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SPEED TITLE TO ANDERSON

C. C. L. A. OFFERS INTERNATIONAL PLAY

Correspondence chess players yearning for that foreign flavor to their games now may sign up with the Correspondence Chess League of America, International Chess Department, for games in Europe, Central and South America. Through the CCLA affiliation with the International Correspondence Chess Ass'n and the American Postal Chess Brotherhood, the CCLA can now offer players as many games as they choose with players of approximately their own skill in almost every country where chess is played by mail.

Each group will consist of seven players with the six opponents in the country specified, play will be one round, one game against each, and the entry fee \$1.00 per group. Entry fee should be sent to CCLA Sec'y Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa; and entry should specify 1) whether you prefer airmail @ 10c or regular mail @ 03c, 2) opponents in Europe, Central and South America, or other countries, 3) data on languages, hobbies and profession, etc.

LOG CABIN CHESS TOPS THE DIVAN

With inhospitable ferocity the Log Cabin (West Orange) Chess Club assailed its guests, the Washington Chess Divan, in an eight board match and defeated them by a score of 5-3. The last meeting in Washington between these clubs was a 7½-5½ victory for the Divan; and already a third and rubber match is being planned for a neutral location halfway between Washington and West Orange.

Washington Divan	Log Cabin Chess
Hans Berliner	A. Santasiere
D. H. Mogridge	Homer Jones
Oscar Shapiro	A. Rothman
C. Stark	J. Feucher
C. A. Hesse	N. Malzberg
G. S. Thomas	T. E. Knorr
W. Burke	A. Ambrogio
E. M. Knapp	A. Boczar
Washington	Log Cabin
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SPARTANS BEST ROCK HILL CHESS

The recently organized Spartanburg (S. C.) Chess Club rang up a victory in a double round match with the newly formed Rock Hill Chess Club by a score of 9-3. The match was sponsored by the Rock Hill Elks Club which not only housed the match but was host to both teams for a fine steak dinner.

The Spartanburg Chess Club (Charter No. 187 in the USCF, has now held its official election, and Ephraim Solkoff was chosen president, Arthur W. Farrell secretary, and Karl Stamm treasurer.

Spartanburg	Rock Hill
K. Stamm	H. O. Motz
S. S. Hallman	J. Wise
J. Lucas	D. Brittain
E. Solkoff	C. Pearce
A. M. Leathew'd	R. Beyers
A. Prince	E. Gardner
K. Stamm	J. Wise
S. S. Hallman	H. D. Motz
J. Lucas	C. Pearce
E. Solkoff	D. Brittain
A. M. Leathew'd	E. Sistar
Mrs. E. Prince	R. Beyers
Spartanburg	Rock Hill
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WHEELING HOLDS TRI-STATE MEET

The annual Tri-State Championship of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be held at the Mo-Lure Hotel in Wheeling (W. Va.). The 1945 tournament was won by Milton Q. Ellenby of Ohio, the 1947 by H. Landis Marks of West Virginia.

West Virginia will be represented by Co-Champions Dr. Siegfried Werthammer and John Hurt. It is expected that Paul Dietz and Herman Hesse will represent Pennsylvania, and Elliott Stearns and Ray Sachs, Ohio. A team tournament is proposed, and if plans go through for it, the Wheeling Chess Club has offered to provide a suitable trophy for the team match in addition to the trophy they are donating to the Tri-State Championship.

ORANGES HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The Chess Club of the Oranges (N. J.) held its annual meeting in the club quarters in the Orange YMCA and elected the following officers for the coming season: J. Plunkett president, P. D. Kratz vice-president, C. A. Escoffery, secretary, C. Pennington treasurer, E. McCormick team captain, J. Calvo tournament director, and J. Tobler league representative.

During the season, the Chess Club of the Oranges issues a monthly bulletin covering its varied activities, which last year included winning the championship of the North Jersey League. This year it has again started off as a champion with a 5-0 victory over the Monroe Chess Club and a 5-1 victory over Jersey City Chess Club.

HUNTINGTON HAS JUNIOR CLUB

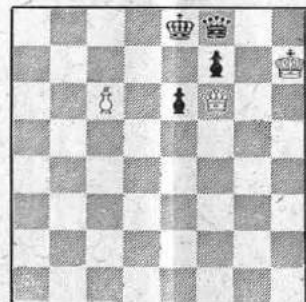
Sponsored by the Huntington, (W. Va.) YMCA, the Huntington Junior Chess Club has been organized with Dr. V. S. Hayward as senior advisor, Charles Morgan president, Jim Cappellari vice-president and treasurer. The club championship went to Jim Cappellari with a score of 6-2, Bill Adkins finished second with 5-3 and David Rodger third with 4-4. Instrumental in organizing the club were Dr. Hayward and Gene Thomas of the YMCA.

CHARLESTON CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Club elected Reid Holt president, Jesse Church secretary-treasurer, and William Hartling, Edwin Faust and Lynn Cavendish as executive committee in the annual meeting.

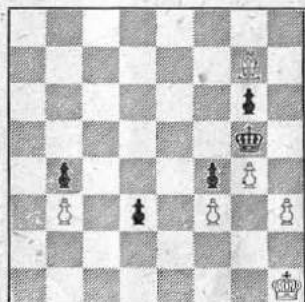
Chess is in full bloom in Charleston where the B'nai B'Rith organization is planning its own chess club, which would be a third member in the Kanawha Valley Chess League, now getting ready for its annual season.

Position No. 39 By Guilherme Groesser (Chicago) Original



4kq2, 5p1k, 3P1pQ2
S, S, S, S, S
White to play and win

Position No. 40 By Montgomery Major (Oak Park) Original



S, 6k1, 6p1, 6k1, 1p8pP1,
1P1pP1P, S, 7k
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

Position No. 39 is once again a study in timing. To win, White must force a trade of Queens, but force that exchange at the proper moment in a manner that lures the Black King from his protective reach of the White Pawn on B6.

Position No. 40 is a curious study which demonstrates that the correct move on general theory is not always the correct move in practical application in a given situation. White's situation looks desperate, but to the brave all things are possible.

Solutions will be published in the December 5th issue.

KOLTANOWSKI CHESS PUBLISHER

Georgé Koltanowski, blindfold wizard and popular simultaneous exhibitor, not to mention tournament director and contributing editor to CHESS LIFE, has added to a many-sided career by becoming the publisher of the "California Chess News"—a monthly chess magazine in mimeographic form which covers all the events of California and the Pacific Coast in addition to general news of the chess world. Subscription price is \$2.00 per year, and Mr. Koltanowski may be addressed at P. O. Box 124, Santa Rosa, Calif.

CORONADO CHESS EXTENDS WELCOME

The Coronado (Calif.) Chess Club, meeting Thursday evenings at the Library Park Club House has extended a cordial invitation to all visiting chess players. The Coronado Club celebrated the opening of the Fall season with a 6½-½ victory over the La Mesa Chess Club.

CLUBS TO PROFIT BY EUWE VISIT

Several clubs, alert to the advantage of a visit and exhibition by former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe, have taken quick action to stimulate enthusiasm in their own communities by inviting Dr. Euwe to visit. Foremost on the list was the Edison Chess Club of Detroit which promptly wrote for an engagement.

The datebook for Dr. Euwe still contains a few open days, however, and clubs can still make an engagement by writing Hans Knoch, 630 W. 170th Street, New York 32, N.Y.

AUSTIN CHESS ELECTS OFFICERS

Preparing for the Fall season and a hearty participation in the Greater Chicago Chess League, the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago) held its annual meeting and laid plans for the coming season. Roy Gilbert was elected president, W. A. Norin 1st vice-president, Harold Dixon, 2nd Vice-president, C. H. Bounds secretary, Chas. Brokaski treasurer, and Bob Vogel property custodian. Putting the vice-presidents to work, Norin and Dixon will serve as publicity men for the club and Dixon will also supervise the checker activities. Chess Tournament director is Les Whitman and Team Captain is Ray Hildebrandt.

ANDERSON WINS ONTARIO SPEED

Frank Anderson, Ontario Champion and Toronto City Champion, successfully defended his Ontario Rapid Transit Title in the annual tournament, held at the Queen City Chess Club, Toronto. The youthful Anderson, who tied in points with Bisguier for the U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, captured his preliminary section with a 4-2 score. In the finals he tied with N. Williams with 1½-½ each, both defeating Meikle and drawing against each other. Anderson then won the playoff game to take the title.

A feature of the event was the use of the electric timer of Frank Hodges which was a great improvement over the old-fashioned calling out the time. Wallace Rockett acted as tournament director.

SHAFFER TAKES ILLINOIS TITLE

Tied with George Odell in the regular Illinois State Championship, Joseph Shaffer won clear right to the title in a playoff match at the Chess Club of Chicago with a score of 2½-1½. The margin of victory was close; the first three games ended in draws and the fourth game decided the title in twenty-seven moves.

NO. JERSEY TEAMS IN LEAGUE MATCH

First round of the North Jersey Chess League was off with flying colors for the winter season with all eight teams ready for action. In the first round Plainfield defeated Irvington-Polish 6-2; Elizabeth downed Union 8-0; Orange defeated Jersey City 5-1; and Belleville bested Kearny Progressive 4-2. By virtue of its whitewashing of Union, Elizabeth Chess leads the League with a perfect score, while the Chess Club of the Oranges is second.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Congratulations, and most hearty ones, on your editorial Chessplay or Horseplay. Nothing that I have read in a long time has pleased me as much as your forthright statement of what has, to me, become a deplorable situation. May your term "Chess cheaters" gain universal acceptance—I even hope to see it in Webster's some day."

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, II,
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

There won't be any harmony for CHESS LIFE as long as the bee in our bonnet is around. (The problemists insisting they hang around and pester us, using up our precious space.) As McCarthy says: "Let the problemists hie themselves and get out a page of their own." They'll enjoy that

and we'll enjoy letting them.

I hope the readers in the next poll will vote intelligently on this question of whether we want a problem dept. or not. That is, nobody will want to vote for it if they just tolerate it. Also every CHESS LIFE reader should vote. You can just bet problem fanatics will be out in force.

N. J. LUNDE,
Evansville, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Thanks for that editorial on chess publicity and the lack of it. The facts needed to be said just as forcefully as you said them. As the saying goes "You can't get something for nothing", and chess players not only have to do things that are newsworthy but see to it that editors are kept informed.

WILLIAM PLAMPIN
Washington, D. C.

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HEW TO THE LINE, LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

In another column we publish Mr. Richard W. Wayne's protest against charging the tournament director with any portion of the blame for the existing and increasing scandal of short draws by agreement. We would be happy to pass Mr. Wayne's comments without criticism, if he did not make the same error with which he charges the writer of these lines—the mistake of jumping to conclusions.

We take exception to the remark that "to place the blame for a thing of this kind in any way upon the Tournament Director is showing a complete lack of experience in the Tournament field."

In the first place, it is a specious argument. Our own naive stand is a belief that laws were written to be enforced. It is clearly a matter of record for some seventeen years that the short agreed draw is illegal (Laws of Chess 16, d). The duty of a tournament director is to enforce the laws. It is not his privilege to rewrite them for his own convenience because they happen to be awkward to enforce or because he believes them ill-advised.

Nor does the fact that a particular law has never been enforced in international tournaments hitherto excuse any tournament director on a moral basis for failure to enforce the written code. Because all his predecessors have been ignorant or lax does not excuse his own laxity.

Whether the particular law is a wise one, whether it can be evaded by the methods suggested in Mr. Wayne's letter is not a question. The only way to find out if the law is wise and if it can be successfully maintained remains the one untried method of enforcing it, for a change. If the enforcement proves futile, then the law can be amended or repealed.

The Editor does not claim any pretentious reputation as a tournament director. But in the course of twenty years he has directed more than one of the Chicago City Tournaments, several State Tournaments, and had a hand in the directing of two National Open Tournaments. In addition he managed the Chicago City Chess League through eight fiery years of bitter rivalry between clubs in which more points of law, precedent and rules were raised and vehemently argued than the average tournament director would normally encounter in a lifetime. So, despite Mr. Wayne's doubts upon the subject, he feels adequately qualified to discuss matters of tournament direction now and in the future.

His position remains unshaken as his convictions: that the players who offer and accept short, unenthusiastic draws are "cheaters" depriving the other players in the tournament of their rightful expectation that each game be played with a will to win; that the tournament director who connives at this "cheating" by accepting such draws cannot escape his share of criticism for violating the Laws of Chess that he was appointed to uphold.

If Article 16. d. of the Laws of Chess (FIDE) upon an adequate trial proves impractical, let us repeal it. But while it remains in the statute book, let us be honest and law-abiding and enforce it.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

SCHACHKUNST IN DER UdSSR von S. Sprecher; Vienna 1947
American Agent: A. Buschke (\$2.50)

An attractively designed and well-printed compilation of 51 games played by Russian masters 1933-1947, this book has several additional features which will make it invaluable to the serious student of chess who has a working knowledge of German. Among the more outstanding features is an excellent introductory article by the Russian master Grekov on the Russian school in chess, tracing its history from the earliest days down to the triumphs of Botvinnik, and a complete set of score tables on all the Soviet Chess Championship Tournaments since the first Olympics in Moscow in 1920, won by Alekhine—a set unavailable except in Russian publications.

The games in the book for the most part are not unknown, but they are wisely selected and are copiously and intelligently annotated in detail. Those interested in the comparison of ideas will find the contrast valuable in studying Keres' notes on his victory over Fine, Kan's notes on Smyslov's victory over Reshevsky, Konstantinopolski's annotations on the Smyslov-Denkner game, Boleslavski's notes on his victory over Fine, etc. and contrasting the concepts of these Russian annotators with the various annotations in English on these same contests.

With usual German thoroughness, the book is studded with photographs of the various Russian masters.



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.

Mr. Holladay, Charlottesville, Va., inspired and tickled by Mr. Korf's poetical offering in the August 20th issue of CHESS LIFE, wrote the following true and humorous ode, contributing it to this column. I am sure the poem will have particular appeal for problem composers. And I trust my readers will find humor in my comment that while this column is supposedly growing better with each issue, it is actually getting "verse" and "vorse".

THE PROBLEM COMPOSER'S LAMENT

An idea comes, a budding thought
To dazzle the critic's eye;
So down I sit with board and men,
And minutes and hours fly.

Now how to keep this stupid pawn
From getting in the play?
And how to guard these two squares here
And not louse up the play?

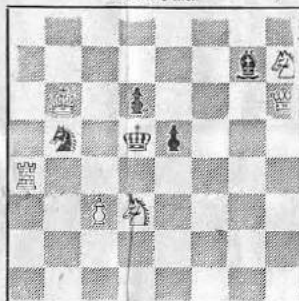
Most solvers like good keys, I'm told;
For that we'll try this rook.
Now things are looking bright, but wait—
I might have known—a cook!

At last my masterpiece is done;
I'm filled with jubilation.
In carefree mood I send the job
Away for publication.

Is that the end of my story? No,
Balloons must be deflated.
A few months later comes the blow—
My gem's anticipated!

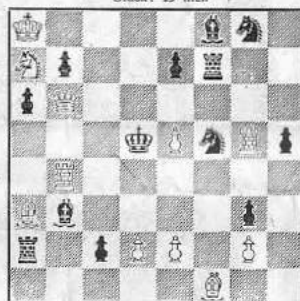
—Edgar Holladay.

Problem No. 51
By H. F. Underwood
Omaha, Nebraska
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 5 men



White: 6 men
8. c65, f6p9, f6h9, f7, f8, 2, 8.
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 52
By T. Lundberg
Dallas, Texas
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 13 men



White: 11 men
K4h1, Sp2, p6, Sk8, p8, R8, R7, P1, f8, 2.
White mates in three moves

The two problems I have selected for the edification of solvers in this issue are by composers hailing from Nebraska and Texas. Problem No. 51 is a pretty 2-er by a strong across the board player, H. F. Underwood of Omaha, who (wonder of wonders) is also interested in composing and solving chess problems. Mr. Underwood is no novice at composing as several of his better creations have appeared on diagrams in many papers and magazines catering to the promotion of interest in problems. Problem No. 51 has much to commend it and will give you some idea of Mr. Underwood's composing skill.

Problem No. 52 by T. Lundberg of Dallas, Texas is apt to prove troublesome to the solvers. It has a good key and some pretty and rather hard to find variations, despite its cumbersome appearance. Mr. Lundberg employed 24 chess men in its construction which implies it is lacking in economy. The difficulty of solution partially atones for this.

Solutions.

The keymove to Problem No. 47 is:— 1. QxP(B4) with the threat of mate 2. Q-Q4. As set when 1. ... BxKt(B4) mate is effected by 2. KxP(B5). When 1. ... PxB(B4); 2. BxP(B6). When 1. ... KxKt; 2. QxP(B6). These set mates following the key are all changed. After key is made when 1. ... BxKt(B4) there follows 2. KxP(B7) and if 1. ... PxB(B4); 2. BxP(B7). And of course if 1. ... KxKt; 2. QxKt. As related when problem was published this is an elegant illustration of correction play and changed set mates.

The keymove to Problem No. 48 is:— 1. Q-K5. Mates resulting from the set variations: 1. ... K-Q4; 2. RxB(B5); if 1. ... Kt other; 2. RxB(Q4). After key is made the mates in these variations are changed to 1. ... Kt-Q4; 2. RxB(Q4) and 1. ... Kt other; 2. RxB(B5). A complete reversal of mates as set. Illustrates the same idea as dominated the preceding problem and magnificently accomplished. The threat of 1. Q-K5 is 2. Q-K3. Correct solutions to Problems No. 47 and No. 48 are acknowledged received from Jack Spence (Omaha), Rev. G. Murray Chidley (Toronto), T. Lundberg (Dallas), N. Gabor (Cincinnati).

Is An Expert Always Needed?

DO you have to be an expert in order to be Mr. Player at a simultaneous exhibition? That is the query which N. P. Wigginton of Washington propounds and answers in the negative in the USCF Club Manual, soon to be published.



Gene Collett

In most clubs only the two or three top players are considered good enough to be the "exhibitor," but one chess group has come up with a different answer—anybody can be a simultaneous player!

The secret is to give the exhibition player heavy odds, perhaps as much as Queen and move in some cases. This will give him the necessary advantage and will make his stronger opponents play their very best.

The odds, of course, will be graduated according to the strength of the simultaneous player; a few experiments will show what they need to be.

One of the big thrills in this type of play comes to opponents who never before, consciously, gave odds to any player. What a sensation it is for them!

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

MILTON HANAUER is back in chess at last. As a good beginning, he defeated Donovan in the first round of the finals of the Marshall Chess Club tournament, and the line of well-wishers forms at the right!

My first memory of the former N.Y. State champion goes back some 15 years, to the time when this young schoolteacher was the guiding spirit behind the unceasing activity of the Interscholastic Chess League. Later, I often wondered who would periodically appear at the various clubs. Again and again, an unknown kid would turn up with abilities far beyond his years and experience. There seemed to be a certain sameness to their play. One week, all of the youngsters would be playing the Ruy Lopez. Next week, the English or the Sicilian would be their choice. Finally, I asked why these things were so. The answer was an invitation to accompany them that evening. Where? I was to wait and see.

The evening proved a pleasant surprise. I was conducted to a basement meeting room in one of the Bronx's housing developments. The room was made available, free of charge, it was explained. There in the room was a crowd of high school and college players paying close attention to the details of a recent master game being discussed by Milton Hanauer. This group, which met weekly, was but one of Hanauer's many services to the young players of his city!

It is no wonder, then, that Hanauer's recent victory brought happy smiles to the faces of players in every club in the city. "The teacher" is rightly beloved by his pupils.

Memorable Chess Dates

Compiled by A. Buschke

- Nov. 1856 Dr. C. Planck, English problemist and author, born
- 1861 J. Postels, Czech problemist, born
- 1866 Dr. K. Skalicka, strong Czech player, author, born
- 2 1854 I. Gombor, Hungarian-English grandmaster, author, born
- 1915 Prof. I. L. Rice, inventor of the Rice Gambit and sponsor of many chess events, died
- 3 1897 Dr. O. H. Krause, Danish player and analyst, born
- 2893 A. Trilling, German problemist, born
- 1899 (old style?) L. A. Isaac, prominent Russian problemist and author, born
- 4 1848 K. Kondalik, Czech problemist born
- 1865 Dr. H. Keidanz (Keidanski), strong player, problemist and author, born
- 1934 B. Bosch, Czech problemist, died
- 5 1908 (Oct. 23 old style) A. P. Sokolski, Russian master, born
- 6 1829 Q. Heschel, strong Philadelphia player, editor of many excellent chess columns, author, born
- 1828 Start of the AVRO tournament.
- 7 1506 (old style?) S. Alapin, Russian master, born
- 1886 (old style?) A. Nimzowitsch, Russian-Danish grandmaster, born
- 8 1818 Dr. B. L. Raphael, strong American player, born
- 1920 J. Breyer, Hungarian grandmaster, died
- 9 1719 D. Pozziani, Italian master and author, born
- 1920 Dr. R. Gold, Austro-American problemist, died
- 1992 F. D. Yates, England's outstanding player, died
- 9 1944 Frank James Marshall, U. S. Chess Champion from 1909 through 1935 (reigned), winner in many outstanding international and national chess events, died
- 10 1828 Conrad Boyer, prominent German problemist, born
- 11 1821 D. W. Fiske, editor of "Chess Monthly," scholar, benefactor of Cornell University and Icelandic Public Library, first American chess historian and bibliographer, editor of the book of the First American Chess Congress, friend of Paul Morphy, born
- 1893 L. Singer, strong Italian player, born
- 12 1890 (Oct. 21 old style) M. I. Chigorin, greatest Russian chess master of the nineteenth century, father of the "Russian School" in chess, editor of several outstanding Russian chess magazines and chess columns, born
- 14 1833 A. V. de Linde, outstanding Dutch chess historian, born
- 15 1907 I. A. Horowitz, prominent American master, see also Nov. 3, old style, 1890
- 17 1863 J. B. (John Brown) of Bridport, famous English problemist, died
- 18 1828 D. A. Browson, Jr., Editor of the Dubuque Chess Journal, born
- 1872 J. Giersing, strong Danish player, born
- 1921 Dr. A. W. Galitzky, outstanding Russian problemist, died



PRESS ROOM SCENE

At the typewriter Hermann Helms, dean of American Chess and editor of The American Chess Bulletin, concentrates at his story of the tournament. At his side Malcolm Sim, chess editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram, concentrates on a game score.



CHESS LURES THE YOUNG

At the St. Petersburg Chess Divan the Sheridan twins, John and Dick, two ten-year-old enthusiasts, face John McCann in a simultaneous exhibition. Teaching chess to youngsters is a part of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Divan programs.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Sans Voir

The ability to play chess without sight of board and pieces has always been the master's most glamorous attribute. When, in the waning years of the 18th century, Philidor succeeded in playing two games blindfold, his contemporaries looked on in awe. As the years went by, the number of games increased steadily until, on January 27, 1947, Naidorf played 45 games simultaneously at Sao Paulo!

Harry Nelson Pillsbury, the brilliant American master who died at a tragically early age, was one of the most important figures in the development of blindfold chess. The following game (one of 12) is beyond all praise for the imaginative splendor with which it is conducted by the blindfold player.

HAMPPE-ALLGAIER GAMBIT

New York, 1900

White: H. N. PILLSBURY
1 P-K4
2 Kt-QB3
3 P-B4
4 Kt-B3
5 P-KR4
6 Kt-KK15
7 KtP
8 P-Q4

Black: C. HOWELL
P-K4
Kt-QB3
PXP
P-KK15
P-K15
P-KR3
KtK1
P-Q4

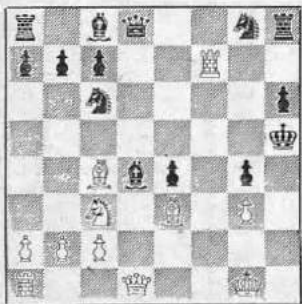
White has adopted a well-known sacrificial line, giving up a piece in return for a superior development and lasting attacking chances. Black's last move is played in the hope that White will capture the QP and thus block an important line of offense.

9 BxP B-K12
10 B-K3 B-B7
Serious loss of time. Better 10..... Kt-B3 (development!).

11 P-KK3 PXP
Else, after 11. B-K2 and 12. O-O, there will be a nasty threat of P-K5.

12 B-B4chc KtK12
13 O-O B-QP2
Black's game was already somewhat compromised, and 13..... Kt-R4 was essential to drive White's Bishop away from QB4. The text looks good, but it allows the blindfold player to bring off an enchanting finish.

14 R-B7ch K-K12
15 P-R5ch! KtK12
The key to a combination in the grand manner!
15..... KtP



16 R-K12!!
An incredible move for blindfold play! If now 16..... BxR; 17 B-B7 mate (magnificent!). Or if 16..... BxBch; 17 K-K12 and Black cannot meet both mate threats!
16..... Kt-K12
Preventing B-B7 mate and also attacking the terrible Bishop. How bitterly Black regrets his 13th move!
17 K-K12!
A new mating specter appears!
17..... KtK12
18 Q-R1ch Kt-K12
19 QxKtch Kt-R5ch
20 B-B7 mate QxQ
Pure genius!

The Kibitzer

(Continued from page 1, col. 5)

Dear Sir:
I want to say I am an ardent lover of the problem study and want to see the double column in the center leaf given to Dr. P. G. Kenney for Problem Chat. We have many old time problem devotees who would say the same.

You may inform the game and correspondent fanatics that we are entitled to "Enjoyment of Chess Problems (Howard)", the same as they are to games and we want our share of the publication.

B. M. MARSHALL,
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Sir:
Scorn is not enough. The law against facile "agreement" draws should be given a cutting edge by scoring all such "draws" as a loss for both players.

This would be only logical, since the agreement to such a draw is an indication that the players do not want to play and are in effect absent in spirit even though present in the flesh.

RUSSELL CHAUVENET
College Park, Maryland
(The Virginia Champion's suggestion of a "cutting edge" is not actually necessary. The Tournament Director can forfeit the game against both players under Article 19.iii of the present Law, Editor.)

Dear Sir:
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Portsmouth Chess	Newburyport Chess
Lester 1	Waterman 0
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Portsmouth 23	Newburyport 23

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Lawrence Chess	Haverhill Chess
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Cambridge, Massachusetts
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West Orange, New Jersey
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Seattle, Washington
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By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 13



2xR1, ppp2Pk, IsdP1P, Sp2FP, Ip1Q2, 5S2, PB75, KR3R Write to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position 13 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by November 20, 1948.

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