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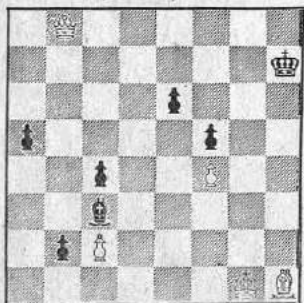
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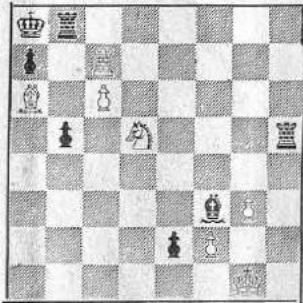
SO. FALLSBURG HAS STAGE

Position No. 29
By Th. C. L. Kok
Tijdschrift, 1938



1Q6, 7k, 4p8, 6p6, 2p2P2,
2k5, 1pR, 6K1
White to play and win

Position No. 30
By Stamma



1k6, 6lR5, 6lP5, 1p5SR,
5, 6P1, 4pP2, 6K1
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

POSITION No. 29 is an extremely ingenious one with a very involved keymove. If White can permanently block Black's QKIP from queening, White's Q and K can effect a mate—"win in slippers" as the End Game Editor of Schaakmat, Mynheer J. Selman, Jr., expresses it. How to effect the block remains the puzzler to solve.

Position No. 30 is one of Stamma, who was one of the earliest serious students of endgame technique. Here again White must battle against time, as represented by the threat of the Black QP to queen on the move—the Black R to mate on the move. The key, however, is rather simple, if extremely effective.

Solutions will be published in the September 20th issue.

BISGUIER, ANDERSON PLAY STEADY CHESS TO TOP FIELD

Jim Cross Loses Chance For Title When Berliner Downs Him in 10th

Steady chess, worthy of older veterans of the game, marked the 3rd Annual U. S. Junior Championship Tournament at Oak Ridge, Tenn. where by the thin margin of a few Sonneborn-Berger points Arthur Bisguier of New York captured the title and saved the U. S. junior players the embarrassment of seeing it cross the border into Canada, escorted by the capable Frank Anderson of Toronto.

From the start the contest was tight and exciting, and even in the final round there was no certainty of victory until Bisguier, Anderson and Cross had all three finished their games. And even then, it took a careful weighing of the Sonneborn-Berger points to determine the issue.

For the first four rounds, Arthur Bisguier, Jim B. Cross, and George Krauss strode side by side with four straight victories apiece. Anderson had lost to Cross in the 3rd, Poschel to Cross in the 4th and Berliner to Bisguier in the fourth.

Round Five

Round five and Bisguier strides to victory over Cross, while Krauss goes down in defeat to Poschel. Bisguier leads with 5-0; on his heels with 4-1 are Anderson, Cross, Poschel, Berliner, Krauss, K. R. Smith, Richard Schmidt. Round six and Bisguier falters, drawing with Krauss. Anderson downs Poschel. Cross draws with Smith. Berliner wins from Schmidt. Bisguier still leads with 5½, but breathing down his neck are Anderson and Berliner with 5; and Cross, Krauss and Sullivan with 4½.

Round Seven

Arthur Bisguier draws again, with Anderson. Cross wins from LeCornu. Poschel draws with Hickman. Berliner with Smith. Krauss wins from Sullivan. Bisguier still leads at 6. Pressing hard are Anderson, Cross, Berliner, Krauss at 5½ each. Round eight

and Bisguier downs Schmidt. Cross beats Ragan; Krauss bests Hickman. In the meanwhile Anderson draws with Berliner and Poschel with Sullivan. Bisguier holds on to the lead with 7; Cross and Krauss are on his heels with 6½, while Anderson and Smith follow with 6.

Round Nine

The situation grows critical as Bisguier draws with Smith. Anderson bests Sullivan, Cross beats Krauss, Poschel defeats Ragan. The standing is now Bisguier and Cross tied at 7½, Anderson 7; Krauss and Miller 6½; and Poschel and Berliner 6. A victory by either Bisguier or Cross while the other draws means the title; if both lose, Anderson can win a clear victory.

Round Ten

Bisguier draws with Miller, Anderson wins from Smith, Cross loses to Berliner, and the tournament is over. Bisguier and Anderson tie for first with 8-2, Cross is third with 7½-2½, and one of the hardest fought of the Junior Championships is a matter of record.

Special Cable From Paul Giers

Saltsjbaden, Sweden
August 14, 1948

Twenty-two nations represented at FIDE Congress including Soviets, Argentina, Spain, Australia. Assembly considered offers to hold 1949 Candidates Tournament for World Championship at Buenos Aires or Budapest. No decision reached. Special Committee of five has full authority to decide arrangements by October. First International Team Tournaments will be resumed, time and place to be chosen next year.



Paul G. Giers

Tournament for Women's World Championship set for May, 1949, at Moscow or Leningrad.

Sixteen players, including four Russians. New Greek Chess Federation admitted to membership under United States sponsorship. Reuben Fine entitled to play in Candidates Tournament by close vote.

ULVESTAD PLAYS IN CHAMPIONSHIP

By decision of the Executive Committee of the USCF and the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee, Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle was invited to fill the place in the Biennial U. S. Championship left vacant by Samuel Reshevsky's decision not to compete.

It was considered that Ulvestad had earned the choice by his final showing in the U. S. Open Championship where he finished in a tie for second on Sonneborn-Berger points with Kashdan and ahead of Kramer.

Ulvestad shares with Kashdan and Kevitiz the distinction of winning a game in the Moscow Team.

Stockholm Fulfills A Cherished Dream Says Reinfeld Reviewing Tournament

By Fred Reinfeld

Chessplayers are at last seeing the realization of a cherished dream in the staging of a great international tournament at Stockholm, with an entry exclusively made up of challengers for the World Championship title. The nineteen-player list follows herewith:

Isaac Boleslavsky	USSR
Eero Book	Finland
David Bronstein	USSR
Salo Flohr	USSR
Svetozar Gligoric	Yugoslavia
Alexander Kotov	USSR
Andras Lillenthal	USSR
Erik Lundin	Sweden
Mendel Naidorf	Argentina
Vasja Pirc	Yugoslavia
Ludek Pachman	Czechoslovakia
Vyachoslav Ragozin	USSR
Lajos Steiner	Australia
Gosta Stoltz	Sweden
Gideon Stahlberg	Sweden
Laszlo Szabo	Hungary
Savielly Tartakover	France
Peter Trifunovic	Yugoslavia
Dan Yanofsky	Canada

Such an entry is formidable enough; but considering the importance of the outcome, the tournament takes on great sporting importance. For the first five prize

TOURNAMENT DAY BY DAY AS VIEWED BY REINFELD

Was Thirteenth Move Draw by Evans Chessplay or Horseplay, Asks Fred

By Fred Reinfeld

August 13: 16-year-old Larry Evans gave a sorry account of himself by offering a draw after 13 moves to Shipman. The latter, who should know better, accepted at once. Chess play or horseplay? Howard played the Ruy Lopez without ambition and Poschel soon infiltrated successfully. Rubnow sacrificed a piece for a strong attack



Fred Reinfeld

which led to a fantastic time scramble. Poor Rubnow was so flustered that at the end, when he had a lone Rook against Rook and Pawn, he declined an offer of a draw!

Janes played the opening in Nimzovich style, but inexact play on his part led to the loss of a Pawn. Thereafter he played very strongly, making virtuoso use of the Bishops of opposite color and winning handsomely. Suraci got a good game out of the opening, but Ulvestad's powerful mid-game play gradually wore him down. In the end, Ulvestad's passed Pawn marched right in. Whitaker played the Exchange Variation but tried too energetically for a win. Adams met him more than halfway, and by means of a brilliant Queen sacrifice reduced Whitaker to helplessness.

Kashdan played the opening rather carelessly; Shainswit handled the position in good style, winning a Pawn, but leaving Kashdan with the dread Bishops. Suddenly Shainswit weakened in the face of a surprise attack, and Kashdan won quickly.

Almgren-Kramer had a remarkable opening (1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. B-K5, P-QB3), which levelled off after a while. But Almgren sought complications, which ended with a stinging refutation from his youthful but hard-boiled opponent.

Santasiere played a King's Gambit against Sandrin, who fought a plucky uphill battle all the way. The game was adjourned. Hesse-Steiner was a typical King's Indian, which at adjournment time showed Steiner a Pawn up in an ending with Bishops of opposite color.

Leading scores at round three: Adams, Kashdan, Kramer, Ulvestad each 2½-½.

Adjourned game: Heitner-Evans was agreed a draw without further play.

Round three pairings:

Santasiere, Sandrin; King's Gambit, adj.
Howard G. Poschel 1; Ruy Lopez 43
Almgren G. Kramer 1; Inverolm 36
Whitaker O. Adams 1; Ruy Lopez 82
Janes 1, Plat 0; French Def. 46

Kashdan 1, Shainswit 0; Caro-Kann 33
Rubnow 1, Heitner 1; Sicilian 45
Evans 1, Shipman 1; QGA 18
Hesse, Steiner; King's Ind. Adj.
Ulvestad 1, Suraci 0; Queen's Ind. 47

South Fallsburg, August 8: The United States Championship is scheduled to start on August 11. Tournament Director Richard W. Wayne and his assistant Fred Reinfeld arrived on the scene on August 2 in order to work out all their preparations for a smoothly working tournament. Almost a score of South Fallsburg's leading hotels have made arrangements to house and feed the players. On the ride up from New York, we noticed two huge highway signs advertising the Championship. On South Fallsburg's main street (or Main Street) a large banner has been stretched across the road, call the attention of natives and visitors to the coming event. Soon every hotel and store will be buzzing with the question: "Chess? What's a chess?"

Tony Balducci, livewire organizer of chess activities in Sullivan County and manager of the local Rivoli Theater, has plastered his front window with some of the tournament's choicest publicity: an interview with George Kramer, Larry Evans, Arthur Bisguier and Walter Shipman which recently appeared in the New York World-Telegram; an article from New York's Daily Forward (in Yiddish, of course), paying tribute to the hotel owners' enterprise to bringing the Championship to South Fallsburg; and many other items along these lines.

Wayne, who is noted for his careful and able handling of the slightest detail connected with a chess tournament, has his hands full; reservations must be confirmed, rooms allocated, telegrams sent, interviews given, publicity stimulated, contacts made; in addition,

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Stockholm Tourney	
Bronstein	7½
Stalder	7
Naidorf	7
Lilienthal	7
Boleslavsky	6½
Stahlberg	6½
Kotov	6
Flohr	6
Trifunovic	6
Gligoric	5½
Ragozin	5½
Bondarevsky	5
Yanofsky	4½
Pachman	4½
Book	4½
Tartakover	4
Stoltz	4
Steiner	4
Lundin	3½

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TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

WE were somewhat surprised, although by this time well inured to the inaccuracies which creep into published stories, to read in the July issue of the usually impeccable "Chess," our esteemed British contemporary, that "Canada's challenge to the United States for a 3,000 mile chess match has been declined by the U.S.A.C.F., due to heavy commitments of their summer programme."

As a recipient of copies of the correspondence regarding this proposed match, we are happy to inform our readers that the actual facts are these: The U.S.C.F. through its President, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., and its Executive Vice-President, Paul G. Giers, expressed doubt as to the feasibility of scheduling the match for this summer, due to heavy commitments on a summer program, BUT definitely suggested setting a date early in the summer of 1949 for an ocean-to-ocean match, when it would be more feasible to arrange contacts between the various states and provinces.

Only a very loose and inaccurate reading of these facts could be interpreted as a declining of the match, and we trust that the Canadian Editor of "Chess," Mr. Dudley M. LeDain, will in the future be more accurate in reporting Canadian-United States events.

It is hardly necessary to add that relations between the USCF and the CFC have always been cordial, and that Canadian players have been welcomed in all U. S. Open Tournaments, where they have frequently distinguished themselves. Frequent matches across the border have been the rule, particularly between Minneapolis and Winnipeg, Detroit and Windsor, Buffalo and Toronto, and the elaborate meetings of Washington and British Columbia.

So there is no reason to doubt, despite the unfortunate attitude of Mr. LeDain, that in 1949 a most successful match can be promoted from coast to coast with proper management on both sides provided it is not further sabotaged by expressions of petty malice which only serve to place a strain on even the most cordial of relationships.

Montgomery Major

Statement to The Press

By the Committee for the U. S. Chess Championship
Tournament 1948

The Tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States of America will be held at South Fallsburg, New York, from August 10th through August 31st, 1948, under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation. The present U. S. Champion, Mr. Samuel Reshevsky, will not be on hand to defend his title, neither will Mr. Reuben Fine, the chief contender. This is a regrettable situation which demands an explanation to the chess-lovers of America.

The Champion was "seeded" into the finals and invited to take part. Unfortunately Mr. Reshevsky saw fit to make certain financial stipulations which the Committee was totally unable to meet for two reasons: first, the Committee did not have at its disposal the very large amount of money involved; and secondly, if it did have the money, the Committee would have still refused to meet Mr. Reshevsky's terms on the grounds that to do so would be thoroughly undemocratic and directly opposed to the principals of the U.S.C.F. Mr. Fine's demands were specifically the same as Mr. Reshevsky's except that Mr. Fine demanded exactly twice as much.

This Committee believes that American chess will flourish and grow only if those in control of National events adhere strictly to the policy of equal treatment for all players and special privileges for none.

The Committee looks forward to a most successful tournament at South Fallsburg; the playing strength of the entry is sufficient assurance that the winner will be a worthy champion.

RICHARD W. WAYNE, Chairman

1948 U. S. Championship Tournament Committee

Thus the following story is told of an onlooker at a game. He was a combative-player. Suddenly he interrupted the players: "I see a magnificent combination, a sacrifice of the Queen," he excitedly called to him who was to move. "If your opponent then takes the Pawn, he is Mated, and if he goes out of Check, he is mated in two."

"Well," replied the player, "but the principal question is: what am I to do if he captures the Queen?"

"That is the only variation," replied the combination player, "which I have not yet looked into."

"Experience," says Josh Billings, "increases our wizzard but don't reduce our phollys."

Quoted by Fred Reinfeld in "Nimzovich, The Hypermodern."

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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

Task Composing Award Revised!

IS my face red? I'll say it is! I made a mess of the Task Composing Award as originally published, for which I most humbly apologize to all the loyal followers of my column.

I am now atoning, partially, for my errors by revising the Task Composing Award.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

The prize of a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE is still merited by Problem No. 35, composer Kund Rassmussen, Ontario, Canada.

Problem No. 36 by Eric Hassberg, New York, forfeits Honorable Mention due to a "cook" discovered by me following publication.

Problem No. 37 by A. C. White, Litchfield, Conn., also forfeits the Special Honorable Mention originally awarded because of a "cook" discovered by some of CHESS LIFE's problem solvers.

Problem No. 38 by B. M. Berd, Arden, Del., also offended and loses First Commended Award because of an obvious "cook" which however was detected only by ye P.E.

Therefore with the disqualifications of Problems 36, 37 and 38, Problem 39 and 40 are advanced respectively in award to Honorable Mention and First Commended. Of the problems of the contest that appeared in Forsythe notation in this column, issue of July 20th, the first position given, a composition by T. Lundberg, Dallas, Tex., was found to admit of no solution. Following the publication of this position, I received a letter from the composer, notifying me that following the entry of this problem in the contest, he had later withdrawn the position and submitted in its stead the following: 3k2rr, S1p2SQ, 3RR3, B2K3E, S, S, S, 8. White mates in two. A check-up of my correspondence with Mr. Lundberg verifies the foregoing and I am awarding the above position Second Commendation.

While I censure myself for the necessity of this revision of the award, I also believe the "cooks" found are deserving of a black mark on the record of the offending composers.

I also find my solvers can not be held blameless. Not one of the solving corps would have achieved a perfect score had there been a solving contest of the Task Composing entries! Probably should have been called Atomic Bomb Contest, as it blew up composers, solvers and judge.

I am devoting space in this issue of Problems of Chess Life to contributions received from two noted Grand Rapids, Mich., chess problem lovers, Peter Korf, an enthusiastic solver of chess problems, and Otto Wurzberg, a renowned problem composer, whose elegant creations have gained for him international recognition and acclaim.

Mr. Korf submits:

The Chess Problem

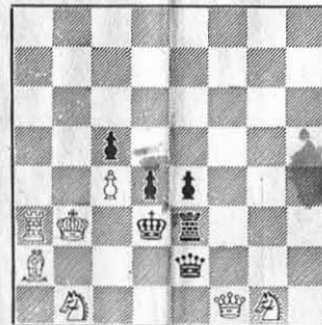
(As a novice sees it)

I often have the time on hand
To meditate with posers.
I muse in chess—try to command
The problems by composers.

I'm not, as yet, adept to lure
Key moves from hidden spaces;
So myriad moves I must endure
To find the key move places!

Hats off to chess composers!
Their minds have infinite powers;
They furnish me with studious sport
That holds for hours and hours!

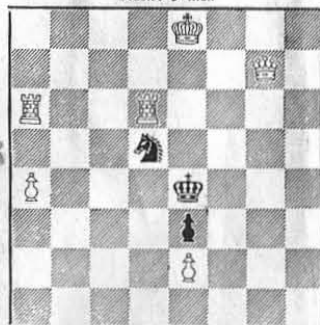
Problem No. 41
By W. A. Shinkman
Western and Daheim, 1919
Black: 6 men



White: 7 men
S, S, S, 2p5, 2pp3, RK1k3,
B5p, B5Q3

White mates in two moves

Problem No. 42
By W. A. Shinkman
Tiffin Tribune, 1905
Black: 3 men



White: 6 men
4K3, 6Q1 R2R4, 3e4, P8k3,
4p3, 4P3, S

White mates in three moves

Mr. Wurzberg writes in appreciation of his deceased uncle, the late Wm. A. Shinkman, a master of the problem composing art:

Most composers of chess problems seem to have their own favorite compositions. Their choice is generally shared by the average solver and critic, but not always. In the case of Shinkman the composer and the critics will probably find agreement.

The Shinkman two-mover appended is referred to by Alain C. White as follows: "Probably Shinkman has composed more snappy block threat two-movers than any other composer and probably the appended example shows the most unexpected key."

Another of Shinkman's own favorites is the accompanying three-mover, a highly original conception of echo play. The Black Knight's threatened pair of checks demand attention and the real solution achieves this with sparkling finesse.

The mistakes are all there waiting to be made.

Tartakover, quoted in "The Bright Side of Chess" by Irving Chernev.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

SCORE ONE FOR THE CRYSTAL BALL! As predicted in an earlier column neither Kasdan nor Pinkus was able to win the International Masters and Experts Tourney at the Manhattan Chess Club. George Kramer, 18 years old and a former N. Y. State titleholder, came through with 6-1 (draws with Siff and Kashdan), followed by Kashdan (5½), Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier and Albert Pinkus (each 4-3). Kramer's victory in this powerful company lends new strength to an earlier prediction that George may win the National title in the tournament now under way at South Fallsburg, N.Y.

17-year-old Leonard Baum, of Abraham Lincoln High School, is the victor of the first Brooklyn high school tournament sponsored by the Brooklyn C.C. His score of 6-2 in an eight-round Swiss gives him temporary possession of the Helms Trophy, donated by the club's president, Phil Gold.

The Marshall C.C. has begun its fall season, with more than 30 members competing in the preliminaries of the annual championships. Young Kiven Plassett of C.C.N.Y.; former Intercollegiate Champion, leads with 3-0 to loom as the first of the probable qualifiers.

My thanks to the readers who have made my wife happy by their favorable comments on the column during the past year, and my apologies to Harold Phillips for the errors made in reporting his game with Donovan in the Met league, which was really a draw. And, regarding Sammy Reshevsky, my statements regarding the results of a match between him and Botvinnik were my own interpretations of the matter. In fact, I am certain that he would do much better in a match than he did in the tournament!

For The Tournament-Minded

August 27-29

North Carolina Championship
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Open to all chess players; entry fee \$2.00 (\$1.00 dues collected from non-members of NCCA); Class A and B tourneys, round robin unless entries necessitate Swiss; play begins 8:00 p.m. at Winston-Salem YWCA on Friday, Aug. 27; for details and entry write: H. Upchurch, 507 E. Markham Ave., Durham, N.C.

September 1

Correspondence Chess
Championship of the U.S.A.
Conducted by the CCLA (Correspondence Chess League of America) under the auspices of the USCF. Open to all chess players. Entry fees to CCLA members \$1.00 per section; to non-members \$1.50 per section. Players non members of the USCF, add \$1.00 for membership dues to entry fees. Write CCLA Secretary Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

September 4-6

Pennsylvania State Championship
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Open to Pennsylvania players; held at Pittsburgher Hotel; State, Junior and Women's Championship divisions; write W. M. Byland 3244 Latonia, Pittsburgh 16, Pa. for details.

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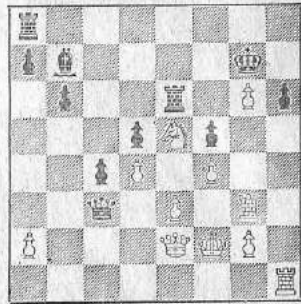
14th Annual Southwestern Open
Championship
San Antonio, Texas
Open to all players; held at Gunter Hotel, San Antonio; write B. R. Milem, 419 E. Dewey, San Antonio for details.

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 9



White to move. r7, p4c3, l2r1p, 2p3p2, 2p1p1, 2q1p1, 2r3q1, 1, 7k

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 9 to the Editor of CHESS LIFE by September 5th.

Solution to Position No. 7

Occurred in a local championship in Austria...

Correct solutions were submitted by: Sven Brack...

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: A small tournament here ended as follows:

1. O'Kelly 6 (on 7); 2. Dr. Souza Mendes 5; 3. Rocas 4; 4. Dr. W. Cruz 4; 5. Cacioli 2; 6. Dantes 1.

Poland: The championship was won by Makarczyk 14 1/2 (on 20); 2. Gawlikowski 14; 3-5. Sliwa, Szapiel and Galienski 13, etc.

The Championship of Vienna, Austria was won by young Beni 9 1/2; 2. Grunfeld 8 1/2; 3-5. Galia, Gragger and Platt 7 1/2; 6-7. Hoffman and H. Muller 7, etc.

The Championship of Denmark was won by Enevoldsen 6 (was champion also in 1943 and 1945); 2. Hage 5 1/2; 3-4. A. and N. Nielsen 5; 5. Poulsen 4; 6-8. Kupferstick, Lie and V. Nielsen 3 each; 9. Sorensen 1.

Reykjavik, Iceland: The Championship was won by Moller 8 1/2 (on 10); 2. Palmason 7; 3. Aegirsson 6; 4-5. Snaevart and Agutsson 5 1/2, etc.

Holland: E. Mulder won the championship of Rotterdam 7 pts (on 9). Dr. J. Sellman and J. Wanten won the championship of Limburg and Kramer won the championship of Friseland.

Game played in the International Tournament at Bad Gastein, Austria. White: Watzel; Black: Rossolimo. Irregular Opening. 1. P-K4, P-Q3; 2. P-Q4, Kt-Q2; 3. P-K4, P-K4; 4. Kt-KB3, PxQP; 5. QxP, B-Kt3; 6. Kt-B3, Kt-B4; 7. B-K4, B-K2; 8. B-Q2, O-O; 9. O-O, P-B3; 10. P-K5, P-QKt4; 11. B-Kt3, PxP1; 12. QxQ, RxB; 13. PxB, Kt-Kt5; 14. P-KR3

(Black threatened KtB, followed by B-B4 ch and Kt-B7 c h), KtXB; 15. R-PxKt, B-B4 ch; 16. K-R1, KtXP; 17. KtXKt, RxB; 18. Kt-K4, RxBP; 19. KtB, RxB; 20. KR-Q1, B-K3; 21. RxBP, R-K1; 22. R-K7, R-KB1! (if K-B1, then RxBP ch); 23. Kt-Q7, R-Q1; 24. KtR, RxB; 25. K-R2, K-B1; 26. R-Q7, B-Q4; 27. Kt-Q7 ch, K-K1; 28. Kt-K6, R-Q6; 29. P-QKt4, R-QKt6; 30. KtXB, PxB; and Black won. An original defense by the champion of France.

There is the assignment of work to carpenters, electricians, printers, sign painters, and all the other people whose work makes an unobtrusive but important contribution to a tournament...

South Fallsburg's main street is full of signs calling attention to the tournament. We can only hope that they are read with the greatest care...

First of the masters to arrive was Tony Santasiere, Tony, who is usually the life of the party...

August 9: Today was another day. With hotel business so strong in South Fallsburg, some hotel owners find themselves in a difficult position...

A long-distance call came from Washington, D.C. to announce that Reshevsky is at long last willing to play under the same conditions as the other players...

To admit Reshevsky now would mean adding two days to the tournament schedule, inconveniencing those who have to leave South Fallsburg at the scheduled end of the tournament...

After a long and fatiguing discussion of every angle of the problem, the committee voted to turn down Reshevsky's late entry. The chief consideration was that Reshevsky's entry at the last moment would have created tournament conditions which would have been downright exhausting...

August 10: All the players have arrived and been placed in their respective hotels; all the necessary sets and clocks have been shipped and received in good condition...

August 11: The first-round pairings:

Table with 2 columns: Player 1, Player 2. Includes names like Murali G., Steiner H., Lopez O., Hesse O., Shipman I., QIA 50, Ulvestad, Heitner, Q Ind, Adf, Santasiere F., Poschel O., Faulkner Counter 25, Evans J., Shainswit J., QGA 17, Robinson G., Platz 1, QGA 40, Kashdan I., Sandrin O., Sicilian 43, Almgren O., Adams I., QP 45, Howard, Whitaker, Sicilian Adj., James O., Kramer 1; Slav 26.

First blood, and mighty little of it, was drawn by Evans and Shainswit, who drew portentously in 17 moves with a Pawn and minor piece exchanged on each side.

Kramer played the Slav skillfully, got his pieces into strong play, but then seemed to go wrong by allowing his Queen to be trapped.

George countered with a sensational Knight move and won quickly. Suraci got a good game against Bird's Defense, but then weakened and lost the exchange.

Platz got a very strong attack, forced open the King's Rook file, and secured the winning superiority of Queen for Rook and Knight. Kashdan gave up the exchange for two Pawns, securing a Pawn majority on each wing...

Howard got a good game against Whitaker's Dragon Variation and won the exchange, returning it unnecessarily during time pressure.

August 12: Second round. Suraci O., Hesse 1; French Def. 39, Shipman J., Ulvestad J.; Sicilian 50, Heitner, Evans; Nimrodian Adj., Shainswit J., Robinson J.; Q Ind, 53, Platz J., Kashdan J.; Four Kts, 37, Sandrin I., James O., English 45, Kramer J., Santasiere J.; Nimro, 63, Poschel J., Almgren J.; Nimro, 65, Adams J., Howard J.; Viena 37, Steiner, Whitaker; Q Ind, A32.

Hesse was not taken aback by Suraci's somewhat unusual handling of the McCutcheon Variation. After the exchange of Queens, Black got the better ending, won material and forced mate on the 39th move.

Shipman-Ulvestad wound up in a draw after 50 moves in an ending with Bishops of opposite colors. Howard played badly against (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

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FRENCH DEFENSE U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for French Defense after 21 moves. Includes move lists for White (W. W. Adams) and Black (N. T. Whitaker).

A bad mistake. Correct was 21. R-K15, and if 21. Q-B2, 22. BxK1P. The text permits Black to liberate his RR.

CARO-KANN DEFENSE U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Caro-Kann Defense after 34 moves. Includes move lists for White (W. W. Adams) and Black (A. E. Santasiere).

This move is stronger in my opinion than the more popular 4. Kt-Q3, since after 3. ... Px1; 4. KtP, Kt-B3; White must either lose time in retreating his Kt to K13 or play 5. KtK1f, forcing Black the open K-file pins two active B's.

ALBIN COUNTER-GAMBIT U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Albin Counter-Gambit after 21 moves. Includes move lists for White (M. Stark) and Black (W. W. Adams).

Since 1. P-Q4 is obviously weaker than 1. P-K4, Black may legitimately expect to win against it — but not if he plays such timid moves as 2. P-K3 or 3. P-Q2.

ALBIN COUNTER-GAMBIT U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

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Chessboard diagram for Albin Counter-Gambit after 27 moves. Includes move lists for White (G. Kramer) and Black (W. W. Adams).

Apparently White fears to offer repeat moves: (22. B-K4, B-R5; 23. B-B3, B-B4; 24. B-K4 etc.) since Black might change his mind and play 22. ... P-Q6 with all sort of complications, e.g. 24. PxP, R-P5; 25. Kt-R4, RtxP; 26. Kt-K5, KtxP; 27. B-K3, Kt-K5.

VIENNA GAME U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

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Chessboard diagram for Vienna Game after 25 moves. Includes move lists for White (W. W. Adams) and Black (A. Mengarini).

This looks like a natural move but Black overlooked the devastating effect of White's next move, Black should have played 20. ... PxP.

After 52. K-B3 ADAMS

Chessboard diagram for Adams' game after 52 moves.

25. P-Kt1 KRAMER
26. B-B5 ch RxB
27. R-K4 R-K1
28. R-P (4)-P R(4)-P
29. R-F4 RXP
30. RXP R-KB7
31. K-K1 R(1)-K7
32. R-K1 RXP
33. KxP RQR
34. K-K1 K-Q2
35. R-R8 K-K3
36. R-KK8 R-R4
37. K-K2 R-B4
38. R-K7 P-R4
39. R-K15 P-KB4
40. K-K13 P-B5 ch
41. KxP RXP
42. R-QR8 R-K7
43. K-K3 R-Q5
44. RXP R-Q6 ch
45. K-B4 RXP
46. K-K4 RXP
47. R-Q5 P-B4

RUY LOPEZ U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Ruy Lopez after 12 moves. Includes move lists for White (I. Kashdan) and Black (W. W. Adams).

1. P-K4 P-K4 6. Q-K2 P-QK4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. B-K3 P-Q3
3. B-K5 P-QB3 8. P-QR4 B-K5
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 9. P-B3 O-O
5. O-O B-K2 10. P-R3

After 27. Q-K51 SANTASIERE

Chessboard diagram for Santasiere's game after 27 moves.

After 46. K-B1 ADAMS

Chessboard diagram for Adams' game after 46 moves.

ALBIN COUNTER-GAMBIT U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Albin Counter-Gambit after 31 moves. Includes move lists for White (G. Kramer) and Black (W. W. Adams).

VIENNA GAME U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Vienna Game after 35 moves. Includes move lists for White (W. W. Adams) and Black (A. Mengarini).

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After 24. ... R-K15 ADAMS

Chessboard diagram for Adams' game after 24 moves.

25. P-Kt1 KRAMER
26. B-B5 ch RxB
27. R-K4 R-K1
28. R-P (4)-P R(4)-P
29. R-F4 RXP
30. RXP R-KB7
31. K-K1 R(1)-K7
32. R-K1 RXP
33. KxP RQR
34. K-K1 K-Q2
35. R-R8 K-K3
36. R-KK8 R-R4
37. K-K2 R-B4
38. R-K7 P-R4
39. R-K15 P-KB4
40. K-K13 P-B5 ch
41. KxP RXP
42. R-QR8 R-K7
43. K-K3 R-Q5
44. RXP R-Q6 ch
45. K-B4 RXP
46. K-K4 RXP
47. R-Q5 P-B4

VIENNA GAME Morphy Chess Club Invitation Tournament Houston, 1948

Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

Chessboard diagram for Vienna Game after 12 moves. Includes move lists for White (B. Rozsa) and Black (W. H. James).

After 46. K-B1 ADAMS

Chessboard diagram for Adams' game after 46 moves.

ALBIN COUNTER-GAMBIT U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Albin Counter-Gambit after 31 moves. Includes move lists for White (G. Kramer) and Black (W. W. Adams).

VIENNA GAME U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Vienna Game after 35 moves. Includes move lists for White (W. W. Adams) and Black (A. Mengarini).

This looks like a natural move but Black overlooked the devastating effect of White's next move, Black should have played 20. ... PxP.

SICILIAN DEFENSE U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Sicilian Defense after 22 moves. Includes move lists for White (W. W. Adams) and Black (M. Pavey).

After 22. Q-B4 PAVEY

Chessboard diagram for Pavey's game after 22 moves.

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Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

Chessboard diagram for Vienna Game after 12 moves. Includes move lists for White (B. Rozsa) and Black (W. H. James).

After 46. K-B1 ADAMS

Chessboard diagram for Adams' game after 46 moves.

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Notes by Weaver W. Adams

Chessboard diagram for Albin Counter-Gambit after 31 moves. Includes move lists for White (G. Kramer) and Black (W. W. Adams).

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U. S. Championship (Continued from page 3)

Adams' Vienna, but in the middle game Howard countered vigorously. Then Adams got the advantage again, but Howard was able to escape with a perpetual. Shainswit-Rubinow was a heavy maneuvering affair, with Black finally emerging a Pawn to the good. The extra Pawn proved useless, however, in a Rook and Pawn ending. Kramer-Santasiere was a beautifully contested game. Santasiere played the opening and middle game beautifully, and went into the ending with a winning advantage. But Kramer defended grimly, Santasiere lost his way, and in the end the game was drawn.

Poschel-Almgren was a hard-fought, see-saw affair which wound up in a drawn King and Pawn ending. Steiner played very slowly against Whitaker, so that he had to make about half a million moves as he approached the 45th move. The game, handled in good style by Whitaker, was adjourned. Evans played aggressively against Heitner; this game also adjourned.

ADAMS (WHITE) TO PLAY AND WIN

We present a septet of games from the recent Open Championship annotated by the new-crowned Champion, Weaver W. Adams. Three illustrate the thesis: White to Play and Win—and two the Adamsian theory that 1. P-Q4 is an inferior move. With due deference to the new Champion, however, we refuse to admit that they represent "Simple Chess," for they are far from simple.—The Editor.

STEINER WINS OPEN "RAPID"

The usual Lightning Chess tourney held in connection with the U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore resulted in a victory for Herman Steiner, who won with 9-0 in the preliminaries and then took the Lightning title with 6½-1½. Larry Evans was runner-up with 5½-2½, and A. Bisguier, A. S. Pinkus, R. Steinmeyer and O. Ulvestad tied for third with 4½-3½ each.

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Solutions: Endgame positions No. 25 and 26 Chess Life, July 20, 1948. No. 25 by S. Herland.—1. Kt-K5! R-K1; 2. P-Q7, R-K1 ch; 3. K-K2, B-K7 ch; 4. K-Q1 (or 3), R-K15 (or 6) ch; 5. K-B2 wins, if 1. ... R-P5; 2. P-Q7, R-B5 ch; 3. K-K2, R-B1; 4. Kt-B7 ch, K-K1; 5. Kt-K5! wins. If 1. ... R-K1 ch; 2. K-K3, R-K5; 3. P-Q7, R-B1; 4. Kt-B7 ch, K-K1; 5. Kt-K5! R-K1; 6. K-K5, R-R7 ch; 7. K-B4, P-R4 ch; 8. KxP; 9. R-Q6!; R-R7 ch; 6. K-Q5, R-R6 ch; 7. K-B1, P-K4 ch; 8. KxP, R-Q6; 9. P-Q5! ch, R-Q6; 10. Kt-R8 wins.

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