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EVANS TAKES NEW YORK TITLE

EVENTFUL MEET HELD BY C.F.C.

The Chess Federation of Canada held a most eventful annual meeting at Ottawa on September 4-5 to plan a very well-digested program for the coming year. Most important among its decisions was probably the creation of a National Youth Committee with Dr. J. Ranch of Montreal as chairman. This committee is designed to promote chess for the youth in Canada on lines similar to the USCF National Chess Youth division created last year.

The Canadian Chess Championship for 1949 was set for Arvida, Quebec, date as yet undetermined. It was decided that all entrants in the championship tournament must qualify. 16 entrants are to be accepted and of these New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island shall provide one entrant, Nova Scotia 1, Quebec 3, Ontario 3, Manitoba 1, Saskatchewan 1, Alberta 1, and British Columbia 1 to be qualified by provincial competition. To these shall be added sufficient invited Canadian Chess Experts to bring the total to 16 entrants.

At the Annual Meeting the following were elected as officers for 1949 for the Chess Federation of Canada: Bernard Freedman (Toronto, Ont.) president, D. A. MacAdam (Saint John, N. B.) 1st vice-president, Scotty Loudon (Calgary, Alta.) 2nd vice-president, Oslas Bain (Quebec, Que.) secretary, and C. Carroll (Chilliwack, B. C.) treasurer.

CROSS CAPTURES CALIF. OPEN

The first Open Championship, held in California by the newly organized California State Chess Association, resulted in the victory of Jim Cross of Glendale who finished third in the recent U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge.

A. J. Fink of San Francisco was second, N. Falconer of Berkeley third, Ray Martin of Los Angeles fourth, and Wade Hendricks of Santa Cruz fifth in the 7 round Swiss which had 36 entries. George Koltanowski, the blindfold wizard, directed the tournament which was played at Atascadero with the Atascadero Chess Club acting as the hosts.

At a business meeting at the Amerivet Building plans were laid for the organization of the new California State Chess Association, and a committee was appointed to provide a permanent constitution. LeRoy Johnson served as president pro tem, and C. W. Bird was acting secretary.

The California Chess News, published by George Koltanowski, was named the official organ of the new association.

It is not indicated whether the members of the older California Chess Association plan to participate in this reorganized association or will continue as a separate body.

STEARNS WINS OHIO CROWN

Former State Champion Elliott Stearns of Cleveland regained the Ohio title in the six round Swiss tournament at the Seneca Hotel in Columbus with a score 5½-1. Second place was a tie on won-and-lost between Ray Sachs of Cleveland, Peter J. Seitz of Akron, Henry W. Schuer of Akron, and P. W. Stephens of Cleveland with 4½-1½ each. The tie was broken on weighted points in the order named.

In the Junior Championship Myron Frederic of Columbus captured the title with 5-1, while Mrs. Mena Schwartz of Cleveland took the Woman's crown with 3-1. The tournament was directed by James Stevens, with M. H. Allison and Col. Vandervoort serving as assistant directors.

In the annual meeting of the Ohio Chess Association James L. Stevens (Columbus) was elected present, A. R. Phillips (Cleveland) executive vice-president and editor of Ohio Chess Bulletin, Col. B. F. Vandervoort (Columbus) honorary president for life.

DYAL CAPTURES FLORIDA TITLE

Donald F. Dyal of Cross City nosed out Stephen Shaw of Miami for the Florida Chess Championship in a 6 round Swiss with 28 entrants. Dyal drew with Shaw and won his other contests for a 5½-1½ score. Shaw drew with Major Holt in addition to Dyal for a 5-1 score for second place.

Third place went to R. B. Diaz of Tampa with 4½-1½, while fourth place was a tie between Major J. B. Holt, Ramon Robaldo, Charles Layng, and S. Castro with 4-2 each.

Tied at 3½-2½ each were E. J. Dowling, E. Mailhot, Bernard Klein, W. A. Reynolds, Arthur Montano and E. G. Werber.

The tournament was held at Tampa by the Florida Chess League, which voted to hold the 1949 meeting at St. Petersburg. Officers of the League elected at the annual meeting were: James B. Gibson (Tampa) president, Bernard Klein (Jacksonville) first vice-president, Dr. A. B. Ferguson (St. Petersburg) second vice-president, Major J. B. Holt (Sarasota) secretary-treasurer.

DR. EUWE PLANS DECEMBER VISIT

Former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe plans an extended visit to the United States this December in which he will be free to make a number of engagements for simultaneous exhibitions.

Clubs, desiring the privilege and pleasure of an exhibition of Dr. Euwe's skill, may arrange to do so by writing to Mr. Hans Knoch, 630 W. 170th St., New York 32, N.Y. who will book the engagements.

Position No. 35
By M. Chodera (Prague)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947

White to play and win

Position No. 36
By Guilhaume Groesser
Original

White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojan
SOMEWHAT less profound and somewhat more artificial than the studies in our last issue, the two positions published today will also repay study. In Position No. 35 by the gifted Czechoslovak composer the delicate threats of mate by White are utilized to reduce Black's forces to a point at which White can menace mate in earnest. This is a difficult setting to achieve with a free Black Queen on the board, and the difficulties are overcome in an artistic manner.

Position No. 36 is a simpler setting. Black must be cajoled by threat and persuasion into the loss of his Pawn at B7, and his Knight must be trapped ere victory can come to White. The main line of play, however, once discovered is straight-forward and direct.
Solution will be published in the November 5th issue.

Assessing the U. S. C hampionship Tournament

The tournaments are now over — and the period of assessment is setting in. The apparent greatness of the tournament was easily discernable before the tournaments began. Any apprehension I might have carried within me were dispelled after the tournaments were underway. Most of my apprehensions centered around the staging of the big event in a community that was extremely busy with a great influx of summer visitors, and whose residents really have no time whatsoever to give to other than livelihood concern.

These things necessitated concern not only on my part, but fell more on the shoulders of one really great and fine personage, Dick Wayne. I shall never be able to laud sufficiently the merits of Dick. The work that fell upon his shoulders was mountainous, and mine was petty indeed to his problems. There is no need here to enumerate the several bomb-shells which fell upon the tournaments from time to time — it suffices to say that Dick met these very ably and with great distinction — smoothing the way for a really great national tournament. Some of the remarkable things that took place was the degree of cooperation between 30 odd hotels to give cost-free vacations to all players, officials and the press; the use of a car-pool by many, many residents of this community to insure everyone getting back to their hotels in time for dinner after conclusion of the 7 p.m. play — all this daily during the three weeks of play.

Other greatneses in connection with the tournament was the thorough democraticness with which the events were run; with chess being brought to the countryside and given to the American populace; the great publicity reaped both for our community and for the game by employing a direct publicity campaign which made chess a household word for many thousands, thus advancing the progress of the game's promotion to a marked degree. Only fine impressions were left by the tournament participants upon the community of South Fallsburg, and this was only too noticeable during the farewells after the wonderful testimonial luncheon staged at the Riverview Hotel. All players, men and women, received prizes. Any differences in the non-prize winners was made up by the Fallsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Much of good for the future of chess can come out of the Fallsburg Tournaments. It must always be kept in mind that chess belongs, not only to the player, but to those who might want to become players in the future. Thus, tournaments should be run in manners that might appeal to spectators, such as viewing the players (and not boards in another room). The great game that it is deserving of support from all corners of the land and no true chess lover should so contain himself as to unwittingly being selfish in keeping the knowledge of chess from others. The world awaits the great good that can be given it by the fine expression found in chess.

ANTONIO C. BALDUCCI
South Fallsburg, New York.

ADAMS VICTOR IN NEW ENGLAND

The perennial New England Champion Weaver W. Adams once again successfully defended his title in a twenty-three man Swiss tournament held at Portsmouth under the auspices of the Portsmouth Chess Club. Organizers were Orlando A. Lester and Alexander Sadowsky of the Portsmouth Club with the Rt. Rev. Robert Dunn serving as tournament director.

Adams served notice of his intention to win in the first round by besting Orlando A. Lester, Jr., New Hampshire State Champion, and in the course of the tourney yielded only two draws for a score of 6-1. The second draw in the last round was conceded to Massachusetts State Champion John Curdo.

Second place resulted in a quintuple tie between Daly, Curdo, Putzman, Bolton and Lester with 5-2 each, for a rather unusual situation. Next to the faultless form displayed by Weaver Adams in overcoming all opposition, the outstanding feature of the tournament was the strong, aggressive play of the 16-year-old Massachusetts Champion, John Curdo.

EVANS SWEEPS N. Y. STATE MEET

Larry Evans, 16-year old Marshall Chess Club champion, won the New York State title and custody of the Binghamton trophy with 7 wins and one draw in an eight round Swiss in which 24 players competed.

Leading scorers in the championship event were: L. Evans 7½-1, O. Ulvestad 6-2, J. W. Collins 5½-2, J. Soudakoff, A. Rothman and Dr. G. Katz 5-3 each, Dr. M. Herzberger and C. F. Rehberg 4½-3½ each. By virtue of tie-breaking Soudakoff placed fourth, Rothman fifth and Katz sixth.

In the General Tournament 11 players competed with victory going to G. Partos with 9-1. Second was O. Schlanger with 8-2, third A. Daman with 6½-3½, fourth L. Arden with 6-4, and fifth R. Silbers with 5½-4½.

Not content with his victory in the Championship, Larry Evans also captured the Speed Title, being undefeated throughout. 30 players competed in three sections. Leading scores in the finals were: Evans 8-0, Rothman 6-2, Ulvestad 5½-2½, E. T. McCormick 4½-3½, Soudakoff 3-5, Collins and Katz 2½-5½, Almgren and Hinaman 2-6.

The Broome County team won the Genesee Cup with the score of 9½-2½. Following were Chemung 7½-4½, Onondaga 7-5, Tioga 0-12.

Buffalo captured the Susquehanna Valley Cup, totalling 18-2. Rochester scored 15½-4½, Syracuse 8-12, Binghamton 7½-12½, Endicott-Johnson 6-14, Queens 5-15.

At the annual dinner the members of the NYSCA were guests of Charles Johnson of the Endicott Johnson Shoe Co. T. McCannon, retiring NYSCA president, presided. Dr. Max Herzberger was elected president.

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CORRECTION NOTED

WHEN the Editor quoted from a faulty memory (years ago someone borrowed permanently his copy of the FIDE code) that FIDE did not bar the brief agreed draw, many eager readers wrote him promptly that the FIDE rule is the same as that in the Chess Code published in the 1939 USCF Year-book, viz: "By mutual agreement, but only after 30 moves have been made with the Black men".

The Editor wishes to thank all who wrote him, and at the same time make the comment that since this is the case, the various tournament directors who permitted and accepted draws by agreement of less than thirty moves cannot escape their share of the blame for this sad and destructive situation. No doubt they erred in ignorance, as did most of the players; but ignorance of the law has never been a very convincing excuse. They can, however, console themselves with the knowledge that the directing of the recent World Championship was equally at fault in allowing Botvinnik and Ewe to draw in 14 moves in the world championship—the game that clinched the title for Botvinnik!

But despite these august examples in law-breaking, CHESS LIFE still insists that the short, aimless, agreed draw is "Chess-cheating" and that in the future scorn should be portion of the player who agrees to such a draw, and the tournament director who accepts it.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH CHESS

FREQUENTLY we hear the lamentation that the daily press refuses to take chess seriously. The statement is always made with the inference that the newspaper editor is the villain in the piece, being both short-sighted and prejudiced. There is never any suggestion made that chess players have contributed more than their share to this indifference.

Yet, let us consider the matter without bias and admit that the daily press has grounds for its attitude. No newspaper (and this is a fundamental fact) will take greater interest in any activity than the devotees of that activity themselves. And when, as a matter of fact, it is frequently impossible to pry current chess news out of chess players regarding tournaments, the daily press cannot be blamed for assuming that chess players are completely indifferent to the publication of chess news.

For example, CHESS LIFE is a newspaper devoted to the news of chess - yet quite frequently it cannot obtain the results of State and national tournaments without exerting considerable pressure and reiterated insistence. Sometimes CHESS LIFE exerts that pressure; sometimes the Editor merely shrugs his shoulders wearily and forgets about that particular tournament. The daily press, being much less interested in chess, follows the editor's example as a general rule.

And even CHESS LIFE fails to gather in all the results that it asks for. For it seems that many State and Regional groups are so totally indifferent to the value of publicity and indifferent to the interest of other chess players that their attitude is one of defying chess publications to discover who won their state and regional titles.

In July of this year Louisiana held its State Tournament. Indirectly we have ascertained that Cecil K. Collins won the title, but NOT through the offices of the Louisiana Chess Association; and our information was too scanty to warrant even a brief item in the news columns.

In the same way, it is alleged that the Montana State Tournament ended in a triple tie between Jerry Moore, Dr. Frank DiPaula and J. Van Teylingen; but this is mere hearsay which has not merited notice.

It has also been suggested that Wisconsin held a State Championship Tournament at Sheboygan with Richard Kujoth as the alleged winner, but the Wisconsin Chess Association has been too proud in its isolation even to inform its neighbors in Illinois.

More recently (in September) there have been tournaments in Georgia, Virginia and New York, not to mention the Southwestern Open. Whether the organizations which sponsor these also intend to assert their proud isolation from the rest of the country by secreting the results of these events, we cannot yet affirm.

So when CHESS LIFE, a publication devoted to chess news, finds it difficult (and sometimes impossible) to learn the results of various tournaments, it is hardly strange that the daily press has long since shrugged off chess as an activity totally indifferent to a publicity.

There is really nothing wrong with chess in America that a little intelligence and application could not mend. But until those who organize and manage chess tournaments learn the bitter fact that publicity means a little work on their own part, that news is not born of thin air but comes from the intelligent use of paper and typewriters, that news has a time element demanding a prompt reporting of results, chess will continue to have very scant notice in the daily press.

And the guilty party is not the newspaper editor but the chess organizer whose own indifference, ignorance or indolence has created the existing situation.

Montgomery Major.

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.

Hungarian Problem Tournaments

AMERICAN problemists may be pleased to contribute their "pet" creation as entries in one or all of several international problem composing tournaments, arranged by the Hungarian Workers' National Chess Federation, and the Hungarian Chess Problem Society, to honor the Centennial Celebration of the 1848-1849 Fight for Freedom of Hungary.

Ten tournaments or contests, each dedicated to the memory of outstanding Hungarian composers who lost their lives during World War II, are open for entries. The tournaments are of varied types, consisting of (a) Direct 2ers of complete block type, containing at least five new mates (changed and added); (b) Direct two-move threat problems showing dual avoidance and correction play in changed mate form (the set mate of the initial position must change); (c) Direct mate 3ers showing black damages, such as line self-interference, square blockings, etc.; (d) Problems in at least eight moves, direct mates; (e) Direct mates in more than 25 moves; (f) Helpmates in two moves; (g) Helpmates in 3 moves. The feature of the helpmates is to exhibit the so-called Hungarian helpmate theme, which consists of the requirement, during the solution, of either white or black being compelled to make moves not connected with the mates (tempo moves). (h) Sui-mates in two moves showing mechanisms used in direct mate 2ers; (i) End games; and (j) Any type of problem which by setting or content symbolizes the 1848-1849 Hungarian Fight for Freedom.

Worth-while prizes are offered for the best entries in each section. Entries, in unlimited number and on one diagram (no duplicate), giving name and address of composer and full solution, should be mailed to: Arpad Foldeak, Muegyetem, Budapest XI, Hungary, not later than October 31, 1948.

Following the publication of the Second Third-Degree Tourney Award CCLA, issue of CHESS LIFE, August 5, 1948, I received a communication from Edgar Holladay, Charlottesville, Va., disclosing that he believed the Second Special Prize Problem by Eric Hassberg of New York had been anticipated by an earlier composing effort of Mr. Holladay.

As there appeared to be considerable justification for the claim, the two positions were submitted to the Tourney Judge, F. Gamage, for a verdict that would either affirm or deny Mr. Holladay's claim. Judge Gamage's judgement follows:

As the ideas and objectives of these two problems seem quite distinct, one featuring a new form of O, the other a straight half-pinner the similarity of matrix and mates should not seriously penalize the Hassberg version. In fact this modernization of an old set-up seems to me a real achievement. Today's two move problems which are both good and original are practically all quite familiar except for technical differences. For this reason I think that complete originality in two movers, while extremely desirable, should not be required or even expected.

Special credit is hereby given J. Bolton, New Haven, Conn. for discovering that the Third Commendation Problem by Buchwald in the same second Third-Degree Tourney CCLA is unsound, having no solution.

Problem No. 47

By D. L. Lindner

M. S. V. 1942 Hon. Menton
Black: 14 men



White: 9 men
1K2b1r, 2p2e2, 3pp5Q, 1SSKPa,
12pK1, 11p7s, 8, 1g2s
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 48

By T. Florian

Nepszava, 1936 I Prize
Black: 12 men



White: 10 men
1bRqB3, 2e2S2, 3f1Qs8, 1pp4r,
1SKR1, 17, 1PK, 4B3
White mates in two moves

The preceding problems Nos. 47 and 48 are excellent illustrations of one of the many featured problem tournaments now being conducted by the Hungarian Chess Problem Society. These problems are examples of direct 2 move threat problems, showing dual avoidance and correction play in changed mate form, with the proviso that set mates of the initial position should change.

I leave it to my solvers to find the keys to these two problems and study the complicated mechanism these problem geniuses employed in achieving the theme.

Solutions:

The keynote to Problem No. 48 is:— 1. K-B6 with threat of 2. RxP. The Black defenses are: 1. Kt-B5; 1. Kt-B6; 1. BxP; and 1. QxR. The White mates are respectively: 2. KtA3; Q-B2; 2. KtA3; and B-R7.

Problem No. 47 is a peculiar sort of problem. It yields to key of 1. Q-Kt6 with obvious threat of 2. Kt-Q8 ch, P-Kt3; 3. Q-Q4 or K3 mate. However since 1. P-Kt3 disposes of this threat, a second threat must exist (and it does), a well concealed threat which makes the problem of more than ordinary interest and rendering it rather difficult of solution. The second threat is 1. Q-Kt6; 2. Q-Kt3; 3. Mate accordingly. Suppose 1. Q-Kt6, P-Kt3 (which refutes the first threat); 2. Q-Kt3 and a number of interesting sub-variations are manifest: 2. P-P dis. ch; 3. B-Kt6; or if 2. KtA3; 3. B-Kt6; or if 2. KtP; 3. Q-Rt8; or if 2. P-Kt8; 3. B-Q4; or if 2. P-R0; 3. QxKt; or if 2. other; 3. B-Q4. Therefore since the key sets up a double threat, one of the other works no matter what the Black defense may be. White's well hidden second move in the second mentioned threat with some excellent sub-variations seem to make this a worthwhile creation despite the flaws of double threat, short mates and numerous duals. An interesting type of problem but lacking, sadly lacking, in the composing elements required to merit recognition in a composing contest.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 48 and 47 are acknowledged received from F. Holloway (Grand Rapids), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Jack Spence (Omaha), Rev. E. Murray Chidley (Toronto), H. Goendyko (Newport, Ky.), and N. Gabor (Cincinnati). T. Lundberg (Dallas) correctly solved No. 48.

Related correct solutions to No. 41 and 42 are acknowledged received from F. Holloway (Grand Rapids) and Rev. E. Murray Chidley (Toronto).

As a Manhattan Chess Club wit once remarked to me, "What a pity to spend so much time studying endgames: so few ever get that far."
From "Botvinnik The Invincible" by Fred Reinfeid.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

The NEW York State Tournament always seems to produce its share of curious chess happenings. This year, in the encounter between Phillips and McCormick, the players had to move their game to another part of the room at a critical point in the struggle. McCormick had just made his move. Both players were so engrossed in the position that they ignored the fact that McCormick moved again after they sat down! Ed won the game, and it was not until the post-mortem analysis that the double move was noticed! The game was then set up at the "Moving" position and finally drawn.

In another game featuring one of these players, the more common slip of casting with the queen occurred! All of which brings to mind the curious occasion in 1941 when a player named Si was paired with the Dean of Men of his college in a Metropolitan League match. Si moved a Kt from K2 to QB4 during the time-pressure scramble, a move which transformed his position into an easy win! The match ended in an overwhelming student victory, and each game was carefully examined on the next school day. It was only then that the illegal move was noticed!

This presented us with a very difficult problem. The right thing to do was to announce the discovery and to request the proper change in the match score. However, as Si pointed out, it certainly didn't seem proper for a senior who had had more than his share of trouble with the Dean's office to admit to having beaten the Dean illegally! After days of discussion, it was decided to let the matter drop for a few weeks. By then, Si had graduated and the Dean, when informed of the queer nature of the game he had lost, and of the problem it had caused us, surprised everyone by indulging in a long and hearty laugh!

For The Tournament-Minded

October 18

Hyde Park YMCA Trophy
Tournament
Chicago, Illinois

Open to all players; entry fee \$1.00 which includes month's membership in club; will begin the third week in October; tournament has always attracted a strong field of Chicago players; trophy and prizes; send entries to David I. Levadi, 1901 E. 74th St., Chicago, Ill., or make entry in person any Thursday night at club meeting at the Hyde Park YMCA.



RICHARD WAYNE

Resting from his labors and reflecting upon his next move, the Tournament Director of the U. S. Championship Tournament is caught in a characteristic pose and mood.

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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 12



White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 12 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 20th, 1948.

Solution to Position No. 10

From the game, J. Mieses—G. Wierns, Rad Schandau, 1928. 19. P-Q61; BxP (forced); 20. BxKt; PxB; 21. Kt-R5 and Black resigned. Correct solutions were received from: Joe Faucher (Garden City, N.Y.), Joseph H. Huss (Lancaster, Pa.), Edw. J. Korpany (Masspeth, N.Y.), Fred Sorenson (Pittsburgh), V. C. Sprague (Cleveland), and Dr. Julius S. Weingart (Des Moines). Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit) found a different winning line, longer but quite effective. Congratulations!

Beginning with Position No. 12 in this issue of CHESS LIFE, we are inaugurating a series of ladder contests upon the solutions of "What's the Best Move?" Each three months a chess book will be awarded to the solver with the most points at the end of the quarter contest; and the award of a chess book will be made to the solver with the highest number of cumulative points at the end of the four quarters of the contest.

Carlsbad-Marienbad, Czechoslovakia: Many tournaments are taking place now in Europe. In the above tournament the final result was: Poltys (Czechoslovakia) 13; 2. Barca (Hungary) 12; 3. L. Steiner (Australia) 12; 4-5. Pirc (Yugoslavia) and Stoltz (Sweden) 11½ each; 6-7. Opocensky (Czechoslovakia) and Ing. Vidmar (Yugoslavia) 11 each; 8-10. Podgorny (Czechoslovakia), Sajtar (Czechoslovakia) and Yanofsky (Canada) 10 each, etc.

Here is a game that won a brilliancy prize. White: Barca; Black: Trofanesco. Catalan Opening. 1. Kt-KB3, P-Q4; 2. P-KKt3, Kt-KB3; 3. B-Kt2, P-K3; 4. O-O, P-B4; 15. P-Q4, B-K2 6. PxB, BxP; 7. P-B4, 0-0; 8. Kt-B3, PxB; 9. Q-R4, Q-K2; 10. QxBP, P-QR3; 11. Kt-K5, P-QKt4; 12. Q-KR4, B-Kt2; 13. Kt-Kt4!; BxB; 14. B-Kt5; 15. KR-Q1, B-Kt2; 16. Kt-Kt ch, BxKt; 17. BxB, PxB; 18. R-Q4!; QKt-Q2; 19. R-Kt4 ch, K-R1; 20. R-Q1!; B-Q4; 21. Kt-K4!, R-KKt!; 22. KtBP, R-Kt2; 23. Q-R6!; Black resigns.

England-Australia radio match ended a tie: 5-5. L. GolembekL Steiner 0-1 (This game was played over the board in the above tournament); 2. Alexander-Purdy ½-½; 3. Broadbent-Koshnitsky 1-0; 4. Winter-Pickler ½-½; 5. Fairhurst-E. Goldstein ½-½; 6. G. Wood-Crowl ½-½; 7. Newman-Karoly 1-0; 8. Milner-Barry-Klass ½-½; 9. Aitken-Hanks, Horne-Bowman ½-½; 1-0.

Stockholm, Sweden: Szabo just managed to lose hold of the first place in this important tournament. He was leading up to the 17th round. He drew against Stoltz in the 18th and lost to Lundin in the last round. 190 games were played. White won 49, Black won 34. 107 games were drawn! Of the twenty games of rounds 11, and 17, sixteen were drawn! The most combative round was the 14th, in which eight games were decided.

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OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
Left to right Earl Dennison (second in Junior), Myron Frederick (Junior Champion), Col. Vandervoort holding Stearns Trophy, Ramer Sachs (second in Championship), Pete Seitz (third in Championship), Henry Schuer (fourth in Championship), Mrs. Vandervoort holding the Women's Championship Trophy.



OHIO WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
The battle is on as Defending Women's Champion, Mrs. Catherine E. Jones (left) faces Mrs. King of Fremont. Standing is Mrs. Mena Schwartz of the Queen's Chess Club of Cleveland, who won the Ohio Women's Championship for 1948 in the tournament at Columbus.



DUANE MERRILL
Victor in the 1st Utah Junior Championship, young 14-year old Duane Merrill has a happy smile for all.

MERRILL VICTOR IN UTAH JUNIOR

Duane Merrill (14) scored a clean sweep in the first Utah State Junior Championship at Salt Lake City with a score of 8-0. Merrill, a Lincoln High school student, has been playing chess for three years. Second place went to Keith Connors (15) of West High school with 7-1. Connors lost his only game to Merrill in the toughest battle that the young champion had in the tournament.

The tournament was organized by the Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club under the direction of H. A. Dittman; and the trophy was one of the Dittman creations in rare woods, similar to those held by the U. S. Chess Champion and the World Chess Champion, although not quite as elaborate.

As a result of the enthusiasm for chess among the juniors, Mr. Dittman, president of the Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club plans to organize a high school chess league of the three city high schools and the neighboring Granite high school.

UTAH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Duane Merrill (Lincoln High)	8-0
Keith Connors (West High)	7-1
Loris Hansen (Granite High)	6-2
Val Lund (South High)	4-3
Ted Pathakis (West High)	4-4
John Sherman (East High)	3-5
Emerson Snider (Edison)	2-6
Ralph Stewart (West High)	2-4
Elwood Saiter (Edison)	0-8

MASS. CLUB WINS IN RADIO MATCH

The Boylston Chess Club (Boston) in its first radio match against the Hartford Chess Club compiled a score of 7-3 over its opponents. The match started at 2:00 P. M. on Sunday and was concluded at 12:15 A. M. Monday morning in a gruelling 10 hour battle.

Boylston Chess	Hartford Chess
Adams	3
Kate	1
Daly	0
Dr. Putzman	0
Hubert	1
Carson	1
Garfield	1
Gring	1
Waters	0
Boylston	7
	Hartford 3

Solutions:

Endgame Positions No. 31 and 32 Chess Life, issue of September 5, 1948.
No. 31 by C. Raina:— 1. P-Q71 R-KB1 (N 1); BxP; 2. R-KK1, R-RB1; 3. R-K7, B moves B-B3 and 5. B-K1 mate. If 1... R-QR1 or QK1; 2. R-B3, etc.)
2. P-Q4(Q); (if 2... R-Q2; BxP; 3. RxB, R-K4, draws); R-Q; 3. R-Q31, R-RB1; 4. R-Q8!, R-B2; 5. R-KK1! followed by 6. B-B3 and 7. B-K1 mate.
No. 32 by F. Reusing: 1. K-B4, R-K13; 2. K-K5, R-K12; 3. K-B5, R-R3; 4. K-B6, R-R2; 5. R-K15, K-K3; 6. KxP; 7. K-B3, R-K12; 8. R-K15, K-R2; 9. P-B5, K-R12; 10. P-R6 ch, K-E2; 11. K-R5, K-R1; 12. K-R6, K-K1; 13. Kt-Q3, K-R1; 14. Kt-K5! PxB (Q); 15. Kt-B7 ch, K-K1; 16. P-R7 ch, K-R1; 17. P-R8 (ch, K-R2; 18. Q-Q5 ch, K-R3; 19. Q-Q6 mate. If 11... R-R1; 12. R-R6, K-R1; 13. R-Q3, K-R1; 14. P-R7 ch, K-R1; 15. Kt-K5 and 16. Kt-B7 mate.
Correct solutions to Endgame No. 31 and 32 were received from V. G. Sprague (Cleveland), Fred Sorenson (Pittsburgh) submitted correct solution to endgame No. 32.

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	Score by rounds	Total
Elliott Stearns	1 1 1 1 1 1	5-0
Ray Sachs	1 1 1 1 1 1	4-1
Peter J. Seitz	1 1 1 0 1 1	4-1
Henry W. Schuer	1 0 1 1 1 1	4-1
P. W. Stephens	1 1 1 0 1 1	4-1
Walter Mann	0 1 1 1 1 2	5-2
W. Summers	0 1 1 0 1 1	4-2
John Meller	1 1 0 1 0 1	4-2
Ernie Slater	1 0 1 0 1 1	3-3
Leo Sweet	1 1 1 1 0 1	3-3
William Granger	1 1 1 1 0 1	3-3
Henry Green	1 1 1 1 0 1	3-3
Tom Ellison	0 1 1 1 0 1	3-3
Francis Cole	0 1 1 1 0 1	3-3
J. Goodman	0 1 0 1 1 1	3-3
Paul Bacho	0 1 0 1 1 1	3-3
Carl Driscoll	1 0 1 1 0 0	2-3
Thomas Kelly	1 1 0 1 0 0	2-3
James Schroeder	1 1 0 1 0 0	2-3
M. Antonovich	1 0 1 1 0 1	4-4
Prof. Roberts	0 0 1 1 0 1	4-4
Ernest Sontis	1 1 0 0 1 1	4-4
Jos. Terribile	0 0 0 1 1 1	4-4
J. Weithoff	0 0 1 0 1 1	2-4
S. Trumbull	0 1 1 0 0 0	1-4
Blackburn	0 0 0 0 0 0	1-4
Huntingger	0 0 0 1 0 1	1-5
L. F. Swartz	0 0 1 0 0 0	1-5

OHIO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	Score by rounds	Total
Myron Frederic	1 1 1 1 1 1	5-0
Rail Dennison	0 1 1 1 1 1	4-1
Fleet	1 1 0 1 0 0	2-4
Test Miller	0 0 1 0 0 0	1-5

OHIO WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. I. F. Swartz	1 bye 0 1 1 bye 3-1
Mrs. Kimb	bye 1 1 1 bye 0 2-2
Mrs. C. Jones	0 0 0 1 0 1 1-3

REINHART WINS 1st PEORIA RAPID

The first Lightning Tournament held in Peoria resulted in the victory of J. V. Reinhart, with Lybarger second, Hodge third and Darnell fourth as a result of a playoff for the first and third places. The tournament was held at the Hiram Walker club rooms where the Peoria Chess Association and Peoria YMCA Chess and Checker Club were the guests of Hiram Walker as the opening of the fall chess season. The lightning tourney was preceded by movie presented by Hiram Walker.

Peoria Lightning Tourney Finals

Reinhart	W3	L2	W4	2-1
Lybarger	W1	W4	L3	2-1
Hodge	L4	L1	W3	1-2
Darnell	W3	L2	L1	1-2

Preliminaries

Reinhart	W6	W4	W3	W5	5-0
Hartwig	W5	L4	L6	L3	1-4
Judd	L2	L6	L5	L4	0-5
Bell	L5	L1	L6	W2	2-3
Arnold	W4	L2	W3	L1	2-3
Shipman	L1	W5	W4	W2	4-1
Dudley	W10	W12	W8	W11	5-0
Dudley	W10	W11	W7	W9	4-1
Rhoades	L7	W10	L11	L8	2-3
Kasper	L8	L9	W12	W11	2-3
McHugh	W12	L8	W9	L10	2-3
Parks	L11	L2	L10	L8	0-5
Darnell	W5	W17	W15	W14	5-0
Uhl	L10	L15	L17	L13	1-5
Shabanah	L13	L16	W17	L18	2-3
McMann	W14	W15	W17	L13	3-3
Behrens	L18	L13	W14	L16	1-5
O'Russa	W17	W14	L13	W15	4-1
Lyon	W20	W21	W22	L24	3-2
Hodge	L19	W23	W21	W22	3-4
Eck	L22	L19	L20	L24	2-3
Cramer	W21	D24	L20	W19	3-5
Miller	L24	L20	L19	W21	1-4
Cleaver	W23	D22	W21	W19	3-5

MARSHALL HAILS THE CONQUERORS

On September 23 the Marshall Chess Club of New York greeted the fall chess season with a gala intra-club match, held in honor of Co-Champions Mrs. Gisela Kahn Gresser and Miss N. May Karff who tied for honors as U. S. Women's Champions, and Club Champion Larry Evans, just returned from winning the New York State title at Endicott.

JAPAN OFFERS FRIENDLY GIFT

Memorable among the unusual events of the recent U. S. Championship Tournament was the generous gift of Mr. Tadao Atarashi, President of Cherry Co. Ltd., Handa Aichi, Japan, of ten chess kits as prizes for the tournament. The offer was made through Japan's National Chess Champion, Nobuhiko Sakaguchi of Tokyo as a gesture of amity and friendship from Japan to America.

Arriving in time for exhibition before the tournament ended, the sets created quite a sensation. They were all hand-carved, made from various Japanese woods and roots, and each came in a beautiful hand-carved case. Those who won them as prizes were the envy of the other players in the tournament.

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

(Leading Scores)

Weaver W. Adams	6-1
Harlow B. Daly	5-2
John Carlo	5-2
Dr. S. Putzman	5-2
Janus Bolton	5-2
Orlando A. Lester, Jr.	5-2

CALIFORNIA OPEN

Jim Cross (Glendale)	6-1
A. J. Fink (San Francisco)	5-1
N. Falconer (Berkeley)	5-1
Ray Martin (Los Angeles)	5-2
Wade Hendricks (Santa Cruz)	5-2
Adolph Weiss (Hollywood)	4-2
William Adams (San Jose)	4-2
Hap Hazard (Culver City)	4-2
P. Crofut (San Jose)	4-2
P. Guillen (Glendale)	4-2
J. Nedham (Hayward)	4-2
Geo. Croy (Los Angeles)	4-3
P. Allinger (Oakland)	4-3
Don Nelson (Hayward)	4-3
George Oakes (Salinas)	4-3
Geo. Stevens (Santa Monica)	4-3
R. Potter (Dallas, Tex.)	3-3
R. Upham (San Rafael)	3-3
Paul Lynch (Hayward)	3-3
C. Swalberg (San Francisco)	3-3
Low Johnson (Los Angeles)	3-4
C. Henderson (Los Angeles)	3-4
L. Daugherty (San Jose)	3-4
W. Sheckel (Los Angeles)	3-4
N. Schaller (Oakland)	3-4
S. Paulson (Fresno)	3-4
P. Peterson (Lomita)	3-4
Y. Radaklen, Jr. (San Francisco)	2-4
J. M. Mallig (San Jose)	2-4
B. C. Jenkins (Santa Rosa)	2-4
K. Chambers (Paso Robles)	2-5
M. Radaklen, Sr. (San Francisco)	2-5
Mrs. L. Henderson (Los Angeles)	1-5
*C. W. Bird (Fresno)	1-5
*A. Spiller (Los Angeles)	1-5
*W. McGowan (San Francisco)	1-6

*Withdraw before end of tourney.

EDISON CHESS HOLDS ELECTION

At the annual meeting of the Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) H. Douglas Lewis was elected president, Abra O. Mason vice-president, Edward I. Trend secretary, and Richard F. Mahon treasurer. A member of the club, James R. Watson, is serving his third successive term as USCF director from Michigan; and secretary Trend of the Edison Club is also USCF secretary.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

EDGARD COLLE was one of those romantics, like Marshall, Janowski and Spielmann, who live only for the attack. It was characteristic of his fiery play that he took one of the most harmless opening variations and made of it a fearsome weapon. The game which follows is not an example of the Colle Variation, but it has remarkable points; playing the Black pieces, Colle crushes a future World Champion in 19 moves!

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Amsterdam, 1926

White	Black
DR. M. EUWE	E. COLLE
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-B4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	B-K5
4. Q-B2	P-B4
5. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
6. PxB	BxP
7. B-K5	B-K2
8. Q-Q0	

By castling Queen-side, White saves a tempo for doubling the Rooks on the Queen file in order to concentrate on Black's weak QP. However, White's King is anything but secure at QB1 as Colle's energetic play will demonstrate.

9. P-QR3 Q-R4
10. P-K3 P-QK3
11. B-K2 P-KK3
12. Kt-QK1

In order to threaten P-QK4! But 12 R-Q2 followed by 13 KR-Q1 was the logical course.

12. P-QK4!
Opening up the Queen's Bishop file at the inexpensive cost of a Pawn.

13. PxB PxB
14. Q-Q3
Attacking the QK1P and also threatening to win a piece by 15 BxKt and 16 QxPeh.

14. QR-B1
Luxurious gain of time by threatening discovered check.

15. Kt-B3 BxP!!



16. BxKt
If 16 PxB, Kt-K4! or 16 QxP, QxKtch; 17 K-Kt1, Q-Kt5! and wins.
16. PxB
He does not fear 17 QxPch, for after 17... K-B1; 18 QxB??, QxKtch forces mate!
17. K-Kt1 BxP!!
Beautiful! If now 18 KxB, Q-Kt5 ch; 19 K-B2, Kt-K4!; 20 KtKt, B-K5! winning.
18. Kt-R2
18 QxPch holds out longer but leaves White with a lost game: 18... K-B1; 19 KxB (19 QxB?, Q-R8 ch leads to mate), Q-Kt5ch; 20 K-B2, Kt-K4; 21 Q-Q6ch, QxQ; 22 RxQ, P-Kt5; 23 KtKt, BxKt and wins.
18. Kt-Kt1
19. KtKt
If 19 QxP, B-K5ch!; 20 KxB, R-B7ch etc., or 19 Q-Kt3, B-K5ch!; 20 KxB, R-B7ch; 21 K-R1, RxB and wins.
19. B-Q4!

19. Resigns

