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N. Y. FACES AMSTERDAM

N. Y. Stock Exchange Girds For Action As It Faces Undefeated Amsterdam

As CHESS LIFE goes to press the valiant New York Stock Exchange team will be in the midst of battle with the Amsterdam Stock Exchange team which has scored in recent years in victories over London and New York. The American team will play in the New York Stock Exchange with Mr. Emil Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange making the first move for New York. Play will be transmitted by RCA teletype. Hans Kmoch, noted international player, will represent Holland in New York and serve as adjudicator for unfinished games.

After a preliminary contest, held at the Manhattan Chess Club on February 15, the lineup of the New York team was determined as follows, with Isaac Kashdan acting as team captain:

- Board
1. Isaac Kashdan (Jacobs Coe & Co.)
 2. E. Schuyler Jackson (Bacon, Stevenson & Co.)
 3. A. Pinus (D. A. Pinus & Co.)
 4. Charles Stewart (G. H. Walker & Co.)
 5. Jacob Menkes (Wood, Walker & Co.)
 6. Herbert W. Marache (Granbery, Marache & Co.)
 7. Robert H. Cohen (New York Stock Exchange)
 8. Sol Rabinheim (Sulzbacher, Granger & Co.)
 9. John Erdel (Hirsch & Co.)
 10. H. Wallace Cohn (Cohn & Co.)

David Murray (Wood, Walker & Co.) and Julius Hallgarten (Hayden, Stone & Co.) will serve as alternates.

The composition of the Amsterdam team has not yet been reported, but it is understood that there are about two hundred applicants for positions on the team, and that an elimination contest will be held to determine the final line-up.

CLEVE HGTS WINS SCHOOL TOURNEY

Bosting West High School, winner of West Division, by a score of 8-3½, the Cleveland Heights High School won the Scholastic Championship of Cleveland. Cleveland Heights won its section of the East Division and then defeated East Technical High School by a score of 5-1, winner of the other section in the East Division. Jim Harkins, new scholastic chess director for Cleveland, managed the league.

In the Junior High group a league contest is also in progress with the East Division consisting of Roxboro, Patrick Henry and Shaker; and the West Division of Harding, John Marshall. The first match, between Roxboro and Shaker Heights resulted in a 2-2 draw.

WVCA PUBLISHES BRIGHT YEARBOOK

The fourth of the West Virginia Chess Association Yearbooks is off the press, edited by Gene Collett and containing 87 pages of mimeographed information. The contents ranges from 28 pages of West Virginia chess history, nine problems from WVCA Bulletins selected by Eric M. Hassberg, to 87 games annotated by Dr. Siegfried Werthamer, George Koltanowski, Milton Finkelstein, etc. The Yearbook is attractively bound with a bright silk-screen process cover in colors. The Yearbook is not for sale, but is distributed free to members of the West Virginia Chess Association (dues \$1 per year; Reid Holt, 620 Churchill Drive, Charleston, 4, W. Va.).

PLAN TOURNEY FOR GREATER N. Y.

The Metropolitan Chess League of New York City has set up a committee to arrange plans for holding an annual championship tournament of the Metropolitan New York area. The committee consists of Milton Finkelstein, CHESS LIFE Columnist, as chairman, and Albert Pinkus and David Hoffmann. When the committee's plans are completed, they will be acted upon by a special meeting of the Metropolitan League. This is the first attempt to organize a championship tournament for Greater New York since the early 1920's.

COLLEGE CHESS TAKES UPTURN

The USCF College Chess Committee reports the formation of a Rocky Mountain Chess League, consisting of Colorado University, Denver University, Wyoming University, Colorado A & M, and the Denver Y. M. C. A. In the first rounds of the new league, Colorado defeated Wyoming 6-2, and bested Denver Y. M. C. A. 3½-2½. The Denver Y. M. C. A. and Colorado University chess clubs are also sponsoring the Colorado State Tournament, to be held March 15-20.

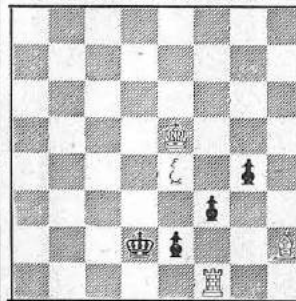
In New England, aside from the activity of the H. Y. P. D. group there is growing enthusiasm in other schools with Tufts battling Northeastern to a draw in Massachusetts.

TRY RADIO CHESS AT BARTLESVILLE

Merely intrigued by their initial draw against Tampa by shortwave, the Bartlesville (Okla.) Chess Club has settled into a steady occupancy of the air-planes with radio chess matches. In February they contested to matches, with the Hawthorne (Chicago) Chess and Checker Club on the 12th, and with the Racine (Wis.) Chess Club on the 16th. As games in each match were unfinished and submitted to adjudication, the results of these encounters are not yet known.

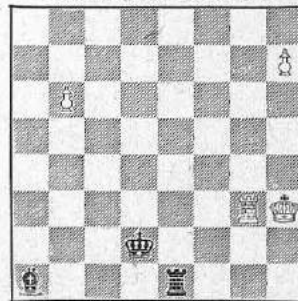
Dear Mr. Major:
May I take this opportunity to convey through you my appreciation of many heartwarming messages sent to me by the local chess clubs and the numerous associates of Mr. Factor, some of whom, I regret, were not known to me personally.
HAZEL H. FACTOR,
Chicago, Illinois.

Position No. 49
By L. I. Kubbel (USSR)
From 250 Selected Studies



S. S. 3, 4K3, 4P1a1, 5a2, 8Kp2b, 8R2
White to play and win

Position No. 50
By I. Razu (Bucarest)
L'Echiquier de Paris 1948



S. 7P, 1P8, S. S. 6Rk, 8K4, b3r3
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojman

POSITION No. 49 represents ingenious maneuvering against a Pawn-chain in which Black queens a Pawn (it can scarcely be prevented), but finds a mate menacing his King.

Position No. 50 is a tactical study in proper moment for queening a Pawn. Too hasty action is rewarded with a draw, but patience proves that White's two fragile Pawns can be made more dangerous than Black's hopeful Bishop.

Solutions on Page four.

TULSA HEADS OKLA. LEAGUE

The Tulsa Chess Club finished in the top spot at the end of the first season of the Oklahoma Chess League by match score of 7-1. Second place went to the Norman Chess Club with 6-2. Teams from Tulsa, Norman, Stillwater, Bartlesville and Oklahoma City comprised the League which is sponsored by the Oklahoma Chess Association.

Members of the victorious Tulsa team included CHESS LIFE annotator Dr. Bela Rozsa, Oklahoma State Champion; E. N. Anderson, president of the Oklahoma Chess Association; S. B. Lofton and Robert Virgin.

TULSA CHESS ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Tulsa (Okla.) Chess Club E. N. Anderson of Owasso was reelected president, S. B. Lofton elected vice-president, and Robert Garver and A. G. Miller reelected secretary and treasurer respectively. Ben C. Connor was elected honorary vice-president, and Robert Virgin team captain for the Oklahoma chess league matches.

The annual tournament of the club is planned as a five-round Swiss, followed by a round-robin finals between the six leaders, scheduled to begin March 18.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Better late than never is our thought in presenting these letters which lack of space previously has prevented.—The Editor.

Dear Sir:

Being a problemist, I can hardly stay out of a fight by some chess players against the chess problem. It seems silly to me for any real chess enthusiast to blast the artistry of the chess problem. Chess is comparable to music in that the note and the piece correspond in creating variations in composition. Some like to play a musical composition while others with creative ability go in for composing. In chess also there are those with creative ability who just cannot keep away from the combined art and science of composition. I don't hold any brief for those who have no creative ability and, therefore, pay little or no attention to chess problems. But they should at least respect those problemists who love it. I want to point out that every move, especially in mid-game play is a problem. I, nor few problemists, do devote all in chess

to problems. I have been active in promoting chess in Texas for a number of years. I do not subscribe for chess literature that does not carry a problem section.
C. B. COOK
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

Your editorial in Sept. 5th issue regarding "Chess Play or Horse Play?" was very good. It should have the desired effect of eliminating such unsportsmanlike practices. I think George Koltanowski's column is one of the best in the paper. "Chess for the Tired Business Man" by Fred Reinfeld is great also, as is the "Tournament Life" page.
I like "Problems of Chess Life" by Dr. P. G. Keeney very much. Even if I didn't, I wouldn't object to it as I know it is interesting to others. Why be greedy? One good feature in the paper and you get (Please turn to page 3, col. 4)

CROMPTON WINS TORONTO TITLE

In the current Toronto City Championship Charles A. Crompton, 10½-1½, has clinched the title with only a few scattered games left to be completed. In winning the title Crompton bested defending champion F. R. Anderson and S. E. Gale, finishing with a score of nine wins and three draws for 10½-1½.

Leading scorers as the tournament draws to a close are: Crompton, 10½-1½; R. Orlando, 8½-3½; Anderson and Gale 7½-2½ each; R. F. Rodgers 7-4; E. T. Jewitt 6½-4½.

NAME WOMEN CHAMP. ELIGIBLES

Dr. Rueb, president of FIDE, has released the list of eligible women players for the Women's World Championship to be held in Moscow. Ten of these were designated by the Nations they represent, and three were nominated by the FIDE Committee.

The U.S.A. will have three representatives: Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser and Miss N. May Karff, Co-Women Champions of the U. S., both nominated by the USCF. The third nominee, selected by FIDE, is Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson, known in continental chess circles as Sonja Graf when she played under the German flag. Now married to an American, Mrs. Stevenson expects to make the U. S. A. her home and participate in the activities of American chess.

The complete list, with countries represented, is as follows:

- Jozsa Langos (Hungary)
- Ingrid Larson (Denmark)
- Edith Keller (Germany)
- Sonja Graf Stevenson (USA)
- Chaude de Silans (France)
- Maria Teresa Mora (Cuba)
- Slavica Cvenkel (Yugoslavia)
- Gisela K. Gresser (USA)
- N. May Karff (USA)
- Ingeborg Helmerz-Anderson (Sweden)
- Hruskova Bejka (Czechoslovakia)
- F. Heemskerk (Holland)
- Regina Gerlecka (Poland)

The four nominees from the USSR have not yet been announced, or the details on the final arrangement of the tournament.

35 CONTESTANTS IN CHICAGO MEET

The preliminary rounds of the Chicago City Championship, conducted by the Illinois State Chess Association at the Chess Club of Chicago, has become a hot contest between the thirty-five contestants, playing in three sections. In Section one at the end of eight rounds Paul Poschel leads with 7½-1, closely followed by Angelo Sandrin with 6-2. In Section two Herwitz leads with 8½-1, dogged by Cohen with 7½-1. In Section three B. Dahlstrom leads with 6½-1½, one point ahead of Albert Sandrin with 5½-1½.

March 5 will mark the beginning of the final championship tournament in which the top four players from each preliminary section will contend in a round-robin for the Chicago City title, held in 1948 by Einar Michelsen.

BIRD'S OPENING

Cleveland Chess League, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
E. M. WYMAN R. SCHAFFER
(NYC Chess Club) (East Side Chess)

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. P-K4 P-K4
3. P-K4 P-K4

White has accomplished his objective in this opening—to establish a strong point at K5.

1. BxK1 B-B4
2. P-Q3 B-B4
3. P-Q3 B-B4

This simply loses time.
11. P-QR4 B-K1
12. Kt-K2 Kt-K2

This blocks the B at K2, but with P-B4 to follow, it appears to be the quickest way for White to make headway.

15. P-B4 P-QK3
16. P-K4 P-QK3
17. P-K4 P-QK3

Black seems to visualize offensive action on his part beginning with P-KK4 after suitable preparation. Doubtless wish is 18.

19. P-K4 R-KK1
20. P-KK4 B-B2
21. P-K3 P-KK4

White should try here 19. Q-B2 to be followed by P-KK4 and P-B5. Black has 19.

23. R-B1 Q-K1
24. R-B1 Q-K1
25. R-B1 Q-K1

Black has handled things well and has almost complete control everywhere in addition to his extra P.

27. R-B7 Kt-BP
28. R-B7 Kt-BP
29. R-B7 Kt-BP

Black can ease the pain a little by 16.
17. Q-K6 Q-B3

18. QxK1 PxQ
19. P-Q7 ch Resigns
20. O-O

White Black
J. CURDO J. DALY
(Lynn Chess) (Bay State Chess)

1. P-Q4 P-K3
2. P-K4 P-K3
3. Kt-Q3 Kt-K3

White tries to make headway, the Kt must abandon the KP, hence a draw is justified.

1. P-Q4 P-K3
2. P-K4 P-K3
3. Kt-Q3 Kt-K3

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

Q-R3, P-KK4: 13. P-KK4 with a strong attack.
11. K-R1 P-R3
12. O-O: 12. P-KK4 with a fine attack.

After 18. R-KK1
DALY
White Black



15. P-KK4 P-R3
16. P-KK4 P-R3
17. P-KK4 P-R3

White should try here 19. Q-B2 to be followed by P-KK4 and P-B5. Black has 19.

23. R-B1 Q-K1
24. R-B1 Q-K1
25. R-B1 Q-K1

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White Black
G. EASTMAN R. BUSKAGER

1. P-K4 P-Q4
2. Kt-K3 Kt-K3
3. Kt-K3 Kt-K3

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1. P-Q4 P-K3
2. P-K4 P-K3
3. Kt-Q3 Kt-K3

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6. P-B4 with 7. P-R3 in mind has been found very hard to meet, so perhaps 2.
Q-R3 was best after all.

Now we are back in the normal position of the "Dragon Variation."

10. Kt-K3 P-OR3
11. P-QR4 R-OB1
12. P-R4 B-K3

There is little point to this, but Black has worked into a position where his pieces do not cooperate well.

25. B-B4 Kt-K1
26. B-B4 Kt-K1
27. B-B4 Kt-K1

White Black
EASTMAN RXB

It was probably wisest to decline the sacrifice with 29. R-B4; 30. Q-B6 ch, K-K1 (not 30. K-K1; 31. Kt-K7 ch).

32. R-QK1 R-QK1
33. R-QK1 R-QK1
34. R-QK1 R-QK1

White's fine sacrifice finally bears material fruit. There is no defense after this.

34. B-K1 R-K1
35. P-K3 R-K1
36. R-K1 R-K1

The brilliancy prize game, Eastman also won a beautiful leather wallet presented by the Battle Creek Chess Club for being first man to cause a checkmate in the tournament.

White Black
J. F. DONOVAN N. T. WHITAKER

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. P-Q4 P-Q4

White Black
DONOVAN WHITAKER

19. QxP ch White resigns

White Black
H. SWEINER R. E. PROUTY

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-K3 Kt-K3
3. Kt-K3 Kt-K3

White to Play and Win
Position No. 49: 1. B-B4 ch, K-Q4; 2. R-B1, P-B7; 3. B-K3, P-B8(Q); 4. B-K1 and wins. If 1. B-B4, K-B3; 2. R-B1 ch, R-K1; 3. B-K1 wins.

White to Play and Win
Position No. 49: 1. B-B4 ch, K-Q4; 2. R-B1, P-B7; 3. B-K3, P-B8(Q); 4. B-K1 and wins.

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SLAV DEFENSE

20 Board Simultaneous New York, 1949

"Press The Advantage"

White Black
M. NAJDORF E. MCCORMICK

1. Kt-K3 Kt-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. P-Q4 P-Q4

White Black
VIENNA OPENING
52 Board Simultaneous Toronto, 1949

"Not For The Faint Of Heart"

White Black
DR. M. EUWE W. R. OAKER

1. P-K4 Kt-K3
2. Kt-Q3 P-K4
3. P-K4 Kt-K3

White Black
OKLAHOMA CHESS LEAGUE
Final Standings

Team Tulsa Chess Club
Norman Chess Club
Bartlesville Chess Club

White Black
CHICAGO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
Preliminaries—8 rounds

Section One
Ang. Sandrin
P. Poehel
Larson

Section Two
Herwitz
Gottlieb
Kimball

Section Three
Zaluzny
Winkler
Martin

Section Four
Illinois
Kentucky
Indiana

Section Five
Indiana
Kentucky
West High

Section Six
Cleveland Heights
A. Pein
Larry Bowen

Section Seven
Cleveland Heights
A. Pein
Larry Bowen

Section Eight
Cleveland Heights
A. Pein
Larry Bowen

Section Nine
Cleveland Heights
A. Pein
Larry Bowen

Annottors
J. B. Geo
Dr. M. Herzberger
A. Y. Hesse
Dr. J. Platz
Fred Reinfeld

CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from page 3, col. 5)
Kt4, RXP; 44. PxP, R-Kt6; 45. Q-K1, Q-K2; 46. R-R1, QxKtP; 47. R-R4, R-Kt8; 48. Q-R1, QxR(B); 49. R-R8 ch, K-B2; 50. R-B8 ch, K-K3; 51. R-B6 ch, K-K2; 52. BxQ, RxD; 53. KxR, KtQxP; 54. R-QR8, Kt-K3; 55. B-R6, R-B2; 56. R-R7 ch, K-K1; 57. R-R8 ch, K-Q2; 58. R-R7 ch, Kt-B2; 59. B-B4, K-K3; 60. Kt-K2, PxP; 61. K-K3, P-Q5; 62. RxB, P-Q6; 63. R-B5, Kt-Q4; 64. R-B6 ch, K-B4; 65. RxBP, KtB3; 66. RxB Kt4, K-K3; 67. R-QKt4, P-Q7; 68. R-Kt1, R-Q2; 69. R-Q1, R-Q6; 70. KxP, KxP; 71. P-R4, R-K5; 72. P-R5, K-K6; 73. P-R6, R-QR6; 74. R-KR1, RXP; 75. R-R3 ch, K-K7. White resigns.

For The Tournament-Minded

March 19
Cleveland Junior Championship
Open to junior players; will start 2:00 p. m. Saturday, March 20, at Cleveland Public Library and continue for several Saturdays; Tournament Director Thomas Kelly; for further details or to enter, write James L. Harkins, Jr., 18590 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

March 19-20
Iowa State Championship
Des Moines, Iowa
Open to Iowa residents, conducted by Des Moines Chess Club under auspices of Iowa State Chess Association; to be played at Des Moines YMCA; tournament director Alfred Ludwig of Omaha; Swiss system tournament; for entry and details write: Philip Gilbertson, Sheldon, Iowa.

Honor Roll of Club Chapters

Chapter 189
The Dean Willard Chess Club
Bay City, Michigan
Affiliated with the Bay City Junior College.
President Kenneth E. Light
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Sec'y-Treasurer Bob L. Backus
Meets informally every day in private quarters in the tower of the Bay City Junior College.

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Chapter 191
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Wilmington, Delaware
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Vice-President Lewis Palmer
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Treasurer Alfred Fischer
Meets at 800 Washington St. every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Chapter 192
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Phoenix, Arizona
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