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COLUMBIA TOPS COLLEGIATE

City College, Twice Victor, Takes Second, NYU Third in Sixteen College Team Event

Columbia University chess team, not a top contender in recent years, outplayed the perennial victor City College of New York to win the 1950 Intercollegiate Team Championship, sponsored by the Intercollegiate Chess League and the United States Chess Federation, with a 19½-8½ game score. City College, victors in 1948 and 1946, lost possession of the Harold M. Phillips Trophy by one-half point, finishing second with 19.9. Third place went to New York University with 17½-10½. Miami University, showing unexpected strength, finished fourth with 17-11.

Sixteen colleges entered teams into this annual event, and while several familiar names were missing from the list this year, new faces replaced them in entries from Michigan and Case Institute of Cleveland. Details of the tournament will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.

Final Standings

Columbia University	19½-8½
City College of New York	19-9
New York University	17½-10½
Miami University	17-11
Michigan University	16½-11½
University of Pennsylvania	16½-11½
Rensselaer Poly. Inst.	16-12
Syracuse University	15½-12½
Yeshiva	15-13
Case Institute	14½-13½
Temple	12-15½
Brooklyn College	10-17½
Yale University	10-18
Cornell	8½-19½
Manhattan	8-20
Princeton	7½-20½

KERES REGAINS USSR TITLE

Regaining the USSR title once made him the most promising of young Soviet masters, Paul Keres again won the Championship of the USSR at a tournament in Moscow in which four other grandmasters competed. With losses to Alatorstev and Petrosian, and draws with Smyslov, Bondarevsky, Konstantinopolsky, Lipnitsky, Sokolsky, Suetin and Tolush, Keres compiled an 11½-5½ score in the 18 player tournament.

Second place with equal 11-6 scores was shared by L. Aronin, I. Lipnitsky, A. Tolush. Fifth and sixth were shared by A. Konstantinopolsky and Vassily Smyslov with 10-7 each. The other grandmasters (there were five in the event) did not fare so well. Bole-slavsky and Flohr shared a tie for seventh with the brilliant young Heller, while Bondarevsky could only place in a tie for twelfth with Petrosian. For an undisclosed reason neither Bronstein nor Kotov played in the event, although both were originally announced as entered.

L.A. EMPLOYEES HOLD CITY MEET

The employees of the City of Los Angeles held their own championship event, conducted by the Department of Water and Power Chess Club; and victory went to Simon Spero of the Bureau of Assessments with 8½-1½ on S-B points. Spero lost a game to Richard Burkey and drew with Manuel Kroman. Second place went to C. E. Kodil of the Dept. of Water and Power, also with 8½-1½, losing to Spero and drawing with A. C. Thompson. Joseph Bell of Water and Power placed third with 7-3, losing games to Spero, Kodil and Kroman.

Eight City bureaus were represented in the event, Water and Power, Assessments, Street Op. and Wid., Public Utilities, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Engineering, and Building and Safety.

GILL CAPTURES OKLAHOMA TITLE

E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City was victorious in the 5-round, 27-player open Oklahoma State Championship with a 4½-½ score, drawing with Peter Muto. Dr. Bela Rozsa was second on S-B points with 4-1, losing his game against Gill. A. G. Miller of Ft. Worth, Texas, was third with 4-1, losing his game against Gill; and Robert McVay, also with 4-1, was fourth, losing a game to Dr. Rozsa. Fifth to eighth with equal scores of 3½-1½ were J. L. Dietz, Dr. A. S. Neal and CHESS LIFE reviewer Dr. Kester Svendsen. Special prizes were awarded to J. L. Dietz and R. E. Pena as the top ranking junior players in the event.

PTACEK CAPTURES MILWAUKEE TITLE

Victory in the ever strong Milwaukee City Championship went to Martin Ptacek, an aggressive 25 year old player who has been steadily increasing in performance. By besting Arpad Elo in the final round, Ptacek scored 6-1 top the 7-round 33-player Swiss, drawing with Al Groves and Mark Surgies.

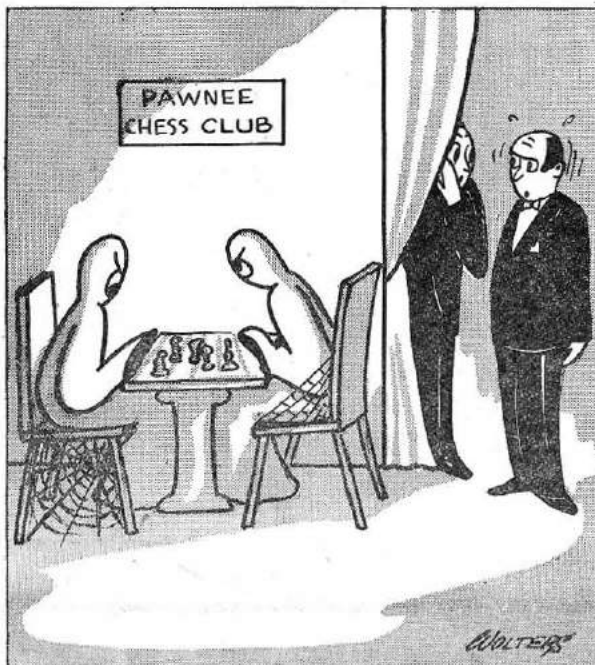
Second place on S-B points went to Mark Surgies with 5½-1½, drawing with Ptacek, Elo and Ralph Abrams. Third and fourth respectively with equal 5½-1½ scores were A. E. Elo and Averil Powers, while fifth to eighth with 5-2 each were Ralph Abrams, Eric Luprecht, James Weidner and George Hurlay. The tournament was sponsored by the Milwaukee Department of Municipal Recreation.

DR. LOUIS A. MILLER

Toledo chess players were grieved by the recent death of Dr. Louis A. Miller, prominent neurologist, who was past president of the Toledo Chess Club and a former City Champion. Dr. Miller died November 19th at the age of 79. He was a great student of the game and for many years had furthered chess interest in Toledo.

Nampa (Idaho) Chess Club has been organized under the sponsorship of the Nampa City Recreation Department which provides quarters in the Lakeview Park House in Lakeview Park. Officers elected were Jerry E. Stanke president and A. B. Ellis corresponding secretary, 108 21st Avenue South, Nampa, Ida.

OUT OF THIS WORLD . . . By Fred Wolters



"Nobody knows how long they've been playing, but it must be a tough one."

Courtesy: The Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah

With The Chess Clubs

Rochester (N.Y.) Chess and Checker Club saw the club title pass to John Hasenoehrl, a former Buffalo champion, with 8½-1½ score on three draws. Second was CHESS LIFE annotator Dr. Max Herzberger with 8-2 and third was CHESS LIFE Game Editor Erich W. Marchand with 7½-2½ in a tightly contested event. The Rochester City Championship begins on January 6 with Dr. Herzberger as defending champion.

Ohio State University chess team was held to a 2½-2½ draw by the University of Michigan in a match at Columbus with Kaplan (Ohio) drawing against Eucher on board one. Straus and Church scored the full points for Michigan while Loening and Wolf gained the Ohio victories.

Columbus University defeated Harvard 2½-1½ to retain the Belden-Stephens Trophy in the C.H.Y.P. League meeting at New York over the Xmas weekend with neither Princeton nor Dartmouth nor Yale represented this year in a collegiate annual event that dates back to 1892. CHESS LIFE columnist Eliot Hearst drew for Columbia on first board against L. Baum. T. Sherwin and K. Burger tallied the two wins for Columbia while N. Bauman saved a point for Harvard.

Gambit (Toronto) Chess Club saw Frank R. Anderson become first holder of the Belson memorial trophy by 2½-½, drawing with Siemms. R. Siemms placed second in the club championship with 1½-1½, losing a game to Kerns. J. Greenberg and K. Kerns finished with 1-2 each.

Hart House (Toronto) drew a match with Cornell University by a 4-4 score at Ithaca. Scoring for Hart House were R. F. Rodgers, W. K. Hastings, R. H. Robinson and D. V. Hall. Cornell victors were J. Landau, L. Topper, L. Slutsky and J. Windmuller.

Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club elected Sam Teitelbaum president, Farrell L. Clark vice-president, Harold Lundstrom, chess editor of the Deseret News, secretary, and Carl Schack treasurer.

ALTON Y WINS ST. LOUIS LEAGUE

With 3½-½ in match score and 15-9 in games, the Alton (Ill.) YMCA Chess Club captured the St. Louis Chess League Championship. William H. C. Newberry played top board, supported by Math Roth, William Homan, Ed. Jahn, Richard Hibbs, Laurence Wescott, Dr. J. W. Chambers and Stuart McGriff.

Second place went to Independent Chess Club with 2½-1½ and 13½-10½ in games. YMCA Juniors placed third with 2-2 and Mallinkrodt Chess Club fourth with 1½-2½. Outstanding individual player on top boards was District Champion Robert H. Steinmeyer who scored 3½-½ for the YMCA Juniors. Another distinguished first board player was Mrs. Russell Williams of Mallinkrodt with 2½-1½, losing only to Steinmeyer and drawing with Newberry. Uvan Handy of the Independents scored 3-0 for best score on the lower boards.

STECKEL WINS L.A. COUNTY

After a ten-year retirement, William Steckel, former Pennsylvania State champion, returned to the checkered board to win the 1950 Los Angeles County Championship in an extremely strong field that included 1949 and 1950 State champions George Croy and Ray Martin. Losing to John Keckhut and Robert Jacobs, and drawing with Irving Rivise, Steckel defeated Almgren, Croy and Spiller among other strong contenders to win 7½-2½ in a 21-man 10-round Swiss.

Second place on S-B points went to California Open Champion Arthur Spiller with 7-3, while Robert Jacobs placed third with 7-3. Spiller lost games to Bersbach and Steckel, and drew with Steven and Martin. Jacobs lost to Spiller and Standers, and drew with Bersbach and Rivise.

Irving Rivise, Sven Almgren and Robert Standers placed fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 6½-3½ scores, while California State Champion Ray Martin was seventh with 6-4.

KALENIAN WINS IN MIAMI CITY

Florida State Champion Clarence Kalenian added the Miami City Championship to his laurels by winning the 7-round 18-player Swiss tournament and a play-off match with Aaron Goldman. Both finished with 6-1 scores in the regular event, but Kalenian won the play-off by a 2-1 score.

Third place in the event went to Stephen Shaw with 5½-1½, while Martin Donon placed fourth with 5-2. N.B. Church, Charles duPont, Joe Zueker, Charles Shaw and L. L. Orkin finished with equal 4-3 scores in tie for fifth place. 32 players entered the event, but the finalists were reduced to 18 contestants.

SKEMA TAKES BOSTON TITLE

Kazys Skema, fairly recently arrived Lithuanian master, captured the Boston City Championship with 6½-½, drawing a game with White. Skema placed second earlier in the year in the New England Championship.

Second place went to White with 5-2, losing to Mitchell and drawing with Skema and Heising. Heising was third with 4½-2½, and Harlow Daly placed fourth with 4-3, while W.M.P. Mitchell was fifth with 3½-3½.

In the Class B Tournament the victory went to P. Konstantaus, another member of the Lithuanian Chess Club of Boston, with 5-1. Haddidan was second with 4½-1½ and J. Starinskas was third with 3½-2½.

PLAY BEGINS IN CONN. LEAGUE

The Connecticut Chess League has begun its season with ten teams of five players each, representing Hartford, New Haven, Yale, Storrs, Wesleyan, Middletown, Deep River, Niantic, Bristol and New Britain.

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(We apologize for the belated appearance of this issue, but the Editor, casting defiance at all newspaper traditions which decree that the news must come first, declared a Christmas Holiday for the first time in five years and left town for the Christmas week-end. We hope to return to schedule with January 20th issue, and thereafter with the lesser strain upon the mails, trust that CHESS LIFE will resume its normal delivery dates, sadly upset by the Holiday mails.—The Editor.)

THE RATING SYSTEM

ENOUGH has been written by hasty as well as thoughtful critics to indicate that a good many features of the new National Rating System have not been properly understood nor correctly evaluated. We have therefore asked Mr. Byland to prepare an article for an early issue in which the more important points of misconception can be stated and clarified.

But it might not be amiss at this time to repeat a few salient points without awaiting for Mr. Byland's more complete statement.

First, because of the fact that not all tournament scores were available in sufficient detail for analysis, certain players (particularly in certain sections of the country) suffered from some injustice in the compilation of their initial performance ratings. We are aware of this fact, which will be self-remedying in time as more recent tournament reports are received in fuller detail from more tournaments. It was a fault that could not be removed from the first compilation.

Second, it must be remembered that these performance ratings do not pretend a permanence for all time, nor do they evaluate a player's total record over the years. Unlike FIDE master titles, these ratings are based solely upon recent performance and in no case represent an honorary degree for past performance. Therefore, there are a number of players whose best years of tournament performance occurred before the period covered by the ratings. Their present standing, therefore, does not indicate (nor can it) the exalted position they would have held if this system had been in operation some twenty or thirty years ago. For example, Dr. Edward Lasker's present performance rating is a very modest one compared with what it would have been if these ratings were based upon performances some thirty years ago.

Third, it must also be remembered that these ratings are based exclusively upon performance in American events. For that reason, such outstanding players as USCF Vice-President Hans Kmoch and USCF Life Director George Koltanowski are excluded. Their notable performances abroad have no bearing upon performance ratings in a national system.

Fourth, the national ratings do not pretend to evaluate ability or potential talent comparatively—they merely record results of actual performance mathematically as a convenient yardstick to settle a number of disputes as to precedence. Such a standard is essential (even in chess heavens like the USSR which has a very elaborate system of rating) and are common to a number of other sports besides chess.

Finally, let us repeat once again since a number of readers seem to have misinterpreted previous statements: Any tournament with two USCF members in the entry which is five or more rounds and not a Speed or restricted move tournament is eligible for rating; BUT future rating lists will only contain the names of USCF members. The USCF will, of necessity, keep record of all ratings; but we will publish only those of members in good standing whose dues are supporting the cost of such an elaborate and exhaustive system.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

GUIDE TO GOOD CHESS: FROM FIRST STEPS TO FINE POINTS. By C. J. S. Purdy. Sydney, Australia: Associated General Publications. 82 pp., paper-board covers, \$0.75.

AMERICAN subscribers to Chess World (described by Fine as "one of the best chess magazines published anywhere") have long recognized the force and clarity of editor Purdy's annotations and special articles. They will not be surprised to learn that this Guide to Good Chess has sold by the thousands in Australia. The author is well qualified. He has won the championship of New Zealand twice, of New South Wales five times, and of all Australia five times; and for the past two decades he has edited a chess magazine.

This little book goes well beyond the chess primer. Part I gives the usual fundamentals in unusual style, for Purdy offers a little history of each piece, showing for example the reasoning behind the enlargement of the queen's scope in fifteenth century "schacchi alla rabiosa" and

the even earlier logic of the en passant capture. Part II, "How to Play Openings Well," concentrates on general principles. A master might sniff at some of these deliberately over-simplified for the beginner, but no one who practices them will remain a beginner long. "Where you don't play P-K4 early, never block your QB" and "Don't fianchetto a Bishop if an avenue is already open to it" are, with Purdy's explanations, good enough for anybody. The four tests for ideal development squares and the section on "bifing the Bishop" are not to be found in any other book known to this reviewer. This second part concludes with "A Complete Opening Discussed," not so full as Horowitz's current series "How to Win in the Opening" in Chess Review, but good in its own way.

Part III, "End Game Strategy," begins with a description of the best posts for pieces (queen in the center, rook on seventh rank, bishops on center diagonals, etc.) and codifies some fifteen principles such as keeping pawns on both wings and exchanging pieces but not pawns when a pawn up or more. Purdy's modification of "Tarrasch's rule" about placing the rook behind the passed pawn is a real contribution. As he points out, the rook should be in front of the passed pawn if the pawn is held in its own half of the board. The section on rook and pawn endings is illustrated by an exhaustive analysis of Rubinstein's famous win from Mattison at Carlsbad 1929.

Part IV, "A Complete Opening Discussed," deals with a feature often requested by students—"a game of ordinary club standard, with all mistakes pointed out and fully explained." The annotations here refer repeatedly to the general principles previously laid down. An appendix, "Where to Now?" suggests advanced books and sets out a method of profiting from playing over master games. All in all, this book crams infinite riches into the little room of seventy pages of text, more (in this reviewer's opinion) than to be found in any other book of comparable length.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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ONE of our valued contributors, Mr. T. Lundberg, of Dallas, Texas, passed away on November 29th, 1950, at the age of seventy-five. Mr. Lundberg was a skilful solver and a talented though not very active composer, whose problems have furnished enjoyment to many. His last composition appears below, kindly supplied to us by Burney M. Marshall.

Due to the slowness of second-class mail, CHESS LIFE does not reach some subscribers until a week or more after its publication date. This causes a hardship on some solvers, particularly those in Canada, who are hard pressed to get their solutions to me in sufficient time to insure their receiving proper credit on the Solvers' Ladder. To overcome this difficulty, we are going to allow a full month for the submission of solutions. In other words, the solutions for the December 20 issue will be due on January 20, those for the problems below on February 5, and so on. The winner of our first Ladder award, covering problems published through December 20, will be announced in the February 5 issue.

Problem No. 219

By Knud A. Rasmussen
Richvale, Ontario, Canada
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 8 men



White: 10 men
3R2rQ, K3S1r, p2P3, R2skBP1, 3S1p2,
2P1bb2, 1b6, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 221

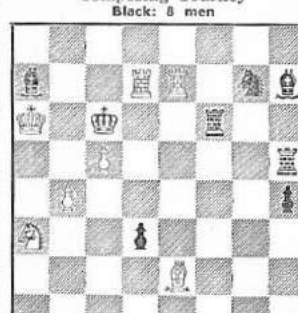
By Eric M. Hassberg
Jackson Heights, N. Y.
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 10 men



White: 12 men
B2S1B2, 1grs4, p2P1p2, R2skB3, 1Q1S2s1,
3P1P2, 2P5, 1K1R4
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 220

By Dr. Edward Kassar
Souris, Prince Edward Island,
Canada
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 8 men



White: 7 men
6, b2RR1sb, K1k2r2, 2P4r, 1P5p,
S2P4, 4B3, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 222

By the late T. Lundberg
Dallas, Texas
First Publication
Black: 7 men



White: 7 men
s7, 8, 1P5Q, 1P2kpS1, P1B5, 5p2,
5Pb1, 1K4s1
White mates in three moves

Solutions to previously published problems on page three.

Chess is as much a mystery as women.

—C. J. S. Purdy

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

IV. THE "MOSCOW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 1916"

ANOTHER ALEKHINE LEGEND SHATTERED

(Continued)

In 1932, we find the "game" already called a "celebre partie Francaise gagnee par Alekhine" in no. 31, p. 459-60 of "Les Cahiers de L'Echiquier Francais", here however Alekhine's opponent is no longer the anonymous "N", but Gregorieff, but the reason for the publication is clearly that it is a "partie aux cinq Dames", and in no. 44 (1934), p. 393 and 401, the editor (now Le Lionnais) refers to it again when he brings another "partie a cinq Dames."

In 1934, we seem to encounter the "game" for the first time in American chess literature. Napier, in his "Amenities and Background of Chessplay", Unit I, no. 65, brings it under the heading "Queen Frolics" — in the meantime, Alekhine's opponent has advanced to "Dr. Grigorieff. (The "Dr." is possibly derived from a misspelled "N.D.", which are Grigorieff's initials). In a short introduction, Napier says that "this game ... develops an extraordinary situation at move 24, where White with many queens finds it expedient to make a rook move!" — in other words, again it is the curious five queens' position, and not the "improvement" in the 9th move which prompts the author of "Amenities and Background" to include this "game" in his collection. Again no source is given, and the venerable Mr. Napier, when we interviewed him in this matter, was of course not able to remember where he had found this curious "game". On the other hand, he told us that the strange five queens' position did not seem too strange to him when he saw it first in an Alekhine game; it seemed to him he had seen it before, and since he had played hundreds of games with McCutcheon himself to try out his variation, when both he and McCutcheon were living in Pittsburgh, he believes it possible that they arrived at this situation in one of their analyses.

(To Be Continued)

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Montgomery:

No doubt by now you, the committee and the Federation are receiving brickbats in every mail since the new ratings have been published. Let me throw a few bouquets in your direction. I think the Federation is to be congratulated for this monumental piece of work and the committee, Messrs. Byland and Harkness deserve a vote of thanks. Having scratched the surface of the rating game myself I can appreciate the tremendous amount of thought and labor that went into the ratings. I believe that if this national rating system will be kept up it will be one of the strongest instruments for chess promotion ever tried by the organization.

Of course there are bound to be inaccuracies but invariably these would be due to insufficient data. And since the system devised is self-correcting anyway, no harm will be done except to the egos of the self-rated chess players. So more power to you and the rating system.

ARPAD ELO,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Credit for the system and its fruits belong exclusively to Mr. Byland and Mr. Harkness.—The Editor.

By Fred Reinfeld

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Noblesse Oblige

EVERY opening has its inner logic, and the ensuing middle game must be conducted along the lines called for by the opening. If you play a gambit, you must proceed energetically and maintain the initiative. To discard the initiative in favor of picking up a stray Pawn, as White does in this game, is to court disaster. White's lapse is aggravated by the fact that his Pawn-snatching opens up an attacking line for the enemy. Black's refutation is as incisive as it is elegant.

KING'S GAMBIT

Abbazia, 1912

White
M. LUTSKY
1. P-K4
2. P-KB4
3. Kt-KB3
4. P-K3
5. P-K5
6. P-Q4

Black
G. NYHOLM
1. P-K4
2. P-K4
3. P-K4
4. P-K4
5. P-K4
6. P-K4

Black's defense is a curious compound of modern (..... Kt-KB3) and old-fashioned (..... P-KK4) elements.

17. R-K2
18. O-O
19. B-R3
20. B-K3
21. BxRP?

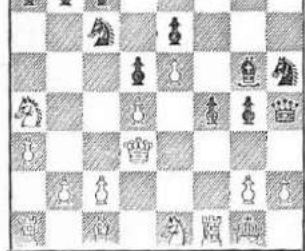
Up to this point White has played well, but here he goes astray. The right move was 11. Kt-K2! winning the valuable gambit Pawn and remaining with a fine game after the opening of the King's Bishop file.

11. R-R1
Now Black rejoices in the possession of an open King's Rook file, which, though momentarily blocked, will be put to good use later on.

12. Q-Q3
13. P-QR3
Or 13. B-B5, Q-R5; 14. BxB, PxB; 15. Q-Kt6 ch, K-K2 and Black has all the play.

13. KtxQP was also possible, but, unlike his opponent, Black is interested in attack.

14. R-R5
15. BxB ch
16. Kt-R4



If 19. QxQ, RxQ and Black wins at least a Rook.

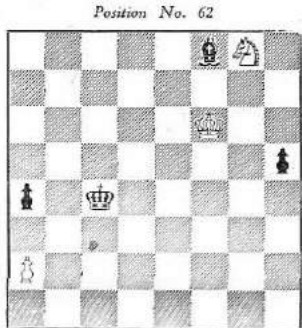
19. Q-Kt5!!
Black can win as he pleases, and he pleases to win very prettily. Of course, if 20. QxQ, R-R8 mate.

20. RXP
White resigns, for if 21. QxR, R-R8ch; 22. K-B2, R-B8 mate.

(One of many brilliant games included in RELAX WITH CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, published by the Pitman Publishing Corporation.)

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser



Send solutions to Position No. 62 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by February 5, 1951.

Solution to Position No. 59
This position, an endgame composition by T. Gorgiev which appeared in Shakhmaty, May, 1950, proved to be very difficult and baffled a number of our better solvers. Actually the theme of the composition resembles that of Position No. 57 which did not prove quite as puzzling.

Few solvers found the actual best solution, with Black's best defence, as follows: 1. P-R6!, K-B1; 2. P-R5!, K-B2; 3. K-K3!, K-R1; 4. K-B4, P-B4; 5. KxP, P-Kt6; 6. K-Kt6, P-K7; 7. P-R7ch, K-R1; 8. K-R6 and draws. We therefore accept also the secondary line (not representing Black's absolute best defence) as being equally correct, namely: 1. P-R6, K-B2; 2. P-B4, P-B4; 3. P-R5, K-R1 (a); 4. KxRP, P-Kt6; 7. K-Kt6, P-K7; 8. P-R7ch, K-R1; 9. K-R6 and draws. (a) if 4. K-B3; 4. K-K3, K-B2; 5. K-B4, K-K1; 6. KxRP and as above.

Many solvers went astray by suggesting 1. K-B4? which is defeated by 1. P-B4; 2. P-R6, K-B3; 3. P-R5, K-B2 and Black wins. Others gave up in despair and declared that the best move was for White to resign—a doleful pessimism. To those who offered 1. K-B4 as the solution we accord 1 point as being on the correct track, if wrong in the keymove sequence.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: James Barry (Detroit); Samuel Baron (Brooklyn); Murray Burn (Bronx); Wm. J. Couture (Howard); J. E. Constable (Duluth); Joe Faucher (New Haven); Eddie Gault (New Brighton); Edw. J. Korpany (Woodside); Edmund Nash (Washington); N. P. Witting (Salem); Wm. B. Wilson (Amherstburg). Partial Solution of 1. K-B4 for which 1 point is credited were received from: Robert Grande (Levant); Charles Joachim (Seattle); D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles); Dr. J. Mechnik (Portland); Yuri V. Oganosov (Los Angeles); George Tauscher (Milwaukee).

BOSTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Boston, 1950

1. K. Skoma	61-3
2. White	5-2
3. Hiding	4-2
4. H. Daly	4-3
5. W. M. P. Mitchell	3-3
6. K. Merkis	3-4
7. Hubert	1-5
8. Cheevers	0-8

Class B Tournament

1. P. Kontantus	5-1
2. Haddian	4-1
3. J. Starinskis	3-2
4. Dr. Bernsdorf	3-3
5. Lagan	2-3
6. Witter	1-4
7. Reed	1-5

National Rating System

BY WILLIAM M. BYLAND

USCF Vice President in Charge of Rating Statistics

Special Provisions of Rating System

- 1) Only Round Robin or Swiss System tournaments, of five or more rounds, which number as contestants at least two U.S.C.F. members, will be rated.
2. The performance rating of a tournament winner is not recorded if it would be impossible for him, even by scoring 100%, to earn a rating at least as high as his last performance rating. This provision is necessary in order to protect the average rating of a player competing below his class.
- 3) If a player's last performance rating is more than 500 points below the average rating of a tournament, a performance rating is not issued to him if he makes a zero score. This provision makes it impossible for a player to gain unearned ratings points by competing above his class.
- 4) If a player withdraws from any tournament, his unfinished games are entered as losses, and his performance rating computed from the final score thus obtained. If it is clear, however, that his withdrawal was due to illness, or other good cause, his performance rating is not recorded.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 211 (Marshall): 1. Kt-K1. A pretty Knight wheel with two crosschecks opened up by the flight-giving key.

No. 212 (Kujoth): 1. Kt-B2. An excellent key adds three flights to the Black King's range of travel.

No. 213 (Sussman): 1. Kt-R7. An intricate unpinning idea, exemplified in the interference variation 1. Kt-K14.

No. 214 (Loshinsky): 1. Q-Kt1, threat: 2. Kt-R5 ch. If 1. R-Q4; 2. R-Q4! If 1. R-Q3; 2. R-Q5! If 1. R-Q2; 2. R-Q4! If 1. R-B5; (Kt5, K5); 2. R-B3 (Kt3, R3 accordingly).

SOLVERS' LADDER

(2 points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Covers solutions for problems published in the November 20 issue.)

Onyschuk 50; F. A. Holloway 48; M. A. Michaels 48; Edw. J. Korpany 46; Richard Michell 46; Robert Grande 38; Kenneth Lay 38; Ted Lewis 38; Gardner Murtagh 38; R. M. Collins 36; P. Hunsicker 36; Severino Ferrero 34; Dr. Joseph M. Erman 32; J. E. Lucas 32; Yuri V. Oganosov 29; Alain White 26; E. Graham 22; R. E. Dunsen 20; Barton W. Lubbert 19; Charles Barsuch 10; William J. Couture 10; I. Hart 10; Otto L. Neal 10; Charles L. Lancaster 4; Burney M. Marshall 4;
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18th CHAMPIONSHIP OF USSR

Moscow, 1950

1. P. Keres	14-0
2. L. Aronin	13-1
3. I. Lipnitsky	12-2
4. A. Tolush	11-3
5. A. Konstantinopolsky	10-4
6. V. Smyslov	9-5
7. V. Aizatorsev	8-6
8. I. Boleslavsky	7-7
9. S. Flohr	6-8
10. B. Heller	5-9
11. V. Mikenas	4-10
12. I. Bondarevsky	3-11
13. T. Petrosian	2-12
14. Yu. Averbakh	1-13
15. B. Borisenko	0-14
16. A. Suetin	0-14
17. V. Lubnitsky	0-14
18. A. Sokolov	0-14

OKLAHOMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Norman, 1950

1. E. H. Gill (Oklahoma City)	D12	W15	W17	W2	W3	4-1	14.00
2. Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa)	W4	W10	W14	W1	W12	4-1	12.00
3. A. G. Miller (Pl. Worth, Tex.)	W25	W18	W5	W16	L1	4-1	9.20
4. Robert McGee (Oklahoma City)	L2	W27	W10	W19	W11	4-1	9.50
5. J. L. Dietz (Oklahoma City)	W5	W7	L3	D14	W16	3-1	10.75
6. Dr. A. S. Neal (Cordell)	L5	W26	W6	W7	D7	3-1	8.75
7. Dr. Kester Svendsen (Norman)	W21	L5	W18	W13	D6	3-1	8.25
8. Jerry Spann (Norman)	W23	D13	L6	W25	W19	3-1	5.25
9. F. E. Condon (Borger, Tex.)	W19	L14	L12	W17	W22	3-2	6.25
10. B. C. Conner (Tulsa)	W27	L2	L4	W24	W14	3-2	4.50
11. R. E. Pender (Norman)	L13	W24	W26	W23	L4	3-2	3.00
12. Peter Muto (Nowata)	2-3 (6.25); 13. Arthur Bornhart (Norman) 2-3 (6.25); 14. Floyd Lee (Norman) 2-3 (5.75); 15. Gene Burns (Baiton, Tex.) 2-3 (5.75); 16. Jerry Virgin (Tulsa) 2-3 (4.25); 17. Robert Virgin (Chickasha) 2-3 (4.25); 18. B. Hernandez (Borman) 2-3 (4.00); 19. John Thomas (Oklahoma City) 2-3 (4.00); 20. R. F. Kelly (Oklahoma City) 2-3 (2.00); 21. C. B. Ames (Oklahoma City) 2-3 (1.00); 22. J. R. Cassingham (Oklahoma City) 1-3 (3.25); 23. L. C. Dreher (Sand Springs) 1-3 (2.00); 24. R. Engleman (Oklahoma City) 1-4 (1.50); 25. William Bragg (Norman) 1-4 (1.00); 26. M. M. Wilson (Oklahoma City) 1-4 (0.00); 27. J. E. Bowers (Norman) 1-4 (0.00).						

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Los Angeles, 1950

1. William Steckel	L16	W20	W18	W12	W6	W3	D4	W10	W5	7-1	46.75	
2. Arthur Spiller	D17	W16	W5	L8	W5	L1	W15	D7	W3	W4	7-3	47.00
3. Robert Jacobs	W7	W10	W8	W11	W14	W4	L1	L5	L2	W9	7-3	47.00
4. Irving Rivise	W21	D6	W17	W14	W8	D3	W11	D1	L5	L2	6-3	38.00
5. Leonard Standers	D13	W19	L14	W21	L12	W12	W6	W3	W4	L1	6-3	37.50
6. Sven Almgren	bye	D4	L2	W7	L1	W9	W5	W12	W8	W13	6-3	36.75
7. Ray Martin	L3	W15	D12	L6	W20	W17	D2	L9	W10	6-4	33.00	
8. Emil Bersbach	W19	W3	D2	W14	L7	L10	L6	W18	5-4	32.00		
9. George Chase	L10	D21	L13	W16	W17	L6	W20	W11	W7	L3	5-4	27.25
10. Frank Burke	W5	L3	L21	W15	L11	W16	W13	W8	L1	L7	5-5	29.50
11. Morris Gordon	W19	L8	W16	L3	W10	W13	L4	W14	L12	5-5	28.50	
12. George Crox	W20	L17	D7	L1	W21	L5	W14	L6	D15	W11	5-5	23.75
13. Adolph Weiss	D5	L14	W9	D17	W19	L11	L10	W16	W20	L6	5-5	23.75
14. William Banding	W10	W43	W5	L4	L3	L8	L2	W20	L11	bye	5-5	22.50
15. Samuel Egel	4-5 (15.00); 16. George Tolson 4-5 (15.00); 17. George Stevan 4-5 (17.00); 18. Siegfried Eisgrau 4-6 (14.00); 19. LeRoy Johnson 2-3 (6.00); 20. Hans Zander 2-3 (6.00); 21. Larry Woronzoff 1-3 (2.25).											

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES

Los Angeles, 1950

1. Simon Spero	W5	W2	W3	D6	W9	L4	W7	W8	W19	W10	8-1	57.75
2. C. E. Kodil	W7	L1	W10	W4	W6	D8	W3	W5	W9	W13	8-1	56.00
3. Joseph Bell	W18	W8	L1	W13	W7	L6	L2	W10	W16	W4	7-3	37.50
4. Richard Burkley	D13	W18	W14	L2	W15	W1	W6	W7	L5	L3	6-3	37.25
5. Alfonso R. Pena	L1	F7	W17	W11	W14	W13	W8	L2	W4	L5	6-4	32.00
6. Manuel Kroman	W16	W10	W9	D1	L2	W3	L4	L13	L7	W5	5-4	34.25
7. Ernie Norton	W19	W3	D2	W14	L7	L10	L6	W18	5-4	33.50		
8. A. C. Thompson	5-5 (30.00); 9. Calvin G. Taber 5-5 (25.00); 10. Edward Mitnick 5-5 (23.00); 11. William L. McCoy 5-5 (19.00); 12. Milton Wass 5-5 (18.00); 13. Einar Rosenjager 4-5 (28.25); 14. Ethelbert A. Jones 4-6 (14.00); 15. George Friedman 4-6 (10.50); 16. Helen Lunday 3-7 (9.00); 17. Robert R. Hafferman 1-9 (1.00); 18. Joseph R. Butterfield 1-7 (0.00).											

MILWAUKEE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Milwaukee, 1950

1. Martin Ptacek	W23	W3	W6	D9	D2	W10	W3	6-1	26.50
2. Mark Sturges	W22	W10	W7	D3	D1	W13	D5	5-1	23.00
3. Arpad E. Elio	W19	W7	W15	D2	W5	W6	L1	5-1	22.25
4. Averil Powers	D9	W21	W11	L5	W17	W15	W10	5-1	17.50
5. Ralph Abrams	W27	D11	W16	W4	L3	W9	D2	5-2	18.50
6. Eric Luprecht	W20	W13	L2	W15	L10	W11	W33	5-2	18.00
7. James Weidner	W19	W3	L2	W15	L10	W11	W33	5-2	14.50
8. George Hurley	W31	L1	W18	L6	bye	W16	W12	5-2	10.00
9. Al Groves	D4	W22	W14	D1	L6	L5	W16	4-3	13.25
10. Dr. O. M. Wehrley	W32	L2	W17	W20	W7	L1	L4	4-3	13.00
11. Sam Morell	W20	D5	L4	W22	D18	L7	W17	4-3	11.50
12. Dr. Arganjan	W24	L6	W1	L16	W25	W14	L8	4-3	7.50
13. Paul Triplett	W23	L1	W24	W19	W18	L2	W16	4-3	7.00
14. Paul Triplett	L16	W20	L9	W18	W22	L12	D15	3-3	33.25
15. Dan Clarke	W29	W18	L3	L7	W19	L4	D14	3-3	8.75
16. Frank Inbush 3-4 (10.00); 17. Paul Liebig 3-4 (7.00); 18. McCormick 3-4 (3.50); 19. Leo Trabert 3-4 (1.00); 20. W. Keim 2-4 (5.50); 21. Cannon 2-5 (3.00); 22. D. Schwartz 2-5 (2.00); 23. J. Karoluk 2-5 (2.00); 24. H. J. Lawrence 2-5 (2.00); 25. L. Ebrahan 2-5 (0.00); 26. Kurt Kretschmar 1-6 (2.50); 27. A. Christofaro 1-6 (2.50); 28. M. Rohland 1-6 (2.00); 29. R. Kuehn 1-6 (1.00); 30. Wm. Bauerdt 1-6 (0.00); 31. F. Sorge 0-7 (0.00); 32. D. Steinbecker 0-7 (0.00); 33. Wendt 0-7 (0.00).									

Friday, January 5, 1951

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

BEFORE Weaver Adams left to compete in the Hastings Christmas tourney, New York's top chess centers welcomed him for simultaneous exhibitions. Let's follow the 1948 open champion as he carries out this schedule...

At the New York Academy of Chess, where Adams faces 16 opponents, there is no widespread, enthusiastic interest in the visit of any master. This chess "concession", overlooking New York's famed 42nd street, caters to the "come and go" chess players, those who do not have the time (or the money) to belong to a more exclusive club. Here chess is played at 15 cents an hour, amidst thick clouds of tobacco smoke and plenty of "kibitzer" partee—these two seem to be inseparable. Adams' challengers are enclosed in a space usually reserved for two ping-pong tables, but tonight in honor of the master, there is no table tennis. Two men study tomorrow's racing form under a prominent placard warning that "gambling is prohibited by law." Adams' opponents are strangely dressed for a chess game—some sit at the boards with their heavy overcoats and others wear winter hats. The master finds the opposition easy, and the result is 16 straight wins. The contestants file out, and the ping-pong tables are set up again.

A few days later Adams plays at the Brooklyn Chess Club, located above the opera hall of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. At various times rumor had it that this club was disbanding. But it seems someone always comes to Brooklyn's rescue. Now it is Henry Spinner who has scheduled Adams for a 15 board exhibition. Quite a few original paintings decorate the walls, and the fact that none of them pertains to chess strengthens the conclusion that this place is not primarily a chess club—indeed, only several times a week is the chess club open for business! Adams makes short work of his opposition; just one loss to Charles Schoenfeld prevents an otherwise perfect score.

Next Adams plays at the Marshall Chess Club. Twenty-two players are seated at the regular chess tables in the club's main room and prepare their answer to Adams' invariable P-K4. Here is real tournament atmosphere—spectators talk quietly, opponents do not need to be reminded to hold their moves until Adams appears, and the portraits of chessmasters as well as the various trophies lining the walls bespeak chess leadership. Adams is successful here too; he wins 18, draw with G. Josiah, and loses to Mrs. H. Rogers, R. Roberts, and R. Schultz.

In Brief: Hanauer 8 1/2-1/2 and Hill 7-1 lead the Marshall championship. Dick Haefner won the Log Cabin Class B championship. Larry Evans triumphed in 3 straight Manhattan C.C. rapids, quite an achievement considering the Manhattan Club's strong weekly turnout.

ST. LOUIS LEAGUE

Final Standings

Matches		Games
1. Alton YMCA Chess Club	3-1	15 - 9
2. Independent Chess Club	2-1	13-10
3. YMCA Juniors	2-2	12-12
4. Molineford Chess Club	1-2	12-12
5. YMCA Seniors	1-3	7-13

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