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TOURNEYS FEATURE UPSETS!

Unexpected Victories Startle Players In New York and Illinois Events

PAVEY SURPRISES NEW YORK TOUR'Y

In a tournament of upsets and surprises with a tight finish the onetime champion of Scotland, Max Pavey of Brooklyn, came through with an 8-2 score to win the New York State Championship. Behind him in a games tie at 7½-2½ were the new Southern Ass'n Champion Hans Berliner and the defending champion Larry Evans. Fourth was the veteran Dr. Edward Lasker with 7-3. Then came a four-way tie at 6½-3½ to complete the prize list of U. S. Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier, Jeremiah F. Donovan, George Kramer and CCLA Games Editor Jack Soudakoff.

Just outside the magic circle was CHESS LIFE annotator Dr. Max Herzberger, former Lightning Champion Dr. Ariel Mengarini with 6-2 each and CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand, tied at 5½-4½ with McCormick, Morgan, Santasiere, Sibbett, Siegel and Westrock.

In winning Pavey lost a game to Evans by overstepping the time limit and drew with Jack Soudakoff and George Kramer. And among the crucial games of the concluding rounds were Berliner's 9th round victory over Evans in a titanic 70 move battle and Kramer's 40 move draw with Berliner in the final round. A special prize for the best score by a non-prize-winner against prize-winners in the state championship was awarded to A. E. Santasiere.

Duchamp Wins Class A

Victory in the Class A Tournament went to Marcel Duchamp of New York City, noted French artist, who scored 6 consecutive wins. Rev. George C. Switzer of Rochester was runner-up with 5-1, while Carl Dresdner and Paul C. Ott of Rochester and Z. L. Hoover of Montoursville, Pa. tied with 3-3 each for third.

The Amateur Tournament was won by Donald V. Sullivan of Rochester who scored 4½-½ in the preliminaries and then won three straight from the other finalists, John Hasenoehrl, Allan H. Candee and Vincent Weig. Hasenoehrl placed second with 2-1.

The Woman's Championship drew seven entries from Rochester and was won by Mrs. Olivia Kaufman who defeated all six of her opponents.

Reshevsky Exhibition

Other features of the New York State Meet included a masterful simultaneous exhibition by Samuel Reshevsky who faced 41 players from Buffalo, Syracuse, Schenectady, Casenovia and New York without conceding a defeat. His final score was 37½-3½, with seven draws going to Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Louis Persinger, Eli Robinson, Richard Boyer, Charles Fell, Arthur Damon and Dr. Max Herzberger.

The Annual Banquet had one hundred in attendance as guests of the Kodak Park Athletic Association which was host for the tourna-

POSCHTEL TAKES ILLINOIS TITLE

In the most representative tournament of recent years with 32 players from Chicago and 20 players from downstate, Paul Poschel, Illinois Junior Champion captured the Illinois State Championship with a perfect score of 7-0 in the 7-round Swiss event at Peoria, held under the auspices of the Peoria Chess Association. In winning Poschel defeated the new U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin in their individual encounter.

Second place went to Albert Sandrin with 6-1, his only loss being to Poschel. Six players tied in games with 5-2 scores, and were ranked on S-B points in the following order: third Joseph Shaffer, defending Illinois State Champion; fourth Lewis J. Isaacs; fifth Wiegman; sixth H. Shelton; seventh Fred Stoppel; eighth H. Stanbridge.

Just below the circle of prize winners finished Angelo Sandrin, Albert's brother, with a 4½-2½ score. At the termination of the tourney a bid was received from Rockford to hold the 1950 meeting there. Prior to 1949 the State Championship had always been played in Chicago.

THOMPSON WINS SOUTHWEST OPEN

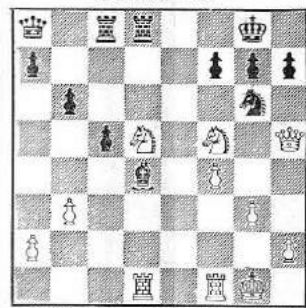
In the 62-player, 7-round Swiss Southwestern Open Championship, held at Tulsa, Okla., J. C. Thompson of Grand Prairie, Tex. retained the title with a 6-1 score, losing his only game to runner-up Magee. In winning Thompson bested Garver, Steinmeyer and Kenneth Smith among top players in the final standings.

Tied in game score with 6-1 but second on S-B points was Lee Magee of Omaha, Nebraska State Champion, who lost no games but drew with Ragan and Richard Harrell. Third place went to R. L. Garver of Tulsa on S-B points with 5½-1½, fourth place to John Ragan of St. Louis, fifth place to R. H. Steinmeyer of St. Louis, and sixth place to Kenneth H. Smith of Fort Worth.

It was a tournament of champions with the Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and New Mexico State Champions, Tulsa City Champion, St. Louis District Champion among the contenders.

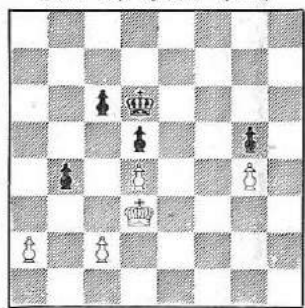
ment. Dr. Max J. Herzberger was chairman and Harold M. Phillips toastmaster. Among the speakers were Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, head of the Jewish chaplains in the United States Army; Dr. John Norris; Dr. Joseph B. Hale, Dr. Robert La Fave, Mrs. Fitz Brieger, Benjamin M. Smith, Malcolm Sim, Hermann Helms and Anthony E. Santasiere. Greetings were telegraphed by Paul G. Giers of Syracuse, president of the United States Chess Federation.

Position No. 17
F. Dus-Chotimirsky vs. A. Bannik
U.S.S.R., 1949



White to play and win

Position No. 18
Hausen vs. Nimzovitch
From "My System" (1929)



Black to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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POSITION No. 17, reprinted from the Soviet daily "Trud," July 31, 1949, occurred in a game played in the semi-finals of the forthcoming 17th USSR Chess Championship Tournament. A Russian chess old-timer pulls off a King-side attack in a style for which he is justly famous. Black resigned after White's fourth move (a quiet one!) White's combination leads to mate unless Black wants to give up decisive material. It cannot be denied that the Soviet system of preliminaries has brought forth excellent chess talent to participate in the championship tournaments.

A most instructive position is No. 18, taken from Nimzovitch's famous and interesting book. It is a position, the study of which will afford a review of much, if not most, basic pawn endgame theory. In the winning line, Black gives up a pawn temporarily in order to win.

Please turn to page four for solutions.

GOLOBEK WINS BRITISH TITLE

In a definite innovation the British Championship was conducted as an 11-round Swiss with 32 participants. It was not an open event, as the players were selected, but there is promise of opening up some twenty places in next years tournament to players qualified by various preliminary events similar to those conducted for recent U. S. Biennial Championships.

Victor was H. Golombek, Games and Foreign News Editor for the British Chess Magazine, with a score of 8½-2½. Golombek lost a game to D. V. Hooper and drew with Dr. S. Fazekas, W. A. Fairhurst and T. H. Tyler. His victories included wins over D. M. Horne and Sir G. Thomas.

Second place was a tie between D. M. Horne and Dr. S. Fazekas with 8-3 each; and Sir G. Thomas placed fourth with 7-4. Missing from the very representative field of contestants was B. H. Wood, Editor of "Chess," who is reported seriously ill in a hospital.

BROOME TAKES GENESEE CUP

In the Genesee Cup team matches at Rochester, Broome County scored the victory with an 8½-3½ total. Second was Onandaga with 7½-4½. Match scores were: Broome 2½, Erie 1½; Broome 2, Onandaga 2; Broome 4, Monroe 0; Onandaga 3, Erie 1; Onandaga 2½, Monroe 1½; Monroe 2, Erie 1.

WERTHAMMER, FOY TIE IN W. VA.

1948 Co-Champion Dr. Siegfried Werthammer and Edward M. Foy repeated the tie in the 1949 West Virginia Championship with equal scores of 5-1. Foy lost his only game to Werthammer, and Werthammer yielded a game to Allen DuVall. John F. Hurt, Jr. the other Co-Champion of 1948, finished in third place with a 4½-1½ score, losing to Werthammer and drawing with Edwin Faust. Fourth place went to Allen H. DuVall.

In the Junior Championship Charles Morgan scored a perfect 5-0 for victory, while Don Burdick placed second with 4-1, losing his only game to Morgan. Third place was a 3-2 tie between Jack Allison and Andy Hoke. In the Open Tournament first honors went to Herman Allison of Lima, O. with a 5-0 score, while Ray Martin placed second with 3½-1½ and Harlow Warren third with 3-2. In the Players Tournament Paul Sayre was first with 6-0 and Hugh Allison second with 3½-2½.

The four tournaments were held at the Governor Cabell Hotel in Huntington and were sponsored by the Huntington Junior Chamber of Commerce. All were Swiss events except the Players which was a double round robin. 35 players participated to create a record-breaking entry for West Virginia events, including representatives of nine cities and three states. Reid Holt acted as tournament director, assisted by Harold Liggett.

BYLAND WINS PA. STATE TITLE

In a strong field of 48 players, Wm. M. Byland, USCF Vice-President, romped through the 7-round Swiss with 5 wins and 2 draws to capture the state title with a 6-1 score. Close on his heels were defending champion Paul L. Dietz and Charles C. French with 5½-1½ each, and second place on S-B points was awarded Dietz who also gathered in the Pennsylvania Junior Championship. Seven players tied at 5-2 each and were placed on S-B points as follows: fourth S. Amarnick, fifth I. C. Isenberg, sixth former Pa. Junior Champion Saul Wachs, tied for sixth and seventh J. Hudson and F. A. Sorensen, ninth K. Kraeger, and tenth H. Hickman.

Bill Byland in winning added the State title to a nice collection of three Pittsburgh City Championships and five Downtown Y Chess Club titles. Dietz, the defending Pa. State Champion, is the present Pittsburgh City Champion. The title of Pennsylvania Woman Champion went once again to Mrs. Mary Selensky, who placed 31st in the 48-man tournament.

Notable were the failures of former Pa. Junior Champion Saul Wachs, former Pa. State Champion T. C. Gutekunst, and Glenn Hartleb (who placed fourth in the recent U. S. Open Championship) to rate among the prize-winners.

The Pennsylvania State Championship was held at the Brunswick Hotel at Lancaster under the sponsorship of the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster. The event was inaugurated by a simultaneous exhibition by Hans Kmoch, who then served as tournament director for the event.

NCCP ADOPTED BY PENNSYLVANIA

At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation at Lancaster on September 3, the members voted to adopt the USCF National Chess Coordination Program and authorized the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws to conform with the NCCP.

Pennsylvania becomes the second State organization to climb upon the NCCP bandwagon, following in the footsteps of the Michigan State Chess Association which adopted the NCCP last year.

CANTWELL OPEN, HELMAN VA. CHAMP.

R. F. Cantwell of Washington won the Virginia Open Championship with a 6-1 score; and L. Helman the Virginia State Championship with a 5½-1½ score in a 26-man 7-round Swiss at Portsmouth.

Second place in the Open went to S. Wagman and third place to O. Shapiro, both of Washington, on S-B points with equal scores of 5½-1½. In winning Cantwell defeated Cook, Morgan, Wolf, Nash and Shapiro while drawing with Wagman and Helman.

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THE GROWTH OF THE SWISS

ONE OF THE happiest developments in chess, not only in these United States but throughout the world, has been the invention and increasing popularity of the open type of tournament upon what is called the "Swiss System." Whether the system actually originated in Helvetia as its name implies, we do not know nor care; we do know that it has become thoroughly naturalized and now has its final papers as an American citizen.

The marked advantage of the "Swiss" tournament is its flexibility in permitting large numbers of contestants to compete in one tournament in a limited space of time — an attribute that is beneficial in encouraging the participation of many players to whom the ordinary invitational tournament would always be an unattainable goal. The thrill of such participation is a stimulation that chess has needed for many years, and it is a thrill that can be supplied adequately in no other fashion.

When in 1934 at Chicago with some trepidation the local tournament committee (of which the writer was a member) accepted the basic idea of an open tournament for the American Chess Federation Congress of that year, they did not have the simplicity of the "Swiss" to rely upon, but were forced into a more complex and complicated series of preliminary qualifying rounds (The Holland System) to divide the players into the various final round-robin groups. Considerable credit for this innovation deservedly belongs to A. C. Margolis for convincing his fellow committeemen that this open tournament plan was feasible.

The immediate success of the "Open" at Chicago in 1934 led to other "open" events in national chess, but it was not until the 1947 Open Tournament at Corpus Christi that a purely "Swiss System" tournament was adopted. It is notable that the number of players (86) at Corpus Christi could not have been accommodated satisfactorily under any other system of tournament in the time limit set for the event. Since then at Baltimore and at Omaha (not to mention the Junior Championships at Oak Ridge and Fort Worth), the "Swiss System" has been proven eminently satisfactory and entirely adequate.

Success on a national scale in the United States has encouraged other countries to test the innovation for themselves; and in recent months the German Championship at Bad Pyrmont and the British Championship have been conducted as "Swiss System" tournaments.

There are admitted disadvantages to the "Swiss System," which make the officials of the USCF hesitate to accept its use for our own most important event, the Biennial U. S. Championship. Principally, it suffers from a certain mathematical weakness that demands of the tournament director the utmost precision in the pairings for each round. It sometimes, if the pairings have not been extremely accurate (and possibly psychic as well), presents the anomalous results of crowning a champion who has failed to play several of the top-ranking players immediately behind him (including at times the runner-up). When this occurs, there will always be a tinge of doubt, perhaps, in the minds of some as to the validity of the title won.

But seldom are the results quite as clear-cut and convincing as at Omaha where the omniscient foresight of assistant tournament director Glenn Hartleb resulted in such perfect pairings that the victor played all nine of the contestants who ranked immediately below him. In the British Championship, for example, Golombek did not meet Broadbent or A. R. B. Thomas (6th and 10th) of the nine players immediately below him in the final standings. In the German Championship Bogoljuboff did not face Unzicker, Schmidt or Lange (6th, 7th and 9th) for which the tournament was somewhat criticized in the foreign chess press.

Aside from these weaknesses, there is the inherent one in the necessity for too many ties in almost every position. To correct this the Sonneborn-Berger system of weighted scores is used, but is only partially successful—for it frequently has its own ties, and it is not mathematically exact in the fact that it ignores all losses and evaluates only the wins and draws. Yet a player with an 18.75 Sonneborn-Berger score who lost his only game to the winner of the tournament certainly should rank above a player with an 18.75 score who lost his game to the eighth or ninth place player. Sonneborn-Berger points do not make this finer distinction, and until the weighted score system is corrected to evaluate the losses as well as the wins and draws, it will remain unsatisfactory and inequitable in breaking ties.

Despite these and other defects inherent in the "Swiss System," it has been a great boon to the development of chess popularity; and it is with great satisfaction that we note the increasing number of State Championships made into "open" events for the greater participation of the players in the State upon the flexible structure of the "Swiss System." We hope that eventually all State and Regional Tournaments will follow this popular pattern in encouraging the utmost in participation from chess players.

Just as baseball is said to have gained its great popularity from the invention of an intelligible box-score which the average fan could read, the "Swiss System" gained an impetus by the invention of the "Swiss score table" which gives an accurate and compact detailed account of the results of all individual encounters. The "Swiss score table" was the impromptu creation of a player at Pittsburgh in 1946 who unfortunately remains anonymous. His idea was promptly borrowed by the Editor of the 1946 USCF Yearbook for use in that compilation to record the "Swiss System" preliminaries of the Pittsburgh Open Tournament. It saw its first chess periodical usage in the issue of September 5, 1947 of CHESS LIFE to report the results of the Corpus Christi Open Tournament. Since that debut the use of the "Swiss score table" has spread to all American chess publications, and now the table can be found in use in any number of foreign chess publications. CHESS LIFE cannot claim to have invented the table, but we take great pride in our part in making this simple device for reporting the results of a "Swiss System" tournament so universally popular.

Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

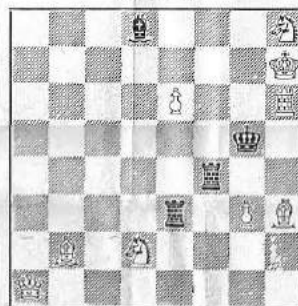
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THE BEGINNER at solving, confronted with the condition that White is to mate in so many moves, will frequently look for one line, any line, that will achieve that result and believe that he has accomplished the conditions. As he grows more experienced, however, he will come to see that White and Black may have alternate lines of attack and defense which illustrate different types of strategy; a chess problem, in fact, is a miniature struggle similar to the struggle that goes on in over-the-board play, in which one side tries to overcome the other in spite of the best possible defense that the latter may put up. In No. 108 White's opening move is not too difficult to discover; but you have not completely solved the problem until you have worked out not only the lines following the moves of Black's King and the promotion of his Pawn to Queen, but also, what is not so easily perceived, how White parries the one remaining defense, Pawn becomes Knight!

Solutions to previously published problems on page four.

Problem No. 107
By Montgomery Major (Oak Park)
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 4 men



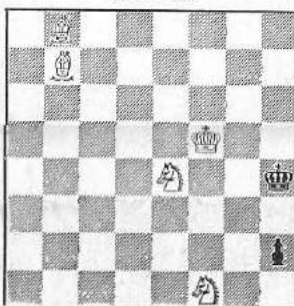
White: 9 men
3b8S, 7K, 4P2R, 6k1, 6r2, 4r1P, 1B1S4, Q7
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 109
By A. Bottacchi
1921
Black: 8 men



White: 8 men
1b6, 2ppR3, 7K, 1a8R, 3k1S2, 4r3SQ, 1P6, 6R2
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 108
By the Problem Editor
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 2 men



White: 5 men
1B6, 1P6, 8, 6K2, 4S2K, 8, 7p, 6S2
White mates in three moves

Problems No. 110
By Godfrey Heathcote
1902
Black: 5 men



White: 11 men
1B1K82b, 6R2, 4S2p, 1P1K4, 6pP, 1PP4b, 2P1, 8
White mates in three moves

From the USCF Club Manual

Conducted by Gene Collett

In this form of competition, known under sundry aliases in divers clubs, two strong players choose sides, each selecting a player alternately until all the willing members are named on one of two teams. A regular team match is then played.



Gene Collett

Such teams may be maintained over a period of months with a session once a month; oftener, if members desire. Sometimes, at the end of a stated period, the team having won the greatest number of matches, or games, is provided a free dinner.

The feuding teams may also play at fixed openings, or gambits, or lightning chess, or any form of chess that appeals to them. Or you can make the play into a sort of pentathlon or decathlon, with a different form of competition each time the teams meet. If fixed openings are used, it adds to the interest if one of the stronger players precedes or follows the match with a brief talk on the idea behind the stipulated line of play.

Chess Life Abroad By A. Buschke

BOTVINNIK'S LUCKIEST OPPONENT — FREDOR PARENENOVICH BOGATYRCHUK — NOW IN CANADA

In 1927 Botvinnik (born 1911) participated for the first time in the finals of a Soviet Chess Championship. Although he finished, with V. Makogonov, in a very honorable tie for 5th and 6th, this was still a triumph of the "older" generation represented by F. P. Bogatyrychuk and P. A. Romanovsky (both born in 1892), co-winners of the Championship. Duz-Khotimirsky, Nenasikov, etc. Bogatyrychuk lost only to Romanovsky, made a clean sweep of all the other five prize winners, including Botvinnik, and won 5 and drew 9 against the 14 unclassified participants. In the following (VI) Soviet Championship, Odessa 1929, Bogatyrychuk did not participate but, due to a very unusual grouping system, which allowed only 4 players in the finals (actually only 3 participated), Botvinnik did not reach the finals and B. M. Verlinsky, also of the "older" generation (born 1887) won the Championship.

Youth emerged victorious, however, in the VII Soviet Championship Tournament, Moscow 1931, which was won by Botvinnik in an exciting and very close race with N. N. Riumin (born in 1908)—for 14 rounds Riumin had set the pace and at that crucial point he was half a point ahead of Botvinnik, but in the 15th round he lost to his only competitor for the crown—with two more rounds to go, Bogatyrychuk was closest behind, with 9 points against Riumin's 11½, but completely demoralized, Riumin lost also his last two games against considerably weaker opponents (Rauzer and Kirillov) and ended second to Botvinnik (13½) with 11½ points, still 1½ points ahead of a field of four tied at 10 points for the next four prizes (Alatorstev, Bogatyrychuk, Verlinsky, Yudovich).

In his own collection of games played in the decade of 1926-36, Botvinnik published 10 games from this most important turning point of his career, and the only drawn game of these 10 is his game with Bogatyrychuk; strange as it may seem, no game with this master would have been published at all if Botvinnik the "invincible" had followed the method of less modest masters and published only won games; in fact, his collection of 60 games contains several more draws but no other draw with Bogatyrychuk either. For this is the only living master who can boast of a decisive plus score in important encounters with the present Champion of the World; we do not know whether the two fought each other in less important chess events, but in the four encounters known to us (1927, Fifth Soviet Championship; 1931, Seventh Soviet Championship; 1933, Eighth Soviet Championship; 1935, Moscow, Second International Tournament) Bogatyrychuk won 3 and drew only 1. The only other game Botvinnik lost in the Eighth Championship was to Riumin (!), and in the Moscow International Tournament, the loss to Bogatyrychuk in the crucial 15th round cost Botvinnik the undivided first prize.

Bogatyrychuk, a contemporary of Alekhine and Bogoljubov, many times Champion of Kiev and Ukraine and an X-ray specialist by profession, lives now in Canada. It would be interesting to see how he who used to belong to the strongest Russian masters, would fare in competition with our leading masters at his advanced age; Bogoljubov (born 1889) has recently proved in strong German competition that he is still a formidable opponent and Emanuel Lasker, then 66 years old, finished in the 1935 (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

News From The Chess Clubs

New York State Chess Association elected Harold C. Evans (Binghamton) as president to succeed Dr. Max Herzberger. Willis Hull (Binghamton) was chosen secretary and Harold M. Phillips (New York) reelected treasurer. Elected vice-presidents were: Benjamin M. Smith (Schenectady), Dr. Max J. Herzberger and Erich W. Marchand (Rochester), John C. Cummings (Syracuse), Norman C. Wilder, Jr. (Buffalo), Merrivale L. Mitchell (Endicott), Anthony E. Santasiere and George Kramer (New York). Lynn Bryant (Binghamton) was added to list of honorary past presidents. The new publicity committee consists of: Hermann Helms (New York) chairman, Norman Stevenson (Rochester), Samuel Finkelstein (Binghamton), Mrs. C. S. Nye (Syracuse). The meeting voted to hold the 1950 tournament either at Binghamton or Johnson City.

Virginia Chess Federation at its annual meeting elected the following officers: Mrs. Willa White president, S. Ross Owens tournament director Leonard Helman secretary, C. B. Spencer treasurer, F. M. DuBois publicity director. Richmond was selected as site for the 1950 championship.

SYRACUSE U WINS SUSQUEHANA CUP

In a close battle the Syracuse University Chess Team captured the Susquehanna Cup at the NYSCA meeting at Rochester, defeating the rival Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo 3-2 in a final playoff match to decide the title. Mainstay of the Syracuse quintet was Andrew Acrivios who won all four games, ably supported by Alexander Descalopoulos, Maurice N. Ginsberg, Peretz Miller and Stanley Smith. Ginsberg scored 3½-1½ and Miller 3-2 in the matches.

Individual match results were: Queen City 2½, Syracuse U 2½; Syracuse Chess Club 3, Kodak Park 2; Syracuse U 5, Syracuse Chess Club 0; Queen City 4½, Kodak Park ½; Syracuse U 5, Kodak Park 0; Queen City 4, Syracuse Chess Club 1; Syracuse U 3, Queen City 2 (playoff).

HEARST, PETERS TOP N. CAR. OPEN

Elliot Hearst of New York, Columbia University student, took first place in the 16-man, 5-round Swiss North Carolina Open Championship. Second place and the North Carolina State Championship went to W. J. Peters, Durham Chess Club Champion 1948-49 and Open Champion of No. Car. in 1947, with a score of 4-1. Tied in points with 4-1 but third on S-B rating was Wm. C. Adickes, recent So. Carolina Open Champion.

The 25th annual North Carolina Open Championship was held at Durham under the auspices of the Durham Chess Club. In winning the open title, Hearst defeated his immediate rivals in the final standings by besting Peters, Adickes and Crittenden. Crittenden, who placed four, lost to Adickes.

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Greater Miami Chess Club (Fla.) operates a full program of chess with Tuesday night scheduled as visitors' night, while Saturday and Sunday afternoons are devoted to teaching beginners or improving the game of more advanced players. Beginning September 30th, Friday nights will be devoted to the Miami Championship tournament, won in 1948 by Martin Donon of Miami Beach, and in 1949 by Stephen Shaw of South Miami.

Pennsylvania State Chess Association at its annual meeting reelected the following officers: W. M. Byland (Pittsburgh) president, Glenn Hartleb (Erie) and John D. French (Harrisburg) vice-presidents, Walter Hall (Philadelphia) secretary, and T. C. Gutekunst (Allentown) treasurer.

North Carolina Chess Association at its annual meeting at Durham elected the following officers: Arthur G. Ashbrook, Jr. (Durham) president; M. H. Upchurch (Durham) vice-president; Ephraim Sokoff (Raleigh) secretary-treasurer.

NCA PUBLISHES BOOK OF OPEN

By the novel process of issuing installments in each number of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, the Nebraska Chess Association is publishing serially the book of the U. S. Open Championship at Omaha, comprising a generous selection from the 250 games of the tournament. Subscription to the Nebraska Chess Bulletin is \$2.00 per year and may be sent to Jack Spence, Editor, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha, Neb. The first issue covered the first three rounds of play in a 12-page supplement.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. W. M. Byland (Pittsburgh) .. 6-1	24.75
2. P. L. Dietz (Pittsburgh) .. 5-1	20.25
3. C. C. French (Philadelphia) 5-1	18.75
4. S. Amarrick (Philadelphia) 5-2	22.50
5. I. C. Isenberg (Erie) .. 5-2	22.00
6. S. Wachs (Philadelphia) .. 5-2	20.50
7. J. Hudson (Grapeland) .. 5-2	18.00
8. P. A. Soronen (Pittsburgh) .. 5-2	18.00
9. K. Kraeger (Litz) .. 5-2	17.25
10. H. Hickman (Pittsburgh) .. 5-2	16.25
11. D. B. Hatch (Altoona) .. 4-3	17.50
12. G. Hartleb (Erie) .. 4-3	17.25
13. T. C. Gutekunst (Allentown) 4-3	14.50
14. D. Schradt (Philadelphia) .. 4-3	12.00
15. A. G. Hoffman (Hazleton) .. 4-3	14.00
16. R. Larsen (Erie) .. 4-3	13.50
17. M. Yatron (Reading) .. 4-3	13.00
18. J. Lora (Hazleton) .. 4-3	12.00
19. T. B. Eckenrode (Lansaster) 4-3	11.00
20. W. Generous (Philadelphia) .. 4-3	11.00
21. A. Sazer (Philadelphia) .. 4-3	10.00
22. J. L. Costello, Jr. .. 4-3	7.00

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Pavey .. 5-2	20. Phillips .. 5-0
2. Berliner .. 7-3	21. Rogan .. 5-5
3. Evans .. 7-3	22. Robinson .. 5-5
4. Lanker .. 7-3	23. Schmidt .. 4-5
5. Hagar .. 5-3	24. Kupersmith .. 4-5
6. Donovan .. 5-3	25. Turin .. 4-5
7. Kramer .. 5-3	26. Winans .. 4-5
8. Soudakoff .. 5-3	27. Damon .. 4-6
9. Hirsch .. 5-4	28. Zuehlke .. 4-6
10. Menzies .. 5-4	29. Graves .. 4-6
11. Marchand .. 5-4	30. Heising .. 4-6
12. McCormick .. 5-4	31. Persinger .. 4-6
13. Morgan .. 5-4	32. Wagner .. 4-6
14. Santasiere .. 5-4	33. Barry .. 3-6
15. Sibbett .. 5-4	34. Robinson .. 3-6
16. Siegel .. 5-4	35. Rosenthal .. 3-6
17. Westbrook .. 5-4	36. Miller .. 3-7
18. Burger .. 5-5	37. Smith .. 1-5
19. Harrison .. 5-5	38. Battell .. 1-0

Battell withdrew after three rounds.

WEST VIRGINIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Herman Allison (Lima, O.) .. 5-0
2. Ray Martin (So. Charleston) .. 3-1
3. Harlow Warren (Beckley) .. 3-2
4. Dr. Vincent Hayward (Huntington) 2-3
5. Dr. John Biagg (So. Charleston) .. 2-3
6. O. C. Feuchterberger (Ashland, Ky.) 2-3
7. H. H. Green (Huntington) .. 2-3
8. G. E. Shinkle (Huntington) .. 0-5

WEST VIRGINIA PLAYERS TOURNAMENT

1. Paul Sayre (Huntington) .. 6-0
2. Hugh Allison (Charleston) .. 3-3
3. Dr. J. S. Pearson (Huntington) .. 2-3
4. G. H. Ogden (Ashland, Ky.) .. 0-6

VIRGINIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. R. F. Cantwell (Washington) 6-1	25.50
2. S. Waganan (Washington) .. 5-1	22.00
3. O. Shapiro (Washington) .. 5-1	22.25
4. L. Helman (Charlottesville) .. 5-1	20.50
5. L. C. Morgan (Roanoke) .. 5-2	16.00
6. H. A. White (Richmond) .. 4-3	13.25
7. S. L. Owens (Charlottesville) .. 4-3	13.00
8. V. McChalain (Charlottesville) 4-3	13.00
9. W. L. Ribble, Jr. (Richmond) .. 4-3	10.00

LUDWIG REGAINS NEBRASKA TITLE

With a comfortable score of 5-1 A. C. Ludwig regained the Nebraska State Championship in a 6-round 12-man Swiss at Omaha, losing no games, but drawing with Spence and Underwood. Second place went to 15-year old Jerry Belzer with 4½-1½. Belzer lost to Ludwig and drew with Ohman. Third place was taken by Jack Spence, editor of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, with a 4-2 score. Spence lost to Belzer and drew with Ludwig and Ohman. In fourth place Howard E. Ohman, a former champion, paid the penalty of long absence from tournament play by being less exact than usual and finished with a 3½-2½ score, losing to Ludwig and drawing with Underwood, Belzer and Spence. Tied at 3½-2½ but fifth and sixth respectively on S-B points were H. Underwood and B. W. Holmes, South Dakota Champion. Missing from the lists were 1948 State Champion Lee Magee and David Ackerman who were trying their luck at the Southwestern Open Championship at Tulsa.

CZAPSKI TAKES NEW MEX. TITLE

Returning from Air Force duty abroad, Captain Edmund Czapski of Roswell scored 5½-½ in a 12-man Swiss tournament at Albuquerque to capture the New Mexico State Championship. Second place went to 16-year old Jimmy Phillips of Albuquerque with a 4-2 score by virtue of a playoff victory over 14-year old Larry Ross of Albuquerque who also scored 4-2. Fourth place was a three-way tie between J. R. Cole, Jack Shaw and William Chaffee with 3-3. The tournament was sponsored by the Albuquerque Chess Club.

BAINE IS VICTOR AT RICHMOND, VA.

The Richmond (Va.) City Championship went to Rodney M. Baine for the third successive time with a 6-1 score in a round robin event held at Byrd Park. Walter Bass was second with 5-2, and James York third with 4½-2½ in the eight man event.

1949 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

1. H. Golembek .. W22 W29 W8 W17 D7 W4 L9 W5 W2 D8 D11	53-23
2. B. M. Horne .. D4 D11 L29 W2 W31 W10 L7 W16 L1 W9 W5	8-3
3. Dr. S. Fagan .. W22 L29 W27 W11 W7 D5 D9 L4 W15 D1	W4
4. Sir G. Thomas .. D2 W15 D18 W6 D16 L1 W14 W12 W9 D5	L3
5. A. W. Bowen .. W25 D8 L4 W17 W18 D5 L1 W33 D4 L2	7-4
6. R. J. Broadbent .. L29 W23 W32 L4 L24 W18 W11 L5 W27	D12
7. W. A. Fairhurst .. W28 D18 W9 W5 D4 L3 L2 W24 L11	W12
8. J. A. Fuller .. W10 W15 L12 L11 D21 W20 W17 W23 D9	6-3
9. D. V. Hooper .. W34 D17 L7 W21 W30 W13 W1 D3 L4 L2	D5
10. A. R. B. Thomas .. W27 D32 D90 D11 D29 L31 L34 D13	W28
11. T. H. Taylor .. D31 D2 W12 D10 L3 W8 L5 W29 W7 D15	D1
12. H. Barden 5-5; 13. O. Penrose 6-5; 14. C. R. Hunter 5-5½; 15. H. Israel 5-5½; 16. R. H. Newman 3-5½; 17. P. Farr 5-5½; 18. J. M. Aitken 5-6; 19. R. W. Boham 5-6; 20. L. Derby 5-6; 21. Dr. O. Friedman 5-6; 22. J. Penrose 5-6; 23. A. Phillips 5-6; 24. J. Stone 5-6; 25. P. Harris 4-6½; 26. B. M. Bruce 4-7; 27. D. E. A. Riley 4-7; 28. H. G. Rhodes 4-7; 29. E. G. Sergeant 4-7; 30. H. I. Woolverton 4-7; 31. V. J. A. Russ 5-8; 32. G. Abrahams 2-8½.	

LONDON vs. SYDNEY RADIO MATCH

London	Sydney	Opening	Moves
R. J. Broadbent .. adj.	L. Steiner .. adj.	Catalan	58
J. Kocot .. 1	C. J. S. Purdy .. 2	Prinz Def.	28
P. S. Milner-Barry .. 1	G. Koshnitsky .. 0	Nimzoindian	20
W. Winter .. 1	R. Pukler .. 0	Dutch Def.	23
D. V. Hooper .. 0	M. E. Goldstein .. 1	O. G. A. .. 0	20
Dr. O. Friedman .. 0	H. Klass .. 0	Nimzoindian	55
R. H. Newman .. 1	D. M. Armstrong .. 1	King Indian	20
A. W. Bowen .. 1	L. S. Foll .. 0	Nimzoindian	20
A. Stone .. 1	S. Ruzer .. 0	Ruy Lopez	25
O. Penrose .. 1	V. Walsh .. 0	French Def.	25

London .. 4½ Sydney .. 3½
Sydney had White on the odd-numbered boards.

SOUTHWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tulsa, 1949

1. J. C. Thompson .. W19 W9 W26 W5 W3 W6 L2	0-1	20.50
2. Lee Magee .. W57 W54 D4 D7 W23 W17 W1	0-1	21.25
3. R. L. Garver .. W50 D7 W36 W4 L1 W31 W10	5-3	22.50
4. John Bagan .. W40 W31 W27 W18 L5 W14 W19	5-3	21.50
5. R. H. Steinhilber .. W35 W19 W38 L1 W16 W18 D6	5-3	21.75
6. K. H. Smith .. W29 W45 W23 W16 W10 L1 D5	5-3	20.75
7. R. Harrell .. W24 D3 W29 D2 W19 L10 W23	5-2	21.25
8. C. M. Burton .. L37 W34 W40 W30 L17 W26 W18	5-2	18.50
9. Leon Poliakoff .. W25 L1 D48 W36 W46 D12 W16	5-2	17.75
10. Robert Drieger .. W41 W10 W15 W27 W18 L5 W17	5-2	17.50
11. Bela Rozsa .. W46 W20 L16 L10 W28 W27 W20	5-2	17.00
12. Al Lipton .. W33 L18 W15 W28 D14 D9 W25	5-2	16.75
13. H. H. Hyde .. L2 L39 W52 W29 W33 W20 W17	5-2	16.00
14. Bert Bier-Nash .. W55 L16 W47 W27 D12 L4 W31	4-3	14.25
15. Carl Weberg .. W22 L19 D21 W58 L4 W48 W33	4-3	12.00
16. C. P. Gray 4-3; 17. J. T. Gilber 4-3; 18. H. Lewis 4-3; 19. Edmund Czapski 4-3; 20. W. C. MacQuinn 4-4; 21. Jack Bedford 4-4; 22. R. S. Underwood 3-4½; 23. A. L. Shroff 2-4½; 24. F. R. Graves 2-4½; 25. G. N. Evans 2-4½; 26. Jerry Virgin 2-4½; 27. C. B. Cook 2-4½; 28. F. W. Johnson 2-4½; 29. W. H. Row 2-4½; 30. O. Winston 2-5; 31. D. F. Walker 2-5; 32. Jerry G. Spang 2-5; 33. Leon Toby 2-5; 34. T. J. Bevan 2-5; 35. G. F. Burns 1-5½; 36. L. C. Dreher 1-5½; 37. J. H. Perry 1-5½; 38. Mrs. J. Hyde 1-6; 39. Leo Rothchild 0-6.		

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Durham, 1949

1. Elliot Hearst .. W11 W4 W2 W3 W7	5-0	21
2. W. J. Peters .. W8 W7 L1 W9 W12	4-1	14
3. Wm. C. Adickes .. W15 W5 W9 L4 W4	4-1	19
4. Kit Crittenden .. W10 L1 W5 W6 L5	3-2	11
5. J. U. S. Genter .. W19 L3 W14 L10	3-2	8
6. A. Amelio .. W7 L5 W5 L4 W15	3-2	8
7. A. G. Ashbrook .. W16 L2 W13 W10 L1	3-3	7
8. David Evans .. L2 W36 L4 W13 W9	3-3	7
9. R. E. Ware 2-3; 10. G. C. Harwell 2-3; 11. Dillard Bryan 2-3; 12. Ephraim Sokoff 2-3; 13. Charles Muller 2-3; 14. A. D. Lewis 1-4; 15. M. H. Upchurch 1-4; 16. J. M. Scales 0-5.		

NEBRASKA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha, 1949

1. A. C. Ludwig (Nebraska) .. W6 W10 W2 W4 D8 D5	5-1	37.25
2. J. Belzer (Nebraska) .. W11 W3 L1 W6 D4 W7	4-1	12.75
3. J. Spence (Nebraska) .. W8 L2 W10 W5 D1 D4	4-2	12.25
4. H. E. Ohman (Nebraska) .. D5 W11 W9 L1 D2 D3	3-2	10.00
5. H. Underwood (Nebraska) .. D4 W9 D8 L3 W10 D1	3-2	9.50
6. W. W. Holmes (Nebraska) .. D1 W12 D2 W11 W12	3-2	9.25
7. R. Weare (Neb.) 2-3; 8. D. Madgett (Neb.) 2-3; 9. R. Rancuic (Ky.) 2-4; 10. Bannister (Neb.) 2-4; 11. G. Johnson (Iowa) 2-4; 12. R. Lagerstrom (Neb.) 0-6.		

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Huntington, 1949

1. Edward Fay (Charleston) .. W7 W12 W6 W11 L2 W4	5-1	5-1
2. Dr. S. Werthammer (Huntington) .. D4 Bye W3 W6 W1 W11	5-1	5-1
3. John Hurt, Jr. (Charleston) .. D9 W13 L2 W12 W10 W6	4-1	13
4. Allen DeVall (St. Albans) .. D2 L6 W5 W8 W11 L4	4-2	4-2
5. Rodd Neel (Huntington) .. D11 L8 L4 Bye W12 W10	3-2	3-2
6. Landis Marks (Huntington) .. W10 W4 L1 L3 W7 L5	3-3	3-3
7. Wm. F. Hartung (St. Albans) .. L1 D9 W12 L6 W13 L6	W9	2-3
8. H. D. Burke (Huntington) 2-3; 9. Edwin Faust (Montgomery) 2-3; 10. Reid Holt (Charleston) 2-3; 11. Harold Liggett (So. Charleston) 2-3; 12. William Outburt (Wheeling) 2-4; 13. Tom Sweeney (Wheeling) 2-4.		

WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Charles Morgan (Huntington) .. W7 W2 W8 W4 W5	4-0
2. Don Burdick (Huntington) .. W3 L1 W9 W8 W4	5-1
3. Jack Allison (Lima, O.) .. L2 W7 L4 W6 W8	3-2
4. Andy Hoke (Beckley) .. W11 W12 W9 W3 L2	3-2
5. James Caspell (Huntington) 2½-2; 6. Edward Holt (Charleston) 2½-2; 7. Billy Adkins (Huntington) 2-3; 8. David Roder (Huntington) 2-3; 9. Harry Sweeney (Charleston) 1-4; 10. Jack Pearson (Huntington) 0-5.	

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Tuesday, September 20, 1949

What's The Best Move?
By Guilherme Groesser



Send solutions to Position No. 31 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 5, 1949.

Solutions to Position No. 29

In the game, Talwick-Serover, White played 7. Kt-K5 and Black promptly resigned, for if 1. ... QxKt; 2. QxR, E-B1; 3. QxK4 wins, not very difficult, but a pretty idea.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: Sven Brask (Attleboro), Joe Faucher (Garden City), Dr. H. Gaba (Detroit), Edw. J. Korpany (Woodsie), Edmund Nash (Washington), Wm. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

It took the whole of the third quarter series to break the six-way tie for the second quarter, using the positions of the third quarter as the tie-breakers. But the final results show that Joseph Faucher is once again the winner by virtue of a perfect score. In the third quarter, ending with Position No. 29, the first place honors are shared jointly by Faucher and Edw. J. Korpany with 6-0 scores each. Positions in the final quarter will be used to break this deadlock.

In the total score for all three quarters, Faucher leads with a perfect score for solutions; Korpany, Sven Brask and Edmund Nash are in a three-way tie for second with 16 correct solutions out of eighteen.

CONNORS TAKES UTAH JUNIOR

Victory in the Utah Junior Championship went to 16-year old Keith Connors of West High School with a 6-2 score. Second place ended in a 5-3 tie between 15-year old defending champion Duane Merrill and 16-year old Ted W. Pathakis. Connors, the victor, is the recent winner of a 6-year scholarship from the University of Chicago.

LONDON DOWNS SYDNEY IN MATCH

In the 10-board radio match between London and Sydney on August 26-28, the English team conquered their Australian opponents by a score of 6½-2½ with one game left for adjudication. Scorers for Sydney in the match were: C. J. S. Purdy who drew with I. Koenig; M. E. Goldstein who bested D. V. Hooper; and H. Klass who defeated Dr. O. Friedman. On board one the game between R. J. Broadbent and L. Steiner was finally adjourned for adjudication. On board three P. S. Milner-Barry proved too strong for G. Koshnitsky.

PROBLEM CONTEST

Rev. L. Mortimer, St. Camillus Hospital, Wauwatosa, Wis., announces a two-move problem composing tourney, entries limited to two from each composer and must possess a theme. Eight prizes of \$5.00 each to be awarded. Closing date for the reception of competing problems, March 1, 1950.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE U.S. Open Championship Omaha, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Evans Black R. LARSEN
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. P-K3 Q-O
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. Kt-K2 Q-O
3. Kt-QB3 B-K5



EVANS
39. RxP 43. K-B2 RxB
40. R-F6 ch K-K12 44. R-QB7 R-K15
41. R-R7 ch K-B1 45. P-Q6 and wins
42. RxB R-K3 ch

SLAV DEFENSE Interteam Match California

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White SPILLAR Black GRIJARA
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. Kt-QB3 Q-Kt2
2. P-QB4 P-QB3 5. B-K15 QKt-Q2
3. Kt-KB3 P-K3

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way! Position No. 99 (Wurzburg) is solved by 1. B-B8 with pretty shutoff play after any R move.

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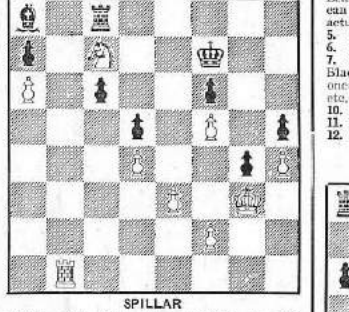
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RUY LOPEZ International Tourney Match Ottawa, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White DR. BOHATIRCHUK Black F. HOWARD
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 P-Q3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. BxKt ch
3. B-K15 P-QF3

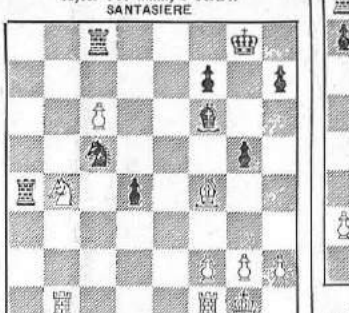


SPILLAR
White must have been counting on this move to force the win. Better, however, is 38. Kt-B4, R-R1; 39. Kt-RP, R-K1; 40. R-K1, etc.

CARO-KANN DEFENSE U.S. Open Championship Omaha, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White R. J. MARTIN Black A. E. SANTASIERE
1. P-K4 P-QB3 3. PxP Pxp
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. P-QB4
3. P-K3 B-K5 5. Kt-K3



MARTIN
Net 30. RxKt; 31. RxR, Kt-Q6; 32. R-K8! Kt-K5 32. P-B7 Kt-B6

BOHATIRCHUK
14. BxKt 17. KtxP K-K12
15. PxB ch K-B1 18. P-B4 KR-K1
16. P-Q4 QxP 19. Q-Q3 P-K4



BOHATIRCHUK
14. BxKt 17. KtxP K-K12
15. PxB ch K-B1 18. P-B4 KR-K1
16. P-Q4 QxP 19. Q-Q3 P-K4

PHILIDOR DEFENSE Firestone Club Tournament Akron, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White DENNISON Black DR. LUCAS
1. P-K4 P-K4 6. BxKt BxB
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 7. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
3. P-Q4 QxP 8. B-K15 B-K2
4. QxP QKt-B3 9. Kt-Q5 BxKt



DENNISON
This is like jumping into the lion's mouth. 15. PxB Kt-K5

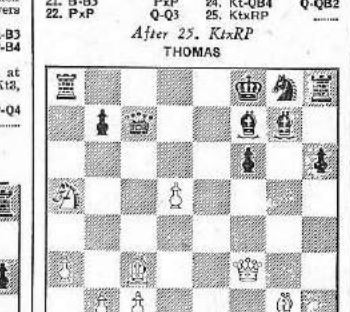
NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE CCLA 16th Grand National Correspondence

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White WM. J. COUTURE Black G. S. THOMAS
1. P-K4 Kt-QB3 4. B-KK15 P-KR3
2. P-Q4 P-K4 5. B-KR4 P-KK4
3. P-Q5 QKt-K2 6. Kt-K2

Solutions: Chess Clocks For Sale Buy a chess clock and play REAL chess. Spring wound Swiss movement clocks are available for shipment from England priced at \$18.00 plus Federal tax and duty.

R. P-KR4, B-K2 1L. KxBP K-K2
8. P-KR4 P-K15 12. P-K17
9. P-R5 P-K1 12. P-K17
10. PxKt PxP



COUTURE
A neat sacrifice which leaves Black's game in shambles. 25. RxKt 33. Q-R5 ch K-K2

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE U. S. Junior Championship Ft. Worth, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White J. SULLIVAN Black J. COOK
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 10. PxKt PxKt
2. P-Q4 P-K3 11. PxB PxB
3. Kt-QB3 B-K15 12. P-K15 B-K3



SULLIVAN
17. KxR 19. Q-B4 ch Resigns
18. R-K1 ch K-R3

FRENCH DEFENSE U. S. Junior Championship Ft. Worth, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White A. BISGUIER Black K. SMITH
1. P-K4 P-K3 9. B-QK15 Kt-K5
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 10. O-O Kt-K1



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CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from page 2, Col. 5) Moscow International Tournament third, only half a point behind the winners, Botvinnik and Flohr, and without losing a single game.

For The Tournament-Minded

September 30-October 2 Swenson Memorial Open Tournament Omaha, Nebraska Played at Omaha Chess Club, YMCA beginning 7 p.m. Friday; no entry fee; open to Nebraskans; 5 round Swiss; trophy for winner.

September 30 Miami City Championship Miami, Fla. Begins Sept. 30th at Greater Miami Chess Club in Little River Community Center, 150 N. E. 79th St.; play on Friday nights until concluded; entry fee \$2.00; winner receives medal and custody of Muriel Hirsch Trophy; open to all; for details write N. B. Church, 38 N. W. 79th St., Miami, Fla.

November 11-13 Utah State Championship Salt Lake City, Utah Will be held at Salt Lake City Chess Club; details to be announced; for details see Palmer Chase, tournament director of SLC Chess Club.

Solutions: Finish It The Clever Way! Position No. 17. 1. RxB, Bx2. 2. Kt-B6 ch, K-B1 (if 2. ... P-K1; then 3. Q-R3 forces mate); 3. QxRP, P-K1; 4. R-K1 and B-K3 resigned.

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