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## BOTVINNIK <br> RESHEVSKY, KERES IN TIE; SMYSLOV HOLDS CLOSE THIRD

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

## By Fred Reinfeld

SPECLAL: Sammy Reshevsky apparently staged one of his great est feats of desperate resistance in drawing his adjourned game with Euwe. The game, pat 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 $4 \frac{2}{2}-3 \frac{1}{2} ;$ Keres and Smyslov of
$4-4 ;$ Euwe $12-61$. 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 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-lis battles with the clock must be terrific, Smyslov 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
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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

Reshevsky has inched nearer to Botvinnik, being tied for leader. The next few rounds must either breat 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
The expected break came in the 10th round, with Botvinnik battering Keres to a pulp. Reshevsky played very risky chess against Euwe and is expected to lose. Thus Botvinnik has widened his lead tremendously.

## Mar del Plata

rounds in the Mar del of Austria was leading with 8.2 As his score includes victories over Naidorf and Stahiberg, it seems likely that Eliskases will go on to
win the tourn-


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Spanis h
Champion Medina has been doing remarkably well, and is in second The two European stars $O^{\prime}$ Kelly and Szabo both start-
ed badly-perbaps the after effects of their long trip. O'Kelly soon recovered and is well up with the leaders (he is in fourth place); and division. The USA representative, Arnold S. Denker, started ofi 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 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-


WORLD CHAMPION SHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (TEN ROUNDS)
Botvinnik
Reshevsky
Keres

## Euwe

## ROUND FOUR

Botvinnik 1, Reshevsky 0; Nim zoindian, 33 moves. Euwe 0 , Smy. slov 1; Ruy Lopez, 42 moves. slov 1; Ruy Lopez,
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 $1 / 2$, Smyslov $1 / 2$; Slav, Lopez 34 Keres $1 / 2$. Euwe $1 / 2$; Ruy (Please Turn to Page 4 , bye.

# MAINTAINS LEAD 




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burg must be conferred upon A. C. Balducei, manager of the Rivol Theater, for it was Mr. Balduce who made South Fallsburg and the whole of Sullivan County chess 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 Aprit 20, 1947). Mr. Balduect not only established chess clubs and taught chess players, clubs and talught chess players,
but he won his way into print but he won his way into print
with two chess columns in two different Sullivan Gounty newspapers an achlevement that many a cavnot duplicate.
Details will be forthcoming in future issues of CHESS LIEH concerning the U. S. Championship Tournament, but its location in
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outing and the glowing enthusiam of Sullivan County and South F. llsburg 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.

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## Open Tournament

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## MARSHALL BESTS HAVANA CLUB

- As reported in CHESS LIFE on 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 ictories of youthful Larry Evans, Cart Pilnick, Charles F. Rebberg and Mirs. Mary Bain. The last Dlayed over the board at Havana and defeated the Cuban Woman's Champlon, Senorita Maria Teresa Mora, while Reshevsky sent his moves direct from his home in Rox. bury, Mass.
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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-yearmeeqting, Arthur Bisguler, is-yearold student at Pace Institute, be-
comeg 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 latter falled 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 Byrme, who was ruming close second, lost his chance to overtake Bisguier 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 51 21 23.

## EVANS CAPTURES MARSHAII TITIF

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 Pilaick, Anthony Santasiere and Herbert Seldman were in a triple tie for second place with scores of 13료프 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 $8 \frac{1}{2}-41$.

## A. DAVIS GAINS IOWA TITLE

In the Championship Tournament of the lowa Chess Association at Waterloo, Arthur Davis won the title with $4 i$ 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 $3 \frac{2}{4}$ points each. Max Fogel won the B Tournamen with $4 \frac{1}{3}$ points. The tournament was directed by Alfred Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion
At the annual meeting of the Iowa Chess Association, Willis Vanderberg (Shell Rock) was ro elected president, and Philip Gil bertson (Sheldon) secretary-treas urer.

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PLAY HAS BEGUN IN AREA SEVEN

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
Comments by Fred Reinfeld

INDIAN DEFENSE



## GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 3


Despite exchange of all the Rooks fairly early, Euwe got a strong bind on Smysiov and initiated a very brilliant combination on move 33 . After sacrificing both Knights while leaving his Queen on prse, 35. Q.B3! Missing this fine fallow 35. Q-B3! Missing this fine followand when adjournment time came

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around, his attack had petered out completely.

## RUY LOPEZ




Botvinnik-Reshevsky was another game in which the finish was disappointing. With 5, P-QR3, Botvinnik offered to steer the game (5. BxKt/ch; 6. PxB) with which he won an immortal game against the great Capablanca in the famous Ayro 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 excellent game. How-
ever, under stress of time pressure ever, under stress of time pressure position; and when he overstepped the time limit on the 33 rd move he was a piece down. Time presi
sure is the sixth player in this tournament!
MIMZOVITCH DEFENSE
 sire for complications by post poning castling to the a7th move Keres pulled a big boner with his 18 th move, whereby he exchanged his good Bishop, and was left with a very bad bishop on the white squares. This plece, hemmed in
by its own Pawns, was as good as

Position No. 11
By Eugen Rusenescu (Bucarest)
Reviuta Romana de Sah
By Guilherme Groesser


## White To Play And Draw!

LLLUSIONS of victory fade for White in Position 11, and only by very L 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. Botvinulk won a Pawn but later gave it up as part of an elegant simplification process. The final King and Pawn ending is easy but very instructive: the outside passed Pawn decides in Black's favor in every variation.


This will rank as one of Reshev-
sky's finest games. He played the oarly middle gamo bonutifully 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 practically 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 King cannot peach Win. (Black P.K5 ch hit his KKKP? ) the

## P-K5 ch. hits his KKtP.) SLAV DEFENSE

, Round 5

## White RESHEVSKY <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> 

Reshoveky Smyelov wac a foreordained 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. Smyslov finally drew resourcefully enough with only two Pawns for a Bishop.

## SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 6



After 37, P-B


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 $32 n d$ move killed his winning chances. lucky escape for Keres.

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## Chess Life <br> Abroad <br> B, Geros Koltanow

GERMANY: The Inter-Club Championship for 1947 (teams of eight players) finished as follows: 1. Esen 288; 2. Union (Hamburg) Cologne 19: 5. "Friedenau" (Ber lis) $17 \frac{1}{2}$; and 6. Weldenau 14 .

LUCERNE, Switzerland: An interesting national tournament for "Youngsterg" took place here with the following results: 1. S. Tordion (Zurich) 4䨐 pts. (The Swiss System was used and six rounds played) : 9 - $8^{-}$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 Sauberll 23; 10. J. J. OosterwyckBrayn (Holland) 2 pts. etc.
HOLLAND, The Hague: The Discendo Discimus Chess Club just feted its 95 th 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 "PanSovietique" tournament ended here with the following results: (Bet you never heard these names before ....right?) 1-2. Simjaguine (Champion of Moscow) and FourmaL. (Leningrad) 15 pts ont of 19: 3. Saiguine (Brest) 14; 4. Nejmetdinow (Kazan) 131; 5. Tarassow (Kichinev) 13 pts. etc.
Game played in the Budapest tournament in memory of S. AbroGereben; Irregular Opening.

1. Kt-KB3, P-Q4; 2. P-KKt3, PQB3; 3. P-Kt3 (I never liked the double flanchetto), B-B4; 4. B-QKt2, $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$; 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. KtxKt, QxKt; 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. Kt-R4, BxRP; 17.
P-K4 (See Diagram; not 17. BxB, as QxKt wins a piece.

2. ......, 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 out of 10 pts . won the championship of the Ostend Chess Club. 2. F. Teetart 7; 3. De Wispelaire 61. Etc.

ARGENTINE: Two Russian Mas. ters 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 wonder ing if they are American dollars that's all.)

TWINS: A few years ago I composed the following two endings:
(Continued on Page 4 , $⿻$ Col 5 )

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$\frac{\text { Monday, April 5, } 1948}{\text { QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE }}$ U. S. Championship Prelimina
Area 7 , New York, 1948 Notes by S. Bernstein

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## RETI OPENING

Mercantile Library Chess Club Philadelphia, 1948 Notes by Walter Hall



The Metropolitan Chess League of Boston is enjoying a busy sea-
son with teams playing in three separate groups for division champlonships. Under the energetic leadership of Robert W. Reddy, president of the year-old Brattle president of the (Cagaue who is have been laid to teach chess to boys and girls through the sponsorship of the cyo in Boston, while in Brookline a chess class is already in progress. Mr. Reddy was recently elected president of the Massachusetts State Chess Ass'n to expand these plans for teaching chess to youngsters.

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READER ANNOTATES
Reader Harvey writes in to point ther same, published in CHESS LIFE on February 20th. Harrell gave White's inth move (5. Kl-B7) a double question mark, suggesting that: 5. P.Q4, QxKtP; 6. B-B1, QxR; ight win for White. But the eagle eye of Reader Harvey has discerned the tact that simply 7. ..... P-Kt3; won game. A bow to Mr. Harvey for catching Harrell napping.

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## World Championship

 (Continued from page 1, Col. 2) ROUND SEVEN Euwe $1 / 2$, Botvinnik $1 / 2$; French Keres 1; Catalan, 57 moves. Reshevsky, bye.ROUND EIGHT

Botvinnik $1 / 2$, Smyslov $1 / 2$; Gruenfeld Defense, 77 moves. Keres $1 / 2$, Reshevsky 1/2; Ruy Lopez, 24 moves. Euwe, bye.

Reshevsky $1 / 2$, Botvinnik $1 / 2$; Dutch Defense, 34 moves. Smyslov , Euwe 0; Ruy Lopez, 70 moves. ROUN
Botvinnik 1, Keres 0; Nimzoindian. Duwe $\frac{1}{2}$, Reshevsky $\frac{1}{2}$; Ruy
Lopez. Smysloy bye

## 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 win. In the second end game the 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 win. They look allke but are far from the same in the long run. Try your hand at it. Solutions will fol low in next column.

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