readers requested a change in format to permit easier filing of copies for future reference.

Order of Preference

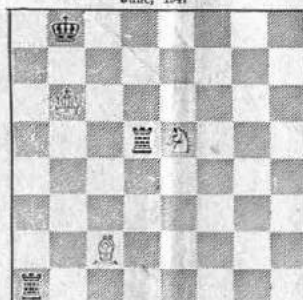
The order of preference for various features in answer to Question Four revealed some surprising and odd valuations. Almost every feature received at least one vote for first place, and every feature without exception received several zero grades from readers who found their chess interest aroused by other items.

Running close together, and far ahead of the rest of the field, were Tournament Life and Chess For The Tired Business Man, showing that annotated games remain the principle yen of most chess readers. Somewhat behind these, but with a commanding lead, was the Editorial in a surprising third place, for it is the jest of newspaper men that readers skip the editorials. And just a few votes behind was Chess Life in New York.

A little behind these and by itself was "Who's Who in American Chess" — another surprise, since the kindred "Men Who Work For Chess" only earned an eighth place (possibly there was a confusion here). Then grouped together, with only a vote or two between each one, were Problems of Chess Life (a new column which has hardly yet had time to establish a clientele), Readers' Road to Chess, Men Who Work for Chess, and Under the Chess-Nut Tree (what happened to my readers?).

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Position No. 5
By H. Rinck (Badalona)
"L'Echiquier de Paris"
June, 1947



1k6, 8, 1K6, 2rK3, 8, 8, 2B5, r7
White to Play and Draw

Position No. 6
By L. Prokes (Prague)
"L'Echiquier de Paris"
June, 1947



k7, P7, 8, 6b2, 8, 4r3, 4PE1b, 1R6
White to Play and Draw

White To Play And Draw!

Ingenuity saves many a lost position; and in these examples White recognizes the fact that a reduction of the pieces on the board may assure a draw by leaving Black not enough force to mate against his remaining strength. The problem is how and when to force the needed reduction.

Solutions will be published in the March 20th issue.

TEAM LINED UP FOR AMSTERDAM

The American line-up of the Stock Exchange team which faces the Amsterdam Stock Exchange via radio on February 14th has been set as follows:

1. I. Kashdan, Jacques Coe & Co., New York
2. E. Schuyler Jackson, Pennington, Collet & Co., New York
3. Herbert W. Marchoe, Granberry, Marchoe & Lord, New York
4. Jacob Menkes, Wood, Walker & Co., New York
5. Sol Ransheim, Sulzberger, Granger & Co., New York
6. Julius Hallgarten, Hayden, Stone & Co., New York
7. Donald Hart, Stokes, Hoyt & Co., New York
8. Joseph O'Reilly, New York Stock Exchange
9. James Linberg, Neulinger & Berman, New York
10. Howard Hammerslag, Hammerslag, Borg & Co., New York

Alternates are Eric Hassberg of H. Hentz & Co.; Jacques Coe of Jacques Coe & Co.; and Alfred E. Tonne of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.

Dr. Euwe, former World Champion, and I. A. Horowitz, co-editor of Chess Review will adjudicate all games. Hans Kmoch, well-known international player, will represent Amsterdam in New York, and Mr. J. J. Van Weering will appoint a Dutch representative in Amsterdam to represent the American team.

26 ENTRIES SET FOR U. S. PRELIM.

In Area Seven (New York) the U. S. Championship Preliminary Tournament opens with a strong field of 26 entries, including former U. S. Open Champion Anthony E. Santasiere. According to Chairman Harold M. Phillips, the entries are: Donald Byrne, Jeremiah F. Donovan, Sidney Bernstein, P. B. Bannister, Irving Heitner, George Kramer, George Kraus, Sol Weinstein, Herbert A. Avram, Arthur Bisguier, Pa. Brandts, Marcel Duchamp, Larry Evans, Jacob Feldman, Myron Fleischer, H. M. Phillips, Carl Pfalk, Dr. J. Platz, Bertram Ross, A. A. Rothman, A. E. Santasiere, George Shainswit, Walter Shipman, Jack Soudakoff, Abe Turner and George R. Traver.

H. KMOCH FINDS CLEVELAND TOUGH

In a thirty-one board simultaneous under the auspices of the Ohio Chess Ass'n at Cleveland on January 25, Hans Kmoch, the Viennese master, found Cleveland the toughest spot he has encountered and yielded six losses and three draws — more than twice his usual allowance to the opposition. Victors were T. Ellison, R. Sachs, R. G. Morrisette, L. Friedman, G. Miller and E. Mehwald, while H. Miller, A. Robbetoy and W. Granger drew the master.

Sensational was the eight-move victory of Ohio Champion Ellison who caught the noted annotator and analyst napping in a wild French as follows: 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. Kt-Q2, P-QB4; 4. Kt-B3, PxQP; 5. KtXP, PxKP; 6. QKtXP, Kt-KB3; 7. B-KKt5, Q-R4 ch; 8. B-Q2?, Q-K4! and White resigns.

SEDALIA JOINS CHESS PARADE

Chess enthusiasts in Sedalia (Mo.) have organized a chess club with Mrs. Wm. Woods as secretary. Mrs. Woods enjoys the unique distinction of being the only lady solver of the Problems of Chess Life. The club has taken a flying start in persuading a Sedalia newspaper to grant them regular space for a chess column, including the diagramming of a problem.

ISAAC KASHDAN REPRESENTS U. S. IN ZONE TOURNEY

As winner of the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament and as runner-up in the 1946 U. S. Championship Tournament, Isaac Kashdan has been designated by the USCF as the U. S. representative in the Zonal Tournament at Stockholm this summer.

GOOD DEED CALLS, AIDING ROMMIG

As related to USCF Vice-President Paul G. Giers by Hans Kmoch, Hermann Rommig, age 70, is a really noble character who lost everything in the war; his house by bombing, his wife by madness (caused by the war), his son who died in active service a few days before the war ended.

Rommig was treasurer of the Deutsche Schachbund until the Nazis took over in 1933, founding the Grossdeutsche Schachbund. They displaced Rommig, knowing that he was strongly anti-Nazi. I met Rommig several times in 1934 during the second Alekhine-Bogoljubov match and learned his anti-war opinions.

During the war Rommig (a veteran of the first World War) was stationed in Holland for a time doing auxiliary service. He visited me frequently in my Amsterdam home and I saw that his anti-war feelings had grown. We listened together to the B.B.C., etc. Once, reading some death announcements in a German newspaper, each ending with the sentence "He died for the Fuhrer," Rommig told me that what worried him the most about his son (who served in the Luftwaffe) was not that he might die, but the possibility that someone might put in a newspaper "He died for the Fuhrer."

"Should this happen," said Rommig, "I'll go back and shoot the man responsible for such a dishonoring lie."

If there is anyone in Germany deserving relief, it is this noble gentleman, Hermann Rommig. His old friend, Jacques Mieses, 8 Fitzjohn's Ave., London N.W. 3, England, would cordially confirm this.

Hermann Rommig
Ruhbenauerstrasse 25
(22 b) Zweigrucken
Germany
French Zone

(Readers may remit \$10.00 to CARE, 50 Broad St., New York City; and this organization not for profit will deliver needed supplies to Herr Rommig in the name of the donor. Ed.)

MARSHALL CLUB SET FOR HAVANA

In the pending radio match between the Marshall Chess Club (N. Y.) and the Capablanca Chess Club (Havana) to be played on February 15th, Team Captain Edward Lasker has announced the following lineup for the Marshall team: S. Reshevsky, Milton Hanauer, Dr. E. Lasker, H. Seidman, A. E. Santasiere, L. Evans, S. Pilnick, J. F. Donovan, Dr. A. Mengarini, C. F. Rebberg, N. Halper and Mrs. Mary Bain of Miami. Mrs. Bain will play against Senorita Maria Theresa Mora, Cuba's woman champion.

SAVE THESE DATES!

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WE NOTE WITH PLEASURE

IT WAS with pleasure, mingled perchance with a touch of chagrin, that we have noted in the January issue of Chess Review the excellent summary of national and international chess events compiled by Jack Staley Battell. The chagrin, we confess, comes from a wounded ego at being beaten to the goal by our energetic contemporary, for such a summary has long been in our mind.

We therefore commend Chess Review upon the general excellence of this compilation of facts, recognizing that in the compiling went many hours of careful checking. It is not, therefore surprising that a few omissions and one error appear in the text, for it would be miraculous if the list were perfect. May we suggest the addenda: Orlando Lester as New Hampshire Champion, R. Coveyou as Tennessee Champion, J. L. Sheets as Washington State Champion to complete the listings; and note that the Champion of Minnesota is George S. Barnes and not Dr. Giles Koelsche. Barnes lost a challenge match and the title to Koelsche early in 1947 but regained it in the State Tournament.

It might be also noted that while Washington State won from British Columbia early in the year, in a return match at Blaine, Washington, British Columbia had its revenge by a score of 161-113; while in fairness to our Puerto Rican neighbors it should be reported that Puerto Rico won the first radio match with Chicago, although it lost the return engagement as listed.

WE ASK ADVICE, BUT WE MEAN APPROBATION

THE XVIIIth Century sage and cynic, Caleb Charles Colton, has remarked that we ask advice, but we mean approbation. Such, however, was not the intention of "Our Quizz Program" as published in the issue of December 20th. That its result in the final analysis was approbation, is very gratifying; but we learn our errors from criticism and not from praise.

Therefore, we must take time to thank those readers who have found the time to indicate the matters they dislike, as well as to express our thanks to those who gave us such a satisfying vote of confidence in expressing their approval of CHESS LIFE.

We know that it is humanly impossible to please all readers, and that the attempt to do so, would end in pleasing none. But guided by the criticism and praise alike, we will endeavor to shape the policy of CHESS LIFE to please as many divergent tastes as we can, trusting that those minorities whose wishes we must neglect will forgive us for the necessity in knowing that their views were appreciated and studied even if circumstances made those views ineffective.

Montgomery Major

ALLEN G. PEARSALL

IT IS with great regret that we must report the traffic death on New Year's Day at 9:00 p. m. of one of the eldest (70 years of age) members of the Correspondence Chess League of America and the San Diego Chess Club. When the accident occurred, he was returning home after a pleasant evening of chess at the San Diego Chess Club.

Besides being a strong club player, the best in San Diego for more than 15 years, Allen G. Pearsall was nationally known as one of the leading correspondence chess players, the winner of many prizes in this field. The San Diego Chess Club is to have his prizes and chess library as a permanent memory to one of its greatest members.

Allen G. Pearsall was so well liked by everyone that he never lost either the regard or friendship of anyone who ever knew him. As a player he was so courageous and optimistic that these were undoubtedly major factors in his winning of so many chess games. Those who knew and played against him, will miss the cheerful and sure touch that he imparted in every game he played.

For A Chess Scrapbook

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ADVISES THE PLAYER

If your adversary is long in playing, you ought not to hurry him, or express any uneasiness at his delay. You should not sing, nor whistle, nor look at your watch, nor take up a book to read, nor make a tapping with your feet on the floor, nor with your fingers on the table, nor do anything that may disturb his attention. For all these things displease; and they do not show your skill in playing, but your craftiness or your rudeness.

Benjamin Franklin

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.

CHESS LIFE

TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Compose a sound direct mate two-move problem, free of duals in main variations, the key of which simultaneously unpins two black pawns, permitting each unpinned pawn two distinct moves with separate and distinct white mating moves.

Composers may submit entries, not to exceed two, up to June 10, 1948 to Problem Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky., who will act as judge of the contest and award the composer of the best version with a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE. Since the task conditions are very restrictive, it is anticipated that similar versions may be submitted. Should this occur, the prize will be awarded the composer whose entry antedates the others.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Query: How does the Grasshopper of Fairy Chess move?
Answer: When I assumed the Editorship of this column I made a firm resolve to publish and discuss only orthodox compositions but in view of the fact that considerable interest has been manifested by my readers in the action of Fairy Chess pieces, I am compelled for this time and this time only, to relent and not only explain the action of the Grasshopper but to diagram a problem that reveals its actualities (See Problem No. 16). The Grasshopper is shown on diagram as an inverted Queen. It moves diagonally, horizontally and vertically one square beyond the nearest piece of either color. It depends on another piece for its mobility. For example in Problem No. 16 the Black Grasshopper on K8 can move to K16 the Black Grasshopper on R2 to K18; the White Grasshopper on R1 to E1 or R8; the Black Grasshopper on K16 has no moves.

EARLY AMERICAN PROBLEM HISTORY

There is no record of any chess problems composed in America prior to 1845. The earliest American chess composition was that of Charles Henry Stanley's, printed in The Spirit of the Times in New York, 1845. An original problem of Stanley's printed in notation in his initial column, March 1, 1845, was the first to be published in this country. The first diagrammed to appear was likewise published also in The Spirit of the Times June 20, 1846. It was a four move direct mate composition by I. Knous. The position in Forsythe notation is as follows: 8. 2p5, 2P5, S. 3p1p1, 1PkS1R1B, P4P1, 3K4.

In 1846 a magazine, The Chess Palladium, was published. In 1847 a second one, The American Chess Magazine, made its appearance. Both were short lived. A demand for columns and magazines was increasing but the spirit to endow them with vitality and create a wider reading public was lacking until the appearance of the chess prodigy, Paul Morphy, at New York in 1857.

Then Morphy's sweeping successes in vanquishing all the chess champions of that period, created an interest in the game, which indirectly led to a new awakening interest in problem solving and composing and a great spread of chess columns; which problems required before they could be widely studied. In 1857 Daniel Willard Fiske with the collaboration of Morphy published The Chess Monthly which flourished for five years.

The year prior to the advent of The Chess Monthly, 1856 a chess column was printed in the New York Clipper under the guiding hand of one of the best loved of all American chess editors, Miron James Hazeltine, born 1824, died 1904. This celebrated column was in existence for almost fifty years.

The most noted young problematists at that time (to mention only a few) were J. A. Potter, Sam Loyd, E. B. Cook, T. M. Brown and G. A. Cheney.

Potter for one year conducted a chess column in The American Union. He died at the age of 21. Nearly 60 of his problems may be found in American Chess Nuts. For the publication of this famous problem book in 1868, which was planned nine years earlier and its appearance delayed by the Civil War, problem lovers are indebted to the efforts of Cook, Loyd, W. R. Henry and C. A. Gilbert.

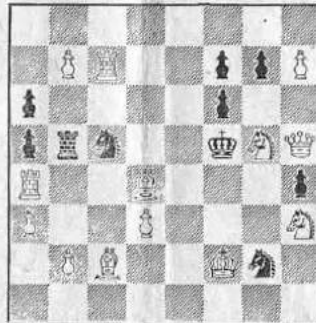
This remarkable book of problems contains 2406 problems, the largest parade of composing efforts ever to be revealed in a single volume. Two hundred and thirty-one distinguished composers' names are presented, of whom a group of seven contributed slightly more than half of all the problems. The publication of this volume in 1868 summed up problem composition in this country up to that date and definitely closed the period from the launching of Fiske's Chess Monthly to the end of the Civil War.

I am indebted to E. W. Allen of Newtonville, Mass. for the data used in this article and his kindness in permitting me to use same is greatly appreciated.

Problem No. 15

By C. B. Cook
Dallas, Texas

Frontispiece: To Alain White
Black: 10 men



White: 13 men

S. 1PR3ppP, p4p2, pR6s3sQ, R2B3p, P2P3S, 1PR2Ks1, S

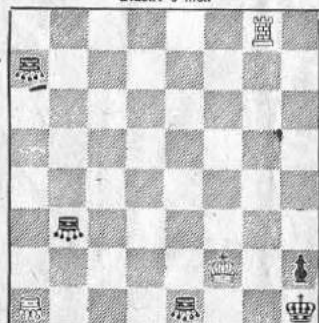
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 16

A Fairy Chess Creation

By Dr. P. G. Keeney (Newport, Ky.)
and P. L. Rothenberg (New York)

Chess Review, December, 1943
Black: 5 men



White: 3 men

B1R1, e7, S, S, S, 1g6, 5K1p, G3g2k

a) As set, White to play and mate in two moves.

b) Substitute White Grasshopper for White Rook and again White mates in two moves.

The above problem (No. 15), which was the frontispiece in a book, To Alain White, an appreciation tribute to Mr. White by numerous Please Turn to Page 3, Column 3.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

IF Sammy Reshevsky doesn't learn how to handle his time-clock, he may well provide a nation of supporters with a disappointing result in the World Championship Tournament. In each of the three important exhibition games he has played in the past few weeks, he has been plagued by his old enemy—time pressure. Although there is no doubt that he is as fine a player under pressure as lives today, we must remember that no one can give a Botvinnik or a Keres the advantage of half an hour in a crucial situation.

Even the American masters have learned this at last. Kashtan, in a game marked by fighting tactics on both sides, came within a hair of drawing a difficult ending, but faltered towards the end. Denker and Horowitz were more successful and each of them defeated the national champion, Denker, opening with an original line against the Two Knights Defense, beat Reshevsky (for the first time) after the champion made a second-best move with seconds to go. Horowitz came through with a simple attack which caused Sammy's resignation after 26 moves. All in all, this has been a most disappointing preliminary for an attempt at the world title!

Young Arthur Bisguier has climbed to the lead in the Manhattan Chess Club Tournament. At the Marshall's, Larry Evans and Herbert Seidman will undoubtedly finish as winner and runner-up. To quote Mrs. Caroline Marshall, "Larry shows even more promise than Reuben Fine did when he was a Junior player here!" What next, young Larry—the finals of the U. S. Championships?

Club Chapters

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For The

Tournament-Minded

March 27-28

Kentucky Junior Championship
Louisville, Kentucky

Will be played in Louisville; entry fee .50c; age limit 21 years old; for details write to J. Mayer, 233 East Madison, Louisville 2, Ky.

CHESS GIFT AIDS VETERAN PROGRAM

The splendid gift of a collection of over 10,000 printed chess games in clipping form for distribution among the wounded veterans playing chess in the USCF "Chess for Veterans" program comes from Daniel P. Sailer of Philadelphia according to an announcement by USCF Chairman S. S. Keeney.

This material will be used both in correspondence and visitation with the veterans, and be distributed among those with the time and desire to improve their own chess by playing over games.

Genius In A Garret

"No man-but a blockhead," said Dr. Johnson, "ever wrote except for money." By the terms of this definition, poor Zukertort, who is said to have died of "malnutrition," was indeed a blockhead. Yet the name of Zukertort will always remain an unforgettable synonym for elegant attacking play. When he was still a pupil of Andersen, he beat his great teacher in the following fashion:

RUY LOPEZ
Breslau, 1865

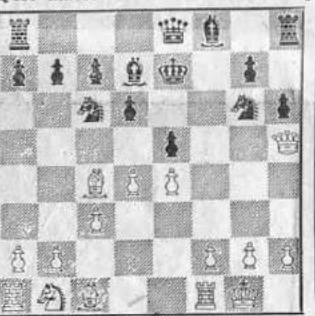
White: 1. P-K4 2. Kt-KB3 3. B-K15
Black: A. ANDERSEN P-K4 Kt-QB3 Kt-K2
The Cozio Defense, recommended for a time by Steinitz. It cramps Black's game excessively.

4. P-B3 5. P-Q4 6. O-O 7. Kt-K15
P-Q3 P-B2 Kt-KL2
True to his style, Zukertort loses no time in playing for the attack.

8. Kt-K15 9. B-B4ch
P-KR3
The art of defensive play was still a mystery in those days. Steinitz would have played 7... Kt-R4— or 7... B-K2; 8 Q-R5, BxKt; 9 BxB, QKt-K2 with a cramped but fairly defensible game.

10. Q-R5 11. Q-K1
Kt-K1; 10 Q-R5, Q-B3; 11 P-KB4 with a powerful game.

12. BxP mate!
Probably the most devastating win ever achieved against a great master.



11. Q-Kt5ch!
12. BxP mate!

HYDE PARK WINS SECTION TITLE

Hyde Park Chess Club is victor in the City Division of the Greater Chicago Chess League Team Tournament, while Austin Chess and Hawthorne Chess remain tied for the title in the Suburban Division. Final winner in the Suburban group will meet Hyde Park for the League Championship.

City Division	Matches	Points
Hyde Park Chess	24	5
Chess Club of Chicago	2	11
Ill. Inst. of Tech.	13-13	11
Reynolds Chess	0-4	43
Suburban Division		
Austin Chess	21	153
Hawthorne Chess	23	16
Irving Chess	2-2	154
Ogden Chess	1-3	7
Electro-Motive Chess	0-4	0

MEMORIAL WINS HUDSON CO. TITLE

In a closely contested team tournament by the margin of one game Memorial High School of West New York emerged as champions in the Second Annual Inter-scholastic Hudson County Chess League meeting at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, which sponsors the event. Charles Selinski and Sydney Kreitzberg lead in the individual scoring of the team to take the Paul Helbig trophy away from last year's champions, Demarest High School.

Team	Matches	Games
Memorial High School	2-1	15-5
Demarest High School	2-1	14-0
Bayonne High School	0-4	1-19

CHGO. TEAM HOLD LIGHTNING MEET

The annual team 10-second tourney of the Greater Chicago Chess League was held on January 25 at the Chess Club of Chicago. Five teams of six men each participated.

Teams	Matches	Points
Hyde Park Chess	3-1	31
Austin Chess	3-1	30
Chess Club of Chicago	3-1	27
Irving Chess	1-3	23
El-Og-Ha Composite	0-4	103

The El-Og-Ha team was composed of top board members from the Electro-Motive, Hawthorne and Ogden Chess Clubs. In the individual scoring, top man for each board was as follows, with the curious fact that the top team, Hyde Park, had no individual winner.

Pl.	Player	Club
1.	E. Nielsen	Chess Club of Chgo.
2.	F. Jones	Austin Chess
3.	R. Bildebrandt	Austin Chess
4.	J. Novak	Austin Chess
5.	G. Odell	Chess Club of Chgo.
6.	C. Stocker	Irving Chess

READER SURVEY

Continued from Page 1, Col. 2. Close behind these came the Guest Editorial and The Kibitzer, while the infrequent It's A Question ran a poor twelfth with only a 10% approval of its existence.

In tabular form, the rank of features in Question Four were:

Rank	Feature	Per Cent
1.	Tournament Life	49
2.	Chess For The Tired Business Man	26
3.	Editorials	15
4.	Chess Life In New York	9
5.	Who's Who In American Chess	9
6.	Problems of Chess Life	5
7.	Reader's Road to Chess	5
8.	Men Who Work For Chess	5
9.	Under The Chess-Nut Tree	5
10.	Guest Editorials	3
11.	The Kibitzer	3
12.	It's A Question	2

The answers to Question Five were easier to evaluate and the vote gave a clear indication that more news of National Chess Events was a definite desire of the reader together with an increase in annotated games, while otherwise the desire was to maintain the status quo on other items.

In tabular form the results were:

Club News and Local	Same	More	Less	None
News	49	26	15	9
News of National Events	33	67	—	—
Annotated Games	45	50	—	5
Problems of Chess Life	39	34	—	27
USCF News	59	36	—	5
Special Features	60	33	13	4

Approve Editorials
In answer to Question 5 regarding the Editorials in CHESS LIFE, the surprising total of 84% approved a strong and vigorous editorial policy such as has been maintained in the past with critical comment when necessary. In equal division 3% voted for light and opinionless editorials, and 3% for no editorials at all; while 10% expressed no opinion on the subject. Of the 84% that voted for vigor in editorials a little less than 3% disapproved of certain specific editorials while applauding a policy of continued vigor, leaving 81% of the total vote as unqualified in its approval of the editorial policy of CHESS LIFE. Of this 81% a little better than 3% expressed specific approval of the more drastic editorials that have appeared in CHESS LIFE.

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF CHESS by Irving Chernev; McKay (\$2.00)

It may not help you win the club championship, but if you're looking for real fun in chess (and a few good stories and games to you life of the chess party), send off a fast letter to the USCF Service Department for "The Bright Side of Chess" by Irving Chernev, the "believe-it-or-not" man of chess, which David McKay, Philadelphia, has just published.

Irving dips into his many notebooks, (he has one each for bright games) pretty problems, jokes, immortal games and a few other chessie high spots), to pull this pleasant volume together. Ever hear the story of Rubinstein in time pressure?; Anderson in a strange town?; Steinitz and his many schnooks? Ever see the "five immortal classics of chess", the "ten best modern brilliancies"; have you tried "magic in th end game" (such as the position where a Rook pins a Bishop that pins a Bishop that pins a Rook that pins a Rook!) or try a few problems that include such novel twists as selfmate or "maximum chess" or maybe you'd like a few Epigrams of the past greats to spice your conversation or try some of Irving's 57 truly "bright games", all quite short. Oh, yes, it has the solutions in the back. It's all loads of fun and a perfect gift item for the man who "just doesn't need another chess book".

PROBLEMS OF CHESS LIFE

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problem friends in commemoration of his 65th birthday, March 3, 1945, was composed by C. B. Cook (not E. B. Cook, as incorrectly appears in the volume) of Dallas, Texas, now residing at Forth Worth, Texas. E. B. Cook, the renowned composer to whom the problem was incorrectly credited, was the Editor of that great problem work, American Chess Nuts, and the builder of many fine chess compositions. A collection of his works, published in 1926, containing his entire output of problems, 650 in all, has been jestingly called the "Cook-book of Chess." E. B. Cook passed to the Great Beyond in 1915.

C. B. Cook, the actual author of the above creation, also a composer of merit, is still alive and advised me, oddly enough, that he will be 65 next October 10. The problem is an orthodox creation but features and outlines the number 65, a type of problem indirectly referred to in my article of a few issues ago under the heading: "Some Generalities About Problems."

Solutions
The solution to Problem No. 11 is: 1. Sd6 with threat of 2. Se4 mate. If 1... Sd6; 2. P13. If 1... Bb5; 2. P14. If 1... Pa1 (Q Or R); 2. Qd2. If 1... Pa1(S); 2. Qb1. In the variation 1... Sd6; 2. P13 the S move is a black "interference" of the R on a7 while the 2. P13 is referred to as a "shut-off" since it shuts off the Black B on b7 from capturing the White R on e2. 1... BxP ch. is answered by 2. RxB. A pretty and pleasing problem.
The solution to Problem No. 12 is: 1. Qb1 with a double threat of 2. Sd4 and Sd7. Key is a neat triple Q sacrifice. From my viewpoint the double threat is a brilliant Black's defense consist of 1... Q-R or Bxb1; 1... QxPch. Respective mating moves by White are: 2. Sd5, Sd7, Sd4 and Sd7. If 1... Kd7; 2. Sd4 administers mate discovering, ch. from White B on b1.
Solver list arrived too late for inclusion in this issue.

DOWNTOWN Y DRAWS LOG CABIN CHESS

Sallying forth to York (Pa.) on February 7-8, the Downtown Y Chess Club of Pittsburgh drew with the ever-dangerous Log Cabin Chess Club of New Jersey, and then bested the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster (Pa.). In the match with Log Cabin victory was in sight until at 3:30 a. m. the 17-year-old Paul Dietz faltered with a win in sight and let exhaustion rule a draw.

Downtown Y	Log Cabin
W. M. Byland..... 1/2	J. Faucher..... 1/2
F. A. Sorenson..... 1/2	F. K. Howard..... 1/2
E. R. McCready..... 1	A. Rothman..... 0
P. L. Dietz..... 1/2	T. E. Knorr..... 1/2
W. R. Hamilton..... 1/2	A. Boxcar..... 1
Downtown..... 2 1/2	Log Cabin..... 2 1/2

Downtown Y	Red Rose Chess
W. M. Byland..... 1/2	M. Paul..... 1/2
F. A. Sorenson..... 1/2	Krueger..... 1/2
P. L. Dietz..... 1	M. McDivitt..... 0
W. R. Hamilton..... 1/2	T. Eckenrode..... 0
Downtown..... 3 1/2	Red Rose..... 1 1/2

HOUSTON DOWNS CORPUS CHRISTI

In a hectic match of large proportions the Houston Chess Club bested the Corpus Christi Chess Club at Victoria, Texas, by the score of 18-10 in the first overboard match since the two ham radio contests in which each club gained one victory. Two sessions were played, and the following score does not indicate pairings.

Houston Chess	Corpus Christi
M. R. Smith..... 13	Homer Faber..... 13
C. E. Merchant..... 0	Oran Heath..... 13
Robert Brieger..... 1	M. Heath..... 1
Dr. L. J. Spivak..... 13	Conrad Hoover..... 1/2
C. Ivstrom..... 13	Harry Grayson..... 0
G. H. Smith..... 2	A. C. Roach..... 1/2
E. C. McDonald..... 0	J. A. Creighton..... 1
J. Armstrong..... 1	A. J. Giersd..... 1
H. McCleary..... 1	E. F. Weaver..... 13
Dr. A. B. Strozier..... 1	Grady Goins..... 0
Amos Sweet..... 1	Dr. John Leach..... 0
Aaron Paul..... 1	J. C. Nichols..... 5
J. F. Boatner..... 1	H. L. Weiland..... 1
Frank Sparks..... 1	C. M. Gitzner..... 0
S. Smith..... 2	E. C. Vogt..... 0
Paul Gauthier..... 0	—..... —
Lynn Yarbrough..... 0	—..... —
Houston..... 18	Corpus Christi..... 10

BEST BUY IN CHESS IS CHESS LIFE.

MT. LEBANON HIGH RETAIN CHAMPION

Repeating last year's success, Mt. Lebanon High School (Pa.), won the Championship of the Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess League in a double-round playoff match on January 31 after winning the championship of the Section II division of the League.

Led by veteran schoolboy Herbert Hickman, the winning team all wore bright red sweaters and their tendency to mutter cryptic comments regarding such unintelligible names as Makaganov and Botvinnik are said to have led the Pittsburgh City Council to investigate the dangers of a communistic uprising among the younger citizens.

ELMIRA BEATS ENDICOTT-JOHNS'N

On January 31, the Elmira (N. Y.) Chess Club defeated the visiting Endicott-Johnson Chess club by a score of 6-1.

Elmira Chess	Endicott-Johnson
R. Fitzgerald..... 1	R. Allen..... 0
A. Piper..... 1	S. Hannus..... 0
L. Davis..... 1	A. Darling..... 0
L. Kilmer..... 1	A. Darling..... 0
H. Hart..... 1	H. Hannus..... 0
S. Smith..... 0	F. Andrews..... 1
L. Clark..... 0	K. Allen..... 0
Elmira..... 6	Endicott..... 1

YOUNGSTOWN WIN OVER FIRESTONE

Smarting under three previous defeats the Youngstown Chess Club braved 15 inches of snow to invade Akron and inflict defeat upon the Firestone Chess Club by a score of 7 1/2-2 1/2.

Youngstown	Firestone
Peter Lozano..... 3	R. Slater..... 3
Joseph Krava..... 1	A. E. Pflundemann..... 1
M. McKinney..... 2	C. Christ..... 0
C. Strauss..... 1	G. Crombie..... 0
C. Strauss..... 1	D. Hockenberry..... 0
George Sills..... 1	A. J. Keller..... 0
M. Antonovich..... 1	E. C. Roberts..... 1
Youngstown..... 7 1/2	Firestone..... 2 1/2

Boost American Chess! JOIN THE USCF

Chess Life Abroad
By George Koltanowski

The Pan-Slavic Tournament, Moscow

ORGANIZED in memory of the 40th anniversary of the death of the great champion and Russian patriot, Michel Ivanowitch Tschigorine (born in St. Petersburg, October 31, 1850; died in Lublin January 25, 1908) this international tournament, the first in the U. R. S. S. since the 1938 Moscow Tournament, obtained a remarkable success. The struggle was breathtaking with each round; and two rounds before the final, after the 13th round, Botvinnik who in the morning had lost his first (and only) game of the tournament (against Pachman) was leading with 9 1/2 points, followed by Keres who had 9 points and up to then had only lost one game (against Ragozine). They were followed by four others in a group: Boleslavski, Kotov, Ragozine and Smislov, all with 8 1/2 points. Any of these could still gain first place!

In the 14th round (December 19) the two great rivals met. The tournament hall, the corridors, the balcony, in short the whole block was filled with excited spectators. The auditorium was sold out and mural boards were displayed all over the place!

Keres, very optimistic, started off with 1. P-Q4. After a short moment Botvinnik replied with 1... P-K3 inviting his opponent to a French Defense of which he is a great "coinnoiser". After 2. Kt-KB3, he played P-KB4, his other specialty the Dutch Defense. The game was very exciting and was adjourned with a pawn advantage



Diagram 1
for Botvinnik (See Diagram 1). The game was continued next day and after another 10 hours of play adjourned for a second time (See Diagram II), and soon after that Keres resigned in a hopeless position.

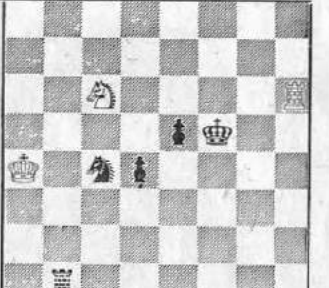


Diagram II
In the last round a short played game (the shortest of the tournament) against Trifunowitch (13 moves to be exact) ensured Michal Moissewitsch Botvinnik of the first prize.
Obliged to play for a win in his last game (against the new champion of A. R. S. Novotelnov) Keres brought in a lot of complications—of which he fell a victim himself, and tied for sixth and seventh place with Novotelnov! The last named and the benjamin of the Please turn to Page 4, Col. 5)

Friday, February 20, 1948

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

Annottators

- J. B. Gea, Richard Harrell, A. Y. Hesse, Edw. J. Koranty, Dr. J. Platz, G. E. Page, Fred Reinfield, Dr. Bela Rozsa, J. Soudakoff

QUEEN PAWN OPENING

Intercollegiate Individual Championship, New York, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White E. RUBIN Black E. W. TRABAUSH (Syracuse Univ.) (Brooklyn Col.)

1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 2. P-QB4 P-B3

Black would like to prevent P-K4 as long as possible, 4. Kt-B3 QKt-Q2 6. P-P4 5. P-K4

There was no good reason for granting Black the advantage of the two Bs, 12. B-B1 is a good alternative here.

13. B-B5 BxB 14. P-QK4 Kt-B5 12. B-B5 Kt-K3 15. P-Q2

17. B-K5 20. Kt-K1 Kt-K3 18. R-R4 R-R4 21. P-K3

22. P-Q2 Kt-Q5 23. P-B4 P-QK4 24. P-KP7

25. P-K4 P-K4 26. P-K4 P-K4

27. B-K5 B-K2 11. Q-Q1 Kt-B1 8. B-K2 Q-K2 12. BxK1

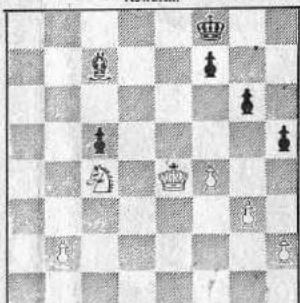
28. Q-Q4 Kt-Q5 29. Kt-R1 BxK1

30. Kt-Q1 BxORP 32. P-K5 31. B-B6 B-QR3

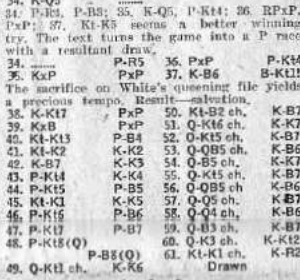
32. B-K5 37. K-R2 BxP ch. 33. P-R3 B-Q4 38. K-K1 P-R6

21. R-R2; 22. P-B4 (forced); R-K1; 23. P-B3 and Black has the advantage of R vs. Kt plus a passed center P, which should lead to a win (Kowalski).

After 33. P-R4 Kowalski



After 26. B-K4! Traibush



QUEEN'S PAWN GAME U. S. Open Championship Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White P. HERMANN Black ED. LASKER

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. Kt-Q2 Kt-Q2

3. P-K3 Kt-K3 7. B-K5 P-K3 4. P-QB3 PxP 9. P-Q4 R-B1

5. Kt-P3 B-B4 10. O-O 6. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

7. P-K3 Kt-K3 7. B-K5 P-K3 8. P-QB3 PxP 9. P-Q4 R-B1

10. Kt-P3 B-B4 10. O-O 11. Kt-B3 Kt-K3 17. P-QK4 Kt-B3

12. Kt-R4 Kt-B4 15. Q-K1 Kt-Q6 13. P-B3 Kt-K5 16. P-K4 P-K1

14. BxKt ch. PxP 19. Q-B4 P-B4

Black now threatens P-KR2, exchange of R and B-B5, 24. KR-Q1 P-B3 25. PxP QxP

After 33. P-R4 Kowalski



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5. Kt-P3 B-B4 10. O-O 6. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

7. P-K3 Kt-K3 7. B-K5 P-K3 8. P-QB3 PxP 9. P-Q4 R-B1

10. Kt-P3 B-B4 10. O-O 11. Kt-B3 Kt-K3 17. P-QK4 Kt-B3

12. Kt-R4 Kt-B4 15. Q-K1 Kt-Q6 13. P-B3 Kt-K5 16. P-K4 P-K1

14. BxKt ch. PxP 19. Q-B4 P-B4

58. K-B5 P-R5(O) 59. RxQ Resigns 49. R-R7 ch. K-K7

GRECO COUNTER GAMBIT U. S. Open Tournament Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Richard Harrell

White C. VOACHIK Black J. GILBERT

1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4! 2. Kt-K3 P-KB4

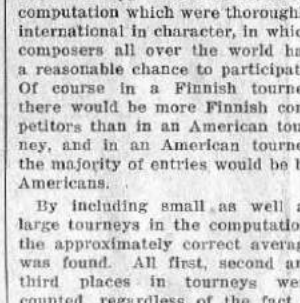
FRENCH DEFENSE Oklahoma State Championship Tulsa, 1947

Notes by Gene Page

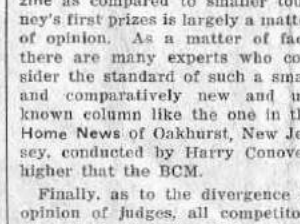
White B. ROZSA Black S. MAYFIELD

1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 PxP 2. P-Q4 Q-K1

After 19. P-B4 Lasker



After 43. K-B3 Mayfield



44. R-K7 R-B1 ch. 45. R-K7 ch. K-R3 46. K-Q3 K-K7 47. K-K4 R-B1

48. R-K7 R-B1 ch. 45. R-K7 ch. K-R3 46. K-Q3 K-K7 47. K-K4 R-B1

49. R-K7 R-B1 ch. 45. R-K7 ch. K-R3 46. K-Q3 K-K7 47. K-K4 R-B1

50. R-K7 R-B1 ch. 45. R-K7 ch. K-R3 46. K-Q3 K-K7 47. K-K4 R-B1

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tournament. Chomoff were the revelations of this tournament.

In a Radio-Moscow talk Botvinnik declared he was satisfied with his sportful result but not of his play which at times "lagged" in being interesting.

"As to me," said Botvinnik, "I'm satisfied in winning one year."

Here are the final standings: 1. Botvinnik 11 pts; 2. Ragozine 10 1/2; 3. & 4. Boleslawski and Pruslow 10; 5. Kotow 9 1/2; 6. & 7. Keres and Novotny 9; 8. Pachman (Czeco-Slo.) 8 1/2; 9. Trifunowitch (Yugo-Slo.) 8; 10. Gligoric (Yugo-Slo) 7 1/2; 11. Bondarevski 6 1/2; 12. Chomlow 5 1/2; 13. Kotnauer (Czeco-Slo.) 5; 14. Plater (Poland) and Sokolski 4; 16. Zvetcoff (Bulgaria) 2 pts.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir: In answer to the comments in the Kibitzer by "A Reader" in the January 20 CHESS LIFE, I would like to point out that this unofficial computation of the problem world championship is not 100% perfect, but it is certainly not "completely fallacious".

While it is true that tournaments vary greatly in importance, only such tournaments were considered for computation which were thoroughly international in character, in which composers all over the world had a reasonable chance to participate.

Of course in a Finnish tourney there would be more Finnish competitors than in an American tourney, and in an American tourney the majority of entries would be by Americans.

By including small as well as large tournaments in the computation, the approximately correct average was found. All first, second and third places in tournaments were counted, regardless of the fact if these were prizes, honorable mentions, or commendations. The reference to the quality of honorable mentions in the British Chess Magazine as compared to smaller tourneys' first prizes is largely a matter of opinion. As a matter of fact, there are many experts who consider the standard of such a small and comparatively new and unknown column like the one in the Home News of Oakhurst, New Jersey, conducted by Harry Conover, higher than the BCM.

Finally, as to the divergence of opinion of judges, all competitors are taking the same chances. Problemably for every conservative and old-fashioned judge, there is one hypermodern and progressive one. Many tournaments have two judges, which assures a compromise between widely different tastes and opinions.

In chess problems, any expert in the world may enter any and as many tournaments as he likes, and he may choose any of his works for the particular competition. In fact in a large number of tournaments it is always the same set of men who compete with each other, which insures approximately equal standards in most competitions. Of course, active composers have a better chance than inactive ones, but this is only right. If a composer is really good, he may get 30 points with only ten problems, while another one may not even score half as many with 100 problems.

Just to show that this computation does not depend just on luck, in this year's incomplete tabulation—it will be completed in Fall—M. Wrobel of Poland, who was less active the year before—is on top, followed by J. Buchwald—who was last year's second, and the writer of these lines third. Other competitors of the last year like Rlievit, Gamage, Pedersen, Eaton are close behind.

I therefore challenge the "Reader" to show me any type of tabulation that might be fairer, or to name any field of competition in which the results are less "fallacious". ERIC HASSBERG Brooklyn, New York

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

Metropolitan Chess League New York, 1947

Notes by Richard Harrell

White G. TREYSMAN Black S. H. KOWALSKI (New York Academy) (Log Cabin)

1. P-K4 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 P-KK3 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 6. P-B4 Kt-B3 3. P-Q4 PxP 7. Kt-K1

8. Kt-P3 Kt-K3 7. B-K5 P-K3 9. P-QB3 PxP 9. P-Q4 R-B1

10. Kt-P3 B-B4 10. O-O 11. Kt-B3 Kt-K3 17. P-QK4 Kt-B3

12. Kt-R4 Kt-B4 15. Q-K1 Kt-Q6 13. P-B3 Kt-K5 16. P-K4 P-K1