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## BOTVINNIK MAINTAINS LEAD

## RESHEVSKY, KERES IN TIE: SMYSLOV HOLDS CLOSE THIRD

At Mar del Plata Eliskases Leads: Denker in Tie for Fifth Place

By Fred Reinfeld

SPECIAL: Sammy Reshevsky apparently staged one of his great-SPECIAL: Sammy Reshevsky apparently staged one of his greatest feats of desperate resistance in drawing his adjourned game with Euwe. The game, put down by everyone as a loss for the American, ended in a draw after 57 moves. The complete standings at the end of ten rounds are: Botvinnik 6-2; Reshevsky 42-23; Keres and Smyslov 4-4; Euwe 12-63. The scene now shifts to Moscow, where play will be resumed April 11. Botvinnik enters the new phase with a substantial lead, and it will be interesting to see whether he can mantain his hot page. There will be interesting to see whether he can mantain his hot page. his hot pace. There will be 15 more rounds of play in Moscow, with 12 games to be played by each contestant. Reshevsky has done well to hold second place—his battles with the clock must be terrific. Smyslov has done better than this writer expected—chiefly because he held Botvinnik to a draw in both their individual games.

After nine rounds of the World Championship, Mikhail Botvinnik was still in undisputed first place.

Botvinnik's play is not brilliant in this contest but it has the chief asset any player can have in such a contest; he blunders the least, and seems to have the steadlest nerves. Thus far he has avoided defeat, winning three games and drawing six games.

Reshevsky has inched nearer to Botvinnik, being tied for second with Keres and still within reaching distance of the leader. The next few rounds must either break the tension; Botvinnik may draw away from the field, or the tournament may become a wide-open struggle of three, and possibly, four players. Smyslov is doing well so far, possibly because he has less to lose than the three men ahead of him, and

Consequently undergoes less mental strain.

The expected break came in the 10th round, with Botvinnik battering Keres to a pulp. Reshevsky

Arnold S. Den played very risky chess against Euwe and is expected to lose. Thus Botvinnik has widened his lead

tremendously.

Mar del Plata

After ten rounds in the Mar del Plata Tournament, Erich Eliskases of Austria was leading with 8-2. As his score includes victories over Naidorf and Stahlberg, it seems likely that Eliskases will go on to

Fred Reinfeld

win the tourn-ament. The Spanish Champion Medina has been doing remarkably well, and is in second place with 7-3. The two European stars O'-Kelly and Szabo both start-ed badly-per-

effects of their long trip. O'Kelly soon recovered and is well up with the leaders (he is in fourth place); but poor Szabo is still in the sec-ond division. The USA represen-tative, Arnold S. Denker, started off well, winning two and drawing six games in the first eight rounds. This gave him a score of 5-3 and landed him well near the top. But in the ninth and tenth rounds he struck a bad patch, losing to Guimard and Rossetto. So even is the graduation of the score table that even after these misfortunes Denker is tied with six players for

fifth place!! Special: 12th Round: Erich Eli-

skases continued to set the pace by defeating USA representative Arnold S. Denker in 38 moves. Medine is still right behind the leader, ...ving beaten Castillo. Stahlberg, after losing to Elisksas and Naiderf, turned around and defeat-ed Szabo, the Hungarian star. In the 11th round Eliskases increased his lead by winning from Michel. Naidorf, who has been doing very badly, smashed Stahlberg. Denker lost his third straight game to

THE STREET	acuros.
Eliskases10 -2	Luckis 51-61
Modina 9 -3	Maderna 51-61
Stahlberg 71-41	Michel 51-61
Najdorf 7 -5	Szabo 51-61
Rossetto 7 -5	Denker 5 -7
O'Kelly 61-51	Freitas 41-71
Bolbochan 6 -6	Sanguinetti 41-71
Plinik 6 -61	Castillo 4-8
Guimard 51-61	Olivera 31-81

#### WORLD CHAMPION-SHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (TE	N ROUNDS
	6 -2
Reshevsky	41-3
Keres	4 -4
Smyslov	4-
Euwe	11-6
ROUND	FOUR
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Botvinnik 1, Reshevsky 0; Nim-zoindlan, 33 moves. Euwe 0, Smy-Ruy Lopez, 42 moves. Keres, bye.

ROUND FIVE

Reshevsky 1, Euwe 0; QGD (Meran), 41 moves. Botvinnik 1, Keres 0; Queen's Pawn, 58 moves. Smyslov, bye.

ROUND SIX

Reshevsky 1/2, Smyslov1/2; Slav, 42 moves. Keres 1/2, Euwe 1/2; Ruy Lopez, 34 moves. Botvinnik, byc. (Please Turn to Page 4, Col. 5)



Mary Bain demonstrates her skill at St. Petersburg by winning fourteen games and drawing five in a twenty-five board simultaneous exhibition at the St. Petersburg, Fla. Chess Divan. Seated right is E. A. McGinnes who won his game:

## SOUTH FALLSBURG IS HOST TO BIENNIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

U. S. Masters And Experts To Play In Vacation Paradise of N. Y. State

The date is set for August 10 to August 31 when the few seeded Masters and the host of qualified Experts who have survived the test of the seven Area Preliminary Tournaments will meet to decide the 1948 U. S. Championship Title.

According to the announcement of Richard W. Wayne, Chairman of the U. S. Championship Touprnament Committee, this exciting battle will be staged in the vacationland of Sullivan County, New York at the town of South Fallsburg.

First honors for bringing this important event to South Fallsburg must be conferred upon A. C. Balducci, manager of the Rivoli Theater, for it was Mr. Balducci who made South Fallsburg and the whole of Sullivan County chess conscious a little more than a year of New York did much to restore conscious a little more than a year ago by a one man campaign that was remarkable in its lasting results (See CHESS LIFE, February 20, 1947 and April 20, 1947), Mr. Balducci not only established chess clubs and taught chess players, but he won his way into print with two chess columns in two dif-ferent Sullivan County newspapers -an achievement that many a more established chess community

Details will be fortneoming in return issues of CHESS LIFE con-cerning the U. S. Championship Tournament, but its location in such an ideal spot for an August outing and the glowing enthusiam of Sullivan County and South F lisburg for chess are guarentees of the fact that the Seventh Bien-nial U. S. Championship Tournament will be an outstanding event in American chess history.

cannot duplicate.

July 5-July 17 49th Annual U. S. **Open Tournament** 

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

March 5th, the Marshall Chess Club of New York did much to restore American prestige by defeating the Capablanca Chess Club of Havanna in a twelve-board radio match. The sole winner for Cuba was Dr. Juan Gonzales who won the U. S. Lightning Chess title while a resident in New York.

Particularly pleasing were the raricularly pleasing were the victories of youthful Larry Evans, Carl Pilnick, Charles F. Rebberg and Mrs. Mary Bain. The last played over the board at Havana and defeated the Cuban Woman's Champion, Senorita Maria Teresa Mora, while Reshevsky sent his moves direct from his home in Rox.

bury, mass.	
Marshall Chess   S. Reshevsky   B	Havana Chess G. Garcia J. Brodermann C. Calero J. Florido R. Romero J. Quessida A. Meylan J. Gonzades A. Copez A. Cabrera Miss M. Mora
Marshall75	Havana4

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES on Page 3.

#### BISGUIER WINS MANHATTAN TITLE

By besting New York State Champion Albert S. Pinkus in their meeting, Arthur Bisguler, 18-yearold student at Pace Institute, becomes the youngest player ever to hold the Championship of the Manhattan Chess Club. He succeeds former U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker to the club title, as the lat-ter failed to defend his crown because of an engagement to play in the Mar del Plata tournament in Argentina. With this victory over Pinkus, Bisguier cannot be overtaken, and the title is his.

Donald Byrne, who was running a close second, lost his chance to overtake Bisguler when he lost to Max Pavey. Byrne and Pinkus are now tied for second with 6-2 each, and Pavey is a close third with

#### **EVANS CAPTURES** MARSHALL TITLE

At the Marshall Chess Club youth was again victorious as 16 year-old Larry Evans was crowned the new Club Champion. With the final round to be played, Carl Pilnick, Anthony Santasiere and Her-bert Seidman were in a triple tie for second place with scores of 13434 each.

In addition Evans annexed the speed title of the Marshall Club in a field of fourteen entrants, losing one game to Theodore Lu-rie, and drawing with Hermann Helmns. John T. Westbrock and Hermann Helms tied for second with 10-3 each, and H. Kupersmith was third with 8½-4½.

#### A. DAVIS GAINS IOWA TITLE

In the Championship Tournament of the lowa Chesa Association at Waterloo, Arthur Davis won the title with 4s points in a fifiteen man five-round Swiss. Lyle Kenyon was second with 4 points, and Marvin Baldwn and Karl Bang tied for third with 32 points each. Max Fogel won the B Tournament with 41 points. The tournament was directed by Alfred Ludwig,

was directed by Africa Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion. At the annual meeting of the Iowa Chess Association, Willis Vanderberg (Shell Rock) was re-elected president, and Philip Gilbertson (Sheldon) secretary-treas-

urer.	
Iowa State	Championship
Arthur Davis4	J. H. Jensen
Lyle Kenyon4	Willis Vanderberg.
Marvin Baldwin 83	J. Donath
Karl Bang31	A B. Cook
Dr. J. S. Weingart 3	A. B. Cook
P. R. Gilbertson3	Dr. E. Small
Jules Bender3	Dr. O. S. Blum
K, Davenport25	F. Donath

#### PLAY HAS BEGUN IN AREA SEVEN

In the Area Seven U. liminary Tournament at New York which is being held on consecutive weekends three rounds of play find Anthony Santasiere in the lead with 3-0; and Carl Pilnick second with 24-4.

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#### 1 - much Sun-

T IS sometimes difficult to realize that the idols of our own youth give place at last to younger and more vigorous rivals. are of the writer's generation, you will still trade the golden trills of Lily Pons for the crystal clarity of Amelita Galli-Curci and prefer the dynamic characterizations of Feodor Chaliapin to the great artistry of Enzio Pinza, because your chosen favorites represent the youthful exub-

WE LOOK TO YOUTH

So it is hard to remember that the boy wonder of your learly days in chess, Sammy Reshevsky, is aging, that the idol of your first tournaments, Frank Marshall, no longer illuminates the chess scene with his brilliancies, and that Fine, Kashdan and Horowitz whose triumphs added much to American chess prestige are not growing younger with the years.

But, reluctantly, we must admit this fact with the mind, if we do not admit it with the spirit. And so it is to the youth of American chess that we must turn our eyes, if America is to continue to maintain its prestige in the future as it has in the past.

We look to youth; and we are not disappointed. Marshall Chess Club we see the 16-year-old Larry Evans capturing the title from older and more experienced players. At Manhattan the story is repeated with the victory of 18-year-old Arthur Bisguler against a strong field of veterans.

Nor are these to be discounted as isolated incidents (or accidents) for in Area 3 U. S. Preliminaries the 19-year-old Paul Poschel outdistanced his more experienced opponents, while Albert Sandrin, Jr., only a few years older, placed a close second. In Area 4 youth did not actually win, but the experienced veteran Whitaker came close to losing to 15-year-old Jackie Mayer, while 18-year-old Gerry Sullivan almost staged an upset in his section.

In Cleveland we have a club composed of junior chess players S. Junior Champion Larry Friedman is one) which regularly wins the city team championship from its seniors; Wisconsin has a junior player, Richard Kujoth, for State Champion; and a year ago New York State had the junior George Kramer for its champion.

These examples could be multiplied, but there is no need. We look to youth, confident that it will respond in maintaining the prestige of American chess; and one of thsee days (not this year or the next, but soon) we confidently expect our old idols to be dethroued and a strong young hand to grasp the Championship of the United

Montgomery Major

## The Reader's Road To Chess

MANUAL OF THE END-GAME By J. Mieses; McKay (\$2.00)

All of a sudden books on the end game appear on the market. latest is a fine beginner's text by the European master, Mieses, published by McKay of Philadelphia. The book really fills a need, for exact end game play is one of the least studied or known parts of the game to the beginner, who can rattle off nearly endless lines from MCO but is lost in the clever calculations when the board is clear.

Mieses modestly makes no sweeping claims for his clear text, but the slim volume is a good one. It sets forth the basic necessary rules for most end game situations—allowing the persons who have never made

attractions—anowing the persons who have never made a systematic appraisal of the end game (and that field goes far beyond beginners) to get the basic ideas of open-board play. As an example of the utility of the text is the fact that Mieses shows the Queen or Rook and lone King basic mate, but merely mentions that it can also be done, a little harder with the two Bishops, or with the Bishops and Knight with extreme care. Knowledge of these latter two mates is now largely a club-room show piece among players who still don't know how to Queen by force; something they can learn from the Mieses book. The book is a grand one as a first guide to end game play and should appeal even to the "lazier" members of the chessic brothers, for it looks nothing like the monumental (and, of course) John D. French

excellent Basic Chess Endings by Fine.

No less than four New York chess masters have postponed June weddings until July 18, so they can fully concentrate on their games in the mammoth USCF Open Championship in Baltimore, Maryland.

## Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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#### The Problem Editor Sees Red!

I am usually a quiet, peace loving man who detests arguments and abhors discussions leading to rumpuses. But occasionally I am extremely pugnacions and inclined to speak my mind, letting the chips fall where they will. This is on of those occasions.

For some time I have been "fed-up" with the super-abundant enthusiasm of several modern prob-



Dr. P. G. Keeney

tem composers as well as recognized authorities on problem subjects for the so-called Third Degree problems, with their related mechanism of the ar-rival and removal of a piece constituting the strategy and designating the movements as 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree.

I do not deny that the agitation and interest created in 3rd degree play has resulted in the production of some very elegant problems but I do claim that the modern and hypermodern composers and recognized problem authorities deal entirely too much in their discussions with technicalities that are "over the heads" of the average problem solvers and composers.

To understand all the numerical, algebraical and high falutin' terms they use to interpret the strategy employed would require the use of a textbook. And each textbook studied would then require the study of some other textbook! etc.

The solving of a problem to an average solver constitutes a study of the position, with relaxation, amusement, enjoyment and satisfaction afforded when the final correct solution is arrived at. What does he care whether the problem is first, second or third degree? He solved the problem, he unearthed the composer's intention, didn't he? And he did it without resorting to formulas or textbooks! He did it by applying his knowledge of chess! Problem enthusiasts require that knowledge and that only to make them good solvers.

When any subject becomes so technical as to cause authorities such as White, Hassberg and DeBlasio to often disagree, how much more confusing must such a subject be to the average problem composers and

I say-Cut out the technical talk involving the various themes, get down to earth and instead of disgusting people already interested in chess problems, endeavor to, by plain simple explanations, win more persons to become interested in problem solving.

And, oh yes-in closing-that you may understand my reference to "technical" I quote a recent article anent 3rd degree play from a foreign

Our first step was to divide the main work into two parts: a) The exploration of the 03 mechanism as primarily defined by De Blasio in the two mover and b) The exploration of the 03 mechanism as defined and illustrated by E, M. Hassberg in the C.C. when announcing the second thematic 03 tourney.

According to the first definition, the mechanism was limited to linear arrival threats by the Black piece which produced as well the contingent threat. According to De Blasio, there was no differentiation in the arrival threats: There is a definite and logic sequence of the correction moves. The medifications introduced by Hassberg gave a slace to pointal arrival threats, and the realization of the Third Degree and the codingent threat by two or more B, pieces, as well as the differentiation of the arrival threats, in this article we are going to deal only with the 03 mechanisms as defined by De Blasio.

Of course, all of you understand the foregoing! If you don't all you need is Variation Play, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a textbook and cor-respondence with De Blasio and Hassberg. It's that simple.

Problem No. 21 By Edgar Holladay Charlottesville, Va.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 7 mon

By Cecil K. Collins Shrereport, La. Composed for Chess Life Black: 9 men



White: 6 men 4RS. 7B. 20202, 112S2K S2k1p2, 1P1s4, 4p2, 8 Vhite mates in two mo



White: 7 men 2b5, 5Q1p, 1RBRp2k, p7, r4pK1, 6P1, 2p5, b1B5 White mates in two moves

It's good to be back in editorial harness again, if for no other reason than contacting composers of the good old days when I was Chess Editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

One of my old reliable and excellent problem contributors was Cecil K. Collins of Shreveport, La. I take pleasure today in presenting to the readers of the column Mr. Collins most recent composing effort. Submitted in the CHESS LIFE composing Task Competition and ruled out because it failed to meet the task requirements, I deemed it worthy of a diagram in CHESS LIFE. I'm sure you'll enjoy Problem No. 22.

Problem No. 21 is another pretty two-er by another first class American problem builder, Edgar Holladay of Charlottesville, Va. It illustrates the Dalton theme. A previous publication of one of his problems (No. 14) was accorded praise by our solvers.

Solutions:

The solutions of Problems No. 17 and 18 were given in Mr. Hassberg's article titled:
"How to Win Prizes in Problem Tourneys," Repetition of solutions is unnecessary and since solutions were given there is no acknowledgment of solvers receiving credit for answers, except to note receipt of solution to Problem No. 15 and 16 (Stipulation A) from P. H. Hunsleker, Akron, which arrived too late for inclusion in March 20th issue.

Solvers of CHESS LIPIC problems, in general, regarded the problems as excellent high class compositions and manifested extreme interest in the superb strategy and composing technique employed by the composer in the conceptions.

technique employed by the composer in the conceptions.

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of original composing contributions for the column from V. L. Faton, E. Hassberg, B. Marshall, C. Collins, O. Wurzburg, B. Berd, P. Korf, H. Mowrey, J. Buchweld and K. Ramnussen.

Chess Life In New York

Hall THE FAIR SEX! A great deal has been written about the men who work for chess, and it's about time that someone rose to pay proper tribute to the fair-er sex. The better half of the chess picture really makes the chess wheels turn in New York!

Of course, it's understood that Mrs. Giers and Mrs. Collett, and my wife and yours, help the immeasurably merely by allowing us to indulge in it. But even more important are the several women of my acquaintance whose unflag-ging zeal plays so large a part in maintaining the level of organized chess in New York City.

Mrs. Caroline Marshall and Mrs Maude Stephens, secretaries of the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs, are the arteries of their respective organizations. At the Lon-don Terrace Chess Club, Mrs. Keener has long shouldered the secre-tarial burdens and has established an unparalleled record of attend-ance and participation in the club's affairs. On the playing side, the successes of Mrs. G. K. Gresser have resulted in numerous feminine converts to the game.

Least known and yet the most deserving of praise is Mrs. Miriam Nabel. Mrs. Nabel has been the sparkplug of one of the most ac-tive Veterans' Hospital Chess Clubs in the country, that at the Kings-bridge V. A. Hospital. This group, named in memory of Mrs. Nabel's deceased son, H. Arthur, has been so successful that Mrs. Nabel has extended her activities to the thousands of handicapped children re-ceiving home instruction, and has provided large numbers of them with chess books and equipment, To cap her services to the royal game, Mr. and Mrs. Nabel have donated the permanent H. Arthur Nabel trophy to the National Intercollegiate Tournaments!

Yes, it's the women who really work for chess!!

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail-Bag

In regard to the answer in the February 20 issue of CHESS LIFE to my criticism of the method being used to determine the annual World Chess Problem Champion-I do not believe that any "scientifie" method at all is availa-ble for accurately rating problem composers. Such ranking should not even be officially attempted, under the circumstances, except in individual tourneys. One does not rank poets in the world today by the number of poetry contests they win or the amount of money they make, and one cannot rank problem composers by the number of prizes they win.

I do not even know how a composer who is not an important problem editor can learn of the existence of all the problem tour-neys held in the world each year time to enter them) without spending a small fortune in magazine subscriptions, newspaper sub scriptions, postage, etc., even if his only object in problem composng is to pick up as many przes as possible in various corners of the world.

I am sorry to see that our problem hobby seems to be slowly degenerating into a race among composers for honors. A true artist should be primarily interested in creative activity that affords pleasure to himself and to others,

A Reader

Boost American Chess! JOIN THE USCF

#### INDIAN DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 3 12. KR-Q1 13. P-QKt4 14. QR-Kt1 15. P-QR4 16. P-Kt5 17. RxR 18. P-R5 19. RPXP 20. B-Kt5 21. PxP 22. B-Q2 P-Kt3 P-Q3 B-KKt2 0-0 B-Kt2 P-K4 PxP R-K1 QKt-Q2

After 22. ... ...., P-B4



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23. B-Kt5	R-K1	33, Kt-R3	R-Q1
24. P-R3	PxP	34, Kt-B4	R-Q3
25. QKtxP	BxKt	35. P-R5	P-KH
26. OxB	Kt-B3	36. Kt-05	KtxKt
27. Q-K3	OKt-02	37. PxKt	P-R3
28. O-Kt3	R-KII	38. BxKt	PxB
29. B-K3	Kt-B4	39. OxKP	B-Q5
30. O-B2	R-R1	40. O-K8 ch.	K-Kt2
31. Kt-Kt5	R-KI	41. R-K18	Resigns
32. P-R4	P-KS		

### GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 3

White V. SMYSLO	v	M. BOT	
1. P-Q4 2. P-Q84 3. Kt-Q83 5. Q-K83 5. Q-K83 5. Q-K83 7. P-K44 8. P-K9 9. Q-B2 11 0-Q 11 P-QK83 11 P-QK83 12 P-QK83 13 P-QK83 14 P-QK83 15 P-QK83 16 P-QK83 17 P-QK83 18 P-QK83	KI-KB3 P-KKB P-Q4 B-KK9 KLKP KLKP KLKP KLKP KLKP G-K3 G-R3 Q-R3 Q-R3 Q-R3 Q-R3 Q-R3 Q-R3 Q-R3 Q	24. B-K5 25. B-K12 26. Q-B4 27. R-K4 28. QR-K1 29. QxQ ob. 30. KR-K2 30. KR-K2 31. KR-K3 32. P-QR3 33. KLxP 35. KLxP 35. KLxP 36. KR-K3 40. R-K3 41. K-B3 42. R-K4 43. R-K2 45. R-K2 45. R-K2	B-B5 Q-B4 Q-B2 K1-B3 RxQ K1-B3 RxQ K1-Q4 PxP KR-K2 B-R13 B-K12 B-K12 B-K12 B-K183 K1-Q4 K1-B3 K1-Q4 K1-B3 K1-Q4 K1-B3 K1-Q4 K1-B3 K1-Q4
A	fter 45	Kt-04	

Botvinnik



Despite exchange of all the Rooks fairly early, Euwe got a strong bind on Smyslov and initiated a very brilliant combination on move 33. After sacrificing both Knights while leaving his Queen en prese, he had a won game by playing 35. Q-B3! Missing this fine follow-up left poor Euwe holding the bag, and when adjournment time came

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16. Q-K2	P-Kt3	32. Kt-KB4	B-85
	After 32	R.RS	



38. Q-B5 ch. 39. Q-R7 ch. 40. BxB Q 41. K-R1 42. Q-B5 Resigns K-K2 K-Q1 QxB ch. Q-K6 Kt-QB3

Botvinnik-Reshevsky was another game in which the finish was er game in which the linish was disappointing. With 5, P-QR3, Bot-vinnik offered to steer the game into one of his favorite variations (5, ......, BxKt ch; 6, PxB) with which he won an immortal game against the great Capablanca in the famous Avro Tournament in 1938. But Reshevsky, whom I am told read my Botvinnik and Keres books with close attention while preparing for the tournament, was too wary. He played a different, rather original, line and soon ob-tained an excellent game. Howtained an excelent game. How-ever, under stress of time pressure he blundered away a promising position; and when he overstepped the time limit on the 33rd move, he was a piece down. Time preshe was a piece down. Time pressure is the sixth player in this tournament!

#### NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE World Championship, Round 4

Black RESHEVSKY 13 P-R5 3 R-R4 83 Q-K1 3 QxB 4 Kt-B5 11 P-K4 11 P-K4 11 P-K9 12 P-R3 3 R-R3 NIK
K-K-B3
14. Bz.P
K-K-B3
15. Q-K-B
B-K-K-B3
16. Q-Q-B
P-Q-W
17. Kt-B3
B-K2
Q-Q-Q-B
Q-K-Q-B
Q-Q-Q-B
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By playing 3. immediately indicated that he was out for blood. According to plan, a most interesting game followed. Botvinnik further indulged his desire for complications by postponing castling to the 27th move. Keres pulled a big boner with his 18th move, whereby he exchanged his good Bishop, and was left with very bad Bishop on the white puares. This piece, hemmed in by its own Pawns, was as good as

Position No. 11 By Eugen Rusenescu (Bucarest) Revista Romana de Sah January, 1947



IK4k1, 8. SpP1P1, 8 (Pr. 8, 8, 8 White to play and draw

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Position No. 12

Guilherme Groesser

5R2, plpsP3, 2PK1Pp1, p2F to play and

## White To Play And Draw!

I LLUSIONS of victory fade for White in Position 11, and only by very careful play do his three Pawns hold a draw against Black's Rook and Pawn. In Position 12 White also may cherish for a moment dreams of victory, but only by the most careful study of his timing can he even draw—a move out of sequence and Black wins handily.

Solutions will be published in the May 5th issue.

useless. Botvinnik won a Pawn but later gave it up as part of an elegant simplification process. The King and Pawn ending is easy but very instructive: the out-side passed Pawn decides in Black's favor in every variation.

#### ENGLISH OPENING

World Championship, Round 5

2. P-KK13 P-04 29, H-M1 V-R2 4. P-QK14 P-Q64 31, G-B1 K-K12 5. P-K15 P-K14 31, G-B2 R-B2 5. P-K15 P-K14 31, G-B2 R-B2 5. P-K14 G-Q2 31, G-B1 B-K15 5. P-K16 K1-KR3 36, G-B1 B-K15 5. P-K16 K1-KR3 36, G-B1 Q-KP 5. P-KR4 K1-KR3 36, G-B1 Q-KP 5. P-KR4 K1-KR3 36, G-B1 Q-KP 5. P-KR4 K1-KR3 36, G-B1 Q-B3 5. R-K12 G-B3 5. R-K13				
	P. KERES 1. P-084 2. P-KK13 3. B-Kt2 4. P-0K14 5. P-R15 6. P-031 9. F-KR4 10. 0-0 111. P-B3 112. P-B4 113. P-B5 114. Kt-02 15. Pxp 15. Rxp 17.	P-Q4 P-Q84 P-Q84 P-Q84 P-Q84 R-KCU B-KCU B-KCU B-KCU B-KCU B-KCU B-KCU B-KCU R-KB R-RB KC-KCU R-KB B-RB C-C-R-RB B-RB C-C-R-RB B-RB C-C-RB RB-RB C-C-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-RB-	28. KtKt. 29. R-Rt. 30. Q-B1 31. R-Rt. 31. R-Rt. 32. Q-Rt. 33. P-KB 33. Q-B1 35. R-Kt2 36. Q-RB 36. Q-B1 37. Q-Kt. 38. K-Rt. 39. B-Rt. 40. Q-Q1 41. P-Kt6 42. Q-Kt. 44. P-Rt. 45. P-Rt. 46. Q-Kt. 47. Q-Kt. 48. R-Rt. 49. R-Rt. 49. R-Rt. 51. K-Kt. 52. K-Kt.	OTVINNIK R-B1 Q-K2 K-K1 R-B2 BxKt B-MS G-R1 K-LR2 KL-R4 P-R5 P-R oh. R-B1 G-R5 oh. QxR ch. QxR

After 53. ....., PxQ



54. PxP 55. K-Kt2 56. K-B3

This will rank as one of Reshev sky's finest games. He played the early middle game beautifully and soon reduced Euwe to such a state of desperation that the Doctor parted with a Pawn, though without any compensation to speak of.
The nicely timed play at moves
29-31 was all part of a very fine
plan to force Black into a Bishop and Pawn ending which is prac-tically a forced loss for him. If at move 37, Black avoids moving his Pawns and tries to bring his King to the center, White beats him to the punch and gets his King to QB5 with an easy win. (Black's King cannot reach Q3, for then P-K5 ch. hits his KKtP.)

#### SLAV DEFENSE

	World	Champio	nship, Rou	nd 5
	White RESHE	/SKY	DR	Black EUWE
1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	12. P-05	P-B4
	P-0B4	P-R3	13. P-06	0-01
4.	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	14. QR-Q1	R-Ktl
	Kt-B3	P-B3	15. Kt-05	KtxKt
5.	P-K3	QKt-Q2	16. BxB	QxB
	B-03	B-Kt5	17. RxKt	P-K5
7.	P-QR3	B-R4	18. Kt-Kt5	P-Kt4
	Q-B2	Q-K2	19. B-R2	Q-Kt3
9.	B-Q2 BxBP	P-K4	20. KtxKP 21. R-Q2	B-K+2 P-B5
11.	0-0	0-0	22. B-Kt1	P-Kt3

## After 37. P-B4

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37. ..... 38. PxP 39. K-B2 40. P-Kt3 41. K-K3

Resheveky Smyslov was a fore ordained draw, but a humdinger all the same. Smyslov gave up a piece in the opening, but got four Pawns for it. After the exchange of Queens, Sammy began to whittle away at the Pawns. He finally won two of them, but had to allow simplifications in the process, Smy-slov finally drew resourcefully enough with only two Pawns for a

#### SLAV DEFENSE World Championship, Round 6

15. R-Q1 16. KtxP (B4)

Euwe played the Black side of a Ruy Lopez very ably against Keres. He got a fine game and won a Pawn, but his weak 32nd move killed his winning chances. lucky escape for Keres.

#### RUY LOPEX

World Championship, Round 6 P. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 112. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. QR-Q1 R-B5 K-R1 B-R4 R-QB1 P-QR3 PxB RxR B-Kt3 P-Q4 Q-Q1 R-R1 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,

## Chess Life

Monday, April 5, 1948

## Chess Life Abroad

Page 3

By George Koltanowski GERMANY:

GERMANY: The inter-Cluid Championship for 1947 (teams of eight players) finished as follows: 1. Esen 28½; 2. Union (Hamburg) 21½; 3. "1830" (Hamburg) 19; 4. Cologne 19; 5. "Friedenau" (Ber-lin) 17½; and 6. Weidenau 14.

LUCERNE, Switzerland: An interesting national tournament for 'Youngsters" took place here with the following results: 1. S. Tor-dion (Zurich) 4½ pts. (The Swiss System was used and six rounds played); 2-3. Dr. Schudel and Hedinger (both Switzerland) 4 pts.; 4-6. Crisoven, R. Hess and P. Mullerll 31; 7. J. P. Wurch (Strasburg) 3; 8-9. A. Hrlicka (Vienna) and Sauberli 2h; 10. J. J. Oosterwyck-Bruyn (Holland) 2 pts. etc.

HOLLAND, The Hague: Discendo Discimus Chess Club just feted its 95th year of existence!

A Secret Weapon: The European newspapers are running a story on a new secret weapon in Chess: Namely, eating raw onions! This according to Newell Banks of Detroit. Whatever else they say Newell Banks said, is not so important, but I believe he has something with this onion business! He should have informed privately one of the "Five" at The Hague about it.

RIGA, US.R.R.: One more "Pan-Sovietique" tournament ended here with the following results: (Bet you never heard these names be-fore . . . right?) 1-2. Simjaguine (Champion of Moscow) and Fourman. (Loningrad) 15 pts out of 19; 3. Saiguine (Brest) 14; 4. Nej-metdinow (Kazan) 13½; 5. Taras-

metuhow (Kazan) 132, 5, 14ras-sow (Kichinev) 13 pts. etc. Game played in the Budapest tournament in memory of S, Abro-nyi; White: E, Szabadi; Black; E.

Gereben; Irregular Opening.
1. Kt-KB3, P-Q4; 2. P-KKt3, P-QB3; 3. P-Kt3 (I never liked the QB3; 3, P-Rt3 (1 never liked the double flanchetto), B-B4; 4, B-QKt2, Kt-B3; 5, B-Kt2, P-K3; 6, P-Q3, QKt-Q2; 7, QKt-Q2, B-B4 8, O-O, Q-K2; 9, Kt-K5, P-KR4; 10, Kt-Kt, Q-Kt; 11, Kt-B3, Q-B2; 12, B-K5, Q-K2; 13, P-KR3, Kt-Q2; 14, BXP (Kt7), (This is bad), R-KKt1; 15. B-Q4, B-Q3; 16. KtR4, BxRP; 17. P-K4 (See Diagram; not 17. BxB, as QxKt wins a piece.)



17. QxKt (A perfectly correct Queen sacrifice); 18. PxQ, BxB; White resigns as after 19. P-K5

follows B-B6 ch. etc.
OSTEND, Belgium: Simoens with 7 out of 10 pts. won the champion-ship of the Ostend Chess Club. 2. F. Teetart 7; 3. De Wispelaire 61.

ARGENTINE: Two Russian Masters were invited to play in the Mar del Plata tournament, namely Boleslavski and Kotov. The prizes are 5,000; 4,000; 3,000; 2,000 and 1,000 dollars! (I am just wondering if they are American dollars

TWINS: A few years ago I comcosed the following two endings: (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5) 6. 0-0 7. Kt-83 8. Q-82 9. R-Q1

O. R.Q.S.
Q.KtS. P.Q4 the White Q could be attack by \_\_\_\_ PxP or a later \_\_\_\_

ever!

KtPxP 13. P-QR3! Kt-R3!

Kt-B3? 14. KtxKt, BxKt; 15. Q-R2!

Kt-B2 15. P-QKt4

Kt-82 15, P-QKt4

orece a Q-side majority.
Q-81 17, Q-R2
Q-81 17, Q-R2
Q-81 17, Q-R2
Q-81 18, Kt-Q3
K memored 15, P-Kt4
Q-81 18, R-Q-81
Q-81 1

Black's plan, If 22, .., P-B37; 23.

P-B4 23. Q-Q2 24. B-Kt5. If 23. ... Kt-Kt8; 24.

27. B-Kt6 PxP 28. QBxP Kt(B2) K1 29. BxB

nded 29, B-Kt6 which in time pressure the as Black's center is

R-R3 R-QB1

33. Kt-B3 34. P-B7 35. Kt-Kt5

After 38. Q-Q2

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oned on the stre R-B3? 36, Kt-R7! 37, KtxKt 38, Q-Q2

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41. P-K4! RxP; 42. RxR

N. GROSSMAN UROSSMAN (Brooklyn) 5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 6. B-K2 P-QR3 7. O-O P-K3 kt-Kt3

winning anyway, K-Kt2 44, 0xKt ch. K-B3 RxP 45, Q-B6 Resigns KtxR

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Bernstein

RxR -, Kt-K5? 39. RxKt! Kt-K1 40. B-Kt2 t once 40. Q-Q8! K-R2?

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Metropolitan Chess League

New York, 1948

Notes by J. Faucher

bubly better. P-QKt4 12. B-K3 B-Kt2 13. Q-K2 B-K2 14. QR-Q1 Q-B2 15. Q-B2

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Kt-B3

After 16. .....

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Better 40, ... Q-K2; and 43, P-K51 win

16. Kt-Q4

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ot 9, P-Q57 PxP and 10, ..., good alternative was 9, P-K4,

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries,

Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by S. Bernstein

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G. KRAMER

P-B4

White BERNSTEIN P-Q4 Kt-KB3 P-Q84 P-K3 Kt-KB3 P-QK3 P-KK3 B-K12 B-K12 B-K2

14. B-B4 To force

16. P-Kt5

the long 22. B-R3

35. .... 36. RxP

After 10, Q-KtN, P-Qa use subject to attack by \_\_\_\_\_ PxP or a Kt-R3-B4 if White's QP is swappe P-Q4 11. Kt-K5

## Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

29. Kt-B7 ch, K-B1; R-B8 ch, RxR; \$2.

brilliant sacrifice leads to a beautiful

KxR 28. Kt-Q5 K-K1

P-K5 ch. 30. K-K2 Q-Kt5 ch. 31. R-B3 ring Ps to draw the Q away from the of fire.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Metropolitan Chess League

New York, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

B-R4 P-KR3 8. B-K3 P-K5 is seems to be one point to White's five.

After this P scriffice it remains to seen who will get the best of the follow-taking combinations.

saarp combinations.

9. Properties best of the followProperties of the following th

10. PAP KtzP II. 8-74 Q-Q2
This does not look best. Perhaps Block over-looked White's renty. After II. .. Kt(4) K2; E. Kt-Q2. B.K3 (41 22. .. .. B.B4; IS P.K4; or If 12. .. .. Kt-Q5, not 13. Q-R4 ch, B-Q2; 14. Q25, Kt-R7 ch, but 13. Q-Q3 and 14. P-R3.)

R-Q11
t 12, Kt-Q4 (intending 13, Q-K4 ch) beuse of 12, ..., Kt(4)xKt; 13, PxKt, KtxKt;
Q-K4 ch, Kt-K3 (not 14, ..., Q-K3; 15,
Kt attacking R and B) and Black retains
extra P.

his extra P.

12. Kt-K2 13. Kt-Q4 P-Q4

12. This move is by no means satisfactory but it is difficult to find one that is. The chief trouble is traced back to Black's lith move.

14. P-K4 KtxKt 15. RxKt P-Q84

After 15. ....., P-QB4

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16. RxB! PxR 18. KtxP Resigns
17. B-Kt5 Kt-B3
1f 18. .., Q-Q3; 19. B-Kts or 18. .., K-B1; 19
Q-B5 ch. A very spirified liftle game which
may throw new light on the opening varia-

"DURKINS ATTACK"

South-East Jersey Championship, 1948

Notes by R. T. Durkin

White
I. T. DURKIN
R. W. Wo.
Kt-QR3
Lettually, not an attack at all in the tactical
ense but merely a slightly more modern
lacement of the Rt.
P-Q4
Lettually, is often said, is a
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Lettually in often said, is a

The best defense, it is often said, is a counterattack; therefore I. — P-K4; but perhaps there really is no need for defense in this novel stinution?

2. P-Q84

Doubly detrimental to Black. Pirst in that it is a tempo-loss and second in that it is a tempo-loss and second in that it neither restricts the White Kt, the usual anction, of such a move, nor does it cramp Vhite's general position.

P-84

Kt-83

Kt-83

Kt-83

Lee, the decoy is now centrally.

Quite rash, it would seem, especially as it permits White to trade off another of Black's center Ps with a side one as well as opening up White's KB file. It is also a tempo lose.

End Game Positions 7 and 8

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No. 7, by Saul Segenreich: 1, Kt.B6 ch,
RkKt. 2, B.Q3, B.Ktl. 2, ....., K.R2 transpores Info same variation); 3, B.K41 B.R2!
(the B is lost if it remains on the diagonal);
4, Kt.K7 ch, K.R2; 5, B.Q3! Now the B is
trapped. If Black tries to elimb out of the
curner with his K, when he reaches either
Ki3 or B2, White plays Rt.Q5 ch and Kr.B6,
winning the B, H Black marks time, the
White K marches down the Kt file to capture the B.

No. 8, by A, A, Troitzky; 1, R.Kt7 ch,
K.B3 (not ..... KNR; 4, Kt-Q6 ch, winning
the Q); 2, Kt-Q8 ch, K-Q5; 3, R-Q7 ch,
KZP (if 3, ....., K-KB5; 4, P-K8 ch, wins);
4, P-B4 ch, QxP (if 4, ...., KAP; 5, R-Q4 ch,
QxR; 6, KlxP ch wins); 5, R-Q41 Q-B1;
6, Kt-B6 ch, K-B3; 7, R-B4 ch wins.

P-B4 Kt-B3 Kt-G2 ere, the decoy is no P-Q3 P-Q3 P-Q4 would

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White
PARTOS
P-Q4
Kt-KB3
P-Q84
P-KB4
P-KB5
Kt-Q83
R-Kt-Q85
R-Kt-Q8

R-B1 oh. R-Bloh. K-Kl lite now threatens i Kt-K6 ch, K-Kl; 31

R-B2

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Richard Harrell Edw. J. Korpanty G. E. Page Dr. Bela Rozsa udakoff

A READER ANNOTATES

Reader Harvey writes in to point out an error in the notes by Rich-

ard Harrell on the Joachim-Gilbert

game, published in CHESS LIFE

on February 20th. Harrell gave White's fifth move (5. Kt-B7) a

double question mark, suggesting that: 5, P-Q4, QxKtP; 6, B-B1, QxR;

7. Q-R5 ch, K-Q1, etc. was an out-right win for White. But the eagle

eye of Reader Harvey has discerned

the fact that simply 7. . . . , P-Kt3; 8. KtxKtP, PxKt leaves Black a won game. A bow to Mr. Harvey for catching Harrell napping.

A good friend tells you where a

bargain can be found. Be a good

friend and tell your friends about

World Championship

(Continued from page 1, Col. 2)

Euwe ½. Botvinnik ½; French Defense, 40 moves. Smyslov 0, Kores 1; Catalan, 57 moves. Re-

ROUND EIGHT ROUND EIGHT

Botvinnik ½, Smyslov ½; Gruenfeld Defense, 77 moves. Keres ½,
Reshevsky ½; Ruy Lopez, 24 moves. Euwe, bye.

ROUND NINE

Reshevsky 1/2, Botvinnik 1/2; Dutch Defense, 34 moves. Smyslov

1, Euwe 0; Ruy Lopez, 70 moves. Botvinnik, bye.

ROUND TEN

CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from page 3, Col. 5)

They are really passable as twins:

Here goes: No. 1. White: King on

Q3, Rook on KB1, Pawn on KR5 (3 pieces); Black: King on QKt7,

Pawns on KR2, KKt2, QR3 and QR7 (5 pieces). White to play and

position is the same for White. For

Black everything remains the same

except the Pawn on KR2, that is now on KR3. White to play and

from the same in the long run. Try your hand at it. Solutions will fol-

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In the second end game the

They look alike but are far

Lopez. Smyslov, bye.

Botvinnik 1, Keres 0; Nimzoindia. Euwe 1, Reshevsky 1; Ruy

ROUND SEVEN

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shevsky, bye.

10. PxP This lose 12. KtxKt 13. B-B4 14. BxP P-KKt4 QxKt Q-B3 B-B4 ack is e auda Q-Q2 tempo tious B. Kt-B3 behind toward winning R-KKU he plan left, viz: to threaten back rank. However, White sword which he proceeds to now has the sword sink to the hilt. 19, Q-K3 ch K-02 20. RxP K-82 21. R-B7 ch. B-Q2 22. BxB PxB 23. QR-K81 QR-K1 24. 0-02 25. P-04 26. P-05 27. R(B)B6 After 27. ... R-K3?

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28. PxR! QxQ 29. P-K7 ch. K-B2 30. P-K8(Q) ch. B-Q2 A dying gasp. 33. K-B2 Resigns 31. RxB ch. QxR 32. QxR Q-Q8 ch.

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. KtxR RxKt 22. P-K5 some time, 22. 23. BxB Resigns

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piece goes and the end game is hopele

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takes prompt advantage of Black's in and continues his development as per plan.

KPxP 8. 0-0

Instead, P-KR3 was in order to allow a safe retreat for the B, atter White's Kt-KR4; for instance, after 8. 0-0, P-KR3; 9. P-KR3, B-Q8; 10. Kt-KR4, B-R2 Black stands quite

0-0 10. Kt-KR4 with Black's reply, 12. P-K4 B-QKt5 Q-B2 P-K5. BxKt Kt-K5 P-KKt4 16. BxKt 17. Kt-Kt2 18. B-Kt2

After 18. B-Kt2



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with 18. .., B-Kt5, to
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layed game,
9, P-83

PxP PxKt K-R1 Q-04 ch. KtxQ R-KB1 Kt-K6 ch.

RETI OPENING Mercantile Library Chess Club Finals

Philadelphia, 1948 Notes by Walter Hall

White
White
White
White
MRS. N. SELENSKY
1. Kt.KB3 K. WACHS
2. P.B4 P.B4 S. Kt.KB
3. Kt.B3 A. P.Q4 P.RP
3. Kt.B3 Kt.B3 A. Kt.KB
4. P.G4 P.B4 S. Kt.KB
5. Kt.B3 A. Kt.B3 A. Kt.B3 A. Kt.B3 A. Extremely hazardous venture. After 6.
P.Q8, the White Kt is threatened to be put out of play by Black's subsequent 7., P.QR3.
6. B.B4
Black fails to make the most of his opportunities, erring badly.
7. Kt.Q6 ch.
Just what the doctor ordered. If Black
Just what the doctor ordered. If Black

Just what the doctor ordered. If Black plays BxKt, then QxB leaves Black with a bad problem of easting and developing, neither of which he can do. 7. K-B3 c. K-Q84 here ty for the gapin-

10. B-Q2 Bx embination that BxP ch. e start of a nice ort of its objective KxB Kt-K5 oh. K-K1 KtxB

13. QxKt 14. Q-Q6 ch. K-K11 Q-R4 ch. P-KR3 Q-R5 ch. QxKP Q-Kt5 ch.



26. RxP ch