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BALLANTINE, SMITH STAR

Illinois State Chess Assn. Promotes Chess Exhibition At Hobby Show

Success of the chess exhibition at the World Hobby Show at the Navy Pier in Chicago last year, where it drew continual crowds through the ten days of the exhibition and became one of the stellar attractions to be televised in advertising the show, has resulted in the Illinois State Chess Assn being invited to present another chess exhibition at the 1951 World Hobby Show at the Coliseum from March 30 to April 8 in a much enlarged space. Popularity of last year's exhibition may be gauged by the fact that 15,000 leaflets on how to play chess, donated by the Gallant Knight Company of Chicago, were distributed to those who evinced real interest in the exhibition and the game.

This year's exhibition will consist again of continuous simultaneous chess play against all comers, with the various outstanding players of Chicago and suburbs contributing their time as simultaneous performers. The background of the booth will be decorated with chess sets and other chess equipment, supplied by the Gallant Knight Company, who will also donate the boards and sets for the simultaneous play. And the focal center of attraction will probably be the unique and startling 10-second chess clock of the Illinois Bell Telephone Chess Club, which flashes its warning every ten seconds to control play in rapid transit chess tournaments.

The chess clubs of Chicago and vicinity will cooperate with the State Assn in providing players to man the booth throughout the exhibition, and copies of CHESS LIFE will be distributed to all who show interest in the game.

Plans of the Illinois State Chess Assn to promote interest in chess in Illinois are not limited to the display at the World Hobby Show but include in the immediate future a four-city team match between teams from Chicago, Decatur, Peoria and Urbana and a revival of the multiboard matches between Wisconsin and Illinois, which in the past sometimes ran well over 100 boards at a meeting. The State Chess Championship Tournament is also being planned and the State Junior Championship although definite dates and locations have not yet been assigned.

To keep Illinois players informed the ISCA now publishes a news bulletin, *Kastles*, edited by former U.S. Open Champion Albert Sangrin, which is distributed to all members. Secretary of the ISCA is Fred Stoppel, 5214 West 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois.

BERLINER TOPS WASHINGTON DIVAN

With several unfinished games, it is apparent that Hans Berliner has nevertheless won the Divan Championship since his 9-1 score cannot be equalled. Berliner is enlisting in the U. S. Air Force, so will not be able to defend his District Championship in the forthcoming tourney. His only loss in the Divan event was to CHESS LIFE columnist Edmund Nash. Tied for second are Martin Stark and Russell Chaivenet with 7½-3½, while Ernest Knapp has 7-4 and Commander Charles D. Mott 6½-4½. Nathan Robbins with 5½-3½ and two unfinished games still holds the chance of a tie for second.

MARSHALL DRAWS WITH CAPABLANCA

In their invasion of Cuba for a return match with the Capablanca Chess Club of Havana, the Marshall Chess Club scored a draw on a seven board match. Earlier in the year Marshall had defeated at Cuban team in New York. The American players were flown from Miami to Havana in the private plane of the Cuban Minister of Education, Senor Aureliano Sanchez-Arango, who made the arrangements for the match. The Marshall Club players were reinforced in Miami by the arrival of Alexander Bisno, president of the Manhattan Chess Club, and Dr. John R. Bowman of Pittsburgh. Apart from the match, Dr. Reuben Fine contested five exhibition games with clocks, drawing with Dr. Juan Gonzalez and winning from Senors Calero, Cobo, Estenzer and Ortega.

| Marshall Chess | Capablanca | Score |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Dr. R. Fine | Pianas | 0 |
| Dr. E. Lasker | Alaman | 1 |
| H. Knoch | Proderman | 1 |
| Dr. Mengarini | Florida | 1 |
| E. McCormick | Ruzelo | 0 |
| Dr. J. Bowman | Meylan | 1 |
| A. Bisno | Sanchez-Arango | 1 |
| Marshall | Capablanca | 3½ |

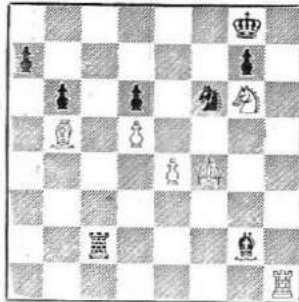
TRI-CITIES FORM CLUB IN TEXAS

Impelled by the chess energy of F. E. Condon, former Oklahoma State Assn. secretary, the Texan cities of Borger, Phillips and Buena Vista have organized the Tri-Cities Chess and Checker Club which meets in the Hutchinson County Library at Borger on Thursday nights. Dr. Andries Voet, director of ink research for the Huber Corporation and an acquaintance of Dr. Euwe with whom he played chess in Holland, was elected president with F. E. Condon as secretary-treasurer. The club will celebrate its organization with the immediate commencement of club chess and checker tournaments.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

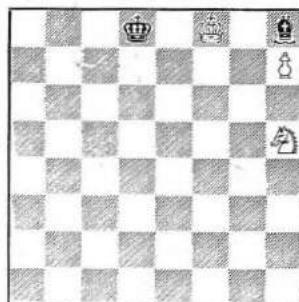
- U. S. Open Championship Tournament
Fort Worth, Texas, July 9-21, 1951
- U. S. Junior Championship Tournament
Philadelphia, Penna., July 23-28, 1951

Position No. 53
Bondarevsky vs. Ufimtsev
USSR, 1936?



6k1, p5p1, 1p1p1s1, 1B1P4, 4PK2,
2, 2r3b1, 7R
White to play and win

Position No. 54
Spassky vs. Polugavsky
USSR, 1950



3k1K1b, 7P, 8, 7S, 8, 8, 8, 8
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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OF THE MANY positions I have solved, I remember Position No. 53 with a special fondness. Expert solvers should be able to solve it from the diagram, without further clues. To others, there is a mate in four. This position has appeared in various chess publications throughout the world. In the four publications I have seen, no two agree on the same date; perhaps some reader can settle the question.

Position No. 54 could have arisen in the game, had Black put up the best defense and not blundered earlier. The Soviet analyst P. Romanovsky shows that White can make the win obvious in four moves.

Additional comment concerning Position No. 48 has come in from several readers, including Joe Faucher, and two English correspondents—J. T. Boyd and Richard K. Guy. All are agreed that the position was arrived at after Black's 56th move; that is, it was White's move. Faucher and Guy point out that the position was exhaustively analysed also in the Australian magazine *Chess World*, April 1946 and subsequently. However, with White to move, Black's winning procedure is to get Position No. 43 with the move, or to get his King to K4 when the White King moves to K2.

Please turn to Page four for solutions.

CHESS STAMP SET WIN FIRST PRIZE

At the annual Convention of Illinois Stamp Clubs at Decatur, the first prize award for "Best Philatelic Theme" went to Mrs. Pauline H. Nearing of Decatur for her panel display of chess stamps and related material on correspondence chess. Mrs. Nearing, author of the article on "Chess in Stamps" in the February 5 issue of CHESS LIFE, comes by both hobbies naturally, being a very active member of the Decatur Chess Club and wife of a noted philatelist, C. Turner Nearing, whose own display on the "St. Louis Bear" stamps won first award in its class, while his most famous "Stamps of Note" (in which music is the predominant theme) has won so many awards that appeared in the Decatur Exhibition as hors de concours in the non-competitive exhibits.

MORGAN TAKES FLINT TITLE

LaVerne Morgan by virtue of one S-B point captured the Flint (Mich.) City Championship with 4-1, losing a final round game to runner-up Fred Burr. Burr, also with 4-1, placed second, losing a game to John Reddy who placed third with 3½-1½ in the 10 player 5 round Swiss event conducted by the Flint Chess Group. Fourth place went to Alfred Beaudette with 3-2, while Edward Muller was fifth with 2½-2½.

C. F. FELL WINS BUFFALO TITLE

Victory in the Buffalo City Championship, held at the Queen City Chess Club, went to Chester F. Fell with 9-1 in an 11 player round robin event. Fell lost no games, but drew with Albert E. Vossler and Vernon Gable. Second place went to the veteran Roy T. Black with 8-2 in a tie with defending champion Morton R. Siegel. Black lost games to Fell and Vossler, while Siegel lost to Fell and Black. Fourth place was also a tie, between Albert E. Vossler and Vernon Gable, with 7-3 each. Vossler drew with Fell and Gable, while losing to Siegel and Zygmunt A. Stopinski. Gable drew with Fell and Vossler, losing to Black and Siegel.

DITTMANN WINS IDAHO CHESS MEET

Herman A. Dittmann, noted creator of chess trophies in wood, won the Idaho Invitational Championship event at Boise, carrying back to Salt Lake City one of the two trophies he had made for the tournament winners. Dittmann scored 6-2 (no losses and four draws) as the only out-of-state player in the event.

Second place and the Idaho State Championship was shared by Glen Buckendorf of Buhl and LaVerl Kimpton of Twin Falls with 5½-2½ each. Don Crawford, the blind player of Boise, was fourth with 5-3, while Lloyd Kimpton finished fifth with 4½-3½.

BALLANTINE WINS WASHINGTON MEET

Charles Ballantine, young Washington State Junior Champion, won the Washington State Championship impressively with 9½-1½ in the strongest Washington title tournament ever held. Recently Ballantine placed second behind veteran Charles Joachim in the Washington Open. Ballantine lost no games but drew with Robert C. Stork, R. P. Allen and Glenn Muller.

Second place resulted in a tie between G. S. Patterson and Carl Enz, the latter winner of the recent Washington Woodpushers Tourney, with equal 9-2 scores in the 12 player round robin event. Both lost to Ballantine, while Patterson drew with Enz and Weaver, and Enz with Patterson and Stork. Robert Stork, editor of the Washington Chess Letter, was fourth with 7½-3½, while F. H. Weaver was sixth with 7-4. Frequent winner Charles Joachim had to be content with sixth place and a score of 5½-5½.

SMITH CAPTURES SOUTH TEXAS OPEN

George H. Smith of Houston won the South Texas Open Championship, jointly sponsored by the Texas Chess Assn. and the Houston Morphy Chess Club, by a score of 4½-½, drawing in the exciting last round with his most persistent challenger, Robert Wright. Smith also bested Robert Brieger, who placed second in the event with 4-1. Wright, a former Chicago player, was third with 3½-1½, losing a game to Brieger.

Fourth place went to Aaron Paul with 3-2, while Harry E. Graham, Norman H. Nippell and R. J. Bloom field tied for fifth with 2½-2½ in the 12 player 5 round Swiss event. Smith almost failed to appear for the event, due to orders to report to the Air Force for duty, but a fortunate last minute cancellation of these orders permitted him to compete and win the title.

POSCHEL TOPS CHICAGO SPEED

Not content with winning the Illinois State Rapid Transit title some weeks ago, Paul Poschel also captured the Chicago Speed Championship event, conducted by the Chicago City Chess League at the YMCA Hotel. In the finals Poschel scored 3-1, losing one game to Burton Dahlstrom. Dahlstrom and Einar Michelson tied for second with 2½-1½, while Pizzi, a former champion of Chile, was fourth with 2-2.

The B Class Finals resulted in a tie between Milwaukee Champion Ptacek and Phillips with 6-1½-1½ each. Third was Voltz with 5½-2½ and Posner was fourth with 5-3.

There were 21 entries in the event, and the 11 players with plus scores from 5 preliminary sections went into two sections of which the top victors were qualified for the final championship round robin. Players with minus scores in first preliminary sections went directly into the B Class final round robin event.

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CHESS AS LITERATURE

THOSE who may feel from perusing various anthologies that the body of fiction based upon or related to chess is limited to a few famous tales such as "The Three Sailors' Gambit" and a miscellany of unimportant items will be surprised and gratified to learn that this is not the case.

In "Chess Fiction in English to 1945: A Bibliography," published in the Southwestern Journal, Volume V, Number 4, our own learned book reviewer, Dr. Kester Svendsen of the University of Oklahoma, has indicated a list of 553 titles (of which some are admittedly duplications) in which chess is a principal theme or an integral part of the story.

Among the authors are many names, not usually associated with chess as Robert Barr, Vicki Baum, Ernest Bramah Smith, John Dickson Carr, Robert W. Chambers, Marie Corelli, Jeffrey Farnol, Maurice H. Hewlett, A. A. Milne, Dorothy A. Sayers, T. S. Stribling, and Percival Wilde. Such sedate non-chess magazines as Harper's, Lippincott's, Fraser's Magazine, Strand Magazine, Scribner's, Esquire, Argosy-All Story, Cosmopolitan, Graham's American Monthly, Hearst's Short Stories, Longman's, Pall Mall, London Tidbits, Best Detective, Chamber's Journal, Good Housekeeping have contributed the space for publication and the belief that a good chess tale needed no apology.

Among the titles listed, of course, is Dr. Svendsen's own "Last Round" and F. M. Wren's "Time Trouble"—two somewhat neglected classics which we hope to reprint in CHESS LIFE when space permits.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE ADVENTURE OF CHESS. By Edward Lasker. Garden City, New York: Doubleday, \$3.95. Pp. xxiv, 296, with plates and diagrams.

The Adventure of Chess is aptly described on the jacket as "a lively, anecdotal account of chess and its players throughout the ages." In addition, it is a handsomely produced volume with eight plates of chessmen and players, excellent typography, and good binding. Part One is history and reminiscence; Part Two is an adult chess primer for uninitiates captivated by what they read in Part One. Dr. Lasker, technically an amateur since his profession is not chess but engineering, is of course an internationally known master whose Chess Strategy was a best seller in the days before high pressure advertising. This book is closer in content and style to his Chess for Fun and Chess for Blood. He writes briefly but interestingly of the ancestry and development of the game, of the literature and the early masters of reformed chess, of the nineteenth century wonders, and more fully of the masters of his generation. Chapters on the chess mentality, on famous chess amateurs, and on the electronic chess player are representative of the rest of Part One.

Most readers are familiar with the careers of Deschappelles, de la Bourdonnais, Anderson, Morphy, Steintz, and Tchigorin; but to each of these Dr. Lasker brings some new point of interest. The reminiscences of Emanuel Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, and others are drawn from the author's own experiences with them, for he knew them all for many years. He tells how Lasker prepared for his match with Tarrasch in 1908 by a rest of three weeks in a wood near Berlin. "All he did was walk and read. I can bear witness to the fact that he did not even take a chess board with him. I went to visit him every day to play a game of Go with him, as he had asked me to do while the time away." After mentioning the late hours his great namesake kept as he studied mathematics and philosophy, Edward Lasker goes on to say of Capablanca: "During the many years in which I saw a great deal of him, I do not remember his ever breakfasting before I had my lunch. The cause of his late evenings, however, was never mathematics or philosophy." Lasker treats the unsavory Alekhine with fairness, calling him "unquestionably one of the greatest, if not the greatest, inventive genius chess has had." Reti, Nimzovich, Tartakower, and others also figure in this section.

In the chapter on what constitutes the "chess mind," Dr. Lasker lists, in addition to disciplined will, good nerves, and self-confidence, these qualities: (1) a high degree of intelligence, though not necessarily of culture; (2) the ability to think objectively; (3) the capacity for abstract thought; (4) the ability to distribute attention over a number of different factors. The last named is of course what is involved in making combinations and avoiding oversights. This chapter and the one on electronic players go rather deeply into the theory of chess; readers

who may have seen *alarmist reports* will be glad to have the assurance of an engineer that an infallible automaton is impossible.

There are chapters here on famous amateurs like Napoleon, Charles M. Schwab, and Marcel Duchamp; on chess in literature and art; on chess, music, and mathematics; on the present status of master chess. The primer must be commended for its emphasis on basic principles, but experienced players will value the book for its sidelights on the great ones, its human interest stories, its inside history, as told by a master who knew his contemporaries intimately. The author has one of the most attractive styles in chess literature, and *The Adventure of Chess* is a real contribution to chess pleasure.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

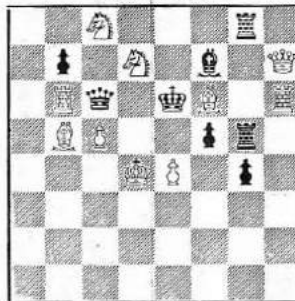
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THE Composer of No. 239 is only thirteen years old, and this is his first attempt at creating a problem. On these two counts, we think solvers will agree with us that it is quite remarkable. No. 242, also by a relative newcomer, has more to it than meets the eye.

Problem No. 239

By Harold Kellerman
Yonkers, N. Y.

Entry in CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney
Black: 8 men

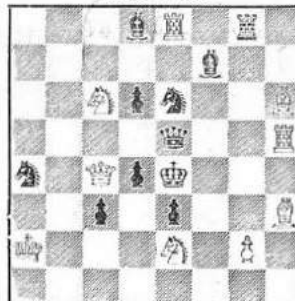


White: 10 men
2S3r1, 1p1S1b1Q, 1Rq1k1B1R, 1BP2pr1,
3KP1p1, 8, 8, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 241

By M. Marysko
Prague, Czechoslovakia

Entry in CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney
Black: 11 men



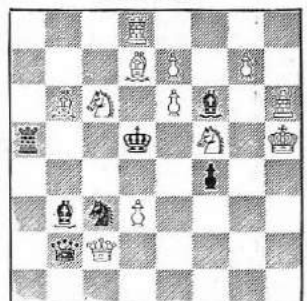
White: 9 men
3BR1r1, 5b2, 2Sp2B, 4a2R, s1Qp4s,
2p1p2B, K3S1P1, 8
White mates in three moves

Solutions to previously published problems on Page four.

Problem No. 240

By H. Hermanson
Unbyn, Sweden

Entry in CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney
Black: 7 men



White: 12 men
3R4, 3BP1P1, 1BS1Pb1R, r2k1S1K, 5p2,
1bsP4, 1pQ3, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 242

By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Unpublished
Black: 5 men



White: 7 men
2B3S1, 5pp1, 5P2, 7p, 5p1k, 5K2,
6RP, 6R1
White mates in three moves

With The Chess Clubs

DOWNTOWN YMCA (Pittsburgh) Chess Club held a round robin finals to determine the Rapid Transit championship, consisting of leading scorers in two previous preliminaries. Dave Spiro won the title with 5-1 in the 4 player double round robin, drawing twice with Fred Sorenson who placed second with 4-2, drawing also with W. H. Byland. Byland was third with 2-4, and Alexander Spitzer completed the quartet with 1-5.

GREATER PROVIDENCE (R.I.) YMCA Chess Club saw the club championship shared by Carl L. Grossguth of Cranston and Walter B. Suesman, chess editor of the Providence Journal, with 4-1 each. Mortimer Simons placed third with 3-2. Suesman lost his game to Simons and Grossguth a game to Suesman.

DURHAM (N.C.) Chess Club found its club champion in Arthur G. Ashbrook who scored 7-2 in the 10 player round robin event, losing games to Chapman and Peters. Kit Crittenden and William Chapman (sometime of York, Pa.) tied for second with 6-3 each, while W. J. Peters placed fourth with 5½-3½.

DOWNTOWN Y.M.C.A. (Pittsburgh) Chess Club staged a large meeting for the Horowitz simultaneous with participants coming from as far as Columbus and Liverpool, Ohio. The event was covered by 17 district newspapers. Horowitz won 39 games, lost two against Paul L. Dietz and John W. Shera, and drew six against Robert Wilson, Fred Sorenson, T. M. Cherington, H. P. Meese, Bernard Berger and F. R. Smith, Jr. (10 years old!).

QUEEN CITY (Buffalo) Chess Club held a simultaneous exhibition at the Hotel Buffalo with I. A. Horowitz as the star. Horowitz scored 30 wins, 1 loss (to Karl Wald, a high school player of promise), and 5 draws against Cal Janowitz, Geo. Chase, Erwin Coss Jr., (who came from Thunder Bay, Ontario for the contest), Zvgmnt Stopinski and Glenn E. Hartleb (who hiked from Erie, Pa., for the event).

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

OUR suspicion that the text of section of "Das Schachleben in der Sowjet-Russland" is only an abbreviated version of Alekhine's original manuscript finds further support in a booklet, "Memoirs of a Soviet Master" (in Russian, Leningrad, 1929), by A. F. Ilyin-Zhenevsky. This man, as Alekhine points out himself ("Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" p. VIII), was most influential in organizing Soviet Chess, "and it can safely be said that without him, his energy and organizational talent, Soviet Chess would hardly be today what it is — the foundations this influential government official laid were evidently more solid than Alekhine believed (or wanted to believe) when he said, at the end of the text part of "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" (p.XVI):

According to latest world record, the chess players of Petrograd, Kazan, and Khar'kov, start to organize themselves, but there is everywhere else all depends on the personal influence of some Soviet government man, similar to the short blooming of chess life in Moscow thanks to Ilyin-Zhenevsky. But it appears hardly likely that anything permanent could be built on such un-solid foundations. . . . For the time being, Russian chess players are confined to such fortuitous temporary chances, which, of course, they should take advantage of in as productive a way as possible, until eventually that event will take place which the Russian chess community hopes for and expects just as longingly as the entire, honestly thinking Russia.

While Alekhine states that Ilyin-Zhenevsky "arose on the horizon of the Muscovite chess players" at the end of 1919 (p. VIII), Ilyin-Zhenevsky himself ("Memoirs of a Soviet Master", p. 35) claims to have started a match with Grigoriev on July 10, 1919 and the preceding and rather amusing chapter of his booklet shows that he had arrived in Moscow many weeks before, had found there an active Moscow Chess Club meeting in the apartment of one "Berman" (probably the G. D. Berman who was co-editor of "Shakhmaty" from January through June 1923, author of a series of articles on Chess Organization and Chess Life in Moscow in "Shakhmaty" 1926. October-December, a collector of Chigorin material, see "Shakhmaty" 1923, p. 24, later emigrated to Melbourne, Australia, see Smirnov's "Slovar' Shakhmatista", ca. 1929, p. 41, also "Chess World", Oct. 1950, p. 229) and had, as then "was fashionable" in Moscow, challenged Grigoriev for a match. Grigoriev — the same N. D. Grigoriev who played such a prominent part in the preceding installment — was then considered, according to Ilyin-Zhenevsky, p. 35, as a "star of first magnitude" and he, Grekov and Ilyin-Zhenevsky tied for first to third in a tournament of "first category" in Moscow in the winter of 1919-20. It is strange to note that Alekhine (but also "Shakhmaty" 1922, p. 18) does not mention anything of all these activities reported by Ilyin-Zhenevsky, p. 33 — how could it be that two "tournaments of first category" or "class", both with Grekov's participation, took place at almost the exact same time when traffic conditions in Moscow were so bad that Ilyin-Zhenevsky (p. 33) had to walk from one end of Moscow to the other because streetcars were not running then? How could it be that Alekhine who, as we will see later, had a good deal of praise for the young "star" Grigoriev, did not visit the Moscow Chess Club, where he could find at least one almost worthy opponent, more often?

There is obviously a gap here, but it will be practically impossible to decide now whether Alekhine omitted certain facts from "Das Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" — which, after all, was not (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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To Take or Not to Take?

No self-respecting chess player likes to decline a sacrifice if he honestly feels that it can be refuted. But the problem is often complicated by time pressure, the possibility of oversights and blunders, not to mention that psychological depression which often sets in when defensive play is required. There are also cases of over-confidence, as in the following game, where the strength of a sacrifice is not fully appreciated.

FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME Hastings 1938-39

White: T. H. TYLOR P. S. MILNER-BARRY
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
4. B-K15 Kt-Q5
5. B-R4 B-B4

Black can get a perfectly good game with 5. Kt-Ktch, but the Pawn sacrifice is better suited to Milner-Barry's enterprising style.

6. KtXP O-O
7. Kt-Q3
This looks awkward, but on normal-looking moves such as 7. P-Q3 or Kt-B3, P-Q4! gives Black a fine game.

8. KtXP O-O
9. Kt-Q5

Prematurely aggressive. He should assure the safety of his King with 9. O-O, although after 9. P-Q3; 10. PXP, KtXP Black's initiative is worth the Pawn.

10. P-QB3 P-Q3
11. P-K5 Q-R5!

The first surprise: after 11. P-K5, Q-K5ch wins one of the Knights advantageously. 11. KtXB7, Q-K5ch is particularly unfavorable for White.

12. Kt-K4 Q-K5
13. Kt-K4 PXP

A second offer of a piece which has to be calculated very accurately.



13. P-Kt
If 13. P-Q3, Q-Kt3; 14. P-Kt, PXP; 15. Kt-B4, QxKtP; 16. R-B1, B-R6; 17. Q-K2, Kt-B3 followed by 18. KR-K1 with a winning game.

14. Q-B2 PXP
15. P-B4 Q-K4

White should now return the piece by casting, after which the extra Pawn will be balanced by the weakness of his Pawn position and inferior development.

16. P-B4 QxP
17. Kt-B4 Q-R5ch

Black is a piece down, but he has a winning attack (if 17. K-Q1??, B-K15 mate!—or 17. P-Kt3, Q-Q2ch regaining the piece).

17. K-B1 P-Q6!

This pretty move wins even more rapidly than 17. Q-B3ch; 18. K-K1 (not 18. K-K1, P-Q6ch!), Q-K2ch followed by QxKt.
18. KtXP B-KB4!
Threatening 19. BxKtch and 20. Q-B7 mate. If 19. P-KK13, Q-K5 is decisive.

19. KtXB B-K13
If 20. BxKt, KRxB and White is helpless. Or 20. B-Kt5, P-QB3; 21. B-B4, P-QKt4; 22. B-Kt3, R-Q1 etc.
20. White resigns, for if 21. B-B4, Kt-Q3 (even 21. QxB wins!) shatters White's position.

(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

Position No. 67



rsbrik1, ppp1ppp, s, 4P2s, 2B5, 2S2S2, PPP1P1P, 3R1R1K
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 67 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by April 20, 1951.

Solution to Position No. 64

This position is the culmination of several well-planned sacrifices, which need the one final blow to justify their planning. Mendel Najdorf with Black in this position played at Warsaw, 1935, against B. Gleditsky (White): 1. B-K5 ch! Then followed 2. KxB, Kt-K4 ch; 3. P-Kt1, P-KR4 mate. Had White played 2. K-K3, then 2. BxQ; 3. BxB, QxP ch; 4. K-Q4, KtXP and Black wins with the material advantage of Q and three Ps against three minor pieces in the completely disorganized situation of the White forces.

Most of our solvers found the correct solution, although two went astray on a suggested 1. BxR4 whereupon the White Q can escape the trap; and one suggested an immediate 1. Kt-K4 ch on which White has a difficult but not impossible defence. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: D. Arganian (Basine), J. A. Baker (Manakato), S. Baron (Brooklyn), N. Bernstein (Brooklyn), R. Chauvenet (W. Hyattsville), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Coulure (Howard), J. Faucher (New Haven), E. Gault (New Brighton), J. Huss (Lancaster), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), E. J. Korparty (Woodside), F. D. Knuppel (New York), T. Lewis (Chicago), H. R. Meifort (Kalamazoo), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), M. F. Mueller (Pittsburgh), E. F. Muller (Flint), E. Nash (Washington), V. Oganosov (Monterey), H. Siller (Far Rockaway), W. Stephan (Princeton), H. K. Tonak (Detroit), A. Weissman (Bronx), N. P. Witting (Salem), Wm. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

SALT LAKE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP Salt Lake City, 1951

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| 1. Phil Neff | 6-0 |
| 2. F. L. Clark | 4-11 |
| 3. I. W. Taylor | 4-11 |
| 4. B. Palmer | 4-11 |
| 5. A. Mullik | 4-11 |
| 6. T. Pathakis | 3-3 |
| 7. Alex Rizos | 3-3 |
| 8. Grant Mack | 3-3 |
| 9. Stanley Hunt | 3-3 |
| 10. G. Chappuis | 2-4 |

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HERNANDEZ WINS TAMPA TITLE

Nestor Hernandez, a frequent champion, again won the Tampa City Championship, held at the Tampa Chess Club, with a score 14-0, in an 8 player double round robin event. Second place went to W. A. Reynolds with 11-3, losing two games to Hernandez and a game to Arthur Montana. Montana placed third with 9½-4½, losing games to Hernandez, Reynolds, and R. Robaldo, while drawing a game with J. B. Gibson. James B. Gibson was fourth with 8-6.

SUESMAN TAKES R. I. SPEED

Walter B. Suesman, chess editor of the Providence Journal, won the Rhode Island Speed Championship with 7-0 in an 8 player round robin event. David I. Hudnut was second with 5½-1½; and Joseph S. Wholey, Jr., was third with 4½-2½.

NEFF CAPTURES SALT LAKE TITLE

Phil Neff, Utah State Champion in 1946, won the Salt Lake City Championship with a perfect 6-0 score in a 16 player 6 round Swiss event, directed by Sam Teitelbaum. Second on S-B points was Farrell L. Clark with 4½-1½, while Irvin W. Taylor, also with 4½-1½, was third. Fourth and fifth with equal 4-2 scores went to two 16-year old high school players, Bruce Palmer and Allan Mulaik.

WEST PA. TITLE TO PEABODY HIGH

The Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Championship went to Peabody High in the final rounds by a double 3-2 and 4-1 victory over South High. Peabody will meet the winner of the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholastic Championship at Harrisburg for the state title.

With The Chess Clubs

DURHAM (N. C.) Chess Club saw New York State Champion and CHESS LIFE columnist Eliot Hearst give a brilliant simultaneous exhibition against assembled club members, losing one game to William J. Peters, the 1950 North Carolina Open Champion, and conceding draws to A. G. Ashbrook, Kit Crittenden, and Bill Sarles.

PLAINFIELD (N.J.) Chess Club yielded the club championship to John L. Biach who scored 5-1 in a 7 player round robin, losing a game to Mager. Edward Jackson and John D. Mager tied for second with 4½-1½. Jackson lost to Biach and drew with Mager. Mager 1st to John Krueger, Siegfried Hauck and John Krueger tied for fourth with 3-3 each.

BATTLIE (Cambridge) Chess Club saw Boston City Champion Kazys Skema sweep a 12 board simultaneous exhibition at the club.

CENTRAL Y.M.C.A. (Cleveland) Horowitz who won 3 games, lost three to Ernest Mehwald, Larry Starr, and M. Auflander, and drew four against Adam Zachlin (15 years old), Tom Ellison, McCready, and a consultant team of Gilchrist, Varga and Cotelieb.

LITHUANIAN (Boston) Chess Club scored a 4½-3½ victory over the visiting New York Lithuanian Chess Club. Then the two Lithuanian groups united to best the Boston Chess Club 9½-5½.

DURHAM (N.C.) Chess Club elected Samuel A. Agnello president, W. J. Peters vice-president, and George C. Harwell secretary-treasurer. After the business meeting, a rapid transit tournament was held and won by Kit Crittenden (who commutes regularly from Raleigh to attend the meetings) with William Chapman second and W. J. Peters third.

WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

| Seattle, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| 1. C. Ballantine | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9-1 |
| 2. G. S. Patterson | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9-2 |
| 3. Carl Enz | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9-2 |
| 4. Robert Stork | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7-3 |
| 5. F. H. Weaver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7-4 |
| 6. C. Joachim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-5 |
| 7. H. A. Allen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 4-6 |
| 8. F. Hebert | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 4-6 |
| 9. G. Muller | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 3-7 |
| 10. J. Amidon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3-8 |
| 11. H. E. Yocom | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-8 |
| 12. K. Mulford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-10 |

Kenneth Mulford was forced to withdraw from tournament because of an attack of the flu.

1951 FLINT, MICHIGAN, CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

| Flint, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1. LaVerne Morgan | W8 | W4 | W5 | W3 | L2 | 4-1 | 13-00 | | | |
| 2. Fred Burr | W1 | L3 | W7 | W1 | W1 | 4-1 | 12-00 | | | |
| 3. John Reddy | W5 | W2 | W6 | L1 | W2 | 3-1 | 10-75 | | | |
| 4. Alfred Beaudette | W6 | L1 | W8 | L2 | W5 | 3-2 | 7-50 | | | |
| 5. Edward Muller | W7 | L1 | W4 | L4 | 2-2 | 7-25 | 7-25 | | | |
| 6. Thomas Vallancour | L4 | W8 | L2 | L5 | W7 | 2-3 | 6-00 | | | |
| 7. Merie Bowman 1-4 (1.00); 8. Charles Winter 0-5 (0.00); 9. Joe Davis; 10. J. Coleman. Last two players did not appear for playing after registration. | | | | | | | | | | |

TAMPA CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

| Tampa, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|--|--|
| 1. Nestor Hernandez | xx | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 14-0 | | |
| 2. W. A. Reynolds | 00 | 01 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11-3 | | |
| 3. Arthur Montana | 00 | 00 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9-4 | | |
| 4. James B. Gibson | 00 | 00 | xx | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 8-6 | | |
| 5. R. Robaldo | 00 | 00 | 01 | xx | 11 | 11 | 11 | 6-7 | | |
| 6. Jose G. Falcon | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | xx | 10 | 10 | 3-11 | | |
| 7. Joe Pujan | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | xx | 10 | 2-12 | | |
| 8. Ernest G. Werber | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | xx | 10 | 2-12 | | |

BUFFALO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

| Buffalo, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|--|
| 1. Chester T. Fell | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9-1 | |
| 2. Roy T. Black | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8-2 | |
| 3. Morton R. Sigel | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8-2 | |
| 4. Albert E. Vossler | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7-3 | |
| 5. Vernon Gable | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7-3 | |
| 6. August A. Stopinski | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 6-4 | |
| 7. Alfred Allison | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 4-6 | |
| 8. Manus Roizen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 3-7 | |
| 9. John T. Askey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-8 | |
| 10. Charles R. Swalm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-9 | |
| 11. Robert Mekus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-11 | |

SOUTH TEXAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

| Houston, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|-----|----|------|-------|------|--|--|--|
| 1. George H. Smith (Houston) | W12 | W4 | W2 | D3 | 4½-3 | 11-25 | | | | |
| 2. Robert S. Brieger (Houston) | W9 | W3 | W8 | L1 | W7 | 10-00 | | | | |
| 3. Robert Wright (Houston) | W10 | L2 | W5 | W4 | D1 | 3-1 | 9-75 | | | |
| 4. Aaron Paul (Houston) | W12 | W9 | L1 | L3 | W5 | 3-2 | 4-50 | | | |
| 5. Harry E. Graham (Lake Jackson) | W7 | D8 | L3 | W6 | L4 | 2-2 | 6-00 | | | |
| 6. Norman H. Nippel (Houston) | L1 | D7 | W10 | L5 | W11 | 2-2 | 4-75 | | | |
| 7. R. J. Bloomfield (Lake Jackson) | L5 | D6 | W12 | W8 | L2 | 2-2 | 3-25 | | | |
| 8. William A. Bills (Houston) 2-3 (3.75); 9. John Campbell (Waco) 2-3 (3.75); 10. Cyrus Magalis (Houston) 2-3 (1.50); 11. Stanley Hunt (Houston) 1-3 (1.00); 12. Gene Burns (Belton) 0-5 (0.00). | | | | | | | | | | |

Burns withdrew after three rounds.

CHICAGO CITY CHESS LEAGUE LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

| Chicago, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----|
| Championship Finals | | | | | B Class Finals | | | | | |
| 1. P. Poschel | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3-1 | 1. P. Poschel | 1-1 | 5. Sifton | 4-3 | |
| 1. B. Dahlstrom | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 2-1 | 2. Phillips | 6-1 | 6. J. J. J. J. | 3-4 | |
| 1. E. Michelsen | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 2-1 | 3. Voltz | 5-2 | 7. Graham | 2-6 | |
| 1. Pizzi | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 2-2 | 4. Posner | 5-3 | 8. Mrs. Adams | 0-8 |
| 1. D. Levadi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-4 | | | | | |

Chess Life

Tuesday, March 20, 1951

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE MARSHALL CHESS CLUB'S "Masters' Tournament," featuring six well-known U. S. masters in a round-robin tourney, was recently initiated, and judging by the great interest shown by spectators as well as the excellent play in the first two rounds, the tourney should be an outstanding success, financially and otherwise. Grandmaster Reuben Fine, participating in his first tournament since 1943, is of course, the chief drawing card, but Larry Evans, Albert Simonson, Milton Hanouer, Tony Santasiere, and Edward Lasker, the other contestants, are also names which attract the chess fans. Because of the interest in this event, the Marshall Chess Club has provided for discussions and analyses of the games while they are in progress each Sunday afternoon, and so the visitor to New York City would do well to come in and watch the masters at play and listen to the discussion in the adjoining room.

At the end of two rounds Larry Evans leads with two straight victories, scored over Simonson and Hanauer. Fine defeated Santasiere in the first round, and the grandmaster has slightly the better of it in his second round adjourned game with Lasker.

Chess got more than its usual share of attention in newspapers recently. The "World-Telegram-and-Sun", not too long ago, devoted almost an entire page to articles about the royal game. Besides the regular chess column by Herman Helms, the "Tely" on the same day featured an article by Alton Cook, movie critic of the paper and one of Marshall's most active members. Mr. Cook in a humorous treatment described the habits of various chessplayers and undoubtedly stimulated many of the newspaper's readers to investigate such a fascinating game. New York's chess experts are still smiling over one error, however — under a photograph of a thoughtful youth studying his chess position was the caption "George Kramer, chess prodigy, who won the New York State Championship at the age of 16" — all very true, but the picture was a photo of Walter Shipman!

Chess was also in for some "notoriety" when the following letter appeared in the New York Daily News' famous (or infamous) "Voice of the People": "Scandal has already smeared baseball, football and has basketball. The only sports we can still trust are chess contests and marble tournaments." (Signed) Dr. S. A. K. Little does he know ...

In Brief: Leading scores in the Manhattan Chess Club Championship are Kramer, 8½-3½. Bisguier 6-3, Denker 5½-3½. . . . E. Hearst, in his exhibition at the Marshall, scored 18 wins, 2 draws, and 1 loss (to his sixteen-year-old sister Marlys, who managed to win despite the heckling of various New York junior masters!) . . . Columbus defeated Syracuse 4½-½ at Syracuse.

HARTFORD LEADS EASTERN LEAGUE

Beginning the 1951 schedule Hartford Chess Club leads in the Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley Chess League by a 5-0. Northampton is second by 4-1, while Chicopee, Springfield, Greenfield and Holyoke follow. Individual high scorers are Eli Bourdon of Northampton and Frank Atkinson of Northampton with 3½ points each. G. E. Avery and J. Hickey, both of Hartford, are undefeated with 3 points each.

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By Fred Reinfeld

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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Match Game
New York, 1951
Notes by Dr. J. Platz
White: R. FINE, 1. P-Q4, 2. P-QB4, 3. Kf-QB3, 4. P-K3
Black: E. RESHEVSKY, 5. Kk1-K2, 6. P-Q4, 7. P-QB3, 8. P-QR3, 9. Kf-B3, 10. BxP, 11. QxP, 12. P-K3, 13. P-Q4, 14. P-QK4, 15. B-K2, 16. B-Q2, 17. R-K1, 18. Q-K2, 19. Q-K1, 20. BxP, 21. Kf-B3, 22. BxP, 23. Q-K1, 24. Kf-B3, 25. Q-K1

Chessboard diagram for Nimzo-Indian Defense, After 25. Q-K1? by Reshevsky. Includes move list and analysis.

Probably White didn't foresee Black's answer, so he loses the exchange. However, after 25. Q-B3, Q-B5 his game is very bad.
After 26. R-K1, RxB White's game is just as hopeless.
27. RxB ch KxR 29. KtXB K-Q4

RUY LOPEZ

North City vs. Lancaster
Philadelphia, 1951
Notes by Jos N. Cotter
White: J. White, 1. P-K4, 2. P-K3, 3. B-K1, 4. P-Q3, 5. B-K2, 6. Q-K1, 7. Kt-B4, 8. P-K3
Black: M. R. PAUL, 9. P-K4, 10. B-R4, 11. P-K3, 12. P-Q3, 13. P-Q4, 14. P-K3, 15. B-K2, 16. P-Q4, 17. P-Q4, 18. P-K3, 19. Q-K1, 20. B-K1, 21. P-K3, 22. P-Q4, 23. P-Q4, 24. P-K3, 25. Q-K1

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

(Comments by Alain White)
No. 231 (Benoit): 1. K-Q6, "Highly diverting. The key completes the four-fold pins of White pieces, with mates following the captures of each of the pinned pieces; and there is one unpin mate when 1... Q-B7."
No. 232 (ten Cate): 1. Kt-K3, "Here the unpinning theme is beautifully conceived. Random unpins (1... BxR) permit a renewal threat by 2. Kt-K5 mate; Black therefore makes the correction 1... P-Q5, closing the line of the White Rook on QB3, so that White's line KtB3-QB3 must remain open, and the mate by 2. Kt-K3 ensues."

SOLVER'S LADDER

(2 points for 2-movers; 4 points for 3-movers. This tally covers solutions received for problems in the February 5 issue.)
E. Onyschuk 100 Rich. Mitchell 82 R. E. Baxter 50 Ronald O'Neill 30
F. A. Holloway 94 P. Hunsicker 76 Sev. Ferrero 46 E. Graham 20
M. A. Michalek 92 Murray 70 Y. V. Oganessov 46 J. Pety 14
Kenneth Lay 88 G. Murtagh 76 W. J. Couture 40 Nicholas Yeo 10
R. M. Collins 86 Robert Grande 66 James Bolton 30 H. K. Tonak 8
Ted Lewis 86 J. E. Lucas 66 Rev. Chadley 30 Rob. E. Knight 6
E. J. Korpany 86 Alain White 66 H. S. Hartley 30 E. Narrows 2

A far-sighted move which prevents an immediate debacle. E.g., 9... P-KK3; 10. QxP, Kt-K3; 11. B-K3, P-QB4; 12. P-R5; P-Q4; 12. PxP ch, K-B1; 14. B-R6 mate. Of course, not 9... O-O; 10. B-B6.
10. QxP Kt-K3 12. PxP e.p.
11. B-K3 P-Q4!
Necessary to prevent the rapid and threatening advance of the Black Q-side Ps.
12... QxP
Best, for if 12... BxP; simply 13. B-KB4.
13... Q-K4
A difficult decision. White hopes to profit from the insecurity of the Black K and the temporary difficulty of getting the Black KR into action and so declines trading Qs.
14. Q-K2 B-Q2 17. BxK1
15. B-K3 B-QB3
Allows White time to complete his development with gain of time.
17... BxB 20. B-B2 P-KR4
18. Kt-B3 B-QB3 21. Kt-Q5 B-Q3
19. QR-Q1 R-K1 22. B-B5 P-R5?

Chessboard diagram for After 22... P-R5? by Paul. Includes move list and analysis.

Overlooking White's powerful threat. Instead the prophylactic move—K-K1! keeps the balance.
23. KtXB!
This stroke wins the game outright.
24. R-Q1
Clearly the best move. If... BxB; 24. QxB ch, R-K2; 25. R-QB mate. Other alternatives are even worse.
24. RxB! RxB 26. RxB Q-B4
25. R-Q1 Kt-K1
Black intended 26... Q-K4; but resignation was in order in any case.
27. R-QB ch Resigns

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Ohio State Championship
Columbus, 1950
Notes from the Columbus Y Chess Club Bulletin
White: J. SCHROEDER, 1. P-Q4, 2. Kt-KB3, 3. P-K3, 4. B-Q3, 5. B-K2, 6. KPxP, 7. Q-K2, 8. Kt-K2, 9. Q-K2, 10. Kt-B4, 11. Kt-K1, 12. QKt-K5, 13. P-KK3, 14. P-K3, 15. P-KR4, 16. P-K4, 17. P-QB4, 18. P-K4, 19. P-KR3, 20. P-K4, 21. P-KR3, 22. P-Q4, 23. P-KR3, 24. P-KR3, 25. P-KR3, 26. P-KR3, 27. P-KR3, 28. P-KR3, 29. P-KR3, 30. P-KR3
Black: T. ELLISON, 1. P-B4, 2. P-B3, 3. P-B3, 4. P-B3, 5. P-B3, 6. P-B3, 7. P-B3, 8. P-B3, 9. P-B3, 10. P-B3, 11. P-B3, 12. P-B3, 13. P-B3, 14. P-B3, 15. P-B3, 16. P-B3, 17. P-B3, 18. P-B3, 19. P-B3, 20. P-B3, 21. P-B3, 22. P-B3, 23. P-B3, 24. P-B3, 25. P-B3, 26. P-B3, 27. P-B3, 28. P-B3, 29. P-B3, 30. P-B3

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

North City vs. Lancaster Match
Philadelphia, 1951
Notes by J. N. Cotter
White: H. HICKMAN, 1. P-K4, 2. P-K3, 3. B-K1, 4. P-Q3, 5. B-K2, 6. Q-K1, 7. Kt-B4, 8. P-K3, 9. P-K3, 10. P-K3, 11. P-K3, 12. P-K3, 13. P-K3, 14. P-K3, 15. P-K3, 16. P-K3, 17. P-K3, 18. P-K3, 19. P-K3, 20. P-K3, 21. P-K3, 22. P-K3, 23. P-K3, 24. P-K3, 25. P-K3, 26. P-K3, 27. P-K3, 28. P-K3, 29. P-K3, 30. P-K3
Black: K. KRAEGER, 1. P-K4, 2. P-K3, 3. B-K1, 4. P-Q3, 5. B-K2, 6. Q-K1, 7. Kt-B4, 8. P-K3, 9. P-K3, 10. P-K3, 11. P-K3, 12. P-K3, 13. P-K3, 14. P-K3, 15. P-K3, 16. P-K3, 17. P-K3, 18. P-K3, 19. P-K3, 20. P-K3, 21. P-K3, 22. P-K3, 23. P-K3, 24. P-K3, 25. P-K3, 26. P-K3, 27. P-K3, 28. P-K3, 29. P-K3, 30. P-K3

Chessboard diagram for After 19... Kt-B3! by Ellison. Includes move list and analysis.

Black thought for 1/2 hour before playing this fine move. If White now plays 20. BxR? QxKt! wins for Black: 21. B-Q6, Kt-Q5; 22. Q-K3, Kt-B6 ch; 23. K-B1, KtP ch; 24. K-K1, QxKtP ch; 25. Q-K3, Kt-B6 ch; 26. K-B1, QxQ; 27. PxQ, BxB; 28. PxB, KtR; 29. RxB; if 23. Q-K4 ch, K-R2; 23. BxP ch, K-R1; 24. BxR, QxB, Black should win.
20. KtXP!
Although forced, this is a winning move. White thought for 45 minutes before playing this move!
20. KtXB
If instead P-K1, 21. BxR (not BxP ch, RxB; 22. PxB, QxK4 ch and wins); QxB; 22. BxP ch, P-K1; 23. B-K4, White has a winning advantage but Black has some counterplay by Kt-Q5; 24. Q-Q3 (not Q-K3? Kt-B7, BxB); 25. QxKt (not QxB, Kt-B6 ch), B-B3.
21. Kt-Q6 ch KtXB 22. KtXB Q-R5
Not Kt-B5; 23. Q-K4 ch and 24. KtXQ.
22. QxK1 ch
White is now a P ahead but must play carefully.
23. K-K1 24. Q-KK3
24. Q-K2? BxP!; 25. P-B3. If instead QxB? QxBP ch; 26. K-R1, Q-B6 ch; 27. K-K1, R-B5; and Black wins.
24. K-K2
If Black trades Qs he is hopelessly lost. Both players are now in great time pressure, having only 15 minutes apiece for the next 20 moves.
25. Q-R1 Q-B3 26. Q-K3
Not RxB? QxR ch.
26. Q-K2 27. Q-K2
To prevent R-B5.
27. Kt-K4 B-B2 29. P-KR3 B-Q1
28. Kt-Q6 Q-K3
A slight error allowing White to force the exchange of Qs.
30. Q-K4 QxQ 32. R-Q2 R-B6
31. RxB B-R3 33. Kt-R1 B-K4
Doubling R by QR-K1 would gain nothing. 34. RxBK2 (threatening K-B5), R1-B5; 35. Kt-K4 wins the QP. If 35... R-B2?; 36. Kt-B6 ch! wins the exchange.
34. KxR BxR 36. R-Q4
35. K-K2
To recapture with the R if Black plays BxK1.
36. R-K1!
Threatening B-B4 followed by RxB ch.
If B-B5? threatening B-B4, White wins the exchange by 39. Kt-B6 ch!
38. P-B3 K-B1 42. R-K4 P-KK4
39. P-K13 K-K2 43. Kt-B2 K-B2
40. Kt-B2 K-Q1 44. Kt-Q1 B-K15
41. Q-Q3 B-K2 45. Kt-B2 P-Q4
A mistake caused by time-pressure, but Black lost anyway.
46. BxP PxB 49. K-K3 R-K3
47. RxB R-K2 50. P-B4 P-QR4
48. Kt-Q3 K-B3
Thus the end of time control. Each player had two minutes left.
51. P-B5 R-K1 52. R-Q4 Resigns

After 19... Kt-B3! by Ellison. Includes move list and analysis.

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15. ... Kt-Q5 winning the Q—all because of one lost tempo!

Alekhine's Career

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suggested to be, and is not, merely an autobiographical report of his chess activities in Soviet Russia—or whether any omissions in this pamphlet are due to his publisher's desire to avoid a large printer's bill. There are no doubt certain facts concerning Alekhine's personal life during the first years of the revolution which he was not eager to talk about, and it is possible that a detailed account of his chess activities during that period would have forced him to discuss also such facts and circumstances only indirectly connected with his chess activities, and he therefore, rather than his publisher, omitted or eliminated them from "Das Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" by omitting also all reference to his chess activities of that period. If we did not know that his manuscript was "tampered with", we could infer that all omissions or gaps are intentional, in other words, that Alekhine wanted to hide or cover up certain facts of that period; but due to the circumstances of the publishing history of "Das Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland", these doubts will probably always remain unsolved.

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