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MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB PLANS INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Euwe, Naidorf, Stahlberg To Meet Top American Masters In Tourney

The most important international chess masters tournament held in this country since the six-cornered contest of 1927 in New York City, which was won by the late Jose R. Capablanca and preceded his world championship match with the late Dr. Alexander Alekhine, will be held in New York from December 24 to January 2, inclusive.

Announcement was made by the Manhattan Chess Club, of which Manrice Wertheim, the banker is mesident that the followed the content of the cont

Maurice Wertheim, the banker, is president, that the field would con-sist of ten invited players, including seven Americans and three foreignsist of ten invited players, including seven Americans and three foreigners, all of the highest rank. Acceptances have been received from Dr. Max Euwe of Amsterdam, world champion from 1935 to 1937, who is coming here to tour the country, and Mendel Najdorf, Pollsh master, who has returned to Argentina after playing in the world championship trials at Stockholm. The third foreigner to be invited is Gideon Stahlberg, Swedish master, who also played at Stockholm but has been making his home at Buenos Aires since 1939.

According to Sidney Kenton, chairman of the tournament committee at the Manhattan Chess Club where the games will be played, no direct communication has been received from Stahlberg who has been visiting points in Europe Indirectly, through a correspondent in the Netherlands, it was learned that Stahlberg had recently declared his intention of coming to the United States for the purpose of playing in a tournament. The committee assumes that the Swedish expert had next menth's contest in mind and that he will be heard from soon. At any rate a place will be reserved for him. Both Najdorf and Stahlberg entertain world championship aspira-tions, although they finished just below the five that qualified at Stockholm for the 1949 tournament of challengers.

The list of Americans selected to meet these international masters includes Reuben Fine, who has been seeded for next year's world tournament, although he did go to the Hague and Moscow to try for the title that was acquired by Mikhail Botvinnik, the Soviet grandmaster. He will be supported by Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, the present United States champ-ion, Arnold S. Denker, U.S. champion in 1944, and Isaac I. Kashdan, co-champion with Samuel Reshevsky in 1942,

The other three places will be taken by Israel A. Horowitz, former national open champion, Arthur Bisguier, champion of the Manhattan Chess Club and holder of the national junior title, and George Kramer, New York State champion in 1945. In addition to an adequate expense fund, there will be four cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250.

As the Intercollegiate Team Tournament will be held Decem-ber 26-30 at Columbia University in New York, chess fans will be kept dusy commuting between the University and Manhattan Chess Club during the holiday season. Since the 1927 tourney in New

York, the only international affairs in the United States of importance were the 1932 Pasadena Internatioand Tournament, won by Dr. Alex-ander Alekhine with Isaac Kash-dan second and Samuel Reshev-

sky, Herman Steiner and Arthur Dake tied for third; and the 1945 Pan-American Tournament at Hollywood, won by Samuel Reshevsky with Reuben Fine second, H. Pil-nik of Argentina third and I. A. Horowitz fourth, Neither had as important a group of foreign mast

LOG CABIN HOST TO SPEED EVENT

The Seventh Annual U.S. Lightnning Chess Tournament will be held ni the headquarters of the Log Cabin Chess Chub, 30 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, N.J. on Sunday, November 28. The Log Cabin Chess Club and the New Jersey State Chess Federation will jointly act as hosts for this event, sponsored by the United States Chess Federation.

Open to all chess players who are USCF members (membership may be acquired by adding \$1.00 for dues for 1948 or \$3.00 for 1949 dues, plus subscription to Chess Life) upon payment of \$3.00 entry fee. the Lightning Tournament tee, the Lightning Tournament usually attracts a large and brilliant group of players. This year's tourney will be directed by Richard W. Wayne, 239 Dudley Avenue, Ventuor City, N.J., to whom all entries should be sent. Play will begin at 1900 per page 1 begin at 2 p.m.

J. S. NOEL HEADS LA. STATE CHESS

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Chess Federation resulted in the election of USCF Director James S. Noel (Shreve-port) as president. Woodrow W. port) as president. Woodrow W. Crew (Shreveport) was chosen secretary-treasurer, Vice-presidents were: Dr. Earl Jones (Alexandria), Eugene K. Flournoy (Monroe), W. Frank Gladney (Baton Rouge), Ralph H. Agate (Lafayette). Directors chosen were Newton Grant (Baton Rouge) and A. Wyatt Jones (Shreveport).

Victor in the annual state tourna-ment was Collins of Shreveport with Grant of Baton Rouge second and Gladney of Baton Rouge third. Twenty-one players participated in the 6-round Swiss.

Position No. 41
By F. L. Fischer (London)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



. 8, 2K5, 8, 2SP4, pIb5, P7, 2k5, 8 White to play and win

By H. Rinck (Badalona) Revista Romana de Sah, 1940



lq2k2K, 7R, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, R7
White to play and wi and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

Position No. 41 by the ingenious F. L. Fischer of London is a valuable study of a typical position in actual endgame play. Deft handling of the Knight with King moves made at the timely moment turns this very drawish position into a win for White, but he must be careful.

Position No. 42 by the one and only H. Rinck is a clever study in the power of two Rocks against a Queen in restricted positions. Construction of the power of two Rocks against a green in restricted positions.

trary to the rules of tradition, these Rooks are stronger not united, and their various threats of mate or win of the Black Queen finally accomplish a tidy victory. The solution is short and straightforward and seems very simple — when found.

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Solutions will be published in the issue of December 20th.

CLEV'LAND LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The team championships are well under way in Cleveland with 16 teams competing in the Industrial Chess League, and with 12 teams engaged in the Cleveland Chess Association Club League, Industrial League members are: Brush Development Co., Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., Cleveland Twist Drill Bronze Co., Cleveland Twist Drill Co., Lubrozol Corp., New York Cen-tral R.R., Perfection Stove Co., Strong-Cobb & Co., Thompson Co., Atlantic Tool & Die Co., Cleveland Form Tool Co., Miok Construction Co., Ohio Bell Telephone Co., and Luited States Post. Office. Thomps. United States Post Office. Thomp-son Products has two teams entered.

In the Club League the members are: Brooklyn Chess Nuts, Avon Lake Chess, Case Chess, Checkmate, Cleveland Chess, East Side Chess, Fenn Chessmen, Lakewood Chess, N.Y.C. "Y" Chess, Pawns, Queens Chess, and South Euclid Chess.

CHICAGO LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The Greater Chicago Chess Lea-gue has begun its new season with eight teams competing in the an nual team tournament, represent ing Austin Chess & Checker Club, Berwyn Chess Club, Electro-Mo-tive Chess, Club, Hawthorne Chess Club, Hyde Park YMCA Chess Club, Illinois Institute of Techno-logy Chess Club, West Suburban Chess Club, and Wilson Chess

The Wilson Chess Club repre sents a reorganization of the Irv-ing Park YMCA Chess Club which ten years ago was always one of the principal contenders for the Championship crown, while the West Suburban Chess Club is an enlarged Ogden Chess Club.

FERNDALE CLUB TEACHES CHESS

The Ferndale (Michigan) Chess and Checker Club now meets in new quarters in the Community Bldg, 400 East Nine Mile Road. Bldg, 400 East Nine Mile Road. Meetings are Monday evenings, As a public service to the community the club recently started classes open to the public. The accent is on the younger players, although all are welcome. USCF Director Thomas A. Jenkins of Huntington Woods is one of the guiding lights of the club,

JERSEY Y HOLDS SCHOLASTIC MEET

The third annual tournament of the Scholastic Chess League of Hudson County will be held at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club with, round one on Novemebr 23 at 8 p.m. and round two on November teams, Memorial High School and Demarest High School, will compete for custody of the Paul Helbig trophy; both have won it

NEWELL BANKS PLANS TOUR

Newell Banks, chess and checker Newell Banks, chees and checker expert of Detroit, plans an extended tour of simultaneous exhibitions of both chees and checkers after January 1st. Banks will head for Florida, giving exhibitions on the way, spend February in Florida and leave Florida on about March 8th on his way home to Detroit. Clubs wishing to have Mr. Banks give a simultaneous exhibitions. troit. Clubs wishing to have Mr. Banks give a simultaneous exhibition may make arrangements by writing him at his permanent ad-dress: 1228 Newport Avenue, De-troit 15, Mich.

GERSHO, BAIN TIE IN QUEBEC

Playing for the Quebec Provincial Chess Championship, Jack Gersho (Montreal) and Osias Bain (Quebec) ended as co-champions for 1948 with tied scores in points and a further tie in Sonneborn-Berger ratings. In tieing for the title Gersho staged a comeback after a modest showing in the re-cent Montreal City Championship where he finished well down the line behind both Guze and Rauch.

Bain, secretary of the Chess Federation of Canada, is Quebec City Champion.

Third place went to M. Gauze Third place went to at Gauce (Montreal) with a score of 42-12, and fourth place to I. Zalys (Halet), a new-comer from Europe, with 42-12. Fifth place went to former Montreal champion Dr. J. Rauch with 4-2.

Twenty-nine players competed. Twenty-nine players competed, and in the early rounds of the six-round, Swiss, Ignas Zalys was teading the field by half a point. In the six found he lost to Bain, after deteating Geraho in the fifth. Thereafter, it was Bain and Geraho, D. M. Leijdin was tournament discrete.

At the annual meeting, held in At the annual meeting, seed in the Community Hall of the Town of Mount Royal (Montreal) the following officers were elected for the Quebec Provincial Chess Association: Mayor R. E. Schofield (Town of Mount Royal) honorary patron, Mayor N. Courtemanche (Montreal East) honorary pres., Dr. J. Rauch (Montreal) president, R. Trotler (Quebec) 1st vice president, E. Brisebois (Montreal) 2nd vice-president, J. A. Morissette (Quebec) treasurer, P. H. Nadean (Quebec) junior chess convenor, and D. M. LeDain (Montreal) secre-

HARKINS CHOSEN CHESS ORGANIZER

The 18-year old James Harkins of Cleveland has become one of the youngest-if not the youngest-paid school chess instructor in the country. Harkins, an alum-nus of the famous Pawns Club of Cleveland and 1947 Ohio Junior Champion, now becomes Scholastic Chess Director for the school system of Cleveland, and his first official act was to take steps to form a Scholastic Chess League embracing the 80 odd schools in the Greater Cleveland area. Ju-nior chess has always been active in Cleveland, thanks to the Cleve-land Chess Association and the Cleveland Public Library, and the act of creating a post of Scholastic Chess Director, is recognition by the Cleveland Board of Education and Director of Physical Welfare. Floyd Rowe, of the contribution chess has already made in Clevedeveloping its young in

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A SALUTE TO LOG CABIN

Distinguished chess clubs are usually distinguished for one particular feature of their program. The Washington Chess Divan, for example, is best remembered by those fortunate enough to know it persample, is best remembered by those fortunate enough to know it personally by its fascinating program of diverse chess oddities offered to its members. It is therefore the special distinction of the Log Cabin Chess Club that its fame rests not on one particular feature of its program, but rather upon its many-sided contributions to the history of American chess.

Housed at 30 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, New Jersey, the Log Cabin Chess Club is most noted for its wanderlust — its continual scorn of the sedentary life traditionally associated with chess. Not content to sally forth across the river to capture the Metropolitan (N.Y.) Team Championship as the extent of its journeying, like a more conservative and sensible club, the Log Cabin Club is always bobbing up unexpectedly in distant spots. in distant spots.

In March 1947 the Log Cabin took to the air in flying a five-man team to Deep River, Conn. for the first aerial chess invasion in American chess history. In June, 1948 it conquered distance by long distance telephone in a match with the Boylston Chess Club of Boston, Mass. June again of 1948 it tested the endurance of its members with a swift automobile raid through rain and storm to face successively the formidable Washington Chesc Divan in Washington, D.C. and the combined Maryland Chesc Club and Baltimore Chesc League in Baltimore, Md. as a short week-end excursion.

In August, 1948 while we were still admiring the endurance of the Log Cabin players, they were off again by automobile in a nation-wide survey of chess institutions in which they dashed from coast to coast to wage battle in Akron, Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Houston togname but few points on the extensive

Momentarily resting on their laurels, the Log Cabiners expect to linger at home long enough to act as hosts to the Seventh Annual U. S. Lightning Championship. Thereafter, wanderlust may again seize them; and we would not be surprised if chess entrepreneur, E. Forry Laucks of the Log Cabin Chess Club wrote us any day from China or South

And so we salute these merry vagabouds of chess, admiring their eternal enterprise, and recognizing that their exploits in the realm of logistics cannot but add fame and popularity to the name of chess.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

CHESS FOR THE RANK AND FILE by W. L. Roche and A. F. Bat tersby-Worchester, 1947; American Agent: A. Buschke (\$2,75)

nompiled by the Secretary of the British Correspondence Chess Association, A. F. Battersby, and W. L. Roche, twice British Correspondence Chess Champion, this work is primarily directed to the correspondence chess player, or the man eager to enter in correspondence



After a brief explanation of chess notation for correspondence players, the book takes up in concise terms the more important strategic concep tions of endgame play — a matter more important in correspondence chess than in over the board, for correspondence players have more leisure in which to-analyse their moves

With adequate diagrams the more important concepts of endgame theory are outlined graphically, and the theories of the first half of the text are illustrated in the latter portion with thirty selected games.

These selected games are unique in that they are all taken from correspondence chess games by British players and therefore form an interesting

criterion of the strength and weakness of correspondence play in Great Britain. From this viewpoint, they should prove exceptionally valuable to those American correspondence chess players who are indulging in international correspondence chess matches with England.

The clever defensive player confronts difficulties with a certain philosophic detachment and a grim determination to make the best of it. He not only gets better results; he gets more fun out of the game.

From "Winning Chess" by Irving Cherney and Fred Reinfeld.

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., New-port, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Another Synthetic Problem

Synthetic Problem which appeared in this column, issue CHESS My Synthetic Problem which appeared in this column, issue CHESS LIFE, September 20, 1948, created so much interest and was so favorably approved, that I have been overwhelmed with letters from solvers elamoring for another problem of this type.

So in an endeavor to still the clamor, I have composed another Synthetic problem, which I hope will be as favorably received and appreciated as Synthetic Problem No. 1.

For the hanefit of some readers, who were



Fromem No. 1.

For the benefit of some readers, who were apparently mystified by my previous explanation of a Synthetic Problem, I will try to elucidate by different phraseology what is meant by a Synthetic Porblem. Analysis of a problem in simple words means

to pick an already constructed problem to pieces. It tears down, whereas in the Synthesis of a problem, the solver given the pieces and the solution is required to construct or build up the original model of the problem.

The idea is somewhat similar to the method

employed in piecing together the parts of a jigsaw

Dr. P. G. Keeney And now if the foregoing explanation is sufficiently understandable, the reader is invited to try his hand at rebuilding.

SYNTHETIC PROBLEM NO. II

Conditions: Construct a sound direct mate in two moves problem, free of duals, with variations appended, the key as given and the use of the following pieces:

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Key: K-QR8. Variations: 1. ..., K-KKt7; 2. Q-QKt7. 1. ..., P-KKt7; 2. Kt-Kt6.

That is all. I shall be pleased to give credit to all who submit a correct setting of the original problem, a diagram of which will appear in this column in an early issue of CHESS LIFE.

No credit will be given for unsound versions or version that per-

Problem No. 53 By Otto Wurzburg Grand Rapids, Mich. Composed for Chess Life Blacks 7 men

Problem No. 54 By Knud A. Rassmussen Richvale, Ont., Canada Composed for Chess Life







White: 8 men IK4SI, 2S(p. 2k3rQ, l'pIR3B, 1pG, 8, 3R4, 354 White mates in two moves

Problems No. 53 and 54 are two delightful composing gems by two clever, eminent problem composers. Problem No. 53 is by Otto Wurzburg, long recognized problem "great," who since the death of his nucle, the late lamented Wm. Shinkman, known the world over as the Wizard of Grand Rapids, has by both inheritance and achievement succeeded to that title.

Problem No. 54 is by Knud A. Rassmussen, a most brilliant and talented Canadian problem builder, who won premier honors in CHESS LIFE'S recently concluded Composing Task Competition.

Both of the above problems are pretty and ingenious and have many the attributes a good problem (in order to be good) must possess, namely, a good key, economy, heauty and variety. I believe the solvers will enjoy and praise these sparkling, original contributions to the problem section of CHESS LIFE.

Solutions:-

The keymove to Problem No. 45 is. 1. K. K11 with threat of 2, R-B2. Main Black defenses are 1. ..., B-K15; 1. ..., Q-B or Q-KK1; 1. ..., R-K12; 1. ..., R-K1; 1. ..., R-K1

Chess Life In New York

TOURNAMENT NOTES:-the big news of the moment is that the Manhattan Chess Club will sponsor the most important international tournament since 1927. The date-December 24-January 2. The ten players include EUWE, NAJ-DORF, STAHLBERG, and an American contigent headed by American contigent headed by Reuben Fine and giving youngsters Bisguier and Kramer a chance at true international sta tus! More details in a later col-

The Christmas Intercollegiate
Team Tournament, it can be definitely stated, will be played at
Columbia University. Teams of 4 representing American, Cana-dian or Latin American colleges are eligible to compete in this seven round Swiss System event. For details, contact Rhys Hays, 430 West 116 St., N.Y.C. 27, N. Y. A Columbia Fraternity House will provide accommodations for a limited number of out-of-town testants.

The high schools are competing for the Marshall Chess Club trophy now held by the Bronx High School of Science. The five round Swiss event looks like a win for the Stuyvesant team headed by Elliot Hearst.

The Marshall finals sees Carl Pilnick holding a narrow lead ahead of Evans, Hanauer, Fajans, Mengarini and Dunst Donovan off to a poor start, seems to have recovered his true form, and can expected to climb up in the standings.

Ted Dunst, unpredictable as ever, scored in a beautiful upset against Larry Evans with opening mores: J. P. KA P. O.KA. 2 B KB4!? Kt QB3; 3. Kt-KB3; Q-B2; 4. P-KK13; and White's K-side attack won through!

Memorable Chess Dates Compiled by A. Buschke

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P-K3
P-04
Kt-KB3
B-K2
KKt-Q2
P-Q84

A highly speculative line instead of the safe and sane 7 BxB.

8. B-Q3!
So that if 8..., PxB; 9. Q-R5ch,
K-B1; 10. RPxP! (threatening 11,
R-R3), BxP; 11. Kt-Q6! with a
strong attack.

9. Q-R5 ch!

P-QR31 K-B1

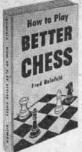
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White must now lose a piece. Where is his compensation?!

10. R-R3! PxKt, PxB would not do because of 11. R-B3 ch etc.

11, B-R6!1 According to Modern Chess Openings (Korn) there is a draw by 11...., PxB; 12. QxPch, K-K1; 13. Q-R5ch etc. But, as Rather points out, White can win with 13, B-Ktch!, PxB; 14, QxPch!, K-B1; 15, R-KKt3 and if 15, ..., Q-R4ch; 16. K-Q1.

The analysts have overlooked that Black can force an immediate draw (if he wants it) with 11..., PxB; 12. QxPch, K-B2!; for now 13. R-Kt3? is defeated by 13...., B-B1.

12, B-Q2 Forced (12; K-Q1?, PxB; 13, QxPch, K-K1 and Black's King flees to the Queen-side).

Spurning the draw by 12. 13. B-R6, Q-R4ch; 14. B-Q2, Q-Q1 etc. After the text, 13. B-R6? would

be a mistake.
13. R-KU!
Threatens to swap Queens.
14. Ki-83!
15. RxP! PxOP!

KtxP P-R3!! KxR (if 15. . . KtxKt Not 15 ch; 16. K-Q1!! wins); 16. B-R6ch, K-Kt1; 17. Q-K8ch and mate next

move.

16. 8-R7!!
Avoiding 16. BxRP7, B-Kt5ch!;
17. K-K2, QxR; 18. BxQch, KxB
and White's Queen is lost! Another way is 16. ..., RxB! 17. QxR,

16. KxR
17. QxPch
Both sides must be content with the perpetual check!

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BELL PHONE HAS GROWING TOURN'Y

The Bell System Postal Chess Tournament among employees of the various Bell System companies has been growing by leaps and bounds. Starting in 1947 with a first round of 205 games, the sec-ond season of 1948 swelled the total 2507 games scheduled among employees. The third round to begin in 1949 is expected to command even a more impressive total of games played.

In the first round of 1947 only eight Bell company groups were-represented. This round is almost completed with 179 finished games and 28 supers will be and 26 games still in progress. Round two (1948) found 23 Bell company groups engaged, includ-ing Western Electric and Canada. Of this round 333 games have been completed, with 2174 games still in progress.

The Bell System Postal Chess

Tournament Notes, issued with great frequency, has grown from a few to nine pages with systematic charts of the results of the various sections; and this represents what has become one of the most outstanding examples of the promotion of employee good will upon a nation-wide basis.

PENN STATE WINS FROM RED ROSES

The Penn State Chess Club opened its chess season with a victory over the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster at home head-quarters on the Penn State campus. Oddly enough, both teams lacked their top-board men in T. Eckenrode of the Red Roses and

Penn State L. Gerwig	Red Rose Chess McDivitt
R. Cressman 0 M. Quintero 1 W. Pascoe 1 B. Dell 0 R. Angstadt 1 R. Keiger 1 D. Baker 0	Hawks 1 Huss 0 Herr 0 Furman 1 Buckler 0 Y Musser 0 Cattel 1
Penn 53	Red Rose 31

PLAN INTERSTATE TEAM MATCHES

Interstate chess hostility as represented by team matches, is reaching a new high in the last months of 1948. At Wheeling the annual Tri-tate Championship added a team contest between Ohlo, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Now news is released that a five-state team match is planned between Illinoins, Iowa, Minne-sota, Nebraska and Wisconsin, while other plans envision a fourstate team match at Terre Haute (Ind.) between Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Misouri.

END PRELIMS AT BATON ROUGE

The qualifying rounds of the annual City Champions of Baton Rouge (La.) ended with the following players scheduled to partici-pate in the final championship rounds: Addison, Gladney, Grant, Herzog, Raymond, and Wetherford. The tournament will end on No-

For The Tournament-Minded

November 27-28 Missouri State Championship Kansas City, Missouri

To be held at Kansas City YM CA; combination Swiss and Round Robin and a B Class tournament; write to Ross Latshaw, YMCA Chess Club, Kansas City, Mo., for details.

November 28 U. S. Lightning Chess Championship West Orange, New Jersey

Seventh Annual U. S. Lightning Chess Championship will be held at Log Cabin Chess Club, 30 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, N. J. on November 28th; entry fee \$3.00 to USCF members (non-members add \$3.00 for annual USCF dues); Tournament Director Richard W. Wayne; details on time and entry

December 4.5 Washington State Championship Seattle, Washington

To be held at New Seattle Chess Club, Assembly Hotel, 9th and Madison, Seattle; six round Swiss; permanent trophy for winner: entry fee \$1.50; limited to residents of Washington; for details write: Richard P. Allen, 413-15th Ave., No.; Seattle, Wash.

December 4-5 Oklahoma State Championship Stillwater, Oklahoma

Will be held at Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater as guest of Gambit Chess Cub; five round Swiss with cash and magazine sub-scription prizes for first through thirteenth place; open to State residents; entry fee \$2.00 to USCF members (non-members add \$1.00 /USCF dues); play begins 1:00 p.m.; for details write: John C. Monk, office of President, Okla-homa A & M College, Stillwater,

U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship New York, New York

Open to four-man teams repre-senting colleges in the United States, Canada and Latin America; dates are tentative; will be played at Columbia University; entry fee \$5.00 per team; team members must be members of USCF (Dues \$3.00); for details write: Rhys Hays, 430 West 116th St., New York 27, N.Y.

KING'S MEN CLUB **ELECTS OFFICERS**

At the annual meeting of the King's Men (Detroit) Chess Club Rudolph Echardt was elected president, Dr. Bruno Schmidt vicepresident, William Sergeant secre tary, William Wolfe corresponding secretary, Dr. A. Bookstein treas-urer, and Thomas A. Jenkins tournament director.

The King's Men (USCF Chapter No. 95) is one of the strongest chess clubs in the Detroit area. Board one is played by Dr. Schmidt, co-champion of Michigan. The tournament director, Thomas A. Jenkins, is on the USCF Board of Directors

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

Please accept our entry to the Tournament for the Intercollegiate Team Championship of the United States, to be played at New York Oity, December 26-39, 1948. NAME OF TEAM TAPTAIN.....(Please Print) ADDRESS (Street Number) (City) COLLEGE REPRESENTED .

We agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and College Chess Committee, and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournant Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)

All entries should be sent to RHYS HAYS, 430 West 116th Street, New York 27, N. Y., together with entrance fee of \$5.00 per team. Individual members of team must be USCF members (Dues \$3.00 to nonmembers). Checks or money orders should be payable to RHYS MAYS. Please do not send currency.

Chess Life

Saturday, November 20, 1948

Chess Life Abroad By George Koltanowski

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WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?



rshkr3, pppplplp, 5p2, 8, 4Q8, P2KSPlq, 4RIR1

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 14 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 5, 1948.

Here is a game from the recent Belgium championship. White: Devos; Black: Van Lennep. Sicilian Defense. 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-Defense. 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 8. P-Q4, PxP; 4. KtxP, KtkB3; 5. Kt-QB3, P-KKt3; 6. B-K2, B-Kt2; 7. B-K3, 0-0; 8. 0-0, Kt-B3; 9. Kt-Kt3, B-K3; 10. P-B4, Kt-QR4; 11. P-B5, B-B5; 12. B-Q3, Q4; 13. P-K5, Kt-Kt1; 14. P-B6, PxP; 15. B-QB5, Kt-Kt; 16. RP-Kt, BxB; 17. QxB, P-Q5. 18. PxBP, PxP; 19. BxR, KxB; 20. Kt-K4, B-K4; 21. QR-K1, P-B1; 22. Q-R3, R-B3; 23. QxRP, B-Kt2; 24. Q-R3, Rx-BP; 25. RxP-Ch, K-Kt1; 26. Kt-Kt5, Kt-B3; 27. RxB-Ch Black resigns. Kt-B3; 27. RxB ch Black resigns. Venice, Italy: An internal onal tour nament is being played here with some of the following masters competing: Tartakower, Canal, Naj-dorf, Grob, Szabo, Medina, etc.

LUNEAU WINS INFORMAL TOUR'Y

An informal inter-city tourns ment, held at Alexandria (La.) was won by John C. Luneau of Alexandria upon the basis of a Sonneborn-Berger breaking of a five-way tie for first place. Nineteen players participated in the four-round Swiss. A team tournament, held at the same time ended with Baton Rouge as victor, Shreveport sec-ond and Alexandria third.

TAMPA RADIOS BARTLESVILLE

A short-wave radio match between the Tampa Chess Club of Florida and the Bartlesville (Okla) Chess Club is in the mak-ing, and if plans go through a team of four Floridans: Hernandez, Arthur Montano, R. B. Diaz and Jas. B. Gibson will battle on the airwaves against Bartle-villes' best on November 14.

WILMINGTON TOPS **RED ROSE CHESS**

The Wilmington (Del.) Chess Club journeyed to Lancaster, Pa. to face the Red Rose Chess Club and returned triumphant with a 6-4 victory over the Lancaster club. The Wilmington Chess Club is the newest chapter member of the USCF-so new that a charter number has not yet been assigned

Wilmington Chess
W. Hart
A. Fischer
C. Harding
E. Muir
W. Zeller
R. Donaldson
D. Thomas
L. Ruecht
S. Gutchins

Red Rose

CATALAN SYSTEM U. S. Junior Championship

Oak Ridge, 1948 Notes by Edw. J. Korpanty Notes o,
White R. KUJOTH W. R. GAKEN
R. KUJOTH P. Q4 4. P.KK3 PxP
P-084 P. V3 5. B-K12 PxP
K-K83 Ki.K83
and play. There's no need to recapture

lood play, he P at on

P-84 6. Q-R4 ch
played P QB4, or intending to
seems better placed on Q2.
B-Q2 8. P×BP
to maintain the initiative.
P on his QB5 will be taken a

proper time.

BxP 9. QxBP Q-Kt3
The QKt on Q2, instead of QB3, would be handy at this point. White could not dictate

handy at this point, make so much.

10. Kt-83 - Kt-9R4

Black's difficult position leads him on to further weak moves. He drives the Q off his R, but his Kt gets further out of play.

11. 9-KR4

0-0-0 gets and the diagonal KR1-9K17 open to White the position should give with a cure win.

16. QxB QR-B1

K-Kt1 - 19, Kt-K5 B-B1 w controls the QxKt oh or Black

QHS Q-RS 23, Q-QBS there is nothing Black can do that try of the effort. He can't challenge that 25, Q-R because of 24, Rx 25, Q-R b, RxQ; 26, RxR mate.

QxP is no better, Now White up with a pretty picture, 13 Q-K1

After 24., Q-K1



Resigns , PxR or P-Kt3; Q mates. Who sitive from the beginning to Black was caught flat-footed

KING'S GAMBIT U. S. Open Championship Baltimore, 1948

Notes by I. Rivise

White

White

Charles

W. BYLAND

1. P-K4

2. P-K4

2. P-K84

2. P-K84

2. P-K84

2. P-K84

2. P-K84

2. P-K84

3. B-K2

2. P-K84

2. P-

is the recommended move and probably int — about two years ago as Black I to outgambit the gambiteer with —, P.QIS (to try to keep White's runder control); 5. P.Qt, Q.RS ch; 6. Kc.K2; 7. Kc.KIS, Q.BS; 8. PN; (S. —, QKxP) probably was better was worried about a possible P-roller unit of the probably of the center); 9. P.QUs, P.KK(S; 10. Kc.P.KtS; 11. Kt.KS, P.BS with fantastic liverious

Kt-KB3

is is aupposed to be the improvement
or Tartakower's a P-QB4. Time and
at will of course tell the final story but
o text looks good for it brings another
hite piece into action and should Black
pture the P on Q4 with either Q or Kt,
or P-QB4 and P-Q4 will regain the P with
o much better position.

B-K2 7 P-B4

Kt-Kt3

P which stores
uld have been 8,
the center,
3 10, KbB3 P-Kt4 the P at the expe

13. Kt-K4

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

ment, Black must parry Kt-Kt6, K-R2 21. Q-R5

After 22, QR-B1 REHBERG



SOUDAKOF

econd point.

3. P-9(KH skKP) 26. QxR Q-62

48. RxB RxR 27. Q-KH sch K-R2

55. Q-85 ch K-Kt2 28. Kt-85 B-61

And now the win is accomplished simply or the transfer of the Kt to R5

29. Kt-K13 P.-Kt J0. Kt-R5 Resigns (or if 30 Q-K2 31. Q-86 ch. K-K11

cor K-R1), 52. KtxP ch, k-Kt2; 35, R-Q3,

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE Virginia State Championship Charlottesville, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marcha cicine as to give write doubled lockarded QB Pr. C. 7, B-RTS P. P-QBS Bakkt of 2, B-RTS P. P-QBS Bakkt of 2, B-RTS P. P-QBS Bakkt of 2, B-RTS P. P-QBS P. P-RTS P. P-

fication overlooked the following simple fication of the following simple 27, Q-K2
Rev

28, QxQ

Rev

30, BxKt

28, BxP oh

K-Ktl

32, R(1)xP

Now White should certainly win; but it was late and Adams was exhausted.

32,

33, K-K6

34, Rev

40, K-96

35, B-Rtl

36, P-Rtl

37, Rtl

38, Rtl

3 Apparently better, though rather in is 10, ..., PxP; 11, R·Q2, Q·Kt7; 12, QxP; 13, B·Ktd, QxP ch. However, seems to be no good was to

enough, 11. P-Q5 11. Baki should Certainly be plays PxP 19, B-B4 15 ch 20, P-KR4 0xKt 21, R-K1 0xKt 22, B-Kt5 0xKt 23, P-B4 - 0xR4 22, R-K3 B-Q2 25, QxKt exchange leads Black's extra P will 27. BxP B-R6 28. R-K1 Q-Q5 ch 31. R-K3 P-KG 29. R-K1 Q-Q7 ch 32. B-K15 P-KG 30. R-K2 Q-Q5 ch 32. B-K15 III 32. INFF, B-K15 33. Q-K15, Q-Q7 ch; 31. K-K11, Q-B8 ch; 35, K-B2, QxB ch and 35. Q-K18. P-P.

After 3. PxKP CHAUVENET



Having missed his chance at move 33, Black and one better than allow the draw, 37, Q-B7 ch K-R1 38, Q-R5 ch Drawn

FRENCH DEFENSE

30 Board Simultaneous Denver, 1948

Notes by W. M. Spackman Black
W. M. SPACKMAN
6. 7 B Kl-K2
7. Q-Kt4 PxP
8. PxP Q-B2
9. K-Q1 White
W. ADAMS
1. P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. Kt-Q83 B-Kt5
4. P-K5 P-Q84
5. P-QR3 B-Kt ch
5. P-QR3 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR3 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR3 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR3 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR4 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR4 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR5 B-Kt ch
6. P-QR5

B-Q2

felt at the t Kt-B4

BxKt (2)

P-KR4

After 25.

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11. Kt-K2

14. B-Q3

19. O-Kt5

the 4th rank, I don't understand.

B-R5 - 21, R-R3 BxP on
tain this was wrong when I played

25. Q-B5 ch SPACKMAN

\$

ADAMS

26. K-Q3 QxBl 26. Kt-K6; 27. R-13 with wild com ications — but perhaps it was best, mplotely overlooked the following simpli

QsQ, KixB ch, with Bs of oppo

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P-Q5 24. Q-R5 B-R5 P-R3 25. B-B4 Q-B5 ch

the tight move

R4 later. 16. R-OKt1 KR-B1?

RxP, KxR; 21, QxR

CLUB SECRETARIES: Please ask for details of our CLUB PLAN

After 17, Kt-K4 畫咖

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18. PxB Q-Q3 On 18. KtxB; 19. BxQ, KtxQ; 20. BxR would win also for White although Black could put up a terrific battle in this

PxR; 25, Q-B5 leaves Black help RxR 26, PxR ack is a full piece down for and minus any counterplay. B here. 29, Q-K4 R-R3 30, R-K2 y 30, Q-Q5 ch would

R-Kt3 32. R-Q2 Q-K2 P-R5 33. Q-Q5 ch Resigns

FRENCH DEFENSE U. S. Biennial Championship South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
SHIPMAN S, RUSINOW
K4 P-K3 K-C983 - B-K15
J4 P-Q4 4 P-K5 P-Q81
years ago the Russians experimented
the idea of delaying this more. How

at his leisure.

Kt. PxKt. 10, KtxP. Kt-83

Kt-K2. 11, B-Kt5.

While a limits that he has gained no age from the opening, Merely 11.

and abow that the White B is misbut Black has more aggressive plans

but Black has more aggressive plans
ther or for worse.

O-O 12. BxRt

annot help but wonder how Black will
r his P siter 12. Rt3-Kt, PxRt; 13.
R-RH]: 14. B-R4 for if 14. ..., RxP;
R18 with 16. Q-R3 or Q4 to follow.

PxB 13. PxPM

urse after 13. RxP, Q-R3; 14. Q-R3;
(not 14. ..., RxP; 15. Rt-R7 ch.
16. QxQ); 15. Rt-R5, QxQ White's
P is not worth much. But this life be better than the text which weaken
thite Ps without any material gait.
Px Q-B2 17. R-B3 Q-R4K

KB1 QxBP 13. K-R1

Q-R4

Q-R4

Q-R4

Q-R4

Q-R5

Q-R4

Q-R5

Q-R4

Q-R5

Q-R QxQ ch R-Kt3 PxP PxP PxP
nger is 27. R-R3; 28. Kt-Kt3, R29. R-Kt2, P-QR4; 30. Kt-Q2, BxHP
t 30. ..., RxRP; 31. KxxBt); 31. R-Kt7
K-B1, etc. But the text should also win

the KP, 36. 39. Kt-B6 40. Kt-K5 oh

> After 40. Kt-K5 ch RUBINOW



R-Kt

FOUR KNIGHTS GAME Biennial Championship South Fallsburg, 1948 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

tter. KtxKt 6. PxKt

this Black hopes to end up-a

solid or else prevent White from
owever, there is a surprise in ste

s. B-Ktb ch followed by By this Black

P-QKt4 Q-K2 ob 9.—K-02

1he game 1 play will st 12....... 13. K-B3 14. B-F 16 K-B3 17. QxQ ch 18. QR-Q1

delicate becau 21. R-KKt1 22. RxKt!

After 22. RxKt

-8 8

R-Q1 B-K15 R-Q8

QUEEN'S GAMBIT York State Championship Endicott, 1948

Notes by Jack Soudakoff Notes by Jack Soudakoff

White
Black
J. SOUDAKOFF
C. REHBERG
1. P-94
S. BkP
C. REHBERG
1. P-94
S. BkP
P-K3
Z. P-984
P-Q4
S. BkP
P-K3
Z. P-984
P-K3
S. C-P-984
P-K4
S. C-P-984
S. C-P-984
P-K4
S. C-P-884
S. C-P-Black
C. REHBERG
5. BxP P-K3
6. P-QR4 P-84
7. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
8. 0-0 B-K2

0-0 16. B-KKt5 P-R3 14. 15. B-K3 B-Q84
of the KRt file, though temptlianterous for Black,
PXB 19. Bxkt Q-K2
KtxKt 20. Kt-R4
real destination, but for the

Endgame Positions No. 37 and 38 Chess Life, October 20, 1948