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CHAMP FOOLS PROPHETS!

Jimmy Jenkins Of The F.L.C.S. Comes Up With Two Good Ideas

By Gene Collett

One of our favorite people is Jimmy Jenkins of Newark, N. J. Jimmy has come up with not one, but two, new ideas in the operation of chess clubs.

One new idea is unusual for a club. Two new ideas verge on the sensational. And, when both ideas are good ones, we feel like yelling "Stop the press!"

First, Jimmy Jenkins has discovered a new and economical method of getting out a chess club bulletin—he prints it on a postcard (see cut)!

The advantages are easy to see. It costs only one cent to mail. Under new postal regulations, it costs two cents (at least) to mail other types of bulletins. So postage bills are cut in half. And his bulletins go as first class, not third class, mail matter, thereby getting expedited service.

Jimmy doesn't use the regular government postcard. He found, after a huddle with mail officials, he could use a card one-fourth inch deeper than the ordinary postal (making it 3 x 5½ inches) and could use half of the front side for news. The sample of his bulletin shows how he utilizes the space—problem, standings in the club tournaments, announcements of meetings—and anything else he wants to get in.

Using this typepage size, he can employ a small, inexpensive hand duplicating machine, stencils for which are much cheaper than those the bigger bulletins require.

Our estimate is that Jimmy is getting his bulletin out at least 50 per cent cheaper than any other editor who prints the same amount of matter—and 75 per cent cheap-

er than some of them. Which goes to show that a new idea isn't always harmful!

Jimmy Jenkins' other idea has to do with raising money for the operation of his club—The Finger Lakes Chess Society at Newark.

Everybody knows what a nuisance dues are but D. J. (Before Jimmy) nobody did anything about it. They watched while financially lazy members got farther and farther and farther behind—and the more aggressive members finally forked over more dough to take up the slack. The lax ones either were dropped from the club rolls or let play free. Even when there were no "free riders", the subject of dues was always painful.

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MARTINSON WINS GARY CITY TITLE

By virtue of his fifth round victory over W. Kenneth Rearick, George Martinson was awarded the Gary (Ind.) City Championship in a 6-round Swiss Tournament. Martinson and Rearick tied in points with 4½-1½ each in score and 19-75 in S-B points. Third place went to Underwood with 4-1½ and 19-25 in S-B points, while Hybarger placed fourth and Cox fifth with 4-2 each. Fourteen players participated in the tournament.

N. Y.-AMSTERDAM TIE RADIO MATCH

In their second attempt the New York Stock Exchange team gained a tie with the Amsterdam Stock Exchange players by a score of 5-5. In the previous encounter Amsterdam won by 5½-4½. The second match was marred by slow transmission of moves, and the play lasted nearly 24 hours. On first board I. Kashdan gained a victory over T. D. van Scheltinga.

KATZ, REIMS TIE IN BOSTON TITLE

The Boston City Tournament ended in a tie for the title between Dr. Katz and Charles Reims with 9-2 each. Third place went to former Mass. Junior Champion Hubert in a tie with Daly at 8-3 each. Twelve contestants played in the round-robin championship meet.

HART HOUSE HAS COMPLETE SWEEP

By defeating Gambit Chess Club 4-2 in a playoff match, Hart House (Toronto) won the major section of the Toronto Chess League and in consequence holds the championship in major, intermediate and minor divisions of the League.

In a recent international tour, Hart House lost to Cornell by a score of 6½-3 and defeated Rochester University by a score of 7-3.

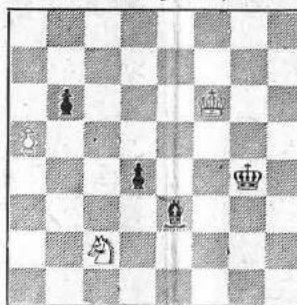
In the club championship, Keith Hastings won the Hart House title by a score of 5-1 with R. F. Rodgers second with 4-2, E. V. Shulman third with 2-4, and J. Patterson-Smyth fourth with 1-5. Hastings thus becomes holder of both the Toronto University and Undergraduate titles.

BOSTON PROMOTES COLLEGE CHESS

In the New England Intercollegiate League, Boston has become very active with Harvard drawing a match with Tufts while Boston College downed Boston University by the score of 3-2.

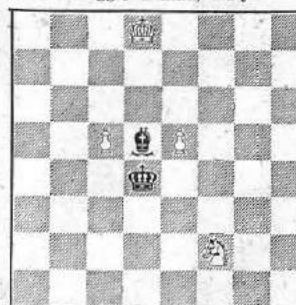
For the fourth time Brookline High has won the Interscholastic League championship (it was runner-up the other three times) by besting Boston Latin twice by 6-4 scores, downing Cambridge Latin 8½-1 and 10-0, topping Milton 7-3 and 6½-3 and Roxbury Memorial 7-3 and 9½-½. Against Boston English they won 9-1 and then conceded a 5-5 tie.

Position No. 51
By M. Havel
Ceskoslovensky Sach, 1930



8, 8, 1pKa, P7, Sp2K1, 4b3, 2b5, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 52
By Dr. Enrico Paoli
Reggio Emilia, Italy



3K4, 8, 8, 2PbP3, 3k4, 8, 6S2, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojan

Positions No. 51 represents a delightful miniature, the composition of the great Bohemian endgame composer, M. Havel. Both White and Black queen their Pawns; but White with the jump traps the Black Queen by a series of well-conceived maneuvers. Just how this may be achieved is the problem to be solved.

Position No. 52 is the work of Dr. Enrico Paoli of Italy and represents a rather ingenious method of saving what, at first glance, seems a hopelessly drawn position. Apparently White can neither save nor advance his Pawns. But appearances are often deceiving; in endgame positions. Nihil desperandum, says the composer merrily; and whisks a victory out of his invisible sleeve.

Solutions to these positions on Page 4.

REDDY REELECTED BY MASS. STATE

Robert W. Reddy was reelected president of the Massachusetts State Chess Association, with Charles Acorn as treasurer, J. Leland Cawthorne as secretary, and Waldo L. Waters as publicity director. Waters is editor of a chess column in the Boston Sunday Herald.

At President Reddy's own Brattle Chess Club the veteran Charles S. Jacobs displayed his ever-young ideas in chess by giving a fourteen board simultaneous and conceding only two draws and one loss. The loss went to 16-year old Joe Richards of the champion Brookline High School.

KMOCH ENLIVENS MILWAUKEE CHESS

Hans Knoch, Dutch-American master and USCF Vice-President, enlivened the routine of Milwaukee chess with a 38 board simultaneous exhibition in which he won 29, drew 4 and lost 5. Draws went to Dr. O. M. J. Weirley, Paul Liebig, Rev. Lucius Martiner and Bernard Gill, while the losses went to Arpad Elo, Douglas Segard, S. L. Kittsley, Robert Schmidt and Fritz Rathmann, publisher of the Wisconsin Chess Letter.

In the Industrial League Individual Championship John Fashingbauer of Allen Bradley leads in the early rounds; while in the Municipal Chess Association League the Elo team leads with a score of 14-7½. Individual scoring leaders are Morrel and Pirhofer with 4-0 each.

CINTRON LEADS IN TITLE MATCH

In the current match for the Championship of Puerto Rico, former champion Rafael Cintron continues to increase his lead over defending champion Miguel Colon. To date at the end of eight contests, Cintron leads Colon by the score of 5½-2½.

COUNCIL CENTER PLANS TOURNEYS

Plans of the Council Center Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) include a tournament for boys under 15 in addition to the regular club championship tournament. In a recent match with the Dearborn Chess Club the Council City team scored a 6½-2½ victory.

A simultaneous exhibition held by N. T. Whitaker resulted in 33 wins; 2 draws and 3 losses for the visiting player. One loss went to Dr. A. Gaba and the other to a lady guest from Wayne University.

GUSTAFSON TOPS ATTLEBORO MEET

For the fifth time since 1940, Frank D. Gustafson has won the Attleboro (Mass.) City Championship, this time with a score of 18-1. Hudnut tripped him in the 15th round for his only loss. Sven Brask, eight times champion, trailed by one-half point throughout the contest and finally due to a last-round defeat finished with 16-3 in a tie for second with Hudnut. Twenty players participated in the 19-round tournament.

BISQUIER TOPS MANHATTAN CLUB

A surprise finish to the Manhattan Club Championship saw Arthur Bisguier come from behind in the final rounds to outlast Albert Pinkus and finish for the second consecutive season as the Manhattan Chess Club Champion.

Pinkus and G. Shainswit finished in a tie for second, with G. Kramer fourth and former U. S. Champion A. S. Denker fifth.

BILL IS THREAT TO MAIL CHESS

A bill before the U. S. Congress is a serious threat to the growth of correspondence chess. It provides for the increase in postcards from 1c to 2c, doubling the cost to all correspondence players.

Players by mail are advised to write their own Senator and Representative, protesting any increase in the cost of postcards, of which correspondence chess players are among the most numerous users.

REELECT TAYLOR AT ST. PETE CLUB

Clarence E. Taylor was reelected president of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club; Fletcher Henderson was chosen vice-president; Albert J. Mailhot secretary; J. S. Gaylord treasurer; E. M. Weeks tournament director.

The St. Petersburg club boasts of an unusually large feminine membership and features team matches between the women players regularly in addition to a woman's tournament. Another regular feature is the weekly contest between the Dodgers and Yankee teams into which the club membership is divided.

The club frequently draws upon its own membership for simultaneous exhibitions to vary the routine of play, and spices these events with occasional visits from outside players. In recent weeks simultaneous exhibitions have been given by Mrs. Mary Bain, Newell W. Banks and Nat Edson. The last is a nationally known cartoonist.

SAVE THESE DATES

July 11-25, 1949

for the

U. S. Open Championship
Omaha, Nebraska

The Fiftieth "Jubilee" U. S. Open Championship Tournament will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the beautiful Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. Plans for the meeting include tours around Omaha for the contestants to historic Boys Town, the Joslyn Memorial and other spots of scenic interest.

Entry fee is \$10.00 to USCF members (Non-members may enter by adding \$3.00 annual dues to the USCF). Entries and requests for hotel reservations may be addressed to: Howard Ohman, 5016 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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TO M. S. KUHNS BEST WISHES!

ON APRIL 12 Maurice S. Kuhns, President Emeritus of the United States Chess Federation will round out his count of years by celebrating his ninetieth birthday. More than just successful in the business world, M. S. Kuhns found time in his busy round of affairs to lend his organizing talents to the cause of chess. As a monument to his endeavors the USCF exists as the amalgamation of the National Chess Federation, of which he was the principle founder, with the American Chess Federation. This alone is sufficient to guarantee him gratitude and respect from American chess players, and it is but one item in a long list of achievements for chess too numerous to catalogue here.

Therefore it is only fitting that American chess players everywhere pause on April 12th long enough to wish Mr. Kuhns a happy birthday. CHESS LIFE, remembering Oliver Wendell Holmes' happy thought that "To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old," expresses the wish that Mr. Kuhns remains ninety years young on this happy occasion, for we have reason to know that he was eighty-nine years young a year ago.

LETTERS OF A CHESS PLAYER TO HIS SON

I understand that you wrote to Bill that I wasted a lot of time on chess. He detected the youthful scorn in your remarks and commented dryly that in a few years from now you would come home from college and be surprised at how much your Dad had learned in the last few years while you were away. He said that you would wonder then how I had graduated from an imbecile into a human being while you were gone.

I thought Bill was a little harsh about it, for I am sure that I rank at least as a high-grade moron in your estimation; but that is beside the point. What I wanted to tell you was a few of the reasons why I "waste" so much time on chess.

Well, to begin with, there is a lot more to this game of chess than the exercise of pushing a few plastic pieces around a board to idle away a few hours pleasantly. It is like poker in one respect (not the sociable penny-ante you say you are playing at college, but the high-class, high-powered game that I hope you have sense enough to avoid)—a study in psychology. You can tell a lot about your opponent at the end of an evening, besides the fact that he plays a good or a bad game of chess.

The late Dr. George A. Dorsey of the University of Chicago (author of Why We Behave Like Human Beings) once wrote in an article:—

Poker is a cross-section of life. The way a man behaves in a poker game is the way he behaves in life . . . His success or failure in the way his physical organism responds to the stimuli supplied by the game . . . I have studied humanity all my life from the anthropological and psychological viewpoint. And I have yet to find a better laboratory exercise than to observe the manners of men as they see my raise and come back at me . . . I can truthfully say that I learned about men from poker.

What Dr. Dorsey found in poker (where he played a strong hand), I have found in chess. If you can bluff your opponent in a game by bold moves and a bolder front that rattle him, you can count unerringly upon the fact that you can bluff him in life and that the unexpected will always make him lose his head. If he plays a reckless game across the board, all set on the attack and to heck with the defence! you can know that he is no man to rely upon for solid, conservative thinking in the business world. The adventurer has his own value in business as in chess, but it is worth something to know him for what he is and use his particular talents accordingly.

Then there is the finicky player who knows all the rules and debates the slightest infraction, who is quick to call every advantage that the law allows him. He makes a poor companion at the chess table and a worse partner in a business deal, for you may be sure that he will be forever splitting hairs, whatever the project under consideration.

Also, there is that odd anomaly, the kibitzer, who would much rather play your chess game for you than attempt one of his own. Be sure that in life he will not reform. As he makes your moves for you in the chess game, he will also want to regulate your moves in life if you associate with him. He will always know a better step than the one you contemplate taking—but rather than risk anything on his own snap judgement, he will want you to take the risk for him.

Remember Melvin? And how surprised you were that day when I told you that he was going to get into serious trouble. You didn't believe me then because he was such a nice fellow and such good fun on a party. Well, yesterday Melvin left town in a hurry, and the police and a bonding company would like to know his destination. His employer

isn't particularly interested in that (being bonded), but would like to know what he did with the money.

Melvin, my boy, for all his polished manners, was the kind of chess player who would move a Knight from KK13 to KB6 with a check, and he would apologize charmingly if you caught him at it.

Looking over what I have written, I note that I seem to have a very poor opinion of other chess players (as they, no doubt, have of me!) It is too late tonight to correct that impression in this letter; but the next time I write, I'll try to remember to tell you the many fine qualities in character that are also displayed upon the chessboard.

As to your question regarding an advance upon the next month's allowance, the answer is no. Your gambit is too old, son; I used that one myself when I was at college. You'll have to find a newer and better continuation.

Montgomery Major

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Studies of Stale-Mate Release

This article is an attempt to explain the composing of a two-move problem featuring the releasing of Black from a position in which he is shown stalemated.

This task, as shown in the following versions, can be simply and economically accomplished and with a variety of keys and ideas. The versions diagrammed while good examples of the task do not deny the possibilities of releases by ways other than those shown.

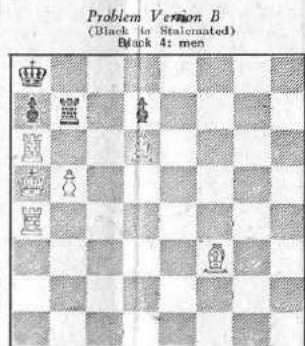
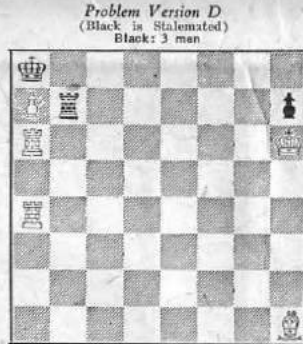
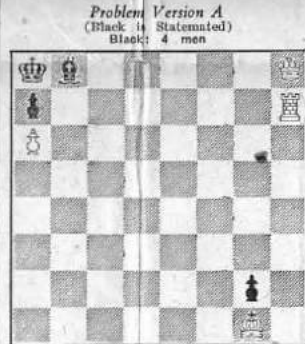
I would be greatly interested in any problem a composer may submit revealing the maximum number of Black pieces possible of being released by the key with separate mates for each release.

Of the positions diagrammed below Version A achieves the release by a sacrifice. This version lacks variety. There is only one mate and no try. Besides the key only other release possible would be by White Q moving on the long diagonal, for example, to Kt2. Note that this move is defeated by 1..... B-R7 ch, showing the happy placement of the White K to prevent a "cook."

Version B also shows the stalemate release by a sacrifice but grants Black a 2 move release of one and the same piece.

Version C brings about the release this time of two distinct Black pieces and without the sacrifice offer.

Version D pictures the release of a major Black piece and features a rather pretty echo mate. Note that in this version I moved or placed the White B, that in B and C versions stood on B3, on KR1. Why? Because when B is on B3 duals are possible when Black would move after key 1..... R-Kt2 or R-Kt7 or R-Kt8. Placing the B on KR1 eliminates (Please turn to page 3, col. 4)



Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB is again the center of New York chess interest. It seems probable that the club's team will emerge from this season's Metropolitan Chess League competition with the highest percentage of games won in that organization's long history. Scores of 8-0 in team competition are rare, and Manhattan will probably manage it in half of their schedule!

Why, oh why did I ever make any predictions? Arthur Bisguier has done it again, putting on a burst of speed in the final rounds to finish in first place in the Manhattan Club Tournament! The final standings: Bisguier (8-2); Pinkus and Shainswit (7-3); Kramer (6-3); and Denker (6-4). Soudakoff, Avram, Turner, Williams, Vasconcelos and Kay finished below the prize-winners in the order named.

Some names have become legends in chess, high among them being that of Akiba Rubinstein. New Yorkers were pleasantly surprised to learn recently that one of Rubinstein's sons has settled in the city, and that he plays chess, and plays it well. It would seem a safe prediction to say that we'll be hearing much more of the name of Rubinstein in the near future. He came close to gaining a prize in one of the Manhattan rapids in his first attempt!

Rapid transit chess has been described as the curse of American play. It has been argued that rapid play weakens tournament ability. One may well disagree, especially when aware of the extent to which young New York players have depended upon rapid play to make their first contacts with the masters. Fine, Byrne, Bisguier, Pavey, Evans—all are or were inveterate rapid-transit fans. And now a new star begins to shine—George Krauss of the Marshall Chess Club. And what will the critics say when George begins to win tournaments?

Memorable Chess Dates

Compiled by A. Buschke

- April 1 1889 (probably old style, i.e. April 13 n.s.) E. D. Bogolintov, Ukrainian Grandmaster, now living in Germany, born
- 2 1887 G. S. Chesney, prominent American problemist, born
- 1892 H. Neustadl, Czech master and chess columnist, born
- 4 1826 S. Boden, English master, author, born
- 1834 J. Dvina, Czech problemist, born
- 5 1888 A. Gehlert, German problemist, born
- 6 1837 Baron Ignaz Kolisch, Austrian Grandmaster, born
- 1918 C. Guimard, Argentine master, born
- 8 1853 Charles Vodin, prominent Philadelphia chess player, died
- 9 1873 H. P. Mitchell, English master, author, born
- 1800 N. T. Whitaker, American master, born
- 1919 Emil Schallopp, German master, author ("Blitz" 7th ed.), died (old style?) A. D. Petroff, Russian master, author, died
- 10 1867 (old style?) A. D. Petroff, Russian master, author, died
- 1904 Erik Anderson, Danish master, born (old style?) M. Najdorf, Argentine-Polish Grandmaster, born
- 1911 Samuel Loyd, America's most prominent "Puzzle King," died
- 11 1843 J. Minckwitz, German master, author, born
- 1845 J. Berger, Austrian master, problemist, endgame composer and author, born
- 1908 H. E. Bird, English master, died
- 12 1859 Maurice S. Kuhns, co-founder National Chess Federation (1925), now President Emeritus of United States Chess Federation, born
- 13 1738 Otto v. Oppen, German master, author, born
- 1800 Otto v. Oppen, German master, author, died
- 1867 A. G. Olland, Dutch master, born
- 14 1891 G. H. Mackenzie, American Grandmaster, died
- 16 1895 Jean Dufresse, German master, prodigious author and popularizer of chess, died
- 1905 Hermann Steiner, American-Hungarian master, chess columnist, chess promoter on the West Coast, born (old style?) V. V. Smyslov, Russian Grandmaster, born
- 15 1870 Ed. Pape, French problemist, born
- 18 or 19 1900 R. Charousek, Hungarian Grandmaster, died
- 19 1909 C. H. O'D. Alexander, English master, author, born
- 1909 V. Robjacek, Czech master, born

