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OCEAN TO OCEAN CHESS!

Kujoth Repeats With 3rd Victory In Wisconsin State Tournament

For the third consecutive year youthful Richard Kujoth, now eighteen years old, won the Wisconsin State Championship in the eighteen years old, won the wisconsin State Championship in the annual tournament held this year at Janesville April 29-May 1. Once again the young Milwaukee expert failed to yield even a draw in capturing the 6 round Swiss event with a perfect score of 6-0.

Among the victims of the deadly skill of the Milwaukee junior were

former Wisconsin and Milwaukee Champion Arpad E. Elo and Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley. Elo finished second, conceding his only loss to Kujoth in the fifth round, and besting Blume and Thorbjonsen who finished fourth and fifth.

Third place went to Dr. Wehrley who lost to Kujoth and drew with Blume. In fourth place H. M. Blume lost to Elo and drew with Wehrley and Thorbjonsen. Tied with Blume in games won, finishing in the order named S-B points were Thorbjonsen, Hur-S-B points were Thorbjonsen, Hurley, McCarthy, and Bonness. Thirty-five players were entered in the tournament from Milwaukee, Racine, Janesville, Sturgeon Bay, Winter, Wauwatosa, La-Crosse, Evansville, Appleton, Two Rivers, Beloit, Elady, William's Bay and Sheboygan.

STEINMEYER WINS ST. LOUIS TITLE

Once again victory in the St. Louis District Tournament went to the youthful Robert Steinmeyer, who lost no games but conceded draws to Schooler, Newberry and Burton for a 71/2-11/2 score in the 10 man tourney. John Ragan, 18year old Missouri State Champion, finished in a tie for second with Raymond Schooler. Ragan lost Raymond Schooler. Ragan lost to Steinmeyer and Newberry, and drew with Schooler for a 6½-2½ Schooler lost only to Newscore. berry, but drew with Steinmeyer, Ragan and Cook.

Fourth place went to the veteran L. W. Haller in a tie with W. H. C. Newberry and M. W. Gilbert at 41/2-41/2 each. Of these, Newberry had the distinction of scoring 2½ out of a possible 3 again the three leaders, Steinmeyer, Ragan and Schooler.

The tournament was conducted an agreement of the players that the rule against agreed draws of less than thirty moves would be strictly enforced.

WRAY IS VICTOR AT WOMEN'S CHESS

Miss Elizabeth Wray, a frequent contender in U.S. Women's Championship events, captured the 56th Annual Championship of the Women's Chess Club of New York which has been meeting this winter at the Marshall Chess Club. Miss Wray score 13-1 in the doubleround event, conceding no losses and two draws.

Miss Adele Willard with 19-4 was second, and Miss Helen Ranlett with 91/2-41/2 was third in the 8 player contest. The Women's Chess Club is the oldest exclusively feminine chess organization in the U.S. with the Queen's Chess Club of Cleveland second in point of age.

SAVE THESE DATES

July 11-23, 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, Nebra ska. 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).

Send entries to Howard E.

Ohman, 5016 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebr. Address all inquiries and requests for hotel reservations to Kenneth A. Anderson, 1131 So. 33rd Street, Omaha,

SACHS CAPTURES CLEVELAND TITLE

Rainer Sachs, who distinguished himself by besting all three State Champions in the Tri-State Meet and then lost the playoff to Herman Hesse, was more successful in gaining the Cleveland City championship while besting former City and State Champions.
Going into the final round Jim
Harkins, former Ohio Junior
champion, was leading but lost his
final game to former State Champion John O. Hoy while Sachs was winning. Final results were Sachs first, Hoy second, and Harkins third. 33 players were entered in the event.

BRICE-NASH WINS KANSAS TOURNEY

In the annual Kansas State Championship, held at the YWCA at Wichita, Bert Brice-Nash placed first with the score of 6-1, conceding draws to Weberg and Mechan. Second place in the 18 man 7 round Swiss event went to Carl Weberg with 5½-1½ on S-B points. Third place went to Kirk Meehen with 51/2-11/2, and fourth place to defending champion A. R. Seef with 5-2. Topeka was chosen as site for the 1950 meeting.

> PLAY IN THE Ocean to Ocean Match July 3, 1949 Write Thomas A. Jenkins 26409 York Road, Huntington, Michigan

Position No. 9 G. Barcza vs. D. Bronstein Moscow, April, 1949



2R2pbk, 6pp, 1p2pq2, 1P2Qs2, 8P8P, 8B1PP1, r2S1K1 Black to play and win

Position No. 10 E. Howard vs. W. Couture Carrespondence Game, 1948



Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN POSITION No. 9, which occurred in the second round of the second L half of the 8-man team match between Moscow and Budapest, the Black Kt by three successive moves delivers mortal blows, but White continued punch-drunk for three more moves. The Moscow team won the match, concluded on April 15, 1949, by a final score of 86½ to 41½. The first eight rounds were played in Budapest, and the second eight in Moscow. In each city every player of one team played one game daily against every player of the other team. Smyslov and Kotov finished with the highest scores: 121/2 out of 16.

This inter-city tournament-match idea may appeal to U.S. players as an occasion for enriching their vacations. For example, a Phila-delphia team of 6 or 7 players could visit Washington, D.C. for a week's

play and vacationing, and later at a suitable time have the visit returned. In Position No. 10, submitted by William J. Couture of Howard, R.I., Black brings about mate at the end of eight successive checks. The fourth check is the interesting one.

Please turn to page four for the Solutions.

DAKE SWEEPS PACIFIC TOURNEY

Arthur Dake, coming from semiretirement, again demonstrated that rest had not dulled the keen edge of his play by capturing the Pacific Northwest Masters-Experts Tournament at the Tacoma Chess Club April 2-3 by the perfect score of 5-0. In addition he gained the brilliancy prize for his 19 move victory over the youthful Jim Schmitt, Portland Club and Puget Sound Open Champion.

Second place fell to Olaf Ulvestad with 31/2-11/2, while third place was shared by Washington State Champio: Charles Joachim and Tacoma City Champion Carroll Crain. Ray Hiscox was director of the 6 man tournament and Larry Taro acted as referee.

ELIZABETH GAINS NO. JERSEY TITLE

By virtue of a last round draw with the runner-up Chess Club of the Oranges, the Elizabeth Chess Club gained the championship of the North Jersey Chess League with five matches won and two drawn. Chess Club of the Oranges placed second with five wins, one draw and one loss, while Plainfield Chess Club was third with five wins and two losses.

In individual scoring C. Parma-lee (Oranges) placed first with B. Anderson (Elizabeth) second, and N. Cohan (Jersey City) third.

BRASK CAPTURES GRAND NATIONAL

Sven Brask, chess editor of the Attleboro Sun, and director of the CCLA, has triumphed in the 11th Grand National Correspondence Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship (started in 1943) with a score in the final round of 71/2-1/2.

Entering the finals by the skin of his teeth with a 41/2-11/2 score in which he lost to Dr. H. Stevenson and drew with B. Haberfeld, Brask caught his second breath in the finals and romped through the field of S. H. Kowalski, J. S. Battell, Prof. J. McClure, L. E. More, Dr. H. Stevenson, C. H. Tallman, J. T. Westbrock and 9th Grand National Champion H. Robinson. He conceded his only draw to Kowalski.

Born in Sweden in 1966, Brask waited until he reached America to learn his chess. He joined the Providence Chess Club in 1933 and started to play corrected to p correspondence

MIDLAND TIES IN VALLEY MEET

By besting Flint Chess Group at Frankenmuth, Mich. by a score of 41/2-31/2, the Midland Chess Club went into a tie with the Rush Willard Chess Club of Bay City for the Saginaw Valley Team Champonship. A play-off will be held to determine custodian of the Valley Trophy.

U. S. VS. CANADA MATCH SHAPES UP

Plans for the gigantic U.S. vs Canada match take shape as clubs along the long border prepare for their part in the ocean-toocean encounter set for Sunday, July 3rd, 1949. Overall direction of the combined Canadian teams is in the hands of Dudley LeDain of Montreal while Chairman for the U.S. is Thomas A. Jenkins, 26409 York Road, Huntington Woods, Mich. U.S. Clubs and players wishing to participate in the border-long match are request-ed to contact Mr. Jenkins at once to make arrangements for com-peting with their nearest Canadian opponents.

SPRING BRINGS MATCH FEVER

Comes Spring, and the masters begin to chafe at the bit and eye each other belligerantly. In the West Arthur Dake, who cannot take his own retirement from chess too seriously, bas challenged U.S. Champion Herman Steiner to a match. If satisfac-tory financial arrangements can be made, the possibilities are very strong for such an event, which would be the second contest between the two masters. In 1935 a match was held in Los Angeles with Dake the victor by a score of 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

In the East there is clamor for a match between Samuel Reshevsky of Los Angeles and Dr. Reuben Fine of New York to be played some time in June, and it is hoped that a purse of \$5,000 can be raised for the occasion. As Reshevsky, five-times winner of the U.S. title, and Fine, victor in the recent New York International Tournament, are both eligibles in the World Championship Candi-dates Tournament to be held at Buenos Aires this summer, the proposed match would serve double purpose in preparing both for the ensuing contest in addition to giving the U.S. an interesting chess contest.

GEORGETOWN TOPS JESUIT TOURNEY

In the annual team tournament of the six Jesuit colleges, held this year in Dealy Hall at Fordon April 18-20, Georgetown and Boston tied in match score, with the nod going to Georgetown by the margin of one-half point in game scores. Boston placed second, tied in games with Loyola but ahead by one more match victory. Loyola was third, and Fordham, proving not quite so formidable on the checkered board as on the football field, placed

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July 25-30, 1949 for the U. S. Junior Championship Fort Worth, Texas

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WHY THE ENDGAME?

W E HAVE been asked upon occasion, by readers who confuse the W two composing arts, why we insist upon endgame positions in addition to the problem section. Players in the master class need not be told the necessity of endgame technique — they do not become master players until they have acquired the art of transforming a minute advantage into victory — but Mr. Average Player is too concerned with the opening to foresee the ending.

the opening to foresee the ending.

Problem composing and solving is a thing apart — few problems bear a close enough relation to actual positions in a game to be suggestive of technique to the average player. This does not mean that problems have no justification, for it is a sorry world in which all things must be utilitarian. We must have a little art for its own sake.

But endgame positions, whether composed or from actual play, represent a study that no chess player can afford to ignore, if he aspires

to graduate from the modest rank of woodpusher.

Mr. Average Player by precedent and precept concentrates upon the opening, for he has been told of the games that are lost by inferior opening play. He has not had his attention drawn to the games that

opening play. He has not had his attention drawn to the games that have been lost by inferior endgame play.

Yet nothing is more painful to the spectator at a tournament than to see the frequent dwindling of a promising position (built by superior play in the opening and middlegame) by the inaccrucy of the ending:

The writer remembers a painful moment when as team captain for Illinois in a match with Missouri, he watched step by step one of his players fritter away positional superjority gained by flawless handling of the opening. The hour grew late and the position dwindled into a simple (?) pawn ending. The critical moment arrived when the draw was in sight. And as the team captain refrained by superhuman effort from completely destroying his fingernalls in the tension, his player pondered over the critical move. At last with superb nonchalence and unerring instinct he selected his reply — the only possible move that could lose the ending!

The player has now passed on to where such sins in chess are forgotten and forgiven, even by team captains; but the harrowing memory of the moment remains. Therefore, to all long-suffering team captains we continue to dedicate our endgame positions, in the hope that other players on teams will study them and cease to trust to that evil instinct which seems inevitably to indicate the losing move, where one exists, in any ending,

Montgomery Major

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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A Chess and Life Symphony

MANY PERSONS refer to people who play chess and those who attend symphony concerts as "high-brows." Of course, such reference is absurd and yet for one, I do not, as a chess player and lover of classical music, feel offended at being designated as a "highbrow." In fact, I am rather pleased with the appelation!

Therefore, assuming I am a "high-brow," I take it for granted that many of CHESS LIFE's "high-brow" readers and even some of the "low-brow" will be interested in the following quoted passage from a book called Man and Shadow, the passage having reference to Chess and Life. The author of the work, by the way, is Alfred Kreymborg, a well-known N.Y. chess player.

The passage:

He has to be the schemer inside the dream, Subjective and objective wedded fast Subjective and objective weaded just
To imagination high above the scene.
And has to ponder proper combinations
And know the best defense and his advance
Tru foresight, hindsight, circumspection and Make the right move at the right time, Letting no passion override precision Or momentary lapse betray decision, Let him but once remove or relax an eye And he will see some tiny move destroy The careful fabric of his majesty, The ego, and the ego's pride and joy.

Then he must crawl to bed and toss around And play the whole Inferno again To where his combination proved unsound, Cursing himself for the greatest fool on earth-Unless he has a little saving mirth
Or gives up chess and then moves underground.

To me the passage seems to be a "high-brow" interpretation of a childhood rhyme "Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall," two well-known proverbs: "Early to be and early to rise," etc. "Pride gooth before a fall," and the quotation: "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity!" What is the opinion of some other "high-brow"?

One of my friends suggested that it was warning chess players and cooked the transfer of the suggested that it was warning chess players and cooked that the suggested that the state there for the suggested that the state there was a suggested to the suggested that the suggested t

people in general that "hindsight is better than foresight." Could Be!

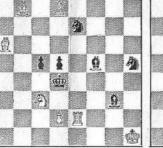
Problem No. 83
By Wm. J. Couture
Howard, R. I. Composed for Chess Life Black: 7 men

Problem No. 84 Ву Wm. J. Couture Howard, R. I. Composed for Chess Life Black: 6 men

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Black: 5 men

White: 7 men

1B1R4, 4s3, B7, 2pplbis, 3k4, 2Sb1, 3PR3, 7K

White: 7 men

White: 7 men

White mates in two moves

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White mates in two moves Position No. 86 By Otto Wurzburg

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Position No. 85 By E. E. Stearns Cleveland, Ohio Composed for Chess Life

Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dedicated to Alain C. Wh
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 8 men

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Q7. 1ptpSS2, 1BSk2, S. 2P1p3, 4p2K, 4P3,8 4k2b, 1pQ1B2S, 6r71, 67, 2pSp1, 4B3, R3K2R
White mates in three moves
White mates in three moves

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Problem Fare for this issue consists of two excellently constructed two-movers by that enthusiastic and rapidly improving problem composer, Wm. J. Couture of Howard, R.I.; a pretty 3er by Elliott E. Stearns, barrister of Cleveland, O., who doesn't build many problems, but those he composes are good; and a magnificent 3-mover by the Grand Rapids

veteran composing genius, Otto Wurzburg.

"Age cannot wither nor custom stale his infinite variety." No. 86, Mr. Wurzburg's most recent composing effort is a very ingenious, subtle and complicated gem illustrating the wizardry and complete mastery of the composer over the pieces in that accurate placement to both achieve the idea and afford the solver keen delight in ascertaining why numerous close tries fail to produce a solution. This artistic conception is dedicated by the composer to Problemdom's greatest benefactor, Alain C. White of Litchfield, Conn.

Solutions:-

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The keymoves to the Statlemate Release problems (issue of April 5) are: Yersion A, 1, R.Fd. Version B, 1, R.Kif. Version C, 1, R.Q.74, Version D, 1, R.QB5, Verrion E, 1, Q.744, Version F, 1, Q.746, In re Version E, some of the solvers found only 3 releases with 8 variations There are 3 releases but 4 variations. Overlooked was the fact that Black's KP in promoting could become either Q or Kf. When promoted to Kf., the mate is a switchback, Correct solutions to these problems are acknowledged received from: Burney Marshall (Shreveport), Peter Korf and Otto Wurzburg (Grand Rapids), Wm. D. Coutare (Howard), N. Gabor (Oncimati), Grant and Martha Turnblom (E. Lansing), Rev. G. M. Chidley (Toronto), T. Lundberg (Dallas).

The key to Foreythe notation problem accompanying Version D is: 1, R-K4, Correct key to this version was received from all of the aforementioned solvers.

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail-Bag

The Hague,

Mr. Maurice S. Kuhns Honorary President of F.I.D.E. Chicago, U. S. A. Dear Mr. Kuhns:

If I am right, April 12th, 1949 is a day of honor to you and to F.I.D.E. For the growth of U. S. Chess, the growth of F.I.D.E. is connected with Mr. Kuhns

Chicago. The Honorary President is outliving the President, the next meeting being about to choose a new President. After a lapse of a quarter-century I am retiring from the Office. Could I wish a

uring from the Office. Could I wish a satisfaction superior to Mr. Kuhns? May your health and forces allow you this glorious retrospect of devotion to family, fatherland and F.I.D.E.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,
A. RUEB,
President, F.I.D.E.

MARTIN REPEATS AT RHODE ISLAND

Albert C Martin again won the Rhode Island Championship with a score of 21/2-1/2 in the four-man tourney held at the Greater Provi-Chess Club by the Rhode Island Chess Federation. William Reich was second with 2-1. Walter Suesman, who also directed the event, was third with 11/2-11/2, and Edward Fisher completed the list with 0-3. As a four-time win-ner, Martin received custody of a silver cup.

LAKE CAPTURES MONTREAL JUNIOR

Victory in the first Montreal Junior Championship went to Symour Lake, 16-year old student at Baron Byng High, with a perfect score of 6-0. Fifteen juniors competed in the 6 round Swiss.

Chess Life In New York

THE MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB came through in proper and con-vincing style to take the Met League title! The last-round en-counter with the Marshall Chess counter with the Marshall Chess Club saw Manhattan lose only one game—Santasiere beating Denker—to finish the season without drop-ping a match! One of the Marshall players put it quite simply after the match—"It's not that they play so well. It's just that they play better than anyone else does!"

The center of New Jersey chess activities has moved north from Ventnor City to the quarters of the Log Cabin Chess Club. We all remember the wondrous results remember the wondrous results achieved by Dick Wayne in the development of new talent. Today it's E. Forry Laucks who provides the promoting push. Much of the the promoting push. Much of the phenomenal improvement evidenced by such young players as Joseph Faucher can be traced to the ever-expanding program of the Log Cabin Club. And now, with the announcement of a new type of tournament—first of a series, we tournament—first of a series, we hope—the Jersey players begin to encompass the New York chess field. Entries in a seven-round event are to be screened by a committee headed by Hans Kmoch, who will also direct the event.

Then, and this will run the Spring season right up to June or even July the Intercollegiste Chess

even July, the Intercollegiate Chess League plans a series of matches with New York clubs which will probably prove to one and all that there are still many young players to be reckoned with! Yes, Chess Life in New York, grows and

Memorable Chess Dates Compiled by A. Buschke

May
18 1868 L. Mayet, German master, died
1888 H. Hirschbach, German mister, died
1880 R. Reti, Czech grundmaster, author, proponent of "imodern ideas in proponent of "imodern ideas" born
1897 E. Colle Belgian master, born
1897 E. Colle Belgian master, Russian

proponent of "modern ideas in cless."

1897 E. Colle Belgian master, born 1938 E. M. Rossels, outstanding Russian problemist, author, the most prominent American chess problemista, author ("American Chess Nuts," 1898), collector of one of the largest chess collections of his time, now at Princeton University, born 1874 Th. Lichtenbein, American master, died

M. Euwe, Dutch grandmaster, Chessa Champion of the World 1935-1937, prodigious author, born O. Dehler, German problemist, died

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28 1876 George Allen, collector of one of the finest chess collections of his time (now at Library Company, Philadelphia), author ("Life of Philider"),

29 1862 H. T. Buckle, historian, English master, died.

1876 W. v. Holzhausen, prominent German chess problemist and author, borre

30 1827 John Brown ("J. B. of Bridgeport") famous English problemist, born

KMOCH CONQUERS LANSING CHESS

Facing 35 opponents in a simultaneous exhibition at Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club, USCF Vice President Hans Kmoch won 31, drew 2 and lost 2 in a brilliant exhibition. Draws were conceded to Mrs. Turnblom and Grant Bogue, while the proud victors were Frank Foote, Jr. and Grant Turn-blom. The exhibition was pre-ceded by a twenty-minute talk upon the human side of present and past world champions, with many humorous ancedotes.

W³ generally think of the open games (King's Gambit, Evans Gambit etc.) as leading quickly to tactical play, with the close games (Queen's Gambit Declined, French Defense etc.) as deferring tactical play for a long time. An examination of actually played games must, however, modify these conclusions.

Often we find that in the open games the quick contact between

hostile pieces leads to rapid over-simplification. In the close games, such premature contact is postponed, heightening the likelihood of tactical complications. Another characteristic of some close games is that they occasionally open up with dizzying speed.

DUTCH DEPENSE Warsaw, 1924

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	1. P-Q4			P-KB4
	2. P-KKt3			P-K3
	3. B-Kt2			Kt-KB3
	4. Kt-KR3!	07774		
In	order to	keep	the	Bishop's
dia	agonal open			- 1153

5. O-O B-Q3 6. P-Q84 "Stonewall" formation which has crumbled more than once.

gains the Pawn.

13. P-K4! 14. PxP 15. QR-K1! The opening up of the game is in White's favor because he has more pieces in play.

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16. BxP

The more natural-looking 16, KtxF could be answered by..... B-B4. If Black tries to parry the threat of Black tries to parry the threat of 17. BxRP or 17. BxBP by playing 16. Q-Q3, then White wins with 17. BxRP!, KtxB; 18. Kt-Kt6ch, K-Kt1; 19. KtxR2, KtxKt; 20. R-K8!, B-B4; 21. QxB, RxR; 22. Q-B7ch etc.

17. B-B4? loses a piece. 18. R-K51

Prevents B-B4 and threatens R-KR5. White makes economical use of his superior development.

18. 19. R-KR5! Is everything protected?! Resigns
KtxKt; 21. QxKt
P-KR3; 22. Kt-Kt6ch,
P-KKt3; 22. KtxPch).

wins (21. If 20. Q-B2; 21. KtxKt, PxKt; 22. Kt-Kt6ch etc. If 20. Q-K2; 21. Kt-Kt6ch wins the Queen. All very neat and convincing.

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MULLER CROWNED WASH. SPEED KING

Glen Muller seized the title of Washington State Speed Chess Champion at the annual tournament at the Seattle Chess Club, directed by L. W. Taro with John Sego as referee. Muller scored 11-2 for first place, Allen scored 10-3 for second, and Shephard 91/2-31/2 for third in the 14 man event.

The tournament was so popular that an informal second event was held in which Muller proved his victory was not a fluke by taking first with 814-14, while second place was shared by Weissenborn and Amidon with 61/2-21/2 each.

OMAHA SCHEDULES WOMEN'S OPEN

Plans for the Annual U.S. Open Plans for the Annual U.S. Open Championship at Omaha, Nebr., include a Women's Open Cham-pionship Tournament for custody of the Helen Cobb trophy, now held by U.S. Women's Open Champion N. May Karff who has held it since 1938, retaining possession in 1948 by winning the Women's Open Championship at Baltimore with a score of 6-0.

PENCE WINNER AT INDIANAPOLIS

Victory in the Indianapolis Open Tournament, sponsored by the Indianapolis YMCA and directed by D. C. Hills, went to Mark Pence with 5-1. Alfred Gruen, Charles H. Haley and Bert Hofmann tied in points with 4-2 but ranked in that order on S-B points. 15 players competed in the 6 round Swiss.

FARMANFARMA IS CHAMP AT BYU

Completing the first tournament of the Brigham Young University Club Ferezdoon Farmanfarma be-came the first champion of the club. He was also elected presi-dent to succeed the club's organizer, Albert Ostraff. Newly elec-ted officers of the club were Warren Russell vice-president, Enzell Fietjin secretary-treasurer.

NORTH JERSEY LEAGUE

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WASHINGTON STATE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

WORLD CHESSMASTERS IN BATTLE ROYAL

By I. A. Horowitz and Hans Kmoch; McKay (\$3.50) THE ECHOES of the tiantic battle for the World Championship still

ring clearly as Chess Review issues its comprehensive story of the fray, distributed by David McKay Company of Philadelphia.

The text of the fifty games of the championship match is studded with diagrams and exhaustive notes by two such famous anotators as Horowitz and Kmoch, with studious attention devoted to the question of "perhaps," which plagues most the average student. For the serious student there will be valuable reward in contrasting the concepts of these two annotators with the equally exhaustive notes of the Souda-koff-Goodman "World Chess Championship" reviewed some issues past,

and in noting the divergences of opinion.

Besides its studied text, the Horowitz-Kmoch opus affords a light relief between the seriousness of each round with a bright paragraph or two of external comment upon the setting of each round. And the pages are frequently made brighter with sketches, photographs and

cartoons regarding the principals.

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A short and concise biography of each contestant preceeds the text,
and for the final pages Hans Kmoch has contributed a very enlightening
discussion of the openings used in the present and all previous world
championship encounters from Anderssen's London 1851 victory to

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WISCONSIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

W27 W10 W11 W16 W2 W8

В	Arpad E. Elo (Milwaukee)W20	W19	Wb	W4	Li	W9	5 -1	
13	Dr. O. M. J. Wherley (Wauwatosa)W30	WG	D4	W12	W16	LI	43-13	
16	H. M. Blume (Milwaukee)W15	W22	D3	L2	W10	D5	4 -2	13.7
13	P. Thorbjonsen (Winter)W23	W17	1/2	W11	D9	D4	4 -2	12.7
13	G. Hurley (Milwaukee)W31	LS	W19	D21	W15	D8	4 -9	10.2
13	J. McCarthy (Janesville)L10	W29	L12	W27	W20	W16	4 -2	9.5
10	J. Bonness (Milwaukee)	D23	W33	W24	W21	D6	4 -2	8.2
18	H, MacLean (Sturgeon Bay)W28	D13	D15	W18	D5	1.2	38-28	10.5
K	D. Clark (Milwaukee)W7	LI	D20	W23	L4	W19	85-25	10.2
	Dr. L. Lieberman (Milwaukee)W28	WI4	LI	LB	D12	W22	88-25	9.7
	H. H. Gauper (DaCrosse)L19	Bye	W7	L3	D11	W18	34.24	8.7
	R. Schmidt (Milwaukee)W25	D9	L16	D26	D18	W21	88-28	8,5
	8. Kittsely (Milwaukee)	LH	D17	D20	D22	W26	83-25	8.5
6	J. A. Weidner (Racine)L4	W32	W9	W17	L6	W23	31-21	8.2
	R. W. Haines (LaCrosse)W8	W18	W13	LI	LS	1.7	3 -3	10.56
	N. J. Lunde (Evansville)	Lo	D14	1.15	W28	D20	3 -3	7.0
	A. Domsky (Racine)W32	L16	W28	LO	W26	L12	3 -3	5.00
	R. Kunz (Racine) W12	L2	LG	W28	D13	L10	21.31	7.2
B	J. Hall (Two Rivers)L2	W27	D10	D14	Li	D17 -	25-85	7.0
	D. Arganian (Racine)L14	W25	W22	DG	L8	L13	25.33	6,50
	H. C. Zierke (Racine)W24	L4	L21	W25	D14	L11	24-85	6.2
	W. Schumann (Shelioygan)L5	D8	W32	L10	W24	L15	25-85	5.5
	R. E. Wettstein (Appelton)L23	W31	D26	L8	L23	W25	23-83	4.00
	M. Semb (Elady) L18	L21	W29	L22	W27	L24	2 -4	4.00
	C. Morford(Janesville)L9	W33	D24	D13	L18	1.14	2 4	3.0
	C. G. Jetzer (Sheboygan)Ll	L20	W31	1.77	L/25	W20	2 -4	3.0
	M. Moser (Janesville)L11	1.20	W31	L7	L25	W29	2 -4	3,0
	P. Balfe (Janesville)L8	L24	L27	Bye	L29	1.28	1 -5	0.0
13	R. L. Hanson (Milwaukee)L3	L28		*******	W33	W32	2 -4	1.0
	P. Balfe (Janesville)	1.24	L27	Bye	L29	L28	1 -5	0.000
	L. H. Anderson (Williams Bay)L18	L15	L23	L29	Bye	1,30	1 -5	0.00
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WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 24



rlbq4, 1p4kp, 3p1s2, p4pB1, 2pQ4, 8, 1P4PP, 4RRK1 White to move

Send solutions to Position No. 24 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by June 5, 1949.

Solution: Position No. 23

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From the Schelfout-Miss Menchik game, Hastings, 1, B-Rt2, B-Q2; 2, B-Rt2, B-Rt2, 8, B-Rt2, 8, B-Rt2, 8, B-Rt3, 8, B-Rt3, 8, B-Rt3, 8, B-Rt3, R-Rt3, R-

Arbon, Switzerland: A tournament Arbon, Switzerland: A tournament here was won by Pachman (Czechoslovakia) 7; Wade (New Zealand) 6; Beni (Austria) 4½; Bhend (Switzerland) and Opocensky (Czechoslovakia) 3 each; Jorgensen (Denmark) and Molnar (France) 2 each; and Lotscher (Switzerland) ½. Pachman is 24 years old. In an exhibition here he won 21. lost 3 drew 3 Wade in an won 21, lost 3, drew 3. Wade in an exhibition in Abron won 21, lost 2. drew 4.

Correspondence Championship of Russia: Schachmaty in the USSR has organized the first championship by mail in Russia, and per-mitted only 1000 to enter.

Zurich: In an exhibition with clocks, Samisch won 7 and drew

S-B

Goteborg: In a tournament here Stahlberg came in first with 5½ out of 6. Furhman and Aham 3½ each, etc.

Russia beat Hungary. 64 games were played. 20 games were by the Russians, 8 by the Hun-garians. The Russians scored as follows: Kotov 6½, Bronstein 5½, Simagen 5, Lilienthal and Smyslov 4½, Averback, Flohr and Ragozin4. The Hungarians scored: Benko 4½: Barcza, Szabo and Tisary 4; Szilly 3, Florian 2½, Gereben and Vaida 2. The return match will be played in Moscow.

played in Moscow.

Here's a game from this match:

Bronstein-Szilly; Slav Defense: 1.

P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. KtQB3, P-QB3; 4. P-K4, P×KP; 5. Ktx
P, B-Kt5 ch; 6. B-Q2, QxP; 7. BxB,
QxKt ch; 8. B-K2, Kt-QR3; 9. B-B3,
P-B3; 10. Q-Q6, B-Q2?; 11. O-O-O,
O-O-O; 12. Q-Kt3! Q-Kt3; 13. QK3, P-QKt3; 14. Kt- KR3, Q-KR3;
15. P-KB4, Kt-K2; 16. P-KKt4, PK4: 17. B-Q2 Kt-OB4: 18. O-OR3 16. P-KB4, Kt-K2; 16. P-KKt4, P-K4; 17. B-Q2, Kt-QB4; 18. Q-QR3, P-K5; 19. Kt-B2, K-Kt2; 20. P-KB5, Q-R5; 21. B-K3, Kt-Q5 ch; 22. Ktx Kt, PxKt; 23. RxP, KtxBP; 24. KR-Q1 and Black resigned.

A Dutch team is going to tour the Slavic countries this year. Holland: Kramer beat Th. de Jong

in a match 7-1. Dr. Eduard Dyckhoff, famous Ger-

man correspondence player, died at the age of 65.

Dr. W. Lange won the champion-ship of Essen, Germany.

RUY LOPEZ SICILIAN DEFENSE Manhattan International To-ment, New York, 1948

Manhattan Chess Club Championship, New York, 1949 Notes by Dr. J. Platz

Notes
White

I. PILNIK
I. P-K4
P-QB4
P-XP
S. P-ZP
S. P-Z White
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PK4 9-K4 3. B-K15 P-QR3
KL-KB3 KL-QB3 4. B-R4 P-Q3
he Steinitz Defense Deferred or as it also as been called: the "No-Steinitz." It was layed a few times in last year's World hamplomship tournament.
P-B3 B-Kt5
ot a bad diea; the-move mostly played ere (besides 5. P-B4, the "Siceta Variano") was 5., B-Q2 with the continuaon 0. P-Q4, Kk-K2 and Black-mostly selvesty—had a solid but very difficult me. The text move is designed to disurare white from playing P-Q4.
P-Q3

but that doesn't sethings a lot, but that doesn't seem to be in Black's etyle.

17. B-0.2

18. Kt-R4

18. K

B-K131 demonstrated the superiority the two Bs White now shows also the periority of one B over the Kt in open

ceitions.

1. K-R2 P-KR4 33, R-B3

1. K-R2 P-KR4 33, R-B4

fow a Black P will fall, i.e. if a

-Qoi; 38, QxQP, QxP; 38, QxP

1. R-Q1 35, QxK6

1. R-Q1 35, QxK6

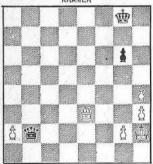
1. QxP or K-R1 36, QxQ3

llack was threatening Ki-Ki5 ch, R-03

5 R-Br, then PKU
his cannot be PKU
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his cannot be PKU
13. Q-BI ch
14. Q-BI ch
25. Q-BI ch
26. Q-BI ch
26. Q-BI ch
26. Q-BI
26. Q-B

QxP7, QxQ; 47, RxQ, R-B7; 36 ch; 49, K-R1, R-B8 mate, Of course not 48.R-QB4, Kt-B6 51. QxP 52. Q-R7 oh 53. PxP 54. Q-K3!

After 54. Q-K3! KRAMER



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ng up his s on the K 64. P.Kt4 65. P.R5 66. Q-B8 ch 67. Q-B5 ch 68. K-R4 69. Q-Kt6 70. Q-K8 ch 71. Q-Q7 ch 72. Q-Q5 P-R5 QxP ch Q-K5 ch P-R4 K-R3 Q-K4 ch Q-K3 ch Q-KB3 K-R2 K-K12 Q-R8 K-R1 K-K12 K-R1

78. Q-K5 ch 79. K-Kt5 Q-Q7 ch 80. K-B6 K-R3 81. Q-K6 Q-KR7 82. Q-K3 ch Resigns

73. K.-Kt3
74. Q-QT of
74. Q-QT of
75. Q-Q2
75. Q-Q2
76. Q-Q3
77. K.-R2
77. K.-R4
77.

JOIN IN THE FUN Play in the U. S. vs. Canada Ocean-to-ocean Match Tournament Life

P-QB4 4. KtrP Kt-KB3
P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3
P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3
P-QR3 6. B-K2 P-K4
early and aggressive. But the
rather backward.
B-K2 9. P-B4
B-K3 H. Manut 4.

B is very strong here

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Kt-02

P-RS RxP

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PILNIK re 16, P.K5 looks strong, 16, P.K5, BxB;
RxB, PxP; 18, QxP gives White good
mmand of the field.

BxB 19, P.KR3 Kt-K4
RxB Kt-Kt5 20, Kt-Q5

G. R. 32. Q.K.6 K.Q.2

R.B.5 F. R.B.5 E. R.B.5 R.B.5 K.B.9. F.B.5 R.B.5 R.B.5

35. Kt-B5 oh K-K3
P-Kt3 can be considered.
KtxP(4). Black's Pa. twhle White's Q-side-Pa
36. KtxP ch
38. KtxP ch
39. Kt-B5
RxP
40. Kt-B6
RxP
43. Kt-B6
RxP
43. Kt-B5 ch
44. K-K3
R-K17 ch
45. K-B2
RxP
45. K-B3
RxP
46. Kt-K15 ch
K-B3
47. Kt-K4 ch
K-K2

36. P-KKt4 37. PxP

cd. Then if 88, Kt-K3, then remain strong are weak, 41. KtxP RxP 42. R-K3 Kt-K7 ch

43. R-Q3, R-R4 tie up

48. Kt-Kt5 49. Kt-K4 ch 50. Kt-Kt5 ch Drawn

VIENNA OPENING

Simultaneous Exhibition Omaha, 1949

Psycho-analytical notes by Dr. Julius S. Weingart from The Nebraska Chess Bulletin

White
W. W. ADAMS
J. P-K4
P-K4
Black, an ordinary pawn-pusher, enters the
fray with about the same state of mind that
a sheep might have when it comes into an
Omaha packing plant.
Z. Kt.OB3
......

2. Ki-QB3
That confounded Wienerschnitzel Opening, He told us all about it last night, I wonder if I can remember,
2. Ki-KB3 5. Ki-B3 P-Q3
3. B-B4 B-B4 6. P-Q4 B-Ki3
4. P-B4 B-B4 6. P-Q4 B-Ki3
4. P-B4 Well, I had better hurry up and eastle. I read somewhere that this was a good thing to do while you could not before you couldn't.

ting.
17. R-B4 QR-KB1 19. RxR oh KtxR
18. PxP RxP
Well, I've got his bishop pinned, but it don't
mount to much. He can protect it easily,
bh, hum. No disgrace in losing to a champon anyway.

n anyway.

Kt-K4

Kt-Q2

F-KR4

Q-Kt3

Q-Kt4

P-Q4

Kt-K4

EX-K2

C-K4

P-Q4

Kt-K4

EX-K2

EX-K2

C-K2

Kt-B2

C-K2

Kt-B3

Kt-B3

Anotaer
play.

21. P-B3

This gives me a little much needed time, and as it turns out is my salvation.

on anyway. 20. Kt-K4

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by Edw. J. Korpanty

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

KtxP

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a little scheme B-Kt4 oh

FIANCHETTO DEFENSE Ontario Provincial Championship Toronto, 1949 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White
F. R. ANDERSON
P. VAITONIS
1. P-K4
P-Q3
4. Kt-B3
B-Kt-Q3
Kt-Q3
NK-Q3
P-KKU
Many players would play 5. B-Q3 here without a second thought, Actually the B at Q8
would have few chances, for effective action
against Black's P formation on the K-side.
Furthermore, much experience with this type
out better at K2
out better at K2
out better at K2
Out 7. P-KR3

of position has indicated that the B works out better at K2.

5. — 0.0 7. P-KR3

6. O-0 QKt-Q2

This type of move, which seems like a time waster, can be played with safety in a closed opening. White wishes to play B-K3 without being molested with Kk-Kifs.

7. — P-K4 9. B-QB4 P-B3

P-K9 P-K9 P-R9

Beginners have a hard time understanding or thinking of such a move as this, Actually its purpose is merely one of general two possible Kt moves and two possible B moves by White.

10. P-QR4

Another purely positional move, It prevents

purely positional move, It prevents Another purely Black from a with P-QKt4,

14. KtxKt 15. BxB 16. KR-Q1 10. 11. B-K3 12. Q-K2 13. Kt-KKt5 . Ri-KK15 Kt.k3
ack neglects an elementary principle—
introl of the open file, Correct is 16, ...,
Q1; 17, RxR ch, QxR; 18 R-Q1, R-Q2,
R-Q2 R-Q3 19, RxR
QR-Q1 RXR 29, Q-Q1
reventing 20, ..., R-Q1 at least for the
execut.

eventing 20.

For his P White has powerful control of the board. Besides the P can be easily recov-ered.

the Black B is
the Black B is
the Black B is
factor which should
factor the opening,
32.

33. Q-B3 Q-Q3
33. Q-B3 Q-Q3
Q-R-Kt1
Q-R-R Q-Kt4 Q-Kt8 ch QxP

After 39. P-R6 VAITONIS



ANDERSON

White evider when he let not be stopp Q-QRS Q-QR5 40, Q-R2 mity had this move the KP go. Now the G for good.
Q-Q8 ch 46. Kt-R5 Q-Q1 47. P-K13 Q-R1 48. PAP B-Q1 49. QAP B-Q2 50. K-Kt2 B-Q3 a well-played game. Now the 46. Kt-R5 47. P-Kt3 48. PxP 49. QxP 50. K-Kt2 P-K5 ch P-K6 Q-K1 BxP ch Resi gns

RETI GAMBIT Minnesota Championship Minneapolis, 1949 Notes by J. B. Gee

White
DR. KOELSCHE
A. KI-KB3
Black chooses a strong line against the Reti.
By 3, P-Q4 White can (and should!) go into Slav.
P-0Kt3
P-0Kt3, B-Kt5; 4. Kt-K5, B-R4; 5. P-B4;
B3; 6. Kt-K18; P-Kt1 is good. See PCO page
3 (a). 8. P-Kt3 is stronger.
B-B4 5. P-Kt3 Kt-B3
B-Kt2 P-K3
B-Kt2 p-K3
B-K12 p-K3
B-K12 p-K3

B-Kt2 P.K3 Kt-B3
lack uses a Sinx setup to good advantage.
B-Kt2 Kt(1)-Q2 7. 0-0 B-Q3
lack piles his pieces into the center and text of the context of the c

B-Kt5 13. Q-Kt1 Kt-K4 keep his game tog s game togethe attacked. 17. Q-K2 18. P-KR3 19. P-KK14 20. Kt-K5 give White a better

After 24. Kt-K5? OTTESON



KOELSCHE

KOELSCHE

24. KtxKt, BxKt: 25. BxR, RxB is better.

24. KtxKPl 25. BxR, Rt. Ktx mate.

25. BxR, BxP ch; 25. RxII, Rt. Kt5 mate.

26. K2, K2, K1 K1 K2 wins the Q.

25. BxB BxB 26. R+R2

25. CxB and, Q2BP ch; 27. K-R1, R-R1

27. K-R2 R-B6 31. K-Kt2 Q-Kt6 ch

27. K-R2 R-B6 31. K-Kt2 Q-Kt6 ch

28. QxB PxP Resigns

29. KtxP R(1)-B6

18. 28. PxQ, R(Bb) xP mate. A very nice finish

by Otteson.

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KtxP (4). However, 10., Q-R4 to attempt exchanging Qs had some merit. Black pink his hopes on his next move which White will refute in fine style.

17. KtxP (K4) P-Q4 19. BxR QxP et 18. B-B5 Q-Q82 28. K-Kt1

After 20., QxB



RxPl Black had overlo other sacrifice! 23. Q-QR3! 28. 29. RxB 30. RxR 31. R-B7 oh 32. RxKtP 33. RxKRP 34. R-R3 35. R-KKt3 36. K-B1

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