



# Chess Life

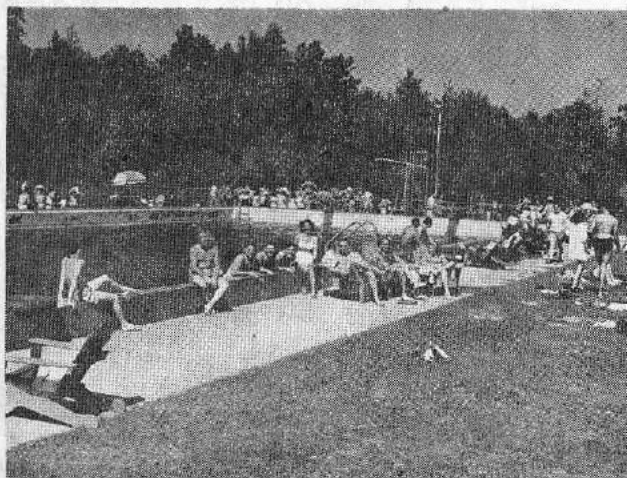


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## BISGUIER WINS JUNIOR



WHERE CHESS PLAYERS WILL COOL OFF BETWEEN GAMES

Typical of the comfort and beauty that invites at South Fallsburg, Sullivan County, New York, is the swimming pool surrounded by a woodland scene of refreshing beauty.



CHESS—A FAMILIAR SCENE

At South Fallsburg, where most of the residents play chess, this is a daily sight. A. C. Balducci (playing Black) is responsible for much of the local chess enthusiasm, and is one of the principal organizers of the U. S. Championship Tournament.

### N. May Karff Retains Woman's Title At U. S. Open Championship Tourney

Playing with her usual verve and persuasiveness, Miss N. May Karff retained the U. S. Women's Open Championship in a double-round tourney at Baltimore with a perfect score of 6-0. With the title goes custody of the Helen Cobb trophy which Miss Karff has held since 1938. Second place went to Miss Adele Raettig with 3-3. Since Miss Karff is already seeded in the U. S. Women's Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg, it is probable that the place reserved for the U. S. Woman's Open Champion will be awarded to Miss Raettig.

**U. S. Woman's Open Championship**  
Miss N. May Karff (New York) ..... 6-0  
Miss Adele Raettig (New York) ..... 3-3  
Mrs. Catherine E. Jones (Columbus) ..... 2-4  
Mrs. Beverly Bartholomew (Baltimore) ..... 1-5  
Third place in the Baltimore Women's Open went to Ohio State Women's Champion, Mrs. Catherine E. Jones with 2-4.

See Page Two for story on the National Chess Coordination Program by Paul G. Giers.

### WEBBER SCORES IN NOVA SCOTIA

C. Webber of Halifax was winner of the first Nova Scotia Championship with M. MacConnell of Halifax as the runner-up. In neighboring New Brunswick is the only exclusively women's chess club in Canada—the Loyalist Chess Club of St. John.

### FRANK ANDERSON SECOND TIED IN POINTS FOR FIRST

Jim Cross Third, Then Poschel, Berliner, Krauss and G. Miller

In a stirring finish Arthur Bisguier of New York and Frank Anderson of Toronto tied for first with 8-2. Top honors were awarded to Bisguier on a Sonneborn-Berger rating, with Anderson second. Jim Cross of Glendale was third with 7-1-2½. Ranked as fourth to seventh respectively on weighted scores were Paul Poschel of Chicago, Hans Berliner of Washington, George Krauss of New York and George Miller of Cleveland. Philip LeCornu of Detroit was eighth with 6½-3½.

Championship of the under 16 age group went to Jackie Mayer of Louisville with 5½-4½, and second place to Philip Roginson of Knoxville with 5-5 who was tied in points with Ross Siemms of Toronto.

In winning the title Bisguier defeated Cross, Berliner, Schmidt, Oaker, Cook, Giertych, and drew with Anderson, Krauss, G. Miller and Smith.

Frank Anderson won from Friedman, Poschel, LeCornu, Hickman, Rogan, Sullivan, Smith, and drew with Bisguier and Berliner, but lost a game to Cross.

Fifty enthusiastic juniors assembled to compete in the Third U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, Tenn. from seventeen States; the District of Columbia and two Canadian Provinces. Among them were champions galore: Bisguier (Manhattan), Anderson (Toronto), Sullivan (Southern), Cross (California Junior), Friedman (defending U. S. Junior), Kujoth (Wisconsin), LeSage (Montreal Junior), Poschel (Illinois Junior) to name but a few. Blindfold wizard George Koltanowski was tournament director.

See August 20 issue for details.

Final Standings	
A. Bisguier	8-2
F. Anderson	8-2
J. B. Cross	7½-2½
Paul Poschel	7-3
Hans Berliner	7-3
George Krauss	7-3
George Miller	7-3
P. LeCornu	6½-3½
J. T. Gilbert	6½-3½
K. E. Smith	6½-3½
R. Church	6-4
L. Friedman	6-4
John Ragan	6-4
R. Schmidt	6-4
James Cook	6-4
E. Domison	6-4
G. Sullivan	6-4
Stephen Smule	6-4
J. Mayer	6-4
H. Miller	6-4
Leslie Kilmer	6-4
P. Robinson	6-4
E. Siemms	6-4
H. Hickman	6-4
M. Rogan	5-5
K. Hastings	5-5
H. T. Giertych	5-5
H. Janieta	5-5
T. Gieson	5-5
Alfred Piper	4½-5½
W. Oaker	4½-5½
H. Goodman	4½-5½
H. Stanbridge	4½-5½
G. Proff	4½-5½
D. Lesvall	4-6
D. Converse	4-6
E. Hearst	4-6
B. Lesage	4-6
A. Block	4-6
M. Glass	4-6
H. Hart	3½-6½
C. Nance	3-6
C. Newton	3-6
R. Fitzgerald	3-7
W. Nance	3-7
E. Lanning	3-7
I. Guttman	2-8
H. Miller	2-8
H. Gordon	0-10

### SECOND CALL

Chess fans! Do not fail to support the biggest event in American chess, United States Chess Championship Tournament, South Fallsburg, Sullivan County, New York, August 10—August 31.

Your help is needed now. No contributions too large for requirements of tournament fund—none too small to be gratefully acknowledged. Send your check today to Harold M. Phillips, Chairman Finance Committee, 258 Broadway, New York, N. Y., payable to order U. S. Chess Federation 1948 Championship Fund.

### DR. ROZSA WINS HOUSTON TOUR'Y

Dr. Bela Rozsa, Tulsa University professor and CHESS LIFE games annotator, won the first annual Houston Invitation Masters Tournament, sponsored by the Houston Morphy Chess Club on the three-day July 4th week-end.

The retund Oklahoman, playing against many of the top chessmen of the Southwest, finished with 4½-2, defeating the veteran J. C. Thompson of Dallas in the opening round. Thompson was second with 4-1 in the five round Swiss, Pete Hermann of Houston third with 3-2 in a tie with Bill Janes of Leroy, and Clay Merchant of Houston. M. M. Williams and J. Allen Anderson directed the tournament.

Houston Invitation Tourney

Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa)	4½-2
J. C. Thompson (Dallas)	4-1
Pete Hermann (Houston)	3-2
Bill Janes (Leroy)	3-2
Clay Merchant (Houston)	3-2
George H. Smith (Houston)	2½-2½
Jesse Stupp (Dallas)	2½-2½
Ernest Anderson (Tulsa)	2-3
Leon Pollock (San Antonio)	2-3
Walter (Austin)	2-3
Kenneth Smith (Dallas)	1½-3½
A. G. Miller (Tulsa)	0-5

### FAUST AWARDED GAME PRIZE

Edwin Faust was awarded the brilliancy prize for his victory over John Hart in the preliminaries of the Charleston City Championship. Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, games editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, made the award which consists of one year's subscription to CHESS LIFE.

### WEAVER W. ADAMS STAGES BRILLIANT RECOVERY TO WIN

Loses Only One Point In Last 9 Rounds After Point and Half Loss In 3 Rounds

The story of the 1948 U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore is the tale of a brilliant recovery after a disheartening beginning. Losing to Carl Pilnick in the second round and drawing with N. T. Whitaker in the third, Weaver Adams began the fourth round with only his initial victory over Leo Frank to console him. His score at this point was a weak 1½-1½ when compared with the 3-0 of Kashdan, Pavey, Donovan, Pilnick and Santasiere, for a point and half handicap can be a hopeless one in a Swiss tournament.

But beginning with round four, Weaver Adams played superb chess, winning seven and drawing two in the last nine rounds of play to come from behind in one of the spectacular finishes of recent chess events. In these nine rounds he defeated Tralins, Barash, Stark, Santasiere, Mengarini, Pavey and Kramer, and drew with Kashdan and Ulvestad. The validity of his victory is attested by the fact that he faced four of the seven players who finished immediately behind him (unusual in a Swiss), and scored three out of four points against them.

### Kashdan Leads

For five rounds defending champion Kashdan looked unbeatable as he downed Jenkins, Nash, Bain, Pilnick and Pavey in order. At this point his nearest rivals were Kramer and Mengarini with 4½-½, and Kramer, Ulvestad, Bisguier, Pavey, Steinmeyer, Pilnick, Kujoth and Isaacs with 4-1 each. Weaver Adams had a modest 3½-1½ and did not appear to be in the running.

Round six, and Kashdan lost to Kramer! There followed draws in rounds seven and eight to Ulvestad and Adams, and the picture changed. Pavey leads with 7-1 with Ulvestad and Kramer on his heels with 6½-1½. Following closely are Kashdan, Bisguier, Pilnick and Mengarini with 6-2. Weaver Adams has now joined the charmed circle with a 6-2 score.

### Round Nine

The breaks begin to tell. Bisguier loses to Kashdan, Pilnick to Kramer, Mengarini to Adams, Pavey to Ulvestad. Ulvestad and Kramer lead with 7½-1½. On their heels are Adams and Kashdan with 7-2 each. Round ten and Ulvestad

and Kramer draw against each other. Kashdan draws with Evans, and Adams bests Pavey, Adams, Ulvestad and Kramer are tied at 8-2. Kashdan and McCormick follow with 7½-2½.

### Round Eleven

The critical moment comes. Adams defeats Kramer, Ulvestad draws with McCormick, and Kashdan draws with Pinkus. Now Weaver Adams has the reward of his steady play and leads 9-2. Breathing down his neck is Ulvestad with 8½-2½; and close behind are Kashdan, Kramer, Bisguier and McCormick with 8-3. Round twelve, and victory is not certain—Ulvestad can still win.

Kashdan bests McCormick, Kramer defeats Evans, Bisguier draws with Donovan. And by a trick of fortuitous pairing Adams and his most dangerous rival at this point meet—and draw!

Such was the fitting conclusion of one of the most exciting of U. S. Open Tournaments in recent times.

Swiss Individual Scores on Page 4.



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### WE SALUTE A CHAMPION

CHESS LIFE extends its sincerest congratulations to the winner of the 49th U. S. Open Championship, reflecting that it could not have happened to a nicer fellow nor to one who merited the honor more.

Weaver W. Adams, many times New England Champion, has always been one of those unfortunate players, underestimated by many, who has never been accorded quite the success and general recognition that his own splendid talents merited. His own rather uneven performance in tournament play plus the definite unwillingness of many chess players to accept at full value the performances of any player who holds unorthodox theories have militated against proper recognition. (Nimzovich met the same odds in his earlier days for the same two reasons.)

But now no one can deny that the victor in one of the strongest of the Open Tournaments is a player to be viewed with respect, whose own peculiar ideas of chess theory can no longer be laughed off or dismissed with a shrug of the shoulders.

In 1946 Weaver Adams failed to qualify for the championship division of the Open Tournament at Pittsburgh, and finished fifth in the Masters' Reserve behind Byrne, Kramer, Santasiere and Almgren. In the Biennial U. S. Championship of that year he finished well down the line in a tie for thirteenth, behind such players as Kashdan, Santasiere, Pinkus, Steiner, Kramer, Sandrin and Ulvestad. It can now be said without seeming to seek an alibi that Adams was suffering from a siege of ill-health—a terrific handicap in the grueling atmosphere of a major tournament.

In 1947 Adams served notice of his improved health by placing third (tied for second in point score) in the Ventnor City Open Tournament behind Santasiere and Whitaker. At Corpus Christi in the Open Tournament of the same year he placed in a tie for ninth, behind such players as Kashdan, Santasiere, Kramer and Whitaker but in a tie with Sandrin, Ulvestad and Steiner. The same year he regained the New England Championship which he had lost by default in 1946 by sailing for Moscow with the U. S. Team.

This year in winning the Area 1 Preliminary Tourney and now the U. S. Open Championship, Weaver Adams has served notice that he cannot be counted out when the cohorts gather at South Fallsburg in Sullivan County for the Biennial U. S. Championship.

As a theorist in chess, Weaver Adams is definitely unorthodox in his firm, unwavering adherence to the belief that White should win (and do it by playing 1. P-K4). This faith may have cost him more than one point in tournament play; but persistence pays off (in chess as well as in life)—in this case with the Open Championship. Those interested in Adams' own firm credo for chess play are referred to "White to Play and Win" (now a rarity) and the more recent and available "Simple Chess."

Montgomery Major

### ALL TOGETHER, NOW

By Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THIS probably should be the label of the new USCF program. But, of course, we had to adhere to more conventional phrasing and, therefore, offer you the "National Chess Coordination Program." In true Washington style, and to save space in these limited pages, we shall call it the NCCP.

Most of our members, at least those who care to see beyond their chessboards, will agree that there has been a growing need for more coordination in organized chess. With an ever increasing number of players, clubs and tournaments, it has been evident for some time that certain changes in the structure of American Chess were in order.

The nature of the changes and their effect on chess development in this country has been carefully studied. Many chess leaders have freely contributed from their store of experience and the final answers to our problems were so obvious that they met with general agreement. The program has now been unanimously adopted by the Federation's Directors at the Baltimore Annual Meeting and will become effective January 1, 1949.

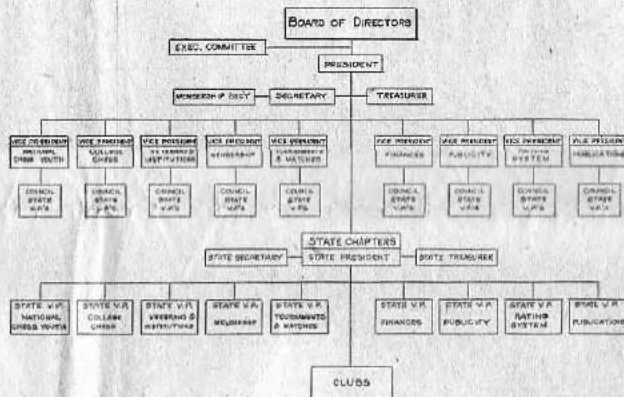
A few minutes' study of the organization chart printed herewith will give you a birdseye view of what is meant by National Chess Co-ordination. Actually, the program involves many points which cannot be presented in blueprint form. The principal features of the program are:

1. The NCCP will link together all organized chess activities in the United States—local, state and national—in one great organization which has the resources, manpower and unity of purpose to effectively promote the greater development of American Chess.

2. The USCF will set up State Chapters—in the form of present state associations or new state groups to be organized—which will assume the work and responsibility of chess promotion in their respective states. Chess leaders in several states have already pledged their wholehearted support and there is every indication that there will soon be an active State Chapter carrying out the Federation program in every state of the union.
3. The NCCP provides for a new functional division of duties to be assigned to the USCF national officers and, following the same pattern, to be delegated to the officers of each State Chapter. The work of chess promotion has been divided into nine major functions and only one function will be assigned to each chess worker. This will eliminate the customary over-burdening of those willing to help and chess workers will now have the opportunity to concentrate on one particular job.
4. The NCCP further strengthens our Federation's organizational structure. The USCF President and Vice-Presidents will henceforth be elected for three-year terms. None of these officers will succeed themselves after a full term of office except after a one-year interval, and a constant influx of new blood into the Federation management is so assured. The State Chapters will choose their own representatives on the USCF Board of Directors. Added to the National Board will be a new group of "Life Directors" composed of men who have rendered outstanding service in the realm of chess.
5. The system of dues has been simplified. After this year, there will be no more USCF dues for club chapters and state associations. All dues will be on an individual basis and include CHESS LIFE subscription. Chess players will be able to combine their club, state and USCF dues into one single payment of annual dues. However, until such time as arrangements with the various clubs and state chapters have been completed, and beginning with January 1, 1949, the Secretary will collect USCF dues directly from the individual members at the rate of \$3.00 per annum, which represents no increase over the combined former cost of membership and CHESS LIFE subscription.

This is but a sketchy outline and the various aspects of the program will be fully discussed in future issues of CHESS LIFE.

### UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION NATIONAL CHESS COORDINATION PLAN



### Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE Stockholm Tournament is the next major event in the international chess calendar. Since none of the eligible U. S. players will compete, the only North American representative will be Canada's D. A. Yanofsky.

Dan Yanofsky has been a headliner since 1936 when, at the age of 11, he became Canadian Junior champion. Later that year he won the Toronto Major tournament to prove that this new star was really going to shine!

Dan spent several days in New York before leaving for Europe, visiting friends and clubs, and reinforced the great confidence local players have in this quiet young grandmaster. He's full of new ideas for the opening and middle game, and determined to justify the expectations we all have for him.

Yanofsky is always a pleasant source of surprise. At the U. S. Open in New York in 1939, he topped the Consolation Tourney. In the Buenos Aires 1939 Olympics, he achieved top score on second board. He snatched the Canadian title in 1941 and then in 1942 won at Ventnor City and split 1st prize with Steiner in the Dallas Open.

Then, Dan was 18 years old and in the Canadian Armed Forces. He reappeared at Groningen, where he scored a win over Botvinnik. Later in 1946, he placed second to Najdorf at Barcelona.

Today, at 23, Dan Yanofsky enters Stockholm as a dark horse, but one on whom our hopes may properly ride—for Yanofsky may be the Fine or Botvinsky of this decade. Watch him rise to the top rungs of the world chess ladder!

The United States Chess Championship will be held at South Fallsburg, Sullivan County, New York, from August 10 to August 31. Those wishing to be present during any part of the tournament should write to the Chamber of Commerce, South Fallsburg for information upon reservations and transportation.

### The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

CHESS LIFE as now issued cannot be improved without risk—if attempted—of deterioration.

H. M. GRAHAM  
Ojai, California

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your editorial in July 5th issue of CHESS LIFE; it answers many questions and many critics. In spite of the varied success of the Area Qualifying Tournaments, I believe the idea is still the best we have ever had and is worth persevering with in the future.

Your editorial of June 20th issue was also well written and very timely. Keep up the good work.

E. R. ANDERSON  
President, Oklahoma  
Chess Association  
Owasso, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I received a real thrill when the June 20th issue of CHESS LIFE arrived and I noticed two extra pages. That was like receiving money from home. Great! If you can keep it up, it will suit me fine. I can't get enough chess and chess news, I believe most of your subscribers feel the same way.

CHESS LIFE is getting better all the time—and that is going some. I tell others about it.

D. J. GRAY  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

We congratulate you on the continual improvement of CHESS LIFE. We always did think it was a swell paper, but it is getting better and better all the time.

ALLAN G. RING  
Librarian, Mallinckrodt  
Chess Club  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I have enjoyed greatly the addition of your game positions (in Chess Life Abroad by Koltanowski) to CHESS LIFE. There is no chess player who does not derive some satisfaction from solving a problem or finding the winning line in a practical game position such as the ones you are presenting. May I make a personal suggestion concerning the column which might possibly provoke deeper interest in the solvers and encourage wider response? The thought I have in mind is that of a "chess ladder". A certain amount of credit could be given for correct solutions—perhaps a varying amount according to difficulty. And, of course, publication of the standings would only be necessary at fairly well separated times. I feel that this would help the CAN YOU SOLVE THIS? section of the column a good deal. What do you think?

MALCOLM D. BROWN  
Wycombe, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to meet you through USCF and I hope I may have many match games for our Decatur Chess Club to report from now on. Unquestionably, outside interest in our club, and more interest in our club has been stimulated since becoming a member of USCF.

MRS. TURNER NEARING  
Secretary, Decatur Chess  
Club  
Decatur, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The "New Look" of CHESS LIFE is indeed good to behold! Let's hope we'll arrive at the much threatened eight pages.

GEO FARIAN  
Council Center Chess and  
Checker Club  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Belated—but none the less sincere—congrats on the "New Look" for CHESS LIFE.

My only kick is the space devoted to problems. It's all out of proportion to the interested members. Why don't the fanatical problemists lie themselves off and turn out a page of their own?

However, C. L. improves each issue, and if everyone appreciates it as I do, you're loaded up with a big stock of appreciation,

JACK MCCARTHY  
Junesville, Wisconsin



Paul G. Giers

Principal features of the program are:



# Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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CHESS LIFE with the cooperation of Dr. P. G. Keeney is pleased to lend space to the tying up of several loose ends, resulting from the discontinuance of the problem department in The Chess Correspondent. The following material received from Eric Hassberg, Problem Editor of the Correspondent, announces the awards of a problem composing tourney originated in the problem department of the Correspondent.

## SECOND THIRD-DEGREE TOURNEY AWARD C.C.L.A. By F. Gamage

First Prize—N. Guttman. A brilliant doubling of the two-piece form, shown with reciprocal play, a flight giving key, and excellent construction.

Second Prize—E. M. Hassberg. The only three-piece example in existence, a most original task. There is an additional double-pin mate after the flight, happily already provided for in the set.

Third Prize—V. L. Eaton. A doubling of the inverted form after moves of the Black Knight, presented in form of chain progression correction.

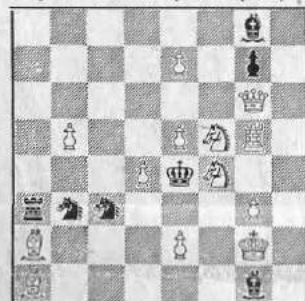
First Special Prize—J. Buchwald. An artistically splendid non-correction example presented with two removal threats, and brilliant dual avoidance play of the Black Rook.

Second Special Prize—E. M. Hassberg. A beautiful lightweight with virtual play, a fine thematic key, and excellent by-play, making for great unity.

Third Special Prize—V. L. Eaton. This problem combines the non-correction form with the virtual one; a wealth of fine by-play, and good tries.

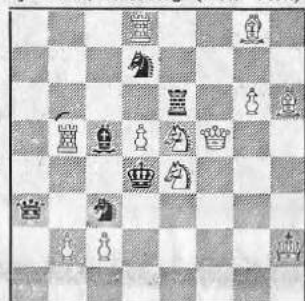
Honorable Mentions, 1-5: R. Trump and E. M. Hassberg; E. Visserman and C. Goldschmeding; N. Guttman; E. M. Hassberg; N. Guttman and E. M. Hassberg. Commendations, 1-4: J. Buchwald; N. Guttman; J. Buchwald; E. M. Hassberg.

### First Prize By N. Guttman (Minneapolis)



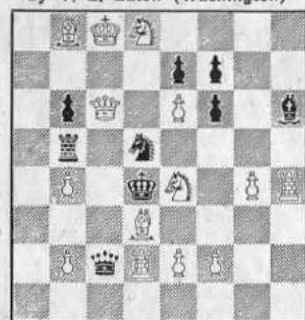
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### Second Prize By E. M. Hassberg (New York)



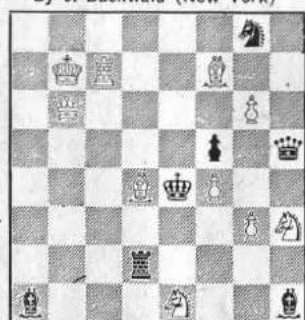
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### Third Prize By V. L. Eaton (Washington)



Mate in two  
Key: 1. Sg3

### First Special Prize By J. Buchwald (New York)



Mate in two  
Key: 1. Bg1

### Second Special Prize By E. M. Hassberg (New York)



Mate in two  
Key: 1. Qa4

### Third Special Prize By V. L. Eaton (Washington)



Mate in two  
Key: 1. Re6

#### First to Fifth Honorable Mention:

R. Trump and E. M. Hassberg: 1bSRq3, 3s4, 2p1pQ2, 2pk4, 2s2pR1, rr3PIS, BB2P2K, 8. 1. Qx14.

E. Visserman and C. Goldschmeding: 4BR2, 2Bpp2p, S2sk3, 1R1p2P1, 5p2, 4bS2, 1r2R3, 1b3K1Q. 1. Bb8.

N. Guttman: 2R3K1, 5S2, 3P2Q1, 1pbkB3, 1r6, 1sp2P2, B1Ss4, 3R4, 1. Bd4.

E. M. Hassberg: 8. 4r1p, S2R1BK1, 8. 4k3, 1B1S1p2, 2s1Pb2, 1Qrs4, 1. Bc6.

N. Guttman and E. M. Hassberg: 4h1Qb, B1S1K3, 2B1pp2, R7, 5ksS, 3p4, 3sqR1, 8. 1. QxP.

#### First to Fourth Commendation:

J. Buchwald: 8, 2S2pB1, R1h2sR1, 4k3, 1Q4Pb, 1s3P2, rqpS2K1, 8. 1. Bh6.

# Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

## Don Quixote of the Chessboard

JANOWSKI fritted away a lifetime of chess playing trying to imitate the brilliant play of his youth. Chess devotees of a later generation had had to accept the story of his combinative powers on trust, and sometimes they have accepted it with a grain of salt. But the following charming miniature shows us how Janowski played at his inimitably dashing best.

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT Nuremberg, 1896

White: 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. Kt-KB3 4. P-K3 5. PxP  
Black: 1. P-Q4 2. PxP 3. P-QB4 4. PxP 5. B-K5?

As a disciple of the immortal Anderssen, Schallopp was himself fond of mettlesome play. But the rash opening up of the game (3. .... P-QB4) followed by the weakening of the Queenside (5. .... B-Kt5) only plays into Janowski's hands.

6. BxP White threatened 7. BxP ch. 7. Q-R4ch! Inadequate, but what else has he? If 7. .... Kt-Q2; 8. Kt-K5. Kt-B3; 9. B-KKt5, B-KB4; 10. Kt-Kt. QxKt; 11. B-Kt5 winning the Queen!

8. Kt-K5 He means to bluster it out with brazen counterattack. 9. Kt-Kt 10. B-K3 11. Kt-B3 Precariously holding on to the

QBP. But Janowski shoves him aside brutally: 12. B-Q5!



12. B-Q5! Or 13. QxPch 14. KtP ch. K-Q1; 15. QxR ch and Black can resign. 16. QxRoh 17. Q-Ktch 18. Q-Bch 19. B-B4! For if 17. .... QxR ch; 18. K-Q2, QxR; 19. QxB ch and mate in two more moves.

N. Guttman: 3K4, 3SQ3, 2pp1p2, 3k4, R2b4, BP1s4, 2B1r3, 2srR3, 1. Bc5. J. Buchwald: K3R3, 4b3, 2S4Q, 2p2kpl, 4s3, 3s2PP, 5P2, 4R2b. 1. Pf4. E. M. Hassberg: 4sR2, 2P2p2, 3bpSsR, 3r1k1S, 3B4, 1B2Q1PP, b1P4K, 8. 1. Sh7. In all nine above problems, White mates in two moves.

#### Solutions:

The keymove to Problem No. 23 is B-Kt2. Easy but sparkling delect exhibiting 6 royal battery checkmates.

Problem No. 24 yields to key of Q-Kt4. A brilliant sacrifice key with some appealing mates.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 29, 30, 31 and 32 are belatedly acknowledged received from Edgar Holladay (Charlottesville, Va.) and Rev. G. M. Chidley (Ontario, Canada).

Correct solutions to Problems No. 22 and 24 were received from Jack Spence (Omaha), Edgar Holladay (Charlottesville), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Nicholas Gabor (Cincinnati), T. Lundberg (Dallas), Rev. G. M. Chidley (Ontario, Can.), J. Bolton (New Haven), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.).

Correct solution to Problem No. 33 was received from Malcolm Brown (Weycombe, Pa.) and Dr. Erman (Detroit).

## Open Letter

### To The U. S. Chess Federation

We all wish to express our appreciation to the United States Chess Federation for selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Third United States Junior Championship Tournament and for their sponsorship; the Atomic Energy Commission in the person of Mr. John C. Franklin, Manager; Mr. George Koltanowski for his eminently fair and smoothly efficient direction of the tournament; and last but not least, to the members of the Oak Ridge Chess Club for their gracious hospitality and their constant effort to make the Tournament an interesting and pleasant event, one to be long remembered in the annals of Junior Chess.

We have enjoyed everything, even when the weather was hot, and look forward to repeating this experience, perhaps sometime within the next five years as suggested in the opening address by Mr. Gordon R. Molesworth, representative of Mr. Franklin.

It was a tough tournament and the best man won.

Cordially yours,

Steve Smale	K. R. Smith	Joe T. Gilbert
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Robert Fitzgerald	David I. Levadi	Henry Gliertych
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Jim Cross	Ross Siemens	Harold Miller
Paul Poschel	A. Piper	Frank Anderson
Harold B. Hart	Philip Robinson	Harry C. Stanbridge

## BYLAND CAPTURES PITTSBURGH TITLE

Victory in the Metropolitan Pittsburgh Tourney went to W. M. Byland with 6-4. Second was a three-way tie between Sorenson, Spiro and Wagner with 5½-4½ each. E. A. Coons directed the tournament.

Some comment was occasioned by an agreement to draw after the first move in the Byland-Spiro game.

(Laws of Chess; Draws by mutual agreement, but only after 30 moves have been made with the Black men. Part I, 16—1939 USCF Yearbook.)

## ILLINOIS DOWNS WISCONSIN TEAM

In the annual Illinois vs. Wisconsin team match, held at the Chess Club of Chicago, 185 W. Madison St. the Illinois team conquered its ancient rival by a score of 7½-2½.

Illinois	Wisconsin
Al. Sandrin.....1	I. Karman.....0
L. J. Isaacs.....1	P. Liebig.....0
E. Michelson.....1	S. New.....0
H. Hahlholm.....1	A. Kio.....0
D. Schaffer.....1	A. Powers.....0
Ang. Sandrin.....1	E. Clark.....0
O. Oleson.....0	A. Stobbe.....1
B. Frank.....1	M. Ptacek.....0
W. Grombacher.....1	R. Crittenden.....1
L. Silverberg.....0	G. Hurley.....1
Illinois.....7½	Wisconsin.....2½

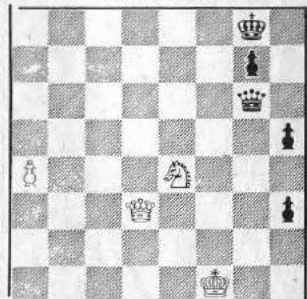
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# Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 8



Ok1, 6p1, 6r1, 7p, P8SS, 3kR3, 8, 5K2 White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 8 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 20th.

#### Solution to Position No. 6

Taken from a game by Dr. A. Alekhine in a simultaneous exhibition. Here's the game: White: Alekhine; Black: N. N. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KR3, Kt-QR3; 3. B-Kt5, P-QB3; 4. B-B4, P-Q3; 5. P-Q4, Pxf3; 6. Qxf3, B-Q2; 7. BxKt, BxR; 8. Kt-R3, Kt-B3; 9. B-K5, B-K3; 10. O-O-O, O-O; 11. P-KR4, P-KR3; 12. Kt-Q5, PxB; 13. KtX ch, QxKt; 14. Pxf3, KtXP; 15. R-R5, P-B4; 16. P-Kt6, Q-K2; and the position has arisen presented in our diagram No. 6. It is evident that if Black can gain the P on Kt6 he should win, as White's attack would be gone. Black also threatens QxP.

17. Kt-K2! (The best move! White threatens QR-R1 and R-R5 mates. Immediately QR-R1 is stopped by QxKt; 18. Kt-K6, QxR; 19. RxQ, PxKt; 20. QR-RL, QxKt; 21. Q-B4 ch! (the point to the combination); Q-R2; 22. R-R5 mate.

Correct solutions were received from Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Jack Spence (Omaha), V. G. Sprague (Cleveland), Dr. Julius S. Weinger (Des Moines), E. J. Korpanty (Maspet, N. Y.). Congratulations.

Spain: The championship of Castille: 1. A. Pomar 7½ pts (on 9); 2-3. Perez and Sanz 6 pts; 4-5. Bakall and Lastanno 5 pts, etc. A fine new victory of young Pomar.

The championship of the Barcelona Chess Club: 1. Lorens 12½ (on 15); 2. Valle 12; 3. Cherta 11; 4. Catalan 10½; 5. Menendez 8½, etc.

Krakau, Poland: 21 players participated in the VI Championship of Poland. 1. Makarczyk 14½ pts; 2. Gawlikowski 14; 3-5. Sliwa, Szapiel and Gadaliniski 13; 6. Borowski 12½; 7-8. Tarnowski and Plater 12, etc.

Speaking of Poland reminds me of the following brilliant game played in Lodz in 1929 by Najdorf, who was then 19 years old. White: Najdorf; Black: Sapiro. French Defense. 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. Kt-QB3, PxP; 4. KtP, QKt-Q2; 5. Kt-KB3, Kt-Kt3; 6. B-Q3, B-K2; 7. O-O, P-QKt3; 8. Kt-K5, B-Kt2; 9. KtX ch, PxKt; 10. KtXKBP! (The fireworks have started!); KxKt; 11. Q-R5 ch, K-Kt1; 12. R-K1, Kt-B1; 13. RxKP!!

(A second sacrifice more surprising than the first), KtX; 14. B-QB4, Q-Q3; 15. B-KR6 (Threat-

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Open to all players; held at Gunter Hotel, San Antonio; write B. R. Millem, 419 E. Dewey, San Antonio for details.

September 4-6 Nebraska Open Championship North Platte, Nebraska

Open to all chess players; held at North Platte Chess Club; for details write Jack Spence, Room 317, YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

September 4-6 New England Championship Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Open to New England chess players; Swiss system; entry fee \$10; played at 27 Congress Street, Portsmouth; for details write Alex Sadowsky, 71 Profile Avenue, Portsmouth, N. H.

September 4-6 2nd Georgia Open Tournament Augusta, Georgia

Open to all chess players; Swiss system; played at Sheraton Bon-Air Hotel in Augusta; for details write Paul L. Cromelin, 1755 Kings Woods Drive, Augusta, Ga.

September 4-6 West Virginia State Championship South Charleston, West Virginia

Tournaments for State, Women's and Junior championships, open to West Virginia players; will be played at Recreation Hall, South Charleston under auspices of Caribide Chess Club; Entry fees: State Championship \$5; Player's Tournament and Women's \$2; Junior Championship \$1; write H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va. for hotel reservations and all chess entries.

September 4-6 Ohio State Chess Championship Columbus, Ohio

Open to Ohio players; Swiss system; to be held at Seneca Hotel; write S. L. Trumbull, 190 S. Trusel St., Columbus for hotel reservations and details.

September 4-6 Virginia State Championship Charlottesville, Virginia

Open to Virginia players; played at Albemarle Hotel; State Championship, Class A and Class B tournaments.

September 4-6 Illinois State Championship Chicago, Illinois

Open to all Illinois players; entry fee \$3.00; 7-round Swiss; play starts 1 p.m. Saturday at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 W. Madison St.; write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago 9 for details.

September 4-6 North Carolina Championship Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Open to all chess players; date tentative; Class A and B championships; further details when arrangements are made final.

September 4-12 New York State Championship Endicott, New York

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The United States Chess Championship will be held at South Fallsburg, New York, from August 10 to August 31. Those wishing to be present during any part of the tournament should write to the Chamber of Commerce, South Fallsburg, New York, for information.

M. R. SMITH WINS HOUSTON TITLE

In the annual City Championship Tournament conducted by the Houston Morphy Chess Club Mevis R. Smith captured his third City Championship in the last four years in a seven round Swiss. Second place went to Pete Hermann. The growing Houston Morphy Club now numbers over 100 members, including 10 women players, and is now established in its own quarters with a growing loan library for members, in addition to the usual chess equipment of tables and sets.

STAUFFER TIES HILDEBRANDT FOR AUSTIN TITLE

In a tight race Ray Hildebrandt and Charles E. Stauffer ended in a tie at 11-3 each for championship of the Austin (Chicago) Chess and Checker Club. John A. Nowak, club president, finished on their heels with 10-4, and tournament manager Wallace A. Norin with 9-4-1.

Paul Poschel, former Club Champion, was unable to defend his title, due to commitments at Oak Ridge, but before he left successfully retained his Lightning Championship with a 6-1 score in a 7-round Swiss. Paul Adams and Wallace A. Norin tied for second with 5-2 each.

Before leaving for Oak Ridge, Poschel gave a simultaneous exhibition, scoring 12 wins and 6 draws against a very strong field.

Solutions: Endgame Positions No. 23 and 24 Chess Life, July 5th, 1948

Position No. 23 by A. Carrá: 1. K-K16 (menacing 2. Kt-K14 followed by mate), Kt-B1; 2. Kt-P, Q-Q5; 3. Kt-P, Kt-K2 ch; 4. K-R6; K-B2 (if 4... Kt-K3; 5. Kt-B6, K-B2; 6. Kt-K3 ch, Kt-R3; 7. K-R7, etc.); 5. K-R2; Kt-K1; 6. Kt-B5, Kt-B5; 7. K-R8, Kt-K2 (if 7... Kt-K1; 8. Kt-Q6 ch, etc.); 8. Kt-K7 ch, Kt-B2; 9. Kt-Q5! Kt-K1; 10. K-R7 and wins.

Position No. 24 by F. Fischer: 1. K-R2, K-R2; 2. K-B2, K-R2; 3. K-R4, K-R3; 4. B-R2, K-Q2 (if 4... Kt-K3; 5. K-Q4 etc.); 5. K-Q5, K-B1; 6. K-B6, Kt-B2; 7. B-K3 (or B4 or K5); Kt-B1; 8. B-Q6! Kt-B2; 9. Kt-K6 (without the B at Q6, Black could now play Kt-Q4 ch followed by Kt-K6 check with a draw); Kt-R3 ch; 10. K-R6, K-Q2; 11. B-K4! (But not 11. K-R7, KxB; 12. KxKt, K-B2 drawing); K-B1 (or B3); 13. B-R5 and wins.

ROBISON WINS GRAND NATIONAL

Victory in the Ninth CCLA Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship went to H. H. Robison of Oakland, Calif. This event, conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America, began in September, 1941.

In the opening round Robison won from N. A. Moiseieth, Carl Bergman, Arbee Young, C. W. Spaulding, J. B. Gee, W. J. Prewett and drew with George Oakes and Tom Pritchard for a score of 7-1. In round two Robison defeated the late Allan G. Pearsall, Frank Hufnagel, Clark Merritt, drew with I. J. Hoswell, M. O. Meyer and A. N. Pray, tying with Meyer and Pray at 4-1-1.

In round three, Robison defeated Carl Weberg, James Hurt, Clemente Villareal and A. N. Pray, draw with M. O. Meyer, and lost to A. C. Powers for a 4-1-1 score, tying with Weberg and Powers.

In the final round Robison defeated Sven Brask and Carl Weberg twice, and split two games each with A. C. Powers and Franz Neugebauer for a 6-2 score, winning the 9th Grand National Championship.

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Table with columns for Stillwater Chess, Tulsa Chess, and individual player scores.

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Table showing scores for U.S. Women's Open Championship participants.

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Table showing scores for Metropolitan Pittsburgh Championship participants.

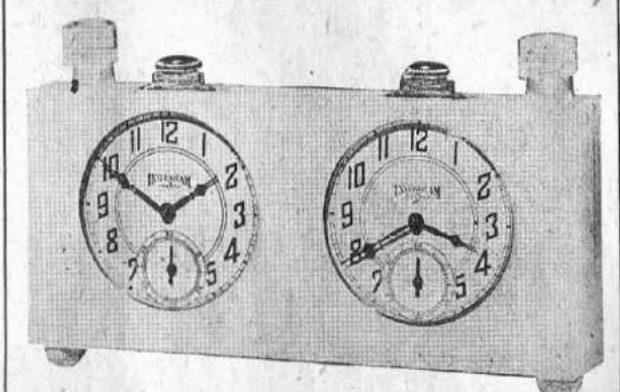
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# End Game Tourney Is Novelty Featured By Mallinckrodt Chess

By Allen C. Ring  
Librarian, Mallinckrodt Chess Club

The Mallinckrodt (Chemical Works) Chess Club of St. Louis has just successfully completed what they believe to be a novel and interesting form of tournament—an end-game tournament. It was devised as an added interest feature and at the same time to improve the end-game play of members.

The president (also club champion), who acted as tournament director, set up 25 end games based on principles in Fine's Basic Chess Endings. These were diagrammed on 3x5 cards with game number and white or black to play, and the tournament director alone knew the correct result. The players drew for color then had someone else draw a card from the stack and check from the results written on the back as played whether either player had had that game previously in the tournament. After finishing the game the result was noted on the back of the card and between meetings the director did the scoring.

For a game supposed to be a draw and played a draw each player received 2 points (par). If one color won he got 3 points and the loser 1 point. In a game supposed to be a white win and played as such each got par

2. If black won he got 4 points and white 0. If a white win was possible and he drew he got 1 point while black got 3. Limits were placed on the total number of games played and the number with any one opponent, since near the end it was difficult to find a game neither of two members present had played. At the conclusion the tournament director gave a lecture on the games to clear up any points of argument over how they should be played.

Winner of the tournament, with a score of 7 over par was A. S. Penniston, with A. G. Ring and E. F. Ford tied for second at 5 over par. Officers of this club are F. M. Alpiser, president; R. G. Kerlin, vice-president and secretary; C. E. Cosby, treasurer. In the 1946-47 season the Mallinckrodt Club held the city team championship of St. Louis.

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## Eligible Players List Announced For U. S. Woman's Championship

With the completion of the Preliminary Tourney in New York, which was won by former U. S. Women's Champion Gisela Gresser with a score of 7-0, Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall announces the following list of players eligible for the U. S. Women's Championship.

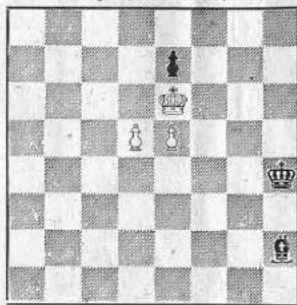
Defending Champion Miss N. May Karff was seeded, and the others were qualified in various areas, with Miss Adele Raettig probably awarded the place reserved for the U. S. Women's Open Champion (since the title was won by Miss Karff, already seeded). In case of a vacancy, Miss Willy Henschel, who placed third in the New York Preliminary, will be substituted. Mrs. Marshall will direct the tournament, assisted by Miss Edith L. Weart.

U. S. Women's Championship	
Mrs. Mary Bain Miami, Florida	Miss Luella Kellner Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. G. K. Gresser New York, N. Y.	Miss Adele Raettig New York, N. Y.
Miss Kate Henschel New York, N. Y.	Miss Nancy Ross Los Angeles, Calif.
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Position No. 27  
By L. Prokes (Prague)  
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



8, 1P4k1, 3b4, 1K6, 2p1R3,  
8, 7b, 8  
White to play and win

Position No. 28  
By Montgomery Major  
Original



8, 1P4k1, 3b4, 1K6, 2p1R3,  
1p4P1, 4P3, 8  
White to play and win

## White To Play And Win!

POSITION No. 27 is a very ingenious composition of End Game Editor of Ceskoslovensky Sach in which by appropriate maneuvers White finally persuades Black to let him queen a Pawn. Position No. 28 by Editor of CHESS LIFE calls for some elaborate ventures in timing to resolve into a simple Rook and Pawn vs. Bishop ending.

Solutions will be published in issue of September 5th with names of solvers.

## GIERS WILL FLY TO FIDE MEETING

The 19th Congress of F.I.D.E. (Federation Internationale des Echecs) will take place at Saltsjobaden, Sweden, August 11-15. The United States Chess Federation will be represented at the Congress by Paul G. Giers, Executive Vice-President. Mr. Giers is a Vice-President of F.I.D.E. and delegate for the United States Zone of the international body.

The 1948 Congress will decide the time and place for the first post-war tournament for the Women's World Chess Championship. The women's chess throne has been vacant since world champion Mrs. Vera Menchik Stevenson lost her life in a London air raid. One of the leading contenders for the title will be Miss N. May Karff, U. S. Women's Champion.

F.I.D.E. is also expected to revive that most popular of international competition, the world team tournament for the Hamilton-Russell trophy. Four of these tournaments, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1937, were won by the team representing the United States.

The Congress will consider the report of a special committee recommending changes in the international chess code. It will also set the time and place for next year's candidates tournament for the world championship, the winner of which will meet world champion Mikhail Botvinnik for a match in 1950.

The World Interzonal Tournament is now in progress at Saltsjobaden—July 15 to August 15—and the Congress delegates will witness the final round of this important tourney. Mr. Giers is leaving New York by plane on August 7 and will return on August 19.

SEITZ CAPTURES  
FIRESTONE TITLE

With a score of 11½-3½ Peter J. Seitz won the championship of the Firestone Chess & Checker (Akron) Club, with a loss to Chirich, a loss and draw to Phuedemann and two draws with Dr. Lucas. Second place was a tie between Ernie Slater and Art Phuedemann with 10-5 and 12-6 respectively upon a percentage basis.

In the Class B Plus Tourney, victory went to K. C. Skinner with 7-10, while Gale Crombie was second with 5-9. In the Class B Tourney Dennison placed first with 13½-3½; M. Antunovich was second with 11½-3½ and Allen Keller third with 11½-4½.

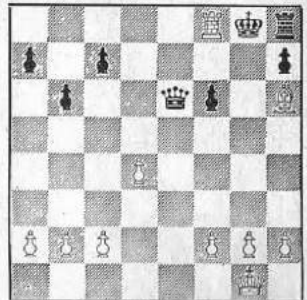
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## CHESS LIFE ABROAD

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ening Q-K13 ch and Q-K17 ch), B-KB1; 16. R-K1!, B-B1; 17. Q-K3! (One might call this a concentration of pieces for the final assault), B-Q2 (Wishes to be kind but White has other ideas!); 18. RxKt1!, RxQ; 19. PxR ch, B-K3; 20. BxB ch, QxB; 21. RxB mate.

Final Position



8Kk1, 1p1p1, 1p2p1R, 8,  
3P4, 8, 1PP2PPP, 6K1

Moscow, Russia: The inter club championship was won by: 1. "Nauka" (Science); 2. Cercle Molina; 3. The Red Army, etc. Surprising was the victory of the old master Dus-Chatimirsky over Koltow and Simagin!

## YANOFSKY 8th AT CZECH MEET

Final results at Karoly Vary saw victory go to J. Foltys, with G. Barca second and L. Steiner third. Canadian player Yanofsky placed in a tie for eighth with J. Podgorny and J. Sajtar.

Karoly Vary Tourney	
J. Foltys (Czechoslovakia)	13-6
G. Barca (Hungary)	12-7
L. Steiner (Austria)	12-7
V. Pirc (Yugoslavia)	11-7
G. Stoltz (Sweden)	11-7
M. Vidmar (Yugoslavia)	11-8
R. Opocensky (Czechoslovakia)	11-8
A. Yanofsky (Canada)	10-9
J. Podgorny (Czechoslovakia)	10-9
J. Sajtar (Czechoslovakia)	10-9
V. Rohacek (Czechoslovakia)	9-10
L. Prins (Holland)	9-10
S. Tartakover (France)	9-10
O. Troyanescu (Romania)	8-10
H. Golembek (England)	8-10
E. Richter (Czechoslovakia)	8-11
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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black
G. KRAMER O. ULVESTAD
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. O-O BxK1
2. P-QB4 P-K3 8. PxB P-K4
3. Kt-QB3 B-K4 9. Kt-K3 KtXP
4. R-K1 P-B4 10. BxP PXP
5. B-Q3 Kt-B3 11. PXP O-O
6. Kt-K2 P-Q3
Wise refraining from 11. KtXP, after which his position would be uncomfortable. For instance: 12. R-Kh3, Kt-B3; 13. Kt-B3, O-O; 14. KtXP(4) etc.

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Prize for best played game
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Notes by Dr. Joseph Platz

White Black
L. J. CLARK DR. J. PLATZ
(London Terrace) (Bronx Chess)
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 Kt-B3
2. P-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-B3
3. B-K3 P-QB3
A good and solid move which lacks however the initiative of the routine move 5. O-O; but it is possible that White wanted to avoid the routine 5. O-O.

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operate on the QR file which he controls. White's only offsetting factor is the two Bs. 16. O-O R-B2 18. QR-B1 P-K4
17. P-K4 KR-B1
18. BxRP seems simple enough.
19. R-B3
Kt-K6 immediately would have forced Black to waste time with 19. B-B1 giving White a chance to contest the B-file. 20. Kt-K5 Q-B1 21. KtXP?



After 21. KtXP? MOSIMANN
A faulty idea. Giving up two minor pieces for a B and P cannot be good unless White can also obtain positional advantages - this is not the case in this situation.
21. BxK1 24. Q-B4 QxQ
22. KR-B1 Kt-R1 25. BxQ
An appraisal of the position at this point discloses that White has no means of penetrating Black's position whereas Black can quietly realize his forces to make the minor pieces an effective force.
25. BxP R-B1 26. P-B3
Or 26. R-K1 with the same continuation.
26. BxP Kt-Q5 27. R-O2 B-K4
27. R-B2 Kt-B3 30. R-Q1 B-B4 ch
28. P-K4 BxP
How useless the White Bs.
31. K-R1
On 31. B-B1 there follows Kt-K6 and 32. Kt-R6.

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2. P-K4 would make the game a French Defense.
Some players of White prefer to avoid the much analyzed lines which arise from this move. The alternative 3. Kt-K6 (usually leading to a Queen's Indian) is considered no better or worse than the text.
3. B-K5 6. B-Q3 B-K2
4. P-K3 P-QB3 7. Q-K3 QKt-Q2
5. Q-B3 P-Q4 8. P-B3
Of course not 8. QxP, R-KB1; 9. Q-R6, PxP; 10. BxRP, B-KB1; 11. Q-R4, R-R1.
9. Q-R4 Q-Q3 13. P-K4
10. Kt-K2 P-Q3 11. Q-K3 Kt-K3
11. O-O PxP 15. B-B2 P-KR4
12. BxP P-B4
Black has handled the opening well. His P-center is not quite the equal of White's, but his pieces are well placed for offensive action. The text move shows Black's vigorous and imaginative style where the routine 17. Q-Q3 would give White too much time to roll his center forward.
17. KR-B1 P-R5 19. KR-Q1 B-K16
18. QR-B1 Kt-R4

After 19. Q-R4, B-K16
White plays a careful game.
25. Kt-K3 24. B-QB4 Q-K2
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CARO-KANN DEFENSE

U. S. Open Championship
Baltimore, 1948

Notes by R. B. Hayes

White Black
O. TENNER R. B. HAYES
1. P-K4 P-QB3 4. KtXP B-K15
2. Kt-QB3 P-Q4 5. B-B4 P-K3
3. BxP PXP 6. P-R3
Playing 6. Kt-R3 before P-K12 would force Black to part with B for Kt.
6. B-R4 10. B-K3 Kt1-B3
7. Kt-K3 B-K13 11. Q-O2 O-O
8. Q-O2 Kt-Q2 12. P-B3 Kt-Q4
9. P-Q4 B-K2 13. B-K13 KtXB
Now White codes Black the pair of Bs, apparently preferring this to 13. B-KK5.
14. P-Kt B-Q3 15. Kt-K2 Kt-B3
15. Q-KB2 Q-B2 17. P-KK4 Kt-K5
This maneuver is somewhat questionable. I believe it would be better to keep the B's diagonal open.
18. Q-K12 Kt-K16 20. Kt-Q2 B-R5
19. KtXKt BxKt 21. P-K4 P-QB4
21. P-K4 is also interesting and perhaps not quite so critical.
22. P-Q5 PxP 24. P-QR4 B-K4
23. BxP QR-K1
A waste of time. P-K13 at once was correct.
25. B-K4 P-K13 26. P-K5
26. R-Q1 first might have made all the difference.
26. B-Q6
The saving move in answer to which RxB is somewhat better for White than the text, but Black still maintains a slight advantage by the same maneuver.
27. Kt-Q5 BxR 28. RXP
28. RxB RXP

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT

New York Experts' Tournament
New York, 1948

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D. BYRNE A. PINKUS
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 6. O-O Kt-B3
2. P-B4 PxP 7. Q-K2 P-QR3
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4. BxP KtQB3 9. B-K15 B-K12
5. P-Q4 P-K3 10. R-Q1 Q-B2
By transportation, the players have reached a critical position in the Queen's Gambit—a position so critical, in fact, that unfamiliarity with its possible consequences is itself a blunder.
11. P-Q5 PxP 12. P-K4 PXP?
Definitely bad. Two playable lines are: (a) 12. P-Q5; 13. P-K5, O-O; 14. P-K1, P-K1, Turner-Kern, New York, 1948. (b) 12. P-Q5; O-O; 13. PXP (13. KtXP, R-K1; 14. BxK1 is better); 14. Kt-Q5; 14. B-K5, P-B5; 15. Qf-B1, R-K1; 16. Qf-B1, K-K1; Stumpers-van Steens, Leyden, 1946.
13. KtXP KtXKt 14. QxKt ch
This position is apparently lost for Black. Take these two examples: (a) 14. B-K2; 15. B-K4, Q-B1; 16. B-Q5, R-K1; 17. B-Q6, Q-K2; 18. BxP, QR-K1; 19. BxP ch, KtXB; 20. RxQ, resigns; Naldorf-Christoffel, Groningen, 1946. (b) 14. Q-K2; 15. Q-K4, Kt-Q1; 16. R-K1, Kt-K3; 17. Q-K4, P-B3; 18. B-K1; P-K14; 19. Q-B5, P-K13; 20. Q-K5, Q-B4; 21. Qf-R, BxK1; 22. R-K5 and wins; Kotov-O'Kelly, Groningen, 1946.
14. Kt-K2?

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