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RESHEVSKY WINS WERTHEIM

Euwe And Najdorf Tie For Second, Fine Fourth, And Evans Fifth

Adequate revenge for his second place behind Najdorf came to Samuel Reshevsky in the Wertheim Memorial Tournament at the 11th round at the Manhattan Chess Club when he drew with his formidable opponent from Argentina to win an undisputed first place. Never out of the lead, Reshevsky, despite a loss to Dr. Max Euwe, showed definite return to the form that made him five times U. S. Champion. He conceded draws to Najdorf, Fine, Horowitz and O'Kelly, but retained the lead throughout the event.

Mendel Najdorf was undefeated, but conceded too many draws to win top spot, drawing with Reshevsky, Evans, Byrne, Horowitz, Guimard, O'Kelly and Kramer. Thus he shared second place with Dr. Max Euwe who also scored 7½-3½. Dr. Euwe, showing to better advantage than in the last few years, scored a victory over Reshevsky, but lost games to Najdorf and Evans. He drew with O'Kelly and Bisguier.

Dr. Reuben Fine in gaining fourth place with 7-4 needed a dashing horse-opera finish to achieve this success, winning 3½ points out of his last four games. Lack of practice was evident in his games, and his play did not have the finish and surety displayed when won the 1948 Manhattan International in 1948, ahead of Najdorf, Euwe and Pilnik. But his recovery in the final rounds gave the first four places to the four International Grandmasters in the event. Fine lost his games to Najdorf and Euwe, and drew with Reshevsky, Evans, Byrne and Kramer.

In placing fifth Larry Evans continued to fulfill the great promise he has shown, scoring a victory over Euwe and drawing with Najdorf and Fine; while Robert Byrne in a tie for sixth with I. A. Horowitz justified his inclusion in his first appearance in an international tournament. U. S. Open champion Arthur Bisguier took a very disappointing 10th place after his triumphant tie for first at Southsea last year.

NO. CALIF. TOPS SO. CALIF. TEAM

In the annual Northern vs. Southern California team match at San Luis Obispo on 58 board, the Northern team scored a triumphant victory despite the presence of the California State and open Champions on the Southern team by a lopsided 38½-19½ score. On the 10 top boards H. Gross, N. Falconer, G. McClain, H. J. Kalston, E. Pruner, W. Adams and J. B. Gee provided 6 points for the North while I. Kashdan, G. E. Croy, R. Travers, S. Almgren and H. Gordon could only gather 4 points for the South. Down the line the proportion remained the same throughout, with such outstanding players as R. Martin, A. Spiller, W. Steckel and H. Borochoff for the South and A. J. Fink and J. Schmitt for the North gaining only goose-eggs in the encounter.

CUBA REMEMBERS HER CAPABLANCA

To commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the year in which Capablanca won the World Championship, the Cuban government is issuing a series of chess stamps. Philatelists who wish to obtain the set may write for details to Senor Carlos A. Palacio, Secretario, Club Ajedrez Capablanca, Infanta 54, Habana, Cuba.

PAYNE CAPTURES KENTUCKY TITLE

Fred F. Payne of Mayfield won the Kentucky Championship by victory in the play-off match with W. B. Long, also of Mayfield. Payne and Long tied for first at 4-1 each in the regular championship finals at Louisville. Long drawing with Payne and Schroeder and Payne drawing with Long and Schroeder. Third place went to 1950 Ohio State Champion James Schroeder, now in the army at Fort Knox, with 3-2, while former State Champion Jack Moyle placed fourth with 2-3 in the 6 player round robin finals.

The Western Division preliminaries, held at Louisville, were won by James Schroeder with 5-0, with William Long second with 4-1 in a tie with Jack Moyle, also 4-1. In the Eastern Division, held at Lexington, Fred Payne, Jack Mayer, and Dr. Roberts qualified as the top scorers.

BAIN CAPTURES QUEBEC CITY

Osiar Bain, university student and secretary of the Chess Federation of Canada, took the Quebec City Championship with 7-0 score in 7 round 14 player Swiss. Second place went to Jules Therien with 6-1, losing one game to Bain. Marcel Dion was third with 5-2 and Paul Simard fourth with 4-3.

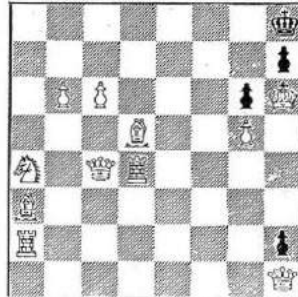
DAY TRIUMPHS IN N.H. TOURNEY

James Day of Milford won the New Hampshire State title 4-0 in a 4 round 9 player Swiss at Manchester. Almon Kelley of Hudson was second with 3-1, while Robert Hux of Dover with 2½-1½ was third. 1950 State Champion Fred Eschrich of Manchester and Alex Sadowsky of Portsmouth tied for fourth with 2-2 each.

CASPER WINS WYO. TEAM MEET

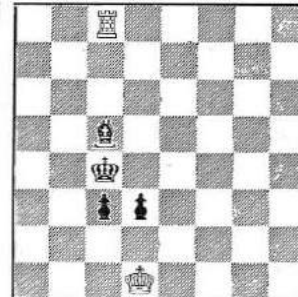
By defeating Douglas 3-1, Casper won the 1951 Wyoming State team title with Arnold, Packard and McManus scoring for Casper and Bliss tallying the Douglas point. The State Championship finals were not concluded when a serious automobile accident prevented Chester Ingle from playing Arch Bliss. In the Class B tourney, Ted Nast placed first and Mike Perotti second, while Ray Fetzer placed first in Class C with Dan Morse second.

Position No. 71
By Lounsbury



7k, 7p, 1PP3pK, 3i2P1, S1QR4, E7, R2P, 7Q
White to play and win

Position No. 72
By Edmund Hand



2R, 8, S, 2b5, 2k5, 2pp4, 8, 3K4
Black to move and draw

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

POSITION No. 71 represents an amusing situation that does not too infrequently occur in actual play—White has overwhelming superiority in material, but Black is in a stalemate position. The problem is how White can release Black from stalemate and yet win.

Position No. 72 represent emendations upon a position treated in Fine's Basic Endings. Mr. Edmund Hand with a new continuation disputes the conclusion that this position is a win for Black and seems to demonstrate a draw.

For solutions, please turn to page four.

MCCOMAS TAKES MARYLAND TITLE

Richard McComas, young Baltimore student, topped the field in a 6 round 12 player Swiss with 5-1 to win the Maryland State title. McComas lost one game to runner-up Garfinkel. Boris Garfinkel of Aberdeen was second on S-B points with 4½-1½, losing a game to Bentz and drawing with Armin Surgies. David Bentz of Baltimore was third with 4½-1½, losing a game to Surgies and drawing with 1950 State Champion Lars Enequist. Robert Simpson of Annapolis was fourth with 4-2 and George A. Lyle, also of Annapolis, was fifth with 3½-2½.

ELECTRO TOPS GREATER CHICAGO

The Electromotive Chess Club won the double-round Greater Chicago Chess League title with 9½-½ in matches and 46-15 in games. Irving Park was second with 7½-2½ and 40-20, while former league champions Austin Chess & Checker Club finished third with 5½-4½ and 34½-25½.

Individual high scorer in the league was Gutmanis of Electro with 9½-½ points. In second place were Kalnin of Electro, with 7½-½. Winikaitis and Block, both of Irving Park, tied for third with 7½-1½, while Buerger of Austin was fifth with 7-2.

At the annual meeting of the League, Fred H. Stoppel was elected president, Edward W. Buerger vice-president, and William F. Blazek secretary-treasurer.

POST OFFICE WINS CLEV'D INDUSTRIAL

Play-offs between the two top teams in each division for the Cleveland Industrial League title ended in a victory for U.S. Post Office, the 1950 winner with 1½-½ and 7-3. Lubrizol was second with 1½-1½ and 6-6, while Ohio Bell placed third with 1½-1½ and 5½-6½.

HEARST LEADS LOG CABIN MEET

Eliot Hearst, New York State Champion and CHESS LIFE columnist, leads in the Log Cabin Chess Club Class A Tournament at West Orange, N.J., by the slim margin of one-half point at the end of five rounds with 4½-½. Hearst drew with J. P. Quillen and has disposed of H. Jones, E. S. Jackson, Jr., G. Partos, and R. Hurltlen. Right behind the N.Y. Champion in the 12 player round robin is 1949 U.S. Open Champion Weaver W. Adams with 4-1. In third spot are J. P. Quillen and Edgar McCormick with 3-2 each.

TORONTO BESTS BUFFALO CLUB

The Gambit Chess Club of Toronto scored a 10-7 victory over the Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo, in a match held at Toronto. Victors for the Gambit were F. Anderson, N. Glasberg, R. Siemms, R. Orlando, M. Fischer, S. Mallison, Emby, J. Shebaylo and J. Taker. For Buffalo the winners were R. Black, S. Smith, G. Davenport, M. Holley, G. Mauer, and Mrs. C. Diesen. Mantin and J. Greeberg of Toronto drew respectively with C. Diesen and A. Allison.

WISCONSIN DOWNS ILLINOIS TEAM

By a decisive 10½-4½ score Wisconsin repelled the Illinois invaders in an interstate match at Milwaukee after winning a 16 board ten-second match 8½-7½ before the main event. For Wisconsin R. Kujoth, A. Powers, M. Surgies, A. E. Elo, R. H. Bing, C. DeSoto, P. Triplett, G. Rutz and O. Francisco scored victories, while M. Patacek, J. Grkavac and F. Inbusch drew respectively with J. Nowak, A. Block and C. Henderson, Illinois scorers were W. Norin, P. Adams and R. Skultin.

MUGRIDGE WINS D. C. TOURNAMENT

Donald Mugridge, chess editor of Washington, won the District of Columbia Championship impressively with a 7½-½ score, conceding one draw to runner-up Oscar Shapiro. Save for an appearance at Durham in 1950 where he placed third behind N. T. Whitaker and Eliot Hearst, it was the first tournament appearance of Mugridge for a number of years. Second place went to Oscar Shapiro with 6-2 losing to Nathaniel Coleburn and drawing with Mugridge and Mott. Charles D. Mott, 1950 Southwestern Open Champion, was third with 5½-2½, losing games to Mugridge and Whitaker, and drawing with Shapiro.

Malcolm Wiener placed fourth and Morton Seidelman fifth on S-B points with equal 5-3 scores. Sixth to ninth on S-B points with equal 4½-3½ scores Nathaniel Coleburn, Martin C. Stark, R. C. Simpson and CHESS LIFE columnist Edmund Nash. 1950 Southern Champion N. T. Whitaker was 10th with 3½-4½.

KUJOTH RETAINS MILWAUKEE CO.

Convincingly displaying a return to earlier form, former Wisconsin State Champion Richard Kujoth for the third consecutive time won the Milwaukee County title with a 7½-1½ score in a 9 round 35 player Swiss.

Kujoth lost a game to 1950 State Champion Averil Powers and drew with Milwaukee City Champion Martin Patacek. Powers placed second with 7-2, losing a game to E. Rozkals and drawing with Patacek and Henry Giertych. Martin Patacek was third and E. Rozkals fourth on S-B points with equal 6½-2½ scores.

Fifth to ninth on S-B points with equal 6-3 scores were Mark Surgies, John Grkavac, Ralph Abrahams, Marshall Rohland and James McCormick, while former State Champion Arpad Elo was 10th with 5½-3½, and Henry Giertych 11th, also with 5½-3.

RESHEVSKY PLANS NAJDORF MATCH

Alexander Bisno, president of Manhattan Chess Club, announced at the close of the Wertheim Memorial Tournament that arrangements had been concluded for a 20 game match between Reshevsky and Fine, beginning in Buenos Aires on Nov. 1, with the last 10 game to be played in New York. In the meantime, it is announced that Samuel Reshevsky will take a well earned rest until the time approaches for the U. S. Championship Tournament in New York at the end of July.

DR. LASKER SAILS FOR VIENNA EVENT

Dr. Edward Lasker, President of the Marshall Chess Club, is on the high seas, headed for the Schlechter Memorial Tournament in Vienna where he will join U. S. Champion Herman Steiner in representing the USA in this international event.

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MASTERS—AND MASTERS IN THE NATIONAL RATING SYSTEM

FROM letters recently received, it becomes apparent that many chess players are still confused regarding one phase of the National Rating System, and that they insist, despite all that has been written to the contrary, in considering that the Rating System does the one thing that it very definitely does not attempt to do.

Let us therefore repeat again, in the fond hope that this time our statement will be understood, that the National Rating System does not determine the permanent status of any chess player nor indicate how he will be ranked ultimately in the history of the game. The National Rating System does no more than indicate the current effective playing rank of a player at one particular period in his career, without regard to his achievements in past decades beyond the scope of the system and without prophesy as to his possible future attainments.

For a number of reasons which we will not catalogue at this time, there is a definite need for this current evaluation of how a player is actually performing at a given period. But the value of this current and transitory rating is sadly distorted when some misinformed chess players insist upon considering this current performance rating as conferring or withholding honorary titles. This the National Rating System does not do; and it was never intended to do. In the Rating System a player may shift from Senior Master to Expert classifications in the matter of a few years, according to his performances in current tournament play—the fact that he may temporarily hold the classification of master in the rating system does not actually make him a Master in the honorary sense that the term has been applied in the past; the fact that another player, long considered a Master in the honorary sense, slips in more recent play to the expert classification, does not deprive him of the many honors gained as a Master, nor the right to be considered as a Master in the honorary sense.

It is to be expected that even the most formidable player, if he continues to play tournament chess after his prime, will eventually lose rank in the National Rating System which can evaluate only current performances and cannot, except in a very limited sense, make exceptions for past heroics. If the recognized Master continues to play tournament chess long enough, in his final years he is almost certainly doomed to a reduction in his current performance ratings to an expert classification. But this reduction does not actually make him any the less a Master in the honorary sense.

Perhaps we can make this point clearer if we resort to the analogy of the batting averages of baseball. For example, the great Pittsburgh shortstop Honus Wagner in his prime had a batting average that varied from .380 in 1900 to .324 in 1912. Yet no ardent baseball enthusiast claimed that he was being insulted when his batting average for 1917 was a published .235, although this low average was the equivalent of dropping from master classification in the National Chess Rating System to "A" classification. It was not considered by baseball fans that his current low batting average in 1917 in any way detracted from his permanent standing as one of the American greats in baseball.

National Chess Ratings are merely the chess equivalent of the yearly baseball batting averages; and the confusion over them has arisen solely because some chess players insist upon considering them so much more than that.

However, since there has been so much confusion in players' minds between "Master" as an honorary title conferred for outstanding performance in the world of chess and the "Master classification" in the National Rating System, CHESS LIFE will recommend to the annual meeting of the USCF Board of Directors at the Fort Worth meeting that the Federation create and recognize, outside of the scope of the National Rating System, an honorary classification of "Masters" in the same sense that the present FIDE titles of "International Master" and "International Grandmaster" are conferred for outstanding performances of the past as well as of the present.

CHESS LIFE will recommend specifically that the honorary rank of "Master Emeritus" be conferred upon all chess players of the USA who may be deemed to have at any time in the past earned the right to the title of "Master" before the operations of the National Rating System became effective, and whose present standings in the current performance ratings are below that of the "Master classification;" that the selection of those players entitled to such recognition be placed in the charge of a special committee qualified to judge and assess past records of tournament performance.

CHESS LIFE further will recommend that it be provided that in the future any chess player in the USA who has held a "Master classification" in the National Rating System for a period of years (exact length of tenure to be determined by the Board of Directors) automatically becomes a Master Emeritus upon dropping in the current performance ratings to a classification lower than that of "Master."

CHESS LIFE will also recommend that the Board of Directors make full provision for conferring the title of Master Emeritus upon such qualified chess players who have won recognition as "Masters" in Euro-

pean events and have since become Americans, whether they participate actively in tournament play in the USA or not, provided that they contribute substantially to the promotion of chess in the USA.

CHESS LIFE will further propose that the list of recognized Masters Emeriti be published in connection with the semi-annual printing of the National Ratings.

Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

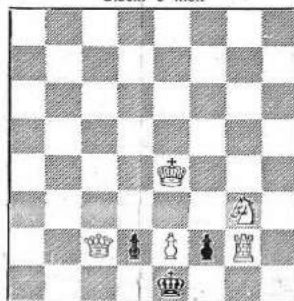
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WE WERE saddened to learn of the death of David Stolpher on March 12, via a letter from his good friend and close chess companion, Rhys W. Hays. Mr. Stolpher was an enthusiastic solver, a promising composer (though very little of his work ever appeared in print), and a player of considerable strength. Those of us who remember his cheery letters will especially mourn his passing.

The Rev. L. Mortriner is sponsoring a composing tourney for two-movers through the columns of the Milwaukee Journal, limited to two entries per composer. Eight prizes of five dollars each are offered. Send entries (which should be unpublished) to Rev. L. Mortriner, St. Camillus Hospital, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Closing date: March 31, 1952.

Mr. Sedgwick, composer of the fine No. 265, is Secretary-Treasurer of the British Chess Problem Society and has recently succeeded T. R. Dawson as problem editor of the British Chess Magazine. He invites American composers to enter the "Festival of Britain" tourney sponsored by the Stratford Express. Send entries (unpublished two-movers and three-movers) to Mr. S. Sedgwick, 337 Strone Road, Manor Park, London, E. 12, England.

Problem No. 263
By Dr. P. G. Keeney
Newport, Kentucky
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 3 men



White: 5 men
8, 8, 8, 8, 4K3, 6S1, 2QPpR1, 4k3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 265
By S. Sedgwick
Manor Park, England
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 14 men



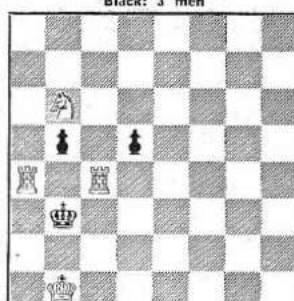
White: 6 men
2B5, 3S1K1p, r2p1p1, p3Rk2, 6Rp,
1pb1p2, 2es1S2, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 264
By Rev. L. Mortriner
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 10 men



White: 7 men
1b1r4, 4p2, 6B1, 3Q2Pp, p2PSkpK,
14Rpa1, 5B2, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 266
By Ronald O'Neil
Norristown, Pennsylvania
Unpublished
Black: 3 men



White: 4 men
8, 8, 1S6, 1p1p4, 1R1S, 1k6, 8, 1K6
White mates in three moves

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

DEUTSCHE SCHACHBLATTER. Volume 35, January-December 1950. Edited by Kurt Richter. Leipzig: Hans Hedewigs, 1950. Paper bound, 192 pp., photos and diags.

READERS with just a smattering of German will enjoy the thirty-fifth volume of this well-known journal. Each 16-page issue contains a feature article, half a dozen or more annotated games, problems, news, endings, and analysis, with photographs of leading players and numerous diagrams. Economical "paragraph" presentation of games in algebraic notation and small type enables the editor to fill his thirty-two columns with instructive and interesting material. Purely local news is kept at a minimum, and every reader will welcome the many games not available in American publications.

The January number is typical. There is an abstract of an article by Botvinnik on Tchigorin, Alekhine, and the Soviet school of chess, followed by one called "Useless Pieces," which is illustrated by two games, Kotnauer-Szabo and Gligoric-Szabo. Next comes "Instructive Endgames," by Dr. Joseph Krejciak, with nine examples from actual play. Then a feature "We Introduce . . ." with games by Prins and the new Russian star, Geller. Dr. Euwe, who writes a good deal for the magazine, contributes an analysis "The Move S16-g4 in the Meran Defense." Hum-
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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

MANY comments, stories, and bits of information about the recently completed New York international tourney come immediately to mind, and rather than attempt to collate all the various thoughts into one unified and coherent article, we shall here present more of a pot-pourri of reflections on the contest and its participants.

Reshevsky fully deserved to win as he led throughout the tourney never once being out of first place. He would have clinched the premier prize much sooner had he not blundered horribly against Euwe. When asked if his "error" (costing him his queen for a rook after Euwe's simple reply) was his biggest mistake ever, he commented with brevity, "That's it!!" Although time pressure was a direct cause of his blunder, such a mistake in a winning position is uncommon even in the most fantastic time scramble . . . Najdorf, when not engaged in tourney play, could be found most usually playing "pots" (modified rapid transit) with the Byrne brothers and Bisguier; he seems to be unhappy when away from the chessboard. He won only four games outright in this tourney but was the only undefeated competitor. Fine seemed to lack the necessary concentration in his games, but a spurt near the finale placed him close to the top. Evans was the surprise of the tourney; had he been able to win his last two games, he would have tied for first. But he missed a win against O'Kelly, drawing this penultimate game, and then overextended himself and lost to Guimard in the last round. His victories over Euwe and Horowitz are particularly noteworthy . . . Kramer's score must be examined in the light of the fact that George worked all day in Philadelphia, commuted to New York, and then back to Philly every round. No one can achieve his best results under such conditions. Bisguier's showing was a disappointment, but many of his games could very easily have gone the other way. Arthur was inducted into the U. S. Army one week after the tourney's close. Note that the four grandmasters in the tournament did take the top four prizes. When the Fine-Reshevsky struggle took place many chess fans came just to watch the battle between America's titans; they were disappointed by the swift eleven move draw which resulted. Fine had a bad score at the time and everyone expected fireworks on his part; Reshevsky, of course, could easily afford the split point. This "quickie" draw prompted tourney director Knoch to ask the contestants to sign a statement promising no agreed draws in less than thirty moves. All followed the "alliance" thereafter. At one session the Manhattan Club's lights suddenly went out in the midst of approaching time pressure; Mrs. Stephens, club secretary, finally came to the rescue and discovered the errant fuse box. The blindfold experts, like Najdorf and Fine, were probably not disturbed in the least! . . . Najdorf massacred Fine on the White side of a Queen's Gambit accepted; then the following round he took Black in the same opening variation and defeated Euwe. Not prejudiced, this Argentinian! . . . Snacks were furnished free to all contestants and so there was considerable munching and sipping at all times. Chess Players seem always to be hungry! . . . The necessity of using non-electric clocks forced the use of old mechanical time-keepers, which occasionally failed in time pressure, causing no end of annoyance to the opponent and the referee . . . Visitors to the tourney included Miss L. Kellner of Detroit, E. Faust of West Vir-
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A GAIN, our aimable correspondent, Dr. M. G. Sturm of Bagshot House Trinidad, supplies us with the score of an interesting correspondence game in which the victim was sometime Nebraska State Champion, now Pvt., Lee Magee.

KIESERITSKY GAMBIT
CCLA Gambit Tourney, 1950
Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White Black
L. MAGEE DR. M. G. STURM
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. P-KR4 P-K15
2. P-KB4 P-P 5. K-K5 K1-B3
3. K1-KB3 P-KK14 6. P-Q4
White rules out the risky Rice Gambit 6. B-B4, etc., in spite of some impressive analysis by some very impressive people—Capablanca, Burn and Edward Lasker—which shows no win for Black.
6. P-Q3 10. P-B3 P-KR4
7. K1-Q3 K1xP 11. K1-Q2 K1xK1
8. BxP Q-K2 12. KxK1 QxQ ch
9. Q-K2 B-K2
So far as in Stoltz-Samisch, Sveinmunde, 1932. Now Black played 13..... B-B4 and lost. But
13. KR-KB1 O-O! 15. K1-K4
14. KR-KB1 K1-Q2
Dubious, for this Kt will be driven away with loss of time for White. The point of 13..... O-O, is that it prevents White from attacking along the KB file, his only compensation in the absence of Qs for the gambit P. But White seems already at a loss for an effective continuation, Black threatening to establish positional as well as material superiority by the maneuver K1-B3-K5. 15. B-KK5 is met by 15..... P-KB4, a move available to Black in any case.
15. K1-B3 19. P-B4 K1-K15
16. B-Q3 P-B4 20. K1xK1 PxK1
17. K1-B2 K1-Q4 21. P-Q5 BxK1P
18. B-KK15 B-K3
Not 21..... B-Q2; 22. B-B5 with plenty for the P.
22. BxR 24. KxK2 P-KK16
23. RxB PxP 25. B-K3 R-R6



Decisive. There is no adequate counter to Black's threat..... P-K16.
26. P-B5
Temporary respite, 26..... P-K16 or..... PxP being met by 27. B-QK4.
26..... P-Q4 27. B-Q4?
Fatal. But what is White to do?
27..... P-K4 White resigns.
For if 28. BxP, R-K1. If 28. B-K12, R-B7 ch. If 28. B-K3 or KK11, P-K16 simply.

NORTH CITY TOPS UNITED NATIONS

Without casting a single veto, the United Nations chess team went down to defeat 8-0 before the onslaught of the North City (Phila) Chess Club. The match was played in the new United Nations Bldg. in New York. The victorious North City team consisted of H. Morris, Hudson, Koppany, Cotter, Badgett, Huth, Gonzales and Runham.

Ohio State University defeated Earlham College 7 1/2 - 1/2 in a double round match at Columbus.

READER'S ROAD TO CHESS

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orous games and anecdotes, "Interesting Items from Reader's Letters," news of the chess world at large, and twenty-one problems complete the issue. Book reviews are a regular department, like the theoretical sections and the news items. Mieses writes "Then and Now," chess gossip in two installments, Chalupetzky's reminiscences run through several issues, and Saemisch does a piece on the ever-fascinating "Blindfold Chess."

One of Maroczy's anecdotes in the August number must be translated in full for the enrichment of chess folklore. The capacity of Alekhine and Blackburne (not to speak of others) for firewater is well-known. Comes now James Mason to challenge their laurels. "At the great London Tournament of 1899," says Maroczy, "my opponent James Mason came to his day of play about twenty minutes late and, as I saw, with suspiciously unsteady steps. I supposed that he had had a little too much to drink, and I determined to dispatch him quickly. At that time I did not know that this sailor's roll was his natural gait. I opened with the King's Gambit. Mason defended himself in standard fashion, declined the gambit, and each time made the best move. He rose at every second move, went into the next room, took a whiskey without soda, and returned in excellent humor. Moreover, he played better and better, avoiding all the traps I set for him, and at the twenty-third whiskey (pardon!) at the forty-sixth move I was mated. I related the affair to L. Hoffer, correspondent for "The Field." He laughed at me and was surprised that I did not know that Mason could not drink enough to affect his play. Later, in Vienna, Hoffer told me the following anecdote. One night the police brought Mason in from the street dead drunk and put him in a cell. He slept there. In the morning, as soon as he woke, he demanded loudly that someone take him to the tournament hall. This was done, and he won a brilliant game from the tournament winner. Unfortunately, this related explanation cost me exclusive possession of second place."

Students of the Slav Defense will relish the game Neukirch-Wolff, 1950, captioned "A Fifteen-Move Combination." 1. Sfs d5; 2. c4 e6; 3. c5; 4. d4 Sfs; 5. Sc3 e6; 6. f4 Lb4; 7. a3 Lc3; 8. bc3; 9. c3 Sd4; 10. Db3; 11. Tc1 O-O; 12. Ld3 f5; 13. O-O Dd8; 14. ca4 Sg1; 15. cd1! Sd5; 16. Da2 g4; 17. de2; 18. Le4; 19. Sg5 f3; 20. g3! Dg5; 21. Kf1 Dc7; 22. Tg1 Kh8; 23. d5 Df6; 24. Tg3 b5; 25. Tc7 Tg8; 26. Tf7 Dc3; 27. Tg8; 28. Dd1! Schwartz gibt auf. It should be added that the annotations and theoretical articles are written by a number of outstanding German players, as well as by the editor, who holds the FIDE rank of international master.

MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Richard McComas (Baltimore) W9 W11 L2 W4 W3 W6 5-1 12.50, Boris Garkinkel (Aberdeen) W7 W4 W1 W3 D6 L2 4-3 15.00, David Kemp (Baltimore) D8 L6 W5 W12 W7 L3 4-3 15.25, Robert Simpson (Annapolis) W10 L2 W12 W9 W10 4-2 7.50, George A. Lyric (Annapolis) D6 L8 L3 W10 W11 W9 3-2 6.50, Armin A. Surlges (Baltimore) D5 W3 L8 W7 D2 L1 3-3 11.50, Michael Tilles (Baltimore) L2 W10 W11 L6 L3 W12 3-3 4.00, Lars Enquist (Baltimore) 2-3 3 (0.00), Charles Barsach (Baltimore) 3-4 (0.00), William T. Claude (Annapolis) 2-4 (2.00), J. L. Donnet Miller (Baltimore) 1-5 (1.00), Alexander Kallay (Baltimore) 1-5 (2.00).

KENTUCKY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Fred Payne (Louisville) X 3 3 1 1 1 4-1, William B. Long (Louisville) X 3 3 1 1 1 4-1, James Schroeder (Louisville) 3 3 X 0 1 1 3-2, Jack Boyse (Louisville) L2 0 1 X W2 4-2 7.50, Dr. Roberts (Louisville) 0 0 0 1 X 3 1-3, Jack Mayer (Louisville) 0 0 0 0 X 3 3-4. Note: Payne won the playoff match for the title with W. Long.

Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) saw victory in the club championship go to Richard F. Mahon with 9-1, losing one game to Abra O. Mason. USCF Vice-President Edward I. Trend was second with 8 1/2 - 2 1/2 and Marsh J. Gunnis was third with 5-2 in the 12 player round robin event.

London Terrace (N. Y.) Chess Club crowned Dr. Rubin Slater club champion with 6 1/2 - 1 1/2 score in the 9 player round robin event. Dr. Slater lost a game to Marcel Duchamp and drew with August N. Towson. Duchong was second with 6-2 and Samuel Mottur third with 5 1/2 - 2 1/2.

Downtown YMCA (St. Louis) Chess Club bested Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club at St. Louis by an 8 1/2 - 1 1/2 score. St. Louis players Steinmeyer, Haller, Roesch, Lew, Hardy, Vollmar, Alpiser and Mrs. Russell Williams proved too strong for their Decatur opponents. George Latter salvaged one point for Decatur and Dr. Max Schlosser drew with J. Lips.

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club held a gala simultaneous exhibition with U. S. Champion Herman Steiner as performer. Dr. Max Schlosser, Mrs. Turner Nearing and Hugh Myers drew against the champion who lost no games in the 18 board exhibition.

Howard (R.I.) Chess Club lost by a narrow margin to the Attleboro (Mass.) Chess Club. For Attleboro Brask and Mintel score doubled victories while Kirkpatrick split even with Massey. For Howard Iovino scored twice and Couture once.

Niagara Falls (N. Y.) Chess Club saw Charles Brown top the field to win the club championship, while Plummer Dennis from the Canadian side finished second. In the City Championship Carl Diesen is leading by 4 1/2 - 1/2, with John Despard second with 3 1/2 - 1/2.

Hyde. Park (Chicago). YMCA Chess Club saw the club speed championship go to Abe Kaufman in an 8 player round robin. The regular club championship was a victory for former Chilean Champion Dr. Pizzi of the University of Chicago. James Phillips, captain of the U of Chicago team, placed second and A. Kaufman third. Dr. Herbert Kahn won the B tourney with Dr. L. Pearl and R. Zarse tied for second.

Piccadilly (Wilmette, Minn.) Chess Club saw U. S. Smith place first with 6 1/2 - 1 1/2 in the 9 player round robin championship. Second place went to Henry Muska with 5 1/2 - 2 1/2, and J. Delehanty placed third with 5-3.

Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club held a simultaneous event with three of its tops players as performers in Farrell L. Clark, Phil Neff and Gaston Chappuis. Chappuis conceded one loss to high school player Allan Mulaik and Neff yielded one loss to Irvin W. Taylor.

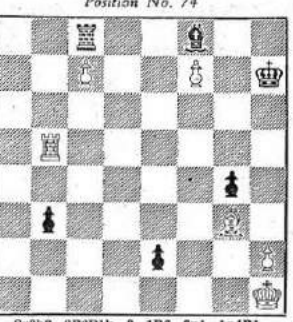
Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club drew a 10 board match with University of Illinois. Scorers for Decatur were Hugh Myers, Gerald Garver, Max Schlosser, John A. Barr, and W. S. Jones while winners for the Illini were Keith Daughon, Lester Ford, Henry Carlson, William Tkaczuk, and Lieu.

Rockford (Ill.) Chess Club downed Decatur by the narrow margin of 4-3 at Hotel Kaskasia at LaSalle. Grover Wentworth, Clifford Eckholm, Paul O'Malley and Dr. H. H. Davis scored for Rockford, while Decatur winners were Hugh Myers, R. L. Fletcher and Robert Stein.

Ohio State University scored an 8-1 victory over Capital University at Columbus with Myers, Piper, Hassall, Muthard, Loening, Sanderson, Eng, and Elton scoring for Ohio while Prange salvaged the only point for Capital.

Downtown YMCA (Pittsburgh) Chess Club saw Spiro win the double round play-off for the Club Speed Championship with 5-1. Sorenson was second with 4-2.

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser



Position No. 74
2r2b2, 2P2P1k, 8, 1R5, 6p1, 1p1B1, H C. U.
Black to play
Send solutions to Position No. 74 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 5, 1951.

Solutions to Position No. 71

This tricky ending baffled many solvers, who can console themselves with the thought that in the actual game, it was also abandoned as a draw. However, analysis has shown that White has a win in the position. Sumner Stella, Barcelona, 1933 by 1. K-K3, P-Q4; 2. K-B4; K-K1; 3. K-K15 (not 3. K-B5, K-B2; 4. K-K15, P-K6! and draws); K-R2 (forced) for 3..... K-B2; 4. K-R6! K-K1; 5. K-K6, and mates! 4. K-B5, P-K6; 5. K-K6, P-K7; 6. K-B7, P-K8(Q); 7. P-K8(Q) ch, K-K3; 8. Q-K6 mate. If 1..... P-Q3; 2. K-K4, P-Q4; 3. K-B4 and wins as above. Note that 1. K-B4, P-Q4; 2. K-K3, P-K6; 3. K-R6, P-K7; 4. K-R7, P-K8(Q); 5. P-K8(Q) ch, KxP only draws. Triumphant solvers of this difficult ending were: R. Chauvenet (W. Hyattsville), J. E. Constock (Duluth), Carl Diesen (Washington), Dr. J. Faucher (New Haven), E. Gault (New Brighton), J. Huss (Lancaster), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), E. J. Kerpany (Woodstock), F. Schiller (Washington), R. A. McCallister (Lackawanna), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), Y. V. Oganov (Monterey Park), A. E. Vossler (Buffalo), H. C. U. (Washington), Dr. J. W. (Washington), A. Welker (Pampa), J. L. Weininger (Chapel Hill), N. P. Witting (Salem), Wm. B. Wilson (Amherstburg). Again, we must repeat that it is not sufficient to submit only the first move; the main variations must be shown in submitting a solution to prove that the selected move is actually the best.

QUEBEC CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Osias Bain (Quebec) W11 W3 W2 W8 W9 W5 7-0 34.00, Jules Decan (Quebec) W12 W5 W6 L1 W3 W4 W6 6-1 27.50, Marcel Dion (Quebec) W12 W9 L1 W9 W8 W10 5-2 22.50, Paul Simard (Quebec) L1 W13 W14 L3 W5 L2 W8 4-3 33.50, Dr. Lorenzo Matte (Quebec) L9 D8 W13 W6 L4 W7 L1 3-3 14.00, Louis Goudeau (Quebec) D8 W12 L5 W10 W14 3-3 16.50, John Crivarey (Quebec) W21 W25 W4 2-2 7.50, Pierre Leboeuf 3-4 (12.00); 9. Benoit McCh3 3-4 (13.50); 10. Alain 2-4 9 (7.25); 11. J.-C. Bernier 2-4 (7.25); 12. N. Bouchard 2-4 4 (7.25); 13. Emile Lacroix 2-5 (5.50); 14. N. Duchesne 1-5 (3.50).

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee) W9 D7 W13 W7 W10 W5 L2 W3 W11 7-1 32.75, Averil Powers (Milwaukee) W13 W18 W22 D6 D11 W1 W12 L4 6-2 26.75, Martin Ptacek (Milwaukee) W12 W1 W9 W8 D2 W6 W11 D4 L5 6-2 37.50, E. Rozikalus (Milwaukee) W23 W14 L6 W23 L12 W7 W22 D3 W2 6-2 32.25, Mark Surlges (Milwaukee) W29 W11 W7 W10 L6 L1 L12 W17 W3 6-3 31.00, John Crivarey (Milwaukee) W21 W25 W4 2-2 7.50, Ralph Abrams (Milwaukee) W33 W13 L5 L1 W8 L4 W23 W23 W14 6-3 36.50, Marshall Rohland (Milwaukee) W26 L10 W13 L13 L7 W24 W15 W29 W16 6-3 26.00, James McCormick (Milwaukee) L1 L15 W28 W35 L13 W30 W18 W21 W17 6-3 29.00, Arpad E. Elo (Milwaukee) W23 W8 W17 L5 L1 W12 L6 D14 W19 5-3 25.50, Morton Schuchman (Milwaukee) W24 L5 W22 W22 W17 L12 W15 5-3 31.50, L. Galsgals (Milwaukee) L3 W33 W30 W24 W4 L10 W12 L6 5-3 26.50, O. Francisco (Milwaukee) W35 L7 L8 W15 W9 L17 L21 W24 W22 5-4 20.00, Dr. S. Kittley (Milwaukee) D25 L4 W27 D18 W26 W19 D17 D10 L7 5-4 19.50, Frank Inbusch (Milwaukee) L18 W9 L29 L13 W34 W28 L3 W27 W21 5-4 18.50, W. Kolm 4-5 (14.00); 24. J. Karolzak 4-5 (13.50); 25. P. Peiplett 3-5 (10.50); 26. Louis Brabant 3-6 (9.00); 27. M. Nelson 3-6 (9.00); 28. E. A. Winters 3-6 (7.50); 29. Leo Traber 3-6 (7.50); 30. R. Moland 3-6 (4.00); 31. J. Brantman 3-6 (3.00); 32. Wm. Bameret 2-8 (6.25); 33. A. Cristoforo 2-8 (5.00); 34. K. Wanner 2-8 (4.50); 35. Wm. Laub 1-8 (0.00).

WERTHER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP

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IND'PLS BESTS DECATUR TEAM

At Turkey Run State Park under the shade of the trees the Indianapolis team was very inhospitable to the visiting Decatur Ill. players by trouncing them 14-6 in a 10 board double round match. For Indianapolis L. Binder, J. Van Benton, R. Miller, C. Wilson and Mrs. C. Wilson scored double victories, while R. Moran and S. W. Bennett, Jr. scored 1 1/2 - 1/2 each. Don Hills split 1-1 with Jack Hartley. R. L. Fletcher and W. S. Jones scored double wins for Decatur, while G. Garver and M. Schlosser salvaged one draw apiece.

MORRISON WINS PGH. H.S. TITLE

In a tournament at the Downtown Y Chess Club, Jim Morrison of Penn Township High School won the Pittsburgh Scholastic title, defeating Max Mueller, Jr. in the finals. Morrison won all his games, and Mueller who placed second lost only one game to Morrison.

CASE CHESS TOPS CLEVELAND LEAGUE

With a match score of 8-1 and a game score of 27 1/2 - 9 1/2 Case Chess Club topped the Cleveland City League. Atlantic Chess Club was second with 8-1 in matches and 35-17 in games, while the Rooks Chess Club placed third with 6-3 and 27-13. The Checkmate Chess Club was fourth with 6-3 and 26-18 in the 10 club league.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Place: Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Time: July 23-29, 1951. Entry fee: No entry fee but players must hold 1951 USCF membership card or pay current USCF dues. Inquiries: Address all inquiries to Art Nickell, 7408 Belden Street, Philadelphia 11, Pa. Contributions: Donations to prize fund may be sent to D. A. Giangliullo, Treas. Phila. Chess Assn., 48 E. Marshall Road, Landowne, Pa. Clocks are still scarce, so bring your own clock if possible.

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