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NEW CHAMPIONS PREVAIL!

STEINMEYER WINS SOUTHWEST OPEN

Robert Steinmeyer of St. Louis won one of the strongest Southwestern events of recent years by 6-1 in the 59 player 7 round Swiss at Denison. Winning the first 5 rounds, Steinmeyer drew with Robert Garver and Kenneth Smith in the final rounds of play.

Kenneth Smith of Dallas scored 6-1 also but was second on S-B points. As consolation he won the Texas title, drawing with William Addison and Steinmeyer.

Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 5½-1½ scores were Robert Garver, William Addison and John B. Payne. Garver drew with Steinmeyer, Payne and Robert Brieger. Addison drew with Smith, Lee Magee and Louis Dina. Payne lost to Steinmeyer and drew with Garver. Addison of Louisiana, now of Keesler AFB in Miss. won the Southwest Junior Open title by his performance.

The Southwestern Women's Open Championship was retained by U. S. Women's Open Champion Maxine Cutlip of Wewoka, Okla. Miss Cutlip placed 36th, scoring 3-4 to lead the women contestants.

At the annual meeting of the Texas Chess Assn., C. Fred Tears of Dallas was elected president. Vice-presidents were: William Bills of Houston (College), William Janes of Leroy (Finances), Frank Graves of Fort Worth (Membership), Robert Brieger of Houston (Youth), A. G. Miller of Fort Worth (Tournaments), Homer Hyde of Waco (Veterans). Dr. R. S. Underwood of Lubbock was reelected secretary-treasurer.

SHERWIN GAINS NEW YORK TITLE

In an upset victory, James Sherwin, 17-year old Columbia University student, captured the New York State title with 7-2 in a 32 player 9 round Swiss event at Syracuse. Sherwin lost no games, but drew with Hearst, Roy Black, Maurice Ginsberg and Alex Suchobek. Tied for second with 6½-2½ each were defending Champion Eliot Hearst and Herbert Seidman. Hearst, CHESS LIFE columnist, lost a costly first round game to Robert Leonards and drew with Sherwin, Seidman, and Ginsberg. Seidman lost to Sherwin and R. Klugman, and drew with Hearst. Fourth place was a three-way tie between veteran Roy T. Black of Buffalo, R. Klugman of New York City, and CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand of Rochester with 6-3 each. Black lost a game to Alex Suchobek and drew with Sherwin, Peretz Miller, Kenneth Stern, and Harold M. Phillips. Klugman lost to Charles Schoenfeld and Wayne Wagner, and drew with Ginsberg and Myron Fleischer. Marchand lost to Sherwin and Black, and drew with Dr. Max Herzberger and Harold M. Phillips.

Roy T. Black and Erich W. Marchand tied for the Paul Morgan Trophy, awarded to upstate player with highest score, and Black was awarded custody on the basis of S-B points. Prizes for the best game played and second best game have not yet been awarded.

In the Experts Tournament first place was shared by Mrs. C. S. Nye of Syracuse and C. K. Thomas of Ithaca with equal 7-1 scores in the five player double round robin event.

Special feature of the tournament, directed by Malcolm Sim of Toronto who has directed almost all NYSCA events for many years, was a simultaneous exhibition by Hans Kmoch. Kmoch won 15, drew one and lost 3, losing to R. Boyer and S. F. Smith of Buffalo and J. Ricard of New York. H. T. Evans of Binghamton earned the draw.

The annual meeting saw Harold T. Evans elected president, with John C. Cummings vice-president, Willis S. Hull of Binghamton secretary, Nathan Rickless of Rochester assistant secretary, and USCF President Harold M. Phillips treasurer. The Board of Governors: N. C. Wilder, Jr. of Buffalo, Dr. Max Herzberger of Rochester, Erich W. Marchand of Rochester, Benjamin M. Smith of Schenectady, Dr. S. Finkelstein of Endicott, and George E. Roosevelt of New York City.

DAKE UNDEFEATED IN OREGON OPEN

Arthur Dake of Portland was undefeated in the annual Oregon Open at the Portland Chess club, scoring 5-0 in the 13 player 5 round Swiss event. Second place on S-B points went to Don Turner, new Portland Club champion, with 3½-1½, losing to Dake and drawing with George Stearns. Bob Hibbard was third, also with 3½-1½, losing to Turner and drawing with Jim Amidon. There was a liberal representation from neighboring Washington in the Oregon Open event.

Position No. 65
Pachmann vs. Kholmov
Moscow, 1947

r2r4, IQ6, p3ksR1, 1p2q3, 2p1p3, 2S5, PPP1P, 3R3K3
White to play and win

Position No. 66
University Students
USSR, 1949

5b3, 8, 4k3, 8, p7, 8, 1P6, 1K6
White to play and draw

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN Position No. 65, Black resigned after White's first move. Undoubtedly a little study convinced him of the inevitability of speedy loss of material. A reader submits this position from the excellent British magazine "Chess" which usually carries a page of nine combination diagrams every month.

Position No. 66 occurred in a game between two Kishinev University players, according to the Soviet chess magazine Shakhmaty (June, 1951). White, under the psychological disadvantage of being a piece behind, lost after 1. K-K2?, K-Q4; 2. P-K13, P-R6; 3. P-K14, BxP; 4. K-K13, K-K3, etc. The Soviet analyst, V. Ganshin, however, demonstrated a draw.

For solutions, please turn to page five.

NEDVED TRIUMPHS IN ILLINOIS EVENT

In the strongest Illinois State Championship of recent years the victory went to young Kimball Nedved of Glenecoe with 6-1 score on the basis of S-B points. Nedved drew with runner-up John Tums and with Roy A. Berg Jr. John Tums (a recent Latvian arrival) placed second on S-B points with 6-1 after leading most of the way. His hard-fought draw in the final round with former U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin deprived him of a clear first place. Third place, also with 6-1 score, went to young Hugh E. Myers of Decatur, who drew with Edward Buerger and Povilas Tautvaisas.

The Sandrin brothers scored 5½-1½ each with Albert getting the nod over Angelo for fourth place on S-B points. Tied with 5-2, but 6th to 9th on S-B points were Povilas Tautvaisas, recent Chicago City Champion and former Lithuanian titlist, former State Champion Paul Poschel, Burton Dahlstrom and Valdis Tums. Tautvaisas lost a bitter struggle to Nedved in the final round and drew with Myer and Angelo Sandrin.

The over-all strength of the tournament, which drew 51 players to the 7 round Swiss, was shown by the placing of former Chilean champion Dr. Tulio Pizzi in 14th place with 4-3 and Milwaukee County Champion Martin Ptacek (now a Chicago resident) in 25th place with 3½-3½.

Despite the pre-tournament circulation of a vicious rumor that all non-citizens would be barred, the Lithuanian and Latvian players turned out in force and contributed largely to the strength and success of the event.

POHLE SCORES IN LOUISIANA

Ronald E. Pohle, formerly of St. Louis, more recently of New Roads, La., and most recently of all of Brookhaven, Miss., won the Louisiana State title with 5-1 on S-B points in a 15 player 6 round Swiss event at Shreveport. Pohle was invited to attend because Mississippi has no state chess association. In winning, Pohle lost no games but drew with A. B. Wills and Frank Gladney.

Second and third respectively on S-B points with equal 5-1 scores were 1949 Louisiana Champion A. B. Wills of New Orleans and 1949 Open Champion Newton Grant of Thibodaux. Wills drew with Pohle and James Wetherford, Grant lost outright to Pohle. Fourth place went to Frank Gladney of Baton Rouge with 4½-1½. Gladney led for five rounds before weakening at the end. Although the smallest entry since the first event in 1946, the 1951 tournament was conceded to be the strongest in quality.

At the annual meeting A. Wyatt Jones of Shreveport was elected president and Otto Claitor of Baton Rouge was chosen secretary-treasurer. A. Wyatt Jones was confirmed as USCF Director, and as Louisiana is now entitled to a second Director Newton Grant was nominated as Louisiana's choice for the post.

BUFFALO WINS IN SUSQUEHANNA

The Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo won the Susquehanna Cup Match by besting both IBM of Endicott and Kodak Park of Rochester. The match to determine second place between Kodak Park and IBM was not played.

PARTOS TAKES COLORADO OPEN

In true western style the first Colorado Open Championship set a high standard for future events with representatives of 10 states competing including State Champions from Iowa and Colorado and former Champions from Illinois, New Jersey and Colorado. Sponsored by the Denver Y Chess Club and USCF Director Merl Reese, who acted as tournament director, the event featured such added attractions as a queen of the tournament, Miss Betty Hughes, who presided over the free lemonade table and gave a true western flavor by her attractive cow-girl costume.

Julius Partos of Elmhurst, N. Y. and the famed Log Cabin Chess Club won the open title with 5-1, drawing with J. Penquite and T. Pathakis. Second place went to former Chicago and Illinois Champion Paul Poschel who lost to Partos and drew with Ray Martin for a 4½-1½ score. On the Solkoff Modification of S-B points, Ray Martin, California Open Champion, was third with 4-2, losing to A. K. Underwood and drawing with Poschel and Al Ludwig. Fourth to 9th with equal 4-2 scores on S-M points were A. K. Underwood of Denver, J. Penquite of Des Moines, Virgil Harris, a former Colorado Champion, Alfred Ludwig, former Nebraska Champion and CCLA National Correspondence Champion, Val Eggle of Colorado Springs, and Paul Johnson of Denver.

A. K. Underwood, as ranking Colorado player, won the Colorado State title, losing games to Poschel and Harris, but defeating Ray Martin.

The Speed Tournament was won by Duane Whitlow of Denver, who traveled from Baltimore to participate. Whitlow won with a perfect score.

The Colorado State Chess Association was organized as a result of this event with Arthur K. Underwood, Jr. of Denver as president. W. M. Spackman, editor of the Chess Correspondent, of Boulder was elected president emeritus, while Virgil Harris of Denver was chosen first vice-president and Jack L. Hursch, Jr. of Denver second vice-president. Paul Johnson of Denver was named treasurer and Merl W. Reese of Denver secretary. The Assn plans a larger and improved Colorado Open Tournament for 1952 with increased cash and merchandise prizes.

The YMCA Chess Club of Denver announced that chess tourists would be made welcome at their club rooms in the Y which are open daily from noon to midnight.

CLEVEL'D PRINTS CHESS DIRECTORY

The Cleveland Chess Association has issued an enlarged and improved edition of its Directory of Chess Players in a plastic hinged booklet. The Directory primarily lists names of chess players in the Cleveland area with address, but also includes names and addresses of notable players throughout the country. It sells for \$1.00 postpaid, and may be obtained by writing to Earl H. Benjamin, 4268 West 30th St., Cleveland 9, Ohio.

National Ratings

The Third Listing of National Chess Ratings (as of July 31, 1951) will appear in CHESS LIFE in the issue of October 5, 1951. This listing, as previously announced, will be confined exclusively to the names of members of the United States Chess Federation, except for the list of Master players which is published without regard to membership as a matter of public interest.

Players, who are not members of the United States Chess Federation, who wish their names to appear on the next listing (as of December 31, 1951) may arrange for publication either by joining the USCF before this listing is published or by forwarding to Montgomery, Major, 123. No. Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. a rating fee of 50c. The rating fee will cover only the six month period between August 1 and December 31, and must be renewed for further publication of ratings covering the period of January 1 to July 31, 1952.

113 tournaments in 1951 and 20 belated reports on tournaments in 1950 are covered in the National Ratings to be published October 5. Tournament reports received too late for coverage in this listing will be included in the report for the second half of 1951.

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SABOTAGE?

A MOST UNFORTUNATE occurrence almost marred the gaiety of the Illinois State Chess Championship on the Labor Day week-end. A vicious rumor was circulated to the effect that only citizens of the United States would be permitted to play in the tournament. Fortunately, a member of the Grandis Chess Club of Chicago (composed of Lithuanian Displaced Persons who for the most part have their first naturalization papers but need several more years of residence to qualify for citizenship) at once contacted CHESS LIFE and was promptly informed that the Illinois State Championship was open to all RESIDENTS of Illinois. His prompt action resulted in a rapid dissipation of the evil effects of the rumor and a glance at the cross-table of the Illinois State Championship indicates that the Lithuanian and Latvian D.P.s attended in full force and threatened to capture most of the ranking positions in the event.

We are very happy that this most vicious rumor did not cause bitter feelings and disturb the harmony of chess players in Illinois, as it might well have done, if it had not received such a prompt denial. For nothing is more contrary to the spirit of chess fraternalism in the United States than any barriers erected arbitrarily upon the basis of nationality. It has been a very fine record in the past that all U. S. tournaments, whether State or National (with the one exception of the Biennial U. S. Championship), have been open to all nationalities. State tournaments may properly restrict entry to residents of that State (although we personally favor the making of all State tournaments open) but no tournament except that conferring the National Title should make any restrictions upon the grounds of citizenship, for chess itself knows no nationality.

Ironically enough, the Chicago chess player who carried the vicious rumor to the Grandis Chess Club (and possibly invented it, as well) was permitted to play in the tournament by the Illinois State Chess Ass'n officials, who ruled that they would exclude no one who was a resident of Illinois. It was charitably decided to consider that this player's spreading of a vicious rumor was the result of stupidity rather than of malice, although many players will reserve their judgment on this point.

Since CHESS LIFE has received communications from as far distant locations as Boston regarding this evil rumor, we are glad to have this opportunity of issuing a general denial on behalf of the Illinois State Chess Assn. before this false accusation gains further credence.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

HOW TO WIN IN THE CHESS OPENINGS. By I. A. Horowitz. New York: David McKay, \$3.75. Pp. 199, numerous diagrams.

TO paraphrase Mercutio, this book is not so deep as *The Ideas Behind the Chess Openings* and not so wide as *PCO*, but it is enough—it will more than serve. Beginners are commonly appalled at the columns in the one, lost in the variations of the other. Here, in simple form, following the series as it appeared in Editor Horowitz's *Chess Review*, are fifteen chapters on the principles of opening play, with special sections on Giuoco Piano, Ruy Lopez, GGD, Reti, English, French Defense, Sicilian, Alekhine, and Center Counter.

Horowitz takes the student past each move in the standard lines, pointing to the motives behind it, to alternatives and their motives, and to future possibilities. For example, 11. P-KR3 in the Steinitz Defense to the Ruy is explained as follows: "White aims to prevent the pin of his King Knight and also to set up a prop for a possible future Kingside Pawn advance against the Black King." Each chapter is followed by a summing up for both sides and an illustrative game, presented chess movie style in ten diagrams, with notes to clarify objectives and errors. These games include such battles as Steinitz-von Bardeleben, Hastings 1895; Keres-Capablanca, AVRO 1938; and Duras-Spielman, Vienna 1907.

The plan, the execution, and the style of the book are precisely what should be expected from a seasoned champion player who is also a chess journalist of the first rank. Once a beginner has learned the moves, he should be put through Purdy's *Guide to Good Chess*, then through *How to Win in the Chess Openings*. The receiver has already strengthened one beginner markedly by taking him through a single opening as set forth here, talking over the reasons given by Horowitz, following his alternatives on separate boards, and thus covering each point fully. As Horowitz remarks, the title ought to be "How to Understand the Chess Openings"; but the concession made in the present title to the competitive temperament is harmless.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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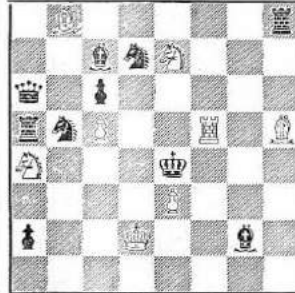
PROBLEM NO. 282 is a lightweight aimed at the solver who doesn't like to work too hard during the summer heat. I set it up in a few moments for a solving contest that the Washington Chess Divan held in a cool nook along the Potomac during one of those unmercifully humid days that we who live in the National Capital are accustomed to having, but try our darndest to get away from. Each solver was allowed ten minutes to find the key, and was told that the Black King is a stalemate and that there are only ten White moves to relieve the impasse; in other words, he had a minute to test each possible key-move. Almost everyone found the right solution after being given this clue. Can you do the same? Take out your watch and time yourself. The Black King must get out of his corner; to allow this, White must move his Rook off the seventh rank, or interpose one of three pieces onto it. I'd like to hear how you made out, so when you send in your solutions, please tell me how long it took you to "get" it.

The problem was adapted, by the way, from a classic by W. A. Shinkman, composed over sixty years ago: 8, 8, psK3, k7, P6R, P7, P4BB1, 8. Mate in three moves.

Problem No. 279

By F. Bennett

Kin Kin, Queensland, Australia
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 10 men



White: 8 men
1B5r, 2bcS3, q1e6, raP2R1B, S3k3,
4T, p2K2b1, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 281

By F. Gamage

Brockton, Mass.
Philadelphia Inquirer, 1941
Black: 5 men

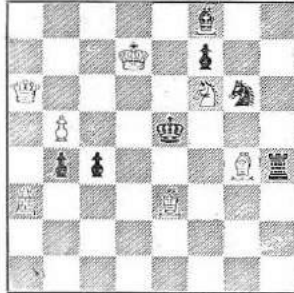


White: 7 men
1r6, pp6, k1q1R3, B3Q3, 8, 3R4, 2P1B3, K7
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 280

By A. A. Fagan

Montreal, Canada
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 7 men



White: 7 men
5b2, 3K1p2, Q4Ss1, 1P2k3, 1pp3Br,
R3B3, 8, 9
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 282

By the Problem Editor

Unpublished
(See text)
Black: 1 man



White: 7 men
7k, R6P, 4P2P, 1BB5, 3K4, 8, 8, 8
White mates in three moves

Solutions to previously published problems on page six.

Solkoff Modification

By WILLIAM ROJAM

In CHESS LIFE, issue of September 20, 1950, we spoke of the Solkoff Modification of the Sonneborn-Berger system of breaking ties in a Swiss system tournament. Aside from the fact that the Sonneborn-Berger system is not actually the system recommended by Sonneborn who had a more complicated method (as Mr. J. T. Boyd of Southampton, England has informed us), it is illogical in the fact that it makes no adjustment in regard to the strength of the opposition as represented by winners against the player whose S-B rating is being calculated. Yet it is obvious that a player who lost only to the winner of the tournament should rank ahead of a player who lost to a player in the 30th spot, if their other opponents were approximately equal in strength. This the Sonneborn-Berger system cannot cover accurately, for it takes into its computation only games won and drawn, without regard to games lost.

The Solkoff Modification, which has been used in North Carolina events and is gradually being tested elsewhere (several tournaments reported in this issue used the S-M breakdown), uses the total game points scored of all opponents, whether they lost, won or drew. It is defined by Mr. Ephraim Solkoff as follows:

Solkoff Modification may be reduced to two simple statements as follows:

Primary Treatment: The higher rank is given to that player whose opponents, as a whole, have scored the greater number of game points. (Game points are the traditional 1, ½, 0 for games won, drawn, lost respectively.)

Secondary Treatment: Should a tie persist after Primary Treatment

the higher rank is given to that player whose opponents, as a whole, ranked higher in the tournament standings.

The S-M Score of a player is the total of the game points scored by all opponents of that player, (S-M standing for Solkoff's Modification).

The Secondary Score of a player (or 2nd score) is the total of the ranks attained by all opponents of the player, the total being the numerical sum.

It is obvious that under this system players will not always rank in the same order as they would under normal S-B; and in the opinion of many players the S-M score gives a more accurate rating. It is not intended for use in a round-robin event, where S-B remains the only accurate means of breaking (Please turn to Page 6, col. 5)

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THIS year's New York State Championship, held at Syracuse University, attracted entries from all over the Empire State, and once again a new champion was crowned—Jim Sherwin, 17-year-old Columbia junior, topped the score-table, while defending champion E. Hearst and chessmaster H. Seidman had to be content with a tie for second.

Sherwin's victory was undoubtedly well-deserved, for he alone remained undefeated and only once (against Dr. Schmidt) was he ever in a precarious position. His talent for the game is unquestionable, and this fact, added to his thorough knowledge of the openings, makes him a hard man to conquer. He enters no game without adequate preparation and takes into consideration his opponent's likes and dislikes in choosing an opening variation. He had previously won the Intercollegiate Speed Title in 1949 and led the Columbia team in scoring when it won the Intercollegiate Title last December.

E. Hearst suffered a first round reversal at the hands of Bob Leonard of the Bronx; surprising enough, this was Leonard's only win of the tourney! But Hearst rallied and was fortunate enough to finish second by virtue of Klugman's win over Seidman. The dethroned champion's play was horribly marred by his very poor handling of the openings; there were, in fact, only two games (out of nine) in which he got excellent prospects out of his first ten moves! This defect must be removed if he ever hopes to attain a higher degree of chess skill. Seidman, after his fine showing in the United States Championship, disappointed in this tourney. He took very little time for his moves, something your reporter feels cannot produce the very best chess, and rarely displayed the determination which is one of his main assets. The former Marshall Chess Club Champion had particular trouble with the French Defense; both Sherwin and Klugman employed that opening in overcoming him—his only two losses!

Of the other three prize winners (Reuben Klugman, Roy Black, and Erich Marchand), something too must be said. Klugman, third in last year's tourney, started disastrously in this one, dropping 2½ out of his first 3 games. From that point he brilliantly garnered 5½ out of his last 6 to finish a good fourth. Klugman, just starting his "career" as a math teacher in a New York Junior High School, shows great promise, considering that he has had little time to devote to chess in the past. Roy Black of Buffalo, who has a tournament victory over Capablanca to his credit and is a former state champion, competed in his first major tourney in many years and achieved a fine result, his efforts winning for him the Morgan trophy, symbolic of the Upstate Championship. Marchand, the genial games editor of CHESS LIFE, attained his usual excellent score; his "poker face" and concomitant serenity during the progress of a game plus his ability to produce long, hard (though still interesting!) endings are two of his main characteristics.

A word must be said about Alex Suchobek. Having lived in Oregon for a little over a year since escaping from behind the Iron Curtain, Suchobek had settled in Syracuse only two weeks before the tourney began. His colorful character and friendliness to all belie the suffering which he had endured before his arrival in the United States. His chess play, too, is exemplary; always among the leaders, he unfortunately lost two heart breakers to Seidman and Hearst, both games in which he had the upper hand throughout.

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FIDE Delegates Vote Many Decisions At Annual Meeting In Venice, Italy

By WILLIAM ROJAM

A full report on the results of the FIDE annual congress at Venice will be presented later by the USCF FIDE delegate, Past President Paul G. Giers, when the full details are available in official form. At this time, it is only possible to give a brief summary of a few outstanding decisions of immediate importance which have been released to the chess press by various reporter delegates who were present at the deliberations. The most important of these were in regard to the International Team Tournament, the Woman's World Championship, a FIDE Bulletin, and the nomination and election of various chess players as Grandmasters, International Masters, and International Judges.

International Team Tournament:

Finland has experienced unexpected financial difficulties in organizing this event, but on the undertaking of Russia, Sweden, Rumania, Iceland, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia to pay their own traveling and accommodation expenses has accepted the task. The event will be held in Helsinki, August 5-31, 1952.

Women's World Championship will be played, beginning October 20, in either Moscow or Leningrad.

FIDE Bulletin: Czechoslovakian Chess Federation will publish a periodical FIDE magazine in French, English, Spanish, German and Russian for a trial period of one year, assuming responsibility for any financial deficit in the publication.

Grandmasters: It was finally agreed to recognize Bogoljubow as a grandmaster by 13 votes to 8 with 5 abstaining. Yugoslavia supported the motion but the other communist countries voted against recognizing Bogoljubow. S. Gligoric of Yugoslavia was also recognized as a grandmaster.

International Masters: Recognizing the incongruity of withholding recognition from C. J. S. Purdy on technical grounds only, it was voted to accord Purdy the title of International Master for his exploits in Australia in which he faced numerous international play-

ers. George Koltanowsky of the USA was recognized as an international master on the basis of his European performances. Other international masters elected were: J. Lokvenec (Austria), E. Richter and M. Katetov (Czechoslovakia), A. Muffang (France), L. Schmid and C. Carls (Western Germany), I. Konig (Great Britain), W. J. Muhring (Holland), E. Paoli, E. Szabados and Count Sacconi (Italy), W. A. Fairhurst (Scotland), B. Milite, V. Vukovic and A. Matanovic (Yugoslavia), V. Averbach, N. Novotelnov and E. Geller (USSR).

International Judges: This is a new category created to distinguish those who are considered qualified to direct international tournaments. Hans Kmoch and I. A. Horowitz of the United States, and Malcolm Sim of Canada were so designated. Others accorded this honor were: A. Rider, W. Pratten, W. Morry, J. T. Boyd, Dr. Rueb, Rogard, Bertram, Opocensky Asztlalos, Euwe, Ragozin, Kotov, Vidmar Sr., Chudova, Romanovsky, F. Andersen, Sanguinetti, Stahlberg, Ralogh, Rettsteb, Prorovich, Yudovich, H. n a c e k, Szabados, Golmayo, Eggink, van Harten, Zittersteyn, Slavokoorde, Horhammer, Elek, Mieses, Miliani, Brinckmann, Vicente, Almirall, Kottbauer.

SHAPIRO TOPS VIRGINIA OPEN

Oscar Shapiro of Washington scored a clear 6½-½ victory in the Virginia Open Championship at Lynchburg, drawing with Kit Crittenden. Second place went to Martin Stark, also of Washington, with 5½-1½, drawing with former Virginia Champion Russell Chauvenet and losing to N. T. Whitaker. Tied at 5-2 each but 3rd to 7th on S-B points were: Russell Chauvenet of Silver Springs, Md., Kit Crittenden of Raleigh, N. T. Whitaker of Shadyside, Saul Wanetiek of Brooklyn, and Jerry G. Sullivan of Knoxville. Of these Chauvenet was unbeaten but drew with Stark, Crittenden, Sullivan and R. Baine of Richmond.

Ranking Virginia player and Virginia State Champion was R. Baine who scored 4-3 with top S-B points, losing games to Shapiro and Sullivan, and drawing with Chauvenet and W. J. Nucker of Washington. The tournament drew 36 players for the 7 round Swiss event, and a surprising number of contestants came from out of state.

HOLT CAPTURES FLORIDA TITLE

Major J. B. Holt, president of CCLA, won the 27 player 6 round Swiss event at Miami to become Florida Champion with 5-1, drawing with Aaron Goldman and Nestor Hernandez.

Second to fifth on S-B with equal 4½-1½ scores were Goldman, Peter Magri, H. P. Taylor, and P. C. Knox. Goldman lost to Knox and drew with Holt. Magri lost to Taylor and drew with Robert Eastwood. Taylor lost to Goldman and drew with Clarence Kalenian. Knox lost to Taylor and drew with Norman B. Church.

At the annual meeting of the Florida Chess League, Norman B. Church of Miami was elected president. James B. Gibson, Jr. of Tampa 1st vice-president, Philip C. Knox of Deland 2nd vice-president, and J. B. Holt of Long Beach secretary-treasurer.

VAITONIS WINS CANADA TITLE

At Vancouver, the 13 player round robin event for the Championship of Canada ended in a surprise victory for Povilas Vaitonis, a Lithuanian master living for the last 2½ years in Hamilton. Decision was not reached until after the final round when Vaitonis edged out Frank R. Anderson as the result of victory in an adjourned game with Dr. Bohatirchuk. Scoring 10½-1½, Vaitonis lost no games but drew with Anderson, Yanofsky and Jursevskis.

Frank R. Anderson of Toronto, who led most of the way, placed second with 10-2, losing outright to Dr. Bohatirchuk and drawing with Maurice Fox. Third place went to Dr. F. Bohatirchuk of Ottawa who scored 9-3, losing games to Vaitonis and Dr. Nathan Divinsky, and drawing with J. M. Taylor and Walter Holowach. Former Canadian Champion Abe Yanofsky placed fourth with 8-4, losing to Anderson, Bohatirchuk and Rea B. Hayes, while drawing with Vaitonis and Fox.

With the rise of younger players like Anderson and the infiltration of foreign blood in Vaitonis, Bohatirchuk, Divinsky and Jursevskis, Canadian chess has never been stronger than at the present time. It was notable that defending Champion Maurice Fox could place no better than a tie for sixth, although he seemed to be out of form and not at his best. The tournament was excellently publicized in the chess column of Dave Creemer in the Vancouver Daily Province.

MILLER TOPS OHIO TOURNEY

Harald Miller, of Cleveland's chess playing Miller twins, won five out of six, drawing one, to gain the Ohio State Championship in a 44 player 6 round Swiss event at Columbus. Miller drew with Robert McCready, but had to clinch the title in the final round in an exciting battle with Emil Roethler of Cleveland.

Second with 5-1 was Charles Ling of Dayton, who lost one game to Bernard Kaplan of Columbus. Kaplan placed third on S-B points with 4½-1½, losing no games but drawing with Stearns, Roethler, and Fleet. Fourth to 6th on S-B with equal 4½-1½ scores were Robert McCready, former Ohio Champion Walter Mann, and Elliott Stearns.

The Rapid Transit event was won by Zoltan Pauer of Cleveland, who was highly favored to win the State title but ended with 4-2 in 10th place.

In the Junior Championship, the title went to Philip Rothman, 14, of Columbus. In the Women's Championship Mrs. Wilda White Owens of Avon Lake succeeded Mrs. Catherine Jones of Columbus as woman titlist.

HEARST TOPS N. Y. LIGHTNING

In the annual New York Lightning Championship, Eliot Hearst and James Sherwin tied for first with 5½-1½ each, but the title went to Hearst for defeating Sherwin in their personal encounter. Hearst lost to Erich Marchand and drew with Eugene Shapiro. Sherwin lost to Hearst and drew with Maurice Ginsberg.

In the preliminaries, Marchand and M. Ginsberg tied at 6-1 each, while Herbert Seidman placed third with 5-2. In section 2, James Sherwin, E. Shapiro and M. Fleischer tied for first with 5½-1½ each. In section 3, Eliot Hearst, Dr. Bruno Schmidt and Charles Heising tied with 5½-1½ each.

BROOME CO TOPS GENESEEE MATCH

Playing for the Genesee Team Match Cup, Broome County swept the match with victories over Onondaga and Monroe County teams. Onondaga placed second by besting Monroe County.

RUTH REGAINS PENNA. TITLE

William A. Ruth of Collingswood, N. J. regained the Pennsylvania title which he has held 6 times before, scoring 6-1 in a 50 player 7 round Swiss at Allentown. Ruth drew with Saul Wachs and Dale Schrader and never lost the lead.

Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 5½-1½ scores were Robert Sobel, U. S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs, and Thomas Eckenrode. Sobel lost to Ruth and drew with Herbert Hickman. Wachs drew with Ruth, Hickman and Gordon Marcus. Eckenrode lost to Marcus and drew with D. A. Giangliullo. Sobel, by virtue of his score, became the Pennsylvania Junior Champion.

Mrs. Mary Selensky, as top woman scorer, retained the Women's Championship with 3½-3½ in 23rd place.

Saul Wachs won the Pennsylvania Speed title with 5-1 in the finals while Herbert Hickman placed second with 4½-1½. Twenty players competed in the preliminaries in two sections of play.

SUESMAN TAKES NEW ENGLAND TY

By a margin of a few S-B points, Walter Suesman, chess editor of the Providence Journal and Rhode Island Champion, won the New England Championship at New Haven, Conn. with 5½-½ in a 28 player 6 round Swiss, drawing with runner-up Weaver Adams, Adams, many-times New England titlist, finished second, also with 5½-½ score. Third place went to Dr. S. D. Putzman of Boston with 4½-1½, while with equal 4-2 scores on S-B points from 4th to 8th placed Kazys Skema of Boston, Charles Sharp of West Scarborough, Me., Edmund Hand of New Haven, W. M. P. Mitchell of Brookline and A. H. Hobson of Montpelier, Vt. Further details are not available as we go to press.

McCORMICK TOPS NEW JERSEY MEET

Edgar T. McCormick topped the 22 player 6 round New Jersey State Championship with 5½-½ to win the state title, drawing one game with Franklin Howard. Saul Yarmack on S-B points was second with 4½-1½, losing to McCormick and drawing with David Eisen. Eisen placed third, also with 4½-1½, losing to Albert Boezar and drawing with Yarmack.

Placing 4th to 6th with equal 4-2 scores on S-B points were Franklin Howard, Albert Boezar and R. A. McCallister. Howard lost to Homer Jones and drew with McCormick and John Biach. Boezar lost to McCormick and Yarmack. McCallister lost to Yarmack and Eisen.

FOURWAY TIE IN W. VA. EVENT

The West Virginia Championship ended indecisively in a fourway tie between Allen H. DuVall, Edward M. Foy, John F. Hurt, and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer at 3½-1½ each in the 6 player round robin event. All four have at various times held the state title, and this year they decided to share it without playoffs.

In the West Virginia Junior Championship Donald Burdick and Charles Morgan, both former titleholders, tied for first with 3½-½ each in the five player round robin. Bruce Marples finished third with 2-2.

Victory in the 12 player 5 round Swiss Open Tournament went to Frank Branner of So. Charleston with 4½-½, drawing with Reid Holt. Second place went to Rudd Neel of Huntington with 4-1, losing a game to Branner, while David Marples placed third with 3½-1½, losing to Neel and drawing with Robert Swarbrick.

At the annual meeting Harold Liggett of South Charleston was elected president, with Rudd Neel of Huntington as vice-president and Reid Holt of Charleston as secretary-treasurer.

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

AS WE are leaving the year 1918 to turn to Alekhine's chess activities in 1919, we encounter again a few of the mysteries we are already used to in this master's biography.

We are inclined to believe that the date "December 1918," which Alekhine gives for his blindfold game with Gonssiorovski ("Best Games 1908-1923," p. 124), for once is correct. Insofar, at least Alekhine was consistent: the same date occurs in the manuscript (now in our personal collection) and in the first publication of the game ("Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" game part, p. 7). Only Verliński's posthumous statement in "Shakhmaty v SSSR," 1951 no. 1, p. 26, which we mentioned already in a previous instalment, casts doubts on the correctness of Alekhine's own dating and could very well be erroneous. It may, however, be pointed out that neither the manuscript nor the publication in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" are so precise as the much later publication in "Best Games"—it is here for the first time that the number of games played in that blindfold exhibition in Odessa, December 1918, in which the game with Gonssiorovski is supposed to have been played, is mentioned, but we hesitate to draw any conclusions from this belated refreshing of Alekhine's memory.

But as we enter the year 1919, new mystery is waiting for us, this time, however, probably not caused by Alekhine himself: when, late in 1920 (Tijdschrift v. d. Nederl. Schaakbond, Sept.-Oct. 1920, p. 174; British Chess Magazine, Dec. 1920, p. 390) news started to pour into the Western chess world that Alekhine was, after all, still alive (see also Deutsche Schachzeitung, Oct.-Nov. 1920, p. 231), these happy news used to be accompanied by a game Alekhine was supposed to have played in Petrograd in March 1919 against Levenfish (see also Znosko-Borovsky in his Russian language chess column in the Paris newspaper "La cause commune," as reported by Tartakower in his article "Das rote Schach" in "Kagans Neueste Schachnachrichten" 1922, Heft 1, p. 76; but at least Znosko-Borovsky added doubting the authenticity of this game, "according to news I received, he was at that time in Odessa").

Strange as it may seem, this game IS authentic: Alekhine played it, his opponent was Levenfish, now better known as Levenfish, even the place where it was supposed to have been played is correct, (if we disregard that St. Petersburg was changed to "Petrograd" during the first World War)—the only thing that is wrong with it is the date: this game was long known in the Western chess world, and it is unbelievable that not one of the chess editors who resurrected it in connection with the news of Alekhine's survival, including his good friend Znosko-Borovsky who had probably followed Alekhine's early chess career closer than any body else, pointed immediately to the fact that this game had been played seven years before, had, after its original publication in Novoe Vremia of March 21 (April 3) 1912, made the rounds in the Western Chess press (e.g., Deutsches Wochenshach, July 7, 1912, p. 240, game no. 4675; Schweizerische Schachzeitung, May 1913, p. 72, game no. 1245) and had only recently been included by Salvioni in his "Variazioni sul tema della 'Partita Immortale'" in "L'Italia (Please turn to page 5, col. 2)

ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, September 20, 1951

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include Entry Fees (\$980), Contributions (List of Donors below) (1120.37), Chess Players Wives Club (Bingo party) (216.85), etc. Disbursements include Prizes: Open Tournament (\$1600.00), Women's Tournament (40.00), etc.

Table listing Contributors to the Tournament Fund. Frank R. Graves \$1500.00, Fort Worth Chess Club \$177.37, Clarence A. Caroe \$50.00, etc.

VIRGINIA OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing Virginia Open State Championship results. O. Shapiro (Washington, D.C.) vs W32 W21 W9 W8 W4 D4 6-1, M. C. Stark (Bethesda, Md.) vs W30 L20 W14 W19 D2 W1 1-1, etc.

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing New York State Championship results. E. J. Sherwin (New York City) vs W21 W6 D7 W15 W3 D2 W9 D10 D4 7-2, E. Hearst (New York City) vs L26 W25 W8 W12 W11 D1 D3 D7 W10 6-2, etc.

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing New York State Championship results (continued). J. Edgar McCormick vs W2 W5 W7 W8 W13 5-1, Saul Yarnack vs L1 D3 W5 W6 W8 W11 4-1, etc.

LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing Louisiana State Championship results. Ronald E. Pohle (Brookhaven, Miss.) vs W13 W6 D4 D3 D2 W5 5-1, A. B. White (New Orleans, La.) vs W15 W10 W7 D3 D1 W4 5-1, etc.

MIDWEST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing Midwest Open Championship results. J. Spence (Nebraska) vs W17 W4 W10 D2 W3 W5 5-1, D. Ackerman (Nebraska) vs W21 W19 D3 D1 W8 D4 4-1, etc.

NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing New Jersey State Championship results. Edgar McCormick vs W2 W5 W7 W8 W13 5-1, Saul Yarnack vs L1 D3 W5 W6 W8 W11 4-1, etc.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing West Virginia Championship results. Allen H. DuVal (St. Albans) vs x 3 0 1 1 1 31-13, Edward M. Foy (Charleston) vs x 1 0 1 1 1 31-13, etc.

WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing West Virginia Junior Championship results. Donald Burdick (Huntington) vs x 3 1 1 1 1 31-13, Charles Marple (Huntington) vs x 3 1 1 1 1 31-13, etc.

COLORADO STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing Colorado State Open Championship results. J. J. Partos (Elmhurst, N.Y.) vs Bye D5 W12 D17 W4 W2 5-1, Paul Poschel (Chicago, Ill.) vs W19 W11 W4 D3 W5 L1 4-1, etc.

The following made contributions in amount of \$5.00 or less:

- Leo Horwitz, Liston Jackson, Al Lipson, Jacob M. Iwron, Leon Weiser, Folk Weaver, Robert J. Allen, Leslie J. Bonner, Homer Faber, Geo. L. Hale, Edward Williams, E. E. Mireles, F. E. Condon, Dr. James L. Murphy, Eldred W. Foster, Joe Kuttler, Gerald G. Foreman, G. A. Redwine, A. R. Nelms, Roy E. White, H. C. Tankersley, Mrs. Ewers, Mrs. H. C. Wallenberg, Mrs. LaTrella Price, A. C. Farger, H. L. Thomas, Donald Bobar, Floyd Sedig, L. L. Laxson, Phil Mary, Isaac Wy Allen, Wm. G. Holmes, Simon Tobias, Dr. F. D. Sims, O. D. Broeks, Jas. C. Murphy, Alexander McNabb, Doyle Willis, O. Nelson, Harry Moore, H. L. Jordan, E. R. Riddle.

In addition to the above cash contributions:

HOTEL TEXAS donated the playing site, a suite of rooms for the president and secretary, rooms for the director and assistant director and sample room for analysis, skittles and adjourned games, and rooms for Directors meetings; the value of that hotel space, according to their scheduled rates was \$84.75.

F. E. Condon donated six binders for CHESS LIFE, of the value of \$7.50. Owen Burnett made and donated for use the Score Board.

FRANK R. GRAVES

Secretary-Treasurer, The Fort Worth Tournament Committee

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing New England Championship results. Walter Sussman (R.I.) vs 5-1, 23.00, W. Walter Adams (Mass.) vs 5-1, 18.00, etc.

NEW YORK STATE EXPERTS TOURNAMENT

Table listing New York State Experts Tournament results. Mrs. C. S. Nye (Syracuse) vs 7-1, R. K. Thomas (Rheac) vs 7-1, etc.

GENESSEE CUP TEAM MATCHES

Table listing Genessee Cup Team Matches results. Broome County vs 2 2 5 5 2 0, Onondaga County vs 1 3 3 1 1, etc.

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CUP TEAM MATCHES

Table listing Susquehanna Valley Cup Team Matches results. Queen City (Buffalo) vs x 4 3 7 3 2-0, I.B.M. (Endicott) vs x 1-4 0-1, etc.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing West Virginia Championship results (continued). Frank Brantner (So. Charleston) vs W5 D6 W9 W2 W4 4-1, R. K. Neel (Huntington) vs W5 W4 1 1 1 31-13, etc.

MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing Michigan Championship results. J. Stolzenberg (Detroit) vs W17 W15 W3 W7 W17 D6 W3 W4 7-1, E. J. van Sweden (G. Rapids) vs W21 W23 W2 W23 D4 L1 W7 8-1, etc.

WEST VIRGINIA OPEN TOURNAMENT

Table listing West Virginia Open Tournament results. Frank Brantner (So. Charleston) vs W5 D6 W9 W2 W4 4-1, R. K. Neel (Huntington) vs W5 W4 1 1 1 31-13, etc.

OREGON STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing Oregon State Open Championship results. A. W. Dake vs Bye W12 W2 W4 W5 5-0 11.00, Don Turner vs D12 W3 L1 W8 W7 3-1 18.00, etc.

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing New York State Championship results (continued). J. J. Partos (Elmhurst, N.Y.) vs Bye D5 W12 D17 W4 W2 5-1, Paul Poschel (Chicago, Ill.) vs W19 W11 W4 D3 W5 L1 4-1, etc.

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing New York State Championship results (continued). J. Edgar McCormick vs W2 W5 W7 W8 W13 5-1, Saul Yarnack vs L1 D3 W5 W6 W8 W11 4-1, etc.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

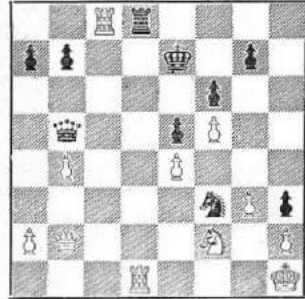
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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess. I dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram No. 45
Black moves
NEUMANN



PAULSEN
Berlin, 1864

Diagram No. 46
Black moves
GLAESSER



BUSH
Postal Game, 1945

and with his own pieces dispersed, making room for the queen; 2. BxKt1, Q-Kt5 mate. No. 46: 1. R-Kt7 ch! (to course. The mate follows as a matter of

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N. Y. CHESS LIFE

(Continued from page 2, col. 5)

In Brief: A Syracuse television show featured interviews with Harold Evans, President of N. Y. State Federation, and Hans Knoech, in addition to televising a tourney game between Marchand and Herzberger, a rapid game between Phillips and Black, and a blitz game between Hearst and Seidman. . . . Back in New York City we find Dunst, Sherwin, Brandts, Mednis, LeCornu, Howard, and Burger undefeated in Marshall Championship preliminary play, and most certain to qualify. . . . Kit Crittenden (North Carolina) and Gerry Sullivan (Tennessee), standard-bearers of Southern chess, visited New York City immediately after the conclusion of the Virginia Open, played a North vs South match with Sherwin and Hearst (representing the d. . . . Yankees), and made the rounds of the local chess clubs. . . . Marshall Chess Club is preparing a banquet to celebrate its acquisition of almost all the major titles to be had—U. S., Open, Speed, and Invitation (L. Evans), N. Y. State (J. Sherwin). Still can't beat the Manhattan C. C. in N. Y.'s Met League, though!?

GARVER CAPTURES DECATUR JUNIOR

In the first annual Decatur (Ill.) Junior Championship, jointly sponsored by the Decatur Recreation Center and Decatur Chess Club, Miss Janet Garver proved the superiority of feminine intuition by three straight victories over her masculine opponents to win the title 3-0. James Doubleday scored 1-1 with an adjourned game to be played off with John Dymond, and Janet's brother Donald Garver scored 1-2, besting Dymond but losing to Doubleday and sister Janet. John Dymond with 0-2 can tie for third by winning against Doubleday when they meet.

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) Scacchistica" of May 1918, p. 35, game 539. In other words, the game supposedly played in Petrograd in March 1919 is nothing else but the game we find now in Alekhine's book "My Best Games of Chess (1908-1923)" as game no. 39 where it is quite correctly dated "March 1912," the exact date (Novoe Vremia, Deutsches Wochenschaech) being March 18 (31), 1912.

We can therefore disregard it, as far as the Soviet period of Alekhine's chess career is concerned, as a fine early specimen of Alekhine's skill it can of course still be recommended highly; since the notes in the original publication in Novoe Vremia are not identical with those that can be found now in "Best Games," a republication with the old notes is considered in the appropriate context. What interests here in connection with this game, is the fact that it could be launched again seven years after it had actually been played—and that nobody noticed it—truly, no form of "mystery" is impossible in Alekhine's life!

Solutions: Finish It the Clever Way!

Position No. 55: 1. Kt-Q5! and Black resigned. If 1. . . . R-Kt1, 2. R-Kt1, Q-R3; 3. R-Kt1 ch wins Black Q. If 1. . . . R-K1; 2. Q-K7 ch and 3. R-K1 ch wins. Position No. 56: 1. K-R2, B-Q3 (if 1. . . . K-Q4; 2. P-K3, P-R6; 3. P-K4, BxP; 4. P-B6 draws); 2. P-R6, K-R2; 3. K-Kt1 (not 3. P-R7, K-K2; 4. K-K1, KxP; 5. K-R2, B-Q3; 10. P-K7, K-Q2; 11. P(Q), BxQ; 12. K-R3 draws.

DECATUR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

| Decatur, 1951 | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|---|---|---|-----|
| 1. Janet Garver | | x | 1 | 1 | 3-0 |
| 2. James Doubleday | | 0 | x | 1 | 1-1 |
| 3. Donald Garver | | 0 | 0 | x | 1-2 |
| 4. John Dymond | | 0 | 0 | x | 0-2 |

Game between Doubleday and Dymond not played.

October 15, 1951

CCLA U. S. Junior Championship

Correspondence Chess

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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

| Vancouver, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 1. Povilas Valtonis (Hamilton) | | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10-13 |
| 2. Frank R. Anderson (Toronto) | | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10-2 |
| 3. Dr. F. Bohatirchuk (Ottawa) | | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9-3 |
| 4. Abe Yanofsky (Winnipeg) | | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8-4 |
| 5. Dr. Nathan Divinsky (Winnipeg) | | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6-6 |
| 6. Maurice Fox (Montreal) | | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6-6 |
| 7. Mervaldis Jursevskis (Vancouver) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-7 |
| 8. J.M. Taylor (Vancouver) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 5-7 |
| 9. Frank Yorhoff (Regina) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 1 | 5-7 |
| 10. Res B. Hayes (Regina) | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 4-8 |
| 11. Walter Holowach (Edmonton) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 4-8 |
| 12. Howard Riddus (Toronto) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4-8 |
| 13. C. F. Millar (Vancouver) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x |

PENNSYLVANIA SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

| Allentown, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| 1. S. Wachs (Philadelphia) | | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-1 |
| 2. H. Hickman (Pittsburgh) | | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4-13 |
| 3. I. Isenberg (Enola) | | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4-2 |
| 4. J. Ziegler (Allentown) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4-2 |
| 5. R. Sobel (Philadelphia) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2-6 |
| 6. M. Simsak (Allentown) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 2-4 |
| 7. J. Caputo (Philadelphia) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 0-6 |

NEW YORK STATE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

| Finals, Syracuse, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| 1. Eliot Hearst | | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-13 |
| 2. James Sherwin | | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5-13 |
| 3. Maurice Ginsberg | | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4-9 |
| 4. Erich Marchand | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4-9 |
| 5. Charles Heising | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 3-4 |
| 6. Clay Horchak (Houston, Tex.) | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 2-4 |
| 7. Eugene Shapiro | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 |
| 8. Dr. Bruno Schmidt | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x |
| 9. Myron Fleischer | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x |

SOUTHWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

| Denison, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| 1. R. Steinmeyer (St. Louis, Mo.) | | W54 | W18 | W6 | W22 | W5 | D2 | D2 | 6-1 | 29.25 |
| 2. K. Smith (Dallas, Tex.) | | W35 | D4 | W15 | W26 | W19 | W9 | D1 | 6-1 | 23.75 |
| 3. R. Garver (Tulsa, Okla.) | | W36 | W11 | D8 | W33 | W19 | D1 | D5 | 5-13 | 27.00 |
| 4. William Addison (Louisiana) | | W40 | D2 | D14 | W7 | D21 | W26 | W10 | 5-13 | 25.75 |
| 5. J. B. Payne (San Antonio, Tex.) | | W14 | W37 | W23 | W12 | L1 | W13 | D3 | 5-13 | 24.75 |
| 6. C. Teare, Jr. (Dallas, Tex.) | | W15 | L19 | W34 | L4 | W22 | W21 | D2 | 5-13 | 23.75 |
| 7. Clay Horchak (Houston, Tex.) | | W27 | W9 | L1 | W20 | W37 | W35 | L11 | 5-13 | 22.75 |
| 8. Robert Brieger (Houston, Tex.) | | W24 | W19 | D3 | L23 | W29 | W16 | D13 | 5-13 | 18.50 |
| 9. H. Mott (Venita, Okla.) | | W45 | L6 | W23 | W39 | W22 | L2 | W19 | 5-13 | 17.00 |
| 10. Homer Hyde (Waco, Tex.) | | W47 | W43 | W20 | W19 | L7 | W37 | L4 | 5-13 | 16.00 |
| 11. Jim Callis (Wichita, Kans.) | | W54 | L3 | W31 | L13 | W50 | D23 | W2 | 5-13 | 15.00 |
| 12. R. Stevens (San Antonio, Tex.) | ..... | W7 | W48 | W15 | D15 | D33 | W25 | 5-13 | 14.50 | |
| 13. William James (Levitt, Tex.) | | W31 | L1 | W52 | W11 | W18 | L5 | D8 | 4-21 | 16.75 |
| 14. Lee T. Magee (Omaha, Neb.) | | L5 | W41 | D4 | D21 | W43 | D11 | W26 | 4-21 | 15.75 |
| 15. Marvin Rogan (Indiana) | | D43 | W38 | L7 | W28 | D12 | D30 | W33 | 4-21 | 14.25 |
| 16. Gene C. Burns (Selton, Tex.) | | L7 | W40 | W45 | D25 | W33 | L8 | W41 | 4-21 | 13.00 |
| 17. R. B. Potter (Waco, Tex.) | | W44 | W7 | L19 | W4 | W18 | W18 | W39 | 4-21 | 12.75 |
| 18. J. V. Ragan (St. Louis, Mo.) | | W39 | L9 | W49 | W51 | L13 | D14 | W37 | 4-21 | 12.75 |
| 19. O. M. Maring (Wichita, Kans.) | | W53 | W7 | W17 | L10 | L2 | W23 | L9 | 4-21 | 15.50 |
| 20. D. B. Wade (San Antonio, Tex.) | | W32 | W19 | L10 | L6 | W51 | L11 | W35 | 4-21 | 12.75 |
| 21. Louis J. Dina (Fort Worth, Tex.) | ..... | W38 | L33 | D14 | D4 | W34 | L7 | 4-21 | 12.50 | |
| 22. Dr. Bela Ross (Tulsa, Okla.) | ..... | W37 | W31 | L10 | W7 | W41 | D1 | 4-21 | 12.00 | |
| 23. H. A. Lew (St. Louis, Mo.) | ..... | W37 | W34 | L5 | L7 | L9 | W40 | 4-21 | 11.50 | |
| 24. J. G. Soane (Norman, Okla.) | | L8 | D39 | W36 | W17 | L5 | D40 | D31 | 3-31 | 17.50 |
| 25. F. H. Gill (Oklahoma City, Okla.) | | L24 | W30 | W57 | D16 | W24 | L6 | L12 | 3-31 | 12.50 |
| 26. R. Farrell (Fort Worth, Tex.) | | W41 | D7 | W48 | L7 | W23 | L4 | L14 | 3-31 | 11.75 |
| 27. W. T. Wilson (Gardner, Ala.) | | L1 | W31 | L1 | W31 | L1 | W31 | L1 | 3-31 | 7.75 |
| 28. R. F. Kelly (Oklahoma City, Okla.) | ..... | W43 | L12 | L15 | W36 | W29 | L17 | 3-31 | 10.50 | |
| 29. C. L. Parkin (Fort Worth, Tex.) | | L21 | D24 | W38 | W48 | L8 | L28 | W43 | 3-31 | 9.75 |
| 30. I. W. Allen (San Antonio, Tex.) | ..... | L35 | L25 | W54 | W57 | W52 | D15 | 3-31 | 6.75 | |
| 31. F. R. Graves (Fort Worth, Tex.) | ..... | L13 | W47 | L11 | L77 | W59 | D24 | 3-31 | 9.60 | |
| 32. W. T. Wilson (Gardner, Ala.) | ..... | W41 | D7 | W48 | L7 | W23 | L4 | 3-31 | 7.75 | |
| 33. A. G. Miller (Fort Worth, Tex.) | | L42 | W55 | W53 | L3 | W49 | D15 | L15 | 3-31 | 3.5 |
| 34. O. Burnett (Fort Worth, Tex.) | ..... | 3-4 (0-30); 35. Wm. A. Bills (Houston, Tex.) 3-4 (0-30); 36. Maxine Galt (Waukegan, Okla.) 3-4 (7-75); 37. R. S. Underwood (Lubbock, Tex.) 3-4 (6-00); 38. Jack Harby (Dallas, Tex.) 3-4 (6-00); 39. Hugo Teufel (Wichita, Kans.) 3-4 (5-75); 40. Sidney Karelmar (Denison, Tex.) 3-4 (2-50); 41. Edwin N. W. Herber (Fort Worth, Tex.) 3-4 (5-00); 42. Wm. A. Underwood (Dallas, Tex.) 2-4 (1-30); 43. John T. Campbell (Waco, Tex.) 2-4 (6-75); 44. Roy Davis (Denison, Tex.) 2-4 (5-75); 45. D. B. Martin (Fort Worth, Tex.) 2-4 (4-75); 46. J. D. Gleckler (Denison, Tex.) 1-5 (2-50); 47. Dr. W. G. Holmes (Denison, Tex.) 2-4 (1-25); 48. Bob Temple (Dallas, Tex.) 2-5 (5-75); 49. T. J. Chancellor (Waco, Tex.) 2-5 (4-00); 50. Dr. J. H. Perry (Fritch, Tex.) 2-5 (2-50); 51. R. E. Laven (Wichita, Kans.) 2-5 (3-00); 52. C. D. Matt (Denison, Tex.) 2-5 (1-50); 53. Esther Ringler (Denison, Tex.) 2-5 (4-00); 54. Col. J. E. Walker (Fort Worth, Tex.) 1-5 (3-50); 55. Roy E. White (Fort Worth, Tex.) 1-6 (1-50); 56. G. Hardesty (Oklahoma City, Okla.) 1-6 (57); 57. Dr. R. C. Harrison (Denison, Tex.) 1-6; 58. Douglas Huie (Dallas, Tex.) 1-6; 64a J. R. Cassingham (Reedley, Tex.) 1-6. | | | | | | | | |

Note: due to error in original computation of S-B points, ranking of Allen, Graves and Strange is out of order. Dr. Gleckler is also out of place.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

| Allentown, 1951 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| 1. Wm. A. Ruth (Collingswood, N.J.) | | W27 | W15 | W2 | W11 | D3 | W9 | D5 | 6-1 | 93.75 |
| 2. R. Sobel (Philadelphia, Pa.) | | W50 | W31 | L1 | W7 | W12 | D8 | W10 | 5-13 | 26.00 |
| 3. Sam Ruckel (Philadelphia, Pa.) | ..... | W29 | W43 | W58 | D8 | D27 | D24 | 5-13 | 25.25 | |
| 4. Thos. Eckenrode (Lancaster, Pa.) | | D30 | L10 | W49 | W46 | W33 | W17 | W13 | 5-13 | 20.50 |
| 5. Dale Scherader (Philadelphia) | | D21 | W25 | W12 | D4 | W16 | D20 | D1 | 5-13 | 2-28 |
| 6. Woodrow Young (Allentown) | | L36 | W23 | W44 | W15 | L8 | W14 | W16 | 5-13 | 22.50 |
| 7. Paul Dietz, Jr. (Pittsburgh) | | L13 | W32 | W34 | L12 | W19 | W24 | W18 | 5-13 | 22.00 |
| 8. Samuel Sklaroff (Philadelphia) | ..... | L38 | W41 | W28 | D2 | D23 | D2 | 5-13 | 21.50 | |
| 9. Gordon Marcus (Philadelphia) | | D35 | W4 | W38 | D13 | W11 | D3 | L2 | 4-21 | 23.25 |
| 10. S. Gartenhaus (Philadelphia) | | W40 | W49 | W16 | L1 | L10 | D21 | W24 | 4-21 | 21.75 |
| 11. William Roland (Pittsburgh) | | W46 | D38 | L5 | W41 | L2 | W25 | W21 | 4-21 | 16.25 |
| 12. Sam Ruckel (Philadelphia) | ..... | W37 | W24 | W18 | W10 | W13 | W14 | 5-13 | 21.00 | |
| 13. E. Strang (Camden, N.J.) | | L29 | W27 | L22 | W34 | W28 | L6 | W37 | 4-3 | 18.50 |
| 14. Ira Isenberg (Enola, Pa.) | | W37 | L1 | W36 | L6 | D39 | D32 | W23 | 4-3 | 15.75 |
| 15. Henry Chu (Philadelphia) | | W47 | W20 | L11 | W29 | L5 | W25 | L0 | 4-3 | 15.00 |
| 16. E. N. Spector (Philadelphia) | | W44 | L29 | D1 | W38 | W31 | L4 | D23 | 4-3 | 15.00 |
| 17. E. R. Glick (Philadelphia) | ..... | D18 | D20 | W12 | W10 | W13 | W14 | 5-13 | 21.00 | |
| 18. E. R. Glover (Wynnewood) | | D18 | D21 | L31 | W49 | L7 | W30 | W52 | 4-3 | 14.25 |

SICILIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Biennial Championship New York, 1951 Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White DR. A. MEGARINI 5. RESHEVSKY 1. P-K4 P-Q4 5. KtXP P-KK13 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 6. P-B4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-B3 Kt-KB3 7. B-K2 Q-K13 4. P-Q4 PXP

The early development of the Q is premature; better is 7. ... B-K12 as Reshevsky had played against Horowitz in the same tournament, which game continued: 8. O-O, O-O; 9. B-K3, Q-K3; 10. Q-Q3, Kt-KK5; 11. Kt-Q5, BxKt; 12. KtXQ, BxB ch; 13. K-R1, BxKt and Black had more than compensation with his 3 pieces against the White Q. Possibly Reshevsky deviated because he feared some improvement on White's part over the line adopted by Horowitz. 5. B-K3 B-K12

15. P-B5! The Bs need open lines. 15. ... QXPX White has at least a draw by perpetual check: 16. P-B6 ch, PXP; 17. B-R5 ch, KxB; 18. Q-R4 ch, K-K12; 19. QxP ch, K-K1; 20. Q-Q8 ch, K-K12; 21. Q-B6 ch, K-R3; 22. Q-R4 ch. But if instead KtXP White wins as follows: 16. B-B1, Q-K17; 17. BxKt, PXR; 18. Q-K13 ch, K-B1; 19. B-R6 ch, K-K1; 20. Q-R7, R-B1; 21. B-QK15. 16. B-QB4! Q-K17

After 22. K-R1? RESHEVSKY



MENGARINI Up till here White had conducted his attack with greatest courage, skill and precision. Not one move that could have been replaced by a better one! But here, in time pressure, he gives his famous adversary an opportunity to escape. The winning line was: 22. Q-K13 ch, K-R1 (if KXP?); 23. R-K1 ch, KxB; 24. Kt-Q5 ch wins the Q; 23. QxP, Q-B4 ch; 24. QXP, KtXQ; 25. RXP ch with an easy win.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way! No. 271 (Fontaine): Most solvers discovered that there is a solution in two moves by 1. BxP ch, although (as we announced in the August 20 issue) the author's intention, which was 1. B-K8, is defeated by 1. ... B-K4 ch. Proportionate credits are being allotted on the Ladder both to those who pointed out the "cook" and those who, following our lead, claimed "no solution" or disregarded the problem entirely. We hope that when you tot up your scores you will agree that the allotment of points has been fair.

SOLVERS' LADDER R. M. Collins 196 Nicholas Yoe 120 M. A. Michaels 96 P. H. Hunsicker 28 E. J. Korpany 194 R. E. Baxter 116 J. H. France 90 D. W. Arey, Jr. 24 Kenneth Lay 190 Y. V. Oganov 110 Dr. E. Krassner 90 Jim Dunphy 24 Gard. Murthaugh 182 Dr. A. J. Walker 110 George Smith 84 Joseph Kaufman 24 Richard Michell 176 W. J. Couture 108 E. Graham 80 Chester W. Cox 18 F. A. Hollway 170 James Bolton 106 E. Narrowsay 58 R. L. Caskey 10 Rev. G. Chidley 148 H. K. Tonak 106 G. F. Chase 56 L. M. Brown 8 J. E. Lucas 144 E. Onyschuk 102 Ted Lewis 38 Jim Morgan 8 Ronald O'Neil 140 J. Petty 98 G. M. Banker 36 U. Scott Smith 2

have saved the day. "Tout comprendre, c'est tout pardonner." 24. QxKt, RxB; 25. Kt-K4, Q-K6? 24. ... BtB, better was R-K7; 26. R-K3, Q-R5 (BtKt?); 27. QxR ch, KxQ; 28. RxQ, etc.); but now 27. R-K13 ch, K-B1; 22. KtXKt, RxB; 22. R-K18 mat. 26. RXPX

VIENNA OPENING

U. S. Open Championship Fort Worth, 1951 Notes by Dr. J. Platz

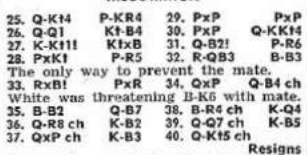
White E. T. MCCORMICK 3. N. T. WHITAKER 1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 KtXP 2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 Looks risky; still, no refutation of this move is known. 4. Q-R5 Kt-Q3 5. B-K13

18. B-B2 P-K5 Of course, if Black now plays: QxR(K4); QxB ch, etc. RXPX 21. RXR PxB 20. BxQ RxQ 22. KR-Q1 Resigns

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TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE

St. Louis District Championship St. Louis, 1951 Notes by Harry A. Lew

White H. A. LEW 1. Black R. VOLLMAR 1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 Kt-KB3 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3

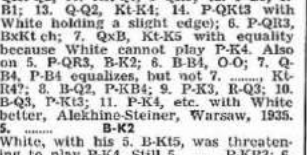
6. KtXPBP Commonly called by some "The Fried Liver and Onions" ... ???. Why ... ???. but, however, a sacrifice, which, in a majority of over-the-board games gives White a winning game. 6. ... KxKt 8. Kt-QB3 Kt-K15

14. BxKt(B7) KtXKt? 14. B-K3 P-B3 11. QPKt! Q-B5 15. Q-Q2 P-QK3 12. BtBxKt 16. O-O-O R-K1 13. Q-Q5ch B-Q3 17. B-K15

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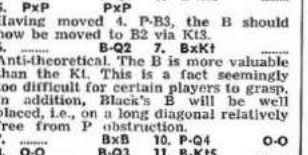


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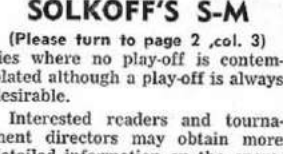
25. R-Q2, B-K4; 26. QR-Q1, KR-Q2; 27. Kt-K13. B-B2? Amazing oversight. Both players are seeing complexities which do not exist. 24. ... PxBt should leave White gasping with a piece down.

34. RxB PXR 42. K-Q3 P-R4 35. Kt-B4 R-K14ch 43. Kt-K17 B-Q3 36. K-B1 R-K73 44. Kt-K16ch 37. R-R2 RXP

After 16. P-KK14 EVANS



After 56. ... R-B1 PORTUGAL



MILLER 57. P-B3ch K-R6 60. K-K4 R-B3 58. Kt-K15h K-R5 61. KtXP R-B5ch! 59. Kt-K6 R-K15 62. K-K3 RxBt 64. K-K2 R-B1

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