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SEVENTY PLAY AT OMAHA!

Hans Berliner Scores Once Again!

First In Southern Ass'n Tourney

Fresh from his triumph in the District of Columbia Championship, Hans Berliner swept through the Southern Association Championship at Richmond without defeat, conceding a last round draw to Chauvenet, to win the title with a 6½-½ score. In the course of the event he avenged his defeat by Shapiro in the District meet by besting Shapiro in the fifth round.

Second place went to Virginia Champion Russell Chauvenet, who had placed in a tie for third in the District meet, with a score of 5½-1½. Chauvenet drew with Berliner and lost his only game to Shapiro whom he had previously defeated in the District championship. Third place on S-B points went to Oscar Shapiro with 5-2.

Tied with 5-2 each but placed fourth and fifth on S-B points were W. C. Adickes, recent victor in the South Carolina Open, and Hugh C. Underwood, Sixth, seventh and eighth on S-B points were S. Wagman, S. Shaw and Southern Ass'n President Martin Southern with 4½-2½ each. A surprise ninth was 16-year old Karl Burger from Brooklyn, who created a minor sensation at the tournament by drawing with both Shapiro and Wagman in the last two rounds. 37 players contested in the 7-round Swiss and the strength of the field was attested by the low positions held by Southern Association stalwarts such as N. Hernandez, Prof. J. McClure and Major J. B. Holt.

AMIDON SCORES IN PUGET OPEN

Jim Amidon, a student at the University of Washington scored a surprise victory in the Puget Sound Open Tournament when he led the field with 4 wins and 2 draws, scoring one of his victories over Dick Allen who tied him in game points but was second in S-B points by 1½ margin. Third place went to William Gilson with 4½, 1½, and fourth place to Glenn Muller. Gerald Schain tied Muller in game points but dropped to fifth place on S-B points.

The pre-tourney favorite to win was State Champion Charles Joachim, but he unaccountably dropped 2½ points on the second day of the tourney and finished tenth in the 23-man 6-round Swiss event, after leading the field in company with Dick Allen with a 3-0 score in the opening rounds.

CURDO TIES KATZ FOR MASS. TITLE

The Massachusetts State Championship ended in a tie between Dr. Gerald Katz and John Curdo, former Mass. Junior Champion, with 6-2 each in the 8-round round robin with five contestants. As the S-B system gave both 12 points, they will reign as co-champions. Third place ended in a tie between Harlow Daly and Edward Haller with 4-4 each.

WEBBER WINNER AT NOVA SCOTIA

Carl Webber retained the provincial title at Halifax, Nova Scotia with 13 wins in the annual championship tournament.

EASTMAN REGAINS MICHIGAN TITLE

In the 19th annual Michigan Championship, and the first of such events to be an open tourney, George Eastman of Detroit regained the Michigan title in 6-round Swiss of 40 contestants with a perfect score of 6-0. Among the contenders he defeated were Stolzenberg, Buskager and Schmidt. Second place went to Mark Eucher with 5-1, losing his only game to Buskager. Third places was a tie in game and S-B points between John L. Foster and Leon Stolzenberg with 4½-1½ each. Foster lost to Eastman and drew Dr. Schmidt; Stolzenberg lost to Eastman and drew with Van Sweden. Fifth place went to Philip LeCornu, former Detroit junior champion, with 4½-1½ and sixth place to Renben Buskager with 4-2.

Six junior players were entered in the tournament, and Norman Zemke, who placed ninth, was declared Junior Champion, while Stephen Smale in tenth place was runner-up for the junior honors.

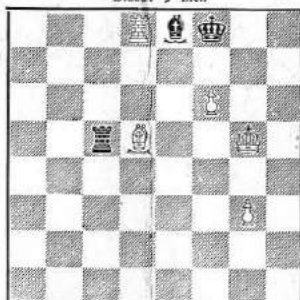
The tournament was held at the Marshall Chess Club of Detroit and USCF Secretary Edward I. Trend was director. Originally approached with trepidation, as Michigan has been firmly wedded to the tradition of the invitational tournament, the first Open event proved an outstanding success and will undoubtedly be the model for future Michigan championship events.

ESCHRICH TAKES NEW HAMP. TITLE

In the 10-man 5-round Swiss tournament for the New Hampshire Championship, Fred Eschrich ousted the recently perennial champion Orlando Lester, winning by the score of 4-1, although losing his game against Lester. Eschrich, who was New Hampshire Champion in 1939, 1940 and 1941 bested H. Morse, C. Williams, A. Sadowsky and F. Gagne.

Runner-up was defending champion Orlando Lester, titleholder in 1946, 1947 and 1948, who lost no games but suffered three draws against Morse, Williams and Sadowsky, while defeating Eschrich and Kelley. Third place went to H. Morse, who tied with Lester in game score. Morse lost to Eschrich and drew with Lester. Other former State champions in the battle were Charles Williams who finished fourth and John Davie who finished seventh.

Position No. 13
Krumzlik vs. Weiss
Vienna, 1949
Black: 3 men



White: 5 men
Black to play and draw

Position No. 14
F. Crofut vs. J. Harrington
Correspondence, 1946
Black: 15 men



White: 16 men
Black to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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THE TWO positions above have been submitted by readers of this column. In contributing Position No. 13, a reader who wishes to remain anonymous states that he considers Black's play as bordering upon the "miraculous." The editor of this column does not recall ever seeing the application of such description to any chess play; however solvers may judge for themselves as to its appropriateness. As played, White had to content himself with a draw after Black's second move.

In Position No. 14, submitted by Jack Harrington of Richmond, Va., Black forces White's resignation in three moves. Harrington says it took him some time to discover the winning combination, and that he found it at the past moment, just as he was about to play a different move.

Please turn to page four for solutions.

USCF ELECTS PAUL G. GIERS AS PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the United States Chess Federation at Omaha, Paul G. Giers of Syracuse, N.Y. was elected president for a three year term to succeed Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. of Chicago, who had held office since the death of George Sturgis in December, 1944.

Under the new NCCP program, three vice-presidents were elected for a three year term, three for two years, and three for one year. Those elected were: Frank R. Graves, Montgomery Major, Martin Southern, Hans Kmoch, George E. Roosevelt, Herman Steiner, William M. Byland, Milton Finkeltin, and J. B. Gee.

Edward I. Trend was reelected as secretary and appointed treasurer. Elected as Life Directors were: Hermann Helms, Lewis J. Isaacs, Isaac Kashdan, S. S. Keeney, George Koltanowski, Mrs. Caroline Marshall, Anthony Santasiere, and Maurice Wertheim.

Details of the election of directors will be reported in next issue.

ELMAN VICTOR AT NEW BRUNSWICK

Maurice Elman of St. John won the New Brunswick championship in the tournament held at the Admiral Beatty Hotel, St. John with 5½ points in a 6-round Swiss event. Runner-up was S. T. Kairys of the University of New Brunswick with 4½ points in the 12-man tourney.

U. S. TEAM LEADS IN CANADA MATCH

Incomplete returns on the 3,000 mile over-the-board match between the U. S. and Canada indicate that the U.S. forces lead by the score of 116½ to 86½ in matches played at ten localities.

U. S. Team	Canada Team
Bangor, Me.43	St. John, N. B. .151
Portland, Me.	
Played at Bangor, Me.	
Berlin, N. H.2	Sherbrooke, Que.5
Windsor, Que.	
Played at Berlin, N. H.	
Buffalo, N. Y.29½	Toronto, Ont.23½
Rochester, N. Y.	
Syracuse, N. Y.	
Cleveland, Ohio	
Played at Buffalo, N. Y.	
Boston, Mass.7	Montreal, Que.2
New York, N. Y.	
Philadelphia, Pa.	
West Orange, N. J.	
Played at Elizabethtown, N. Y.	
Minneapolis, Minn.15½	Winnipeg, Man.5½
.....15½	
Played at Detroit Lakes, Minn.	
North Dakota1	Regina, Sask.1
Played at Regina, Sask.	
Seattle, Wash.26½	Vancouver, B. C. 17½
Played at Seattle, Wash.	
Addison, Vt.4	Valleyfield, Que. .0
Vergennes, Vt.	
Played at Vergennes, Vt.	
Port Huron, Mich.23	Sarnia, Ont.2
.....23	
Played at Port Huron, Mich.	
Montana14	Calgary, Edmonton
Idaho19
Wyoming	
	Wetaskiwin, Cam-
	bridge
	Lethbridge,
	Calgary,
	Verreille, Alta.
	Saskatoon, Sask.
	Played at Waterton Lakes, Alta.
U. S.116½	CANADA86½

BART GOULD WINS HAVERHILL OPEN

Bartlett Gould of Newburyport (Mass.) Chess Club was the winner of the annual Haverhill Open Championship with a score of 6½ in the 8-round Swiss event held at the YMCA by the Haverhill Chess Club.

PLAYERS FLOCK TO U. S. OPEN

Seventy entrants make the U.S. Open at Omaha third largest in all open events (Baltimore had 74 and Corpus Christi 86). Among those contesting for the Open title are representatives of twenty States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Top contenders are former U.S. Open Champion Tony Santasiere, Marshall Club Champion Larry Evans, Manhattan Club Champion Arthur Bisguier, Puerto Rican Champion Rafael Cintron, former Illinois State Champion Albert Sandrin, Illinois Junior Champion Paul Poschel, George Kramer, former New York State Champion.

Other formidable contenders are Dr. G. A. Koelsche, former Minnesota State Champion; Osiias Bain, Quebec City Champion; John Ragan, Missouri State Champion; Alfred Ludwig, Omaha City Champion; Lee Magee, Nebraska State Champion, veteran Lewis J. Isaacs of Chicago, Raymond Martin, Los Angeles County Champion, and many others too numerous to name, such as Edgar McCormick, George Krauss, William Ryland and Dr. Bruno Schmidt.

KRAMER WINS U. S. LIGHTNING

George Kramer of New York captured the U.S. Speed Championship with 8-0 in the preliminaries and 7½-½ in the finals. Second place ended in a tie between Larry Evans of New York and Joseph L. Shaffer of Chicago with 7-2 each.

BALTIMORE TIE SURGIES, FRANK

The Baltimore City Championship ended in a tie between Armin Sugries and Leo Frank with 5-1 each in a 6-round Swiss tournament with 15 contestants, directed by David Bentz. Unofficial S-B points gave the edge to Sugries, but the title will be decided by a four-game match in July.

Surgies, a statistician for the Social Security Adm., seemed destined for victory until he lost his final round game to Joseph Glatt, champion of the Maryland Chess Club. He began auspiciously by defeating Leo Frank in the opening round. Leo Frank, a ventilating engineer, after the first round upset recovered quickly and was thereafter unbeatable. Third place went to Joseph Glatt, and fourth place was a tie between Robert Bordley and Carroll Clarke with 4-2 each.

COHEN CAPTURES KENTUCKY TITLE

Edwin Cohen, winner of the 1949 tournament, obtained possession of the Courier - Journal Showalter trophy and the Kentucky championship in a hard-fought match with Richard W. Shields, defending champion, that went to 13 games. Final score was 5 wins and 4 losses for Cohen with 4 draws scored.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Philadelphia City Championship Philadelphia, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

- White: A. DICAMILLO 1. P-Q4 2. P-K3 3. P-KK1 4. B-K12

Such a move does not always mean that the Kt is sacrificed as a complete waste of time...

After 15. BxP! SKLAROFF



- 20. KR-K1 21. KR-Q1 22. KR-Q3 23. KR-Q5 24. KR-Q7 25. KR-B7

FRENCH DEFENSE

Intercollegiate Team Championship New York, 1948

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany

- White (Syracuse Univ.): 1. P-K4 2. P-Q4 3. P-QB3 4. P-QR3

Up to White's 4th move all is well known 'look' with the White's 4th move strongly recommended by Alekhine...

After 22. R-KK1 GARTENHOUSE



- GINSBURG Rather trappy. 22. R-R5

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

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

Black falls for the bait. Far too impetuous. He fails to see White's cute line in answer to this move...

From now on Black flounders around with no chance of doing any harm.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

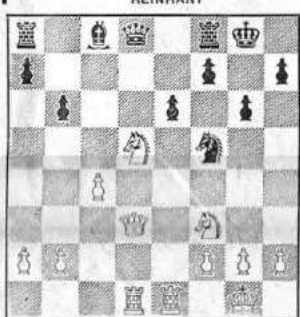
Peoria Summer Tournament Peoria, 1949

Notes by J. V. Reinhart

- White: H. CRAMER 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. K1-QB3 4. Q-B2

Better for Black is 8... Q-R4; 9... P-QR3; 10... P-K3; 11... P-QR3; 12... Q-K1; 13... P-Q3; 14... P-K5; 15... BxR

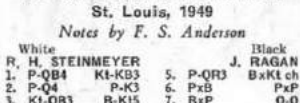
After 18. Q-Q1! REINHART



- 19. KR-K4 20. KR-Q4 21. KR-Q1 22. KR-Q3 23. KR-Q5 24. KR-Q7 25. KR-B7 26. KR-K7

White gives up the piece for a P and pins all on the two passed P's. Black disregards this threat and in a few moves sets up a mating threat with R and Kt.

After 27. P-K13 R-KR1 REINHART



- 28. KR-K1 29. KR-Q1 30. KR-Q3 31. KR-Q5 32. KR-Q7 33. KR-B7 34. KR-K7

Chess Clocks

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PROBLEMS OF CHESS LIFE

Correct solutions to Problems No. 87, 88, 89 and 90 are acknowledged received from: Edgar Holladay (Charlotteville), Burney Marshall (Shreveport), T. Lundberg (Dallas), Jack Spence (Omaha), Nikolaus Gabor (Cincinnati).

Only to discover he is in for a middle game where he has few threats and White many. 11. P-QR4 12. P-R5 13. R-Q1 14. P-BP

After 14. PxBP RAGAN



- 14. KR-Q1 15. KR-Q3 16. KR-Q5 17. KR-Q7 18. KR-B7 19. KR-K7 20. KR-Q1 21. KR-Q3 22. KR-Q5 23. KR-Q7 24. KR-B7 25. KR-K7

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

St. Louis District Tournament St. Louis, 1949

Notes by F. S. Anderson

- White: R. SCHÜLLER 1. P-Q4 2. KR-KB3 3. P-QB3

Black's game is good, but no more than a draw. Already the balance is with White. 8... B-B2 9... Kt-K1 10... Kt-Q2

After 19. P-B4 POHLE



A neat break-through—excellent. If QxP, then Q-Q4, etc. 19. QxP 20. Q-R3 21. P-K15 ch

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Lecture Game Cleveland, 1949

Notes by Weaver W. Adams from the Ohio Chess Bulletin

- White: W. W. ADAMS 1. P-K4 2. P-K4 3. P-Q4 4. P-Q4 5. P-Q4 6. P-Q4 7. P-Q4 8. P-Q4 9. P-Q4 10. P-Q4

This move should always receive considerable circumspection in the Sicilian Dragon, since the square K3 may be of important usefulness to White's Q or Kt...

13. R-QB1 14. Q-K1 15. Q-B2 16. KR-Q1 17. KR-Q1 18. KR-Q1 19. R-Q2 20. R-K1-Q1 21. QR-Q1 22. P-Q4 23. P-Q4 24. P-Q4 25. P-Q4

After 27. Kt-K4 STEARNS



- 14. KR-Q1 15. KR-Q3 16. KR-Q5 17. KR-Q7 18. KR-B7 19. KR-K7 20. KR-Q1 21. KR-Q3 22. KR-Q5 23. KR-Q7 24. KR-B7 25. KR-K7

VIENNA OPENING

Log Cabin vs. Chicago Telephone Match, 1949

'But Not the Touch of Weaver Adams!'

- White: F. HOWARD (Log Cabin) 1. P-K4 2. KR-QB3 3. B-K4

After 5. Q-R5 ch SANDRIN



6. P-KK3 7. R-KB1 8. R-B2 9. Kt-K2 10. Kt-K2 11. Kt-K1 12. Kt-B5 13. Kt-K2 14. Kt-K2 15. Kt-K2 16. Kt-K2 17. Kt-K2 18. Kt-K2 19. Kt-K2 20. Kt-K2

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

Casual Game Omaha, 1949

'But Don't Get Dixey!'

- White: D. SCHEFFER (Chicago) 1. P-K4 2. KR-KB3 3. B-B4 4. P-Q3 5. P-Q3 6. B-KK15 7. B-R4 8. B-K1 9. KR-Q2

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And mate in seven or less. 19. QxP ch 20. Q-Kt5 ch 21. QxP ch 22. QxP ch

For The Tournament-Minded (Continued from page 2, col. 5) New England Championship Attleboro, Mass. September 2-5

To be played in Elks Auditorium; open to residents of the six New England States; 8 rounds, Swiss system; first prize \$100.00; write Sven Brask, 114 Lindsey St. Attleboro, Mass. for details; entry fee \$10.00.

September 3-5 West Virginia Championship Huntington, W. Va. To be held at Governor Cabell Hotel; State, Open, Women's and Junior tourneys; open to all, certain titles restricted to residents; entry fee not stated; for details write Edward M. Foy, 4 Arlington Court, Charleston, W. Va.

LOS ANGELES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes Ray Martin, R. P. Smith, R. E. Croft, H. Gordon, R. Solana, P. Quillen, R. Newport, M. Gordon, H. T. Abel, Gen. Steven, S. Geller, I. Frank, A. Soffer, E. Berastach, L. Johnson, C. A. Riley, C. G. Taber, E. Everett, I. A. Victor.

PUGET SOUND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes Jim Amidon, Dick Allen, William Gilson, Glenn Mohlman, Gerald Schultz, Deam' Boltman, Joe Cerretelli, R. J. Murray, Jack Finnigan, Charles Joachim, Robert Stork, Norman Nippell.

BECKLEY CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes Andy Hoke, R. L. Hoke, McDaniels, Warren, Nelson, D. M. Hoke.

Solutions: Finish It the Clever Way! Position No. 13: 1. R-H1; 2. R-Q6; R-Q1! Drawn. H 2, RxBch, RxB and R-K draws. Position No. 14: 1. BxKt; 2. KtXb, KtXkt; 3. PxRt, B-QR15! wins.

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