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CHESS BOOKS PUBLISHED

SPILLER TAKES CALIF. TITLE

In the 7 player round robin finals of the California State Championship at Santa Monica, Arthur Spiller of Culver City strode resolutely to victory, conceding one draw to Charles Svalberg. Spiller won the 1950 California Open Title and his victory came as no surprise.

Second place went to Irving Rivise of Los Angeles with 4-2. Rivise lost outright to Spiller and drew with Sven Almgren and Earl Pruner. Almgren and Pruner tied for third with 3½-2½ each. Both lost to Spiller, drew with Rivise, and drew with each other. Almgren also drew with Adolph Weiss, while Pruner drew with Charles Svalberg.

The seven contestants are survivors of preliminary events held in the North and South of California to qualify finalists.

RIVISE TAKES 50 CALIF PRELIM

With an 8-1 score Irving Rivise of Los Angeles topped the Southern California preliminary 17 player Swiss event, drawing with Adolph Weiss and W. Steckel. Sven Almgren was second with 6½-2½, losing to Rivise and R. Jacobs, and drawing with A. Weiss. Adolph Weiss was third with 6-3, losing to M. Gordon, and drawing with Rivise, Almgren, Steckel and H. Gordon. On S-B with equal 5½-3½ scores fourth and fifth went to W. Steckel and R. Jacobs. Steckel lost to Almgren and W. Wheeler, while drawing with Rivise, Weiss and N. N. Banning. Jacobs lost to Rivise, Weiss and Steckel, while drawing with H. Gordon.

WOMEN'S TOURNEY BEGINS IN STYLE

The U. S. Women's Championship Tournament will begin in style with fashion consultant, Miss Helen Faith Keane, opening the event. Miss Keane will also comment upon the tournament in her own television show "For Your Information" on October 19 at noon on the Dumont network.

As the opening date approaches, the list of entrants now includes: Co-Champions Miss N. May Karff and Mrs. Gisella K. Gresser, Mrs. Mary Bain, Mrs. William Slater, all of New York City; Miss Adele Raettig of Hoboken, Mrs. Grumette of Brooklyn, Mrs. Catherine Nye of Syracuse, Miss Lucille Kellner of Detroit, Mrs. Willa Owens of Avon Lake, Ohio, and Mrs. Nanny Roos and Mrs. Pintigorsky of Los Angeles.

POLIO VICTIM SEEKS CHESS

Chess players in Buffalo, N. Y. have an opportunity to spread a little friendly joy by arranging to visit Richard Bauer, a 16-year old victim of polio, who has been confined to an iron lung since September 1949. Mr. Bauer desires to play chess over-the-board and will appreciate visits from chess players. His address is 58 Cedar Road, Buffalo 15, N. Y.

FALCONER TOPS CALIF. OPEN

Neil Falconer of Berkeley topped the 43 contestants in the California Open Championship with 6-1 in a 7 round Swiss event at Santa Cruz to win the Open title. Falconer lost no games but drew with runners-up Walter Pafnutieff of San Francisco and William T. Adams of San Jose. Second and third on S-B points with equal 5½-1½ scores were Pafnutieff and Adams. Pafnutieff drew with Falconer, Adams and Henry Gross; Adams drew with Falconer, Pafnutieff and Gross. Fourth to eighth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Henry Gross and Robert Currie of San Francisco, Wade Hendricks of Castro Valley, Howard Ridout of Toronto, Canada, and Fred Byron of San Francisco.

BAGBY, CAPPS TOP NO CALIF PRELIM

With equal 6½-1½ scores, Charles Bagby of San Francisco and C. M. Capps of Oakland topped the 9 player round robin qualifying event in Northern California, which also awarded the Northern California title. Bagby and Capps drew against each other and Capps lost a game to B. Popoff while Bagby was bested by J. Schmitt. J. Schmitt of Oakland placed third with 6-2, losing to Capps and drawing with H. Gross and J. B. Gee. Earl Pruner placed fourth with 4-4.

Since the top qualifiers could not compete in the final Championship event, their places went to Pruner who was 4th and Svalberg who tied for 5th with 3-5.

KOLTANOWSKI TRAVELS EAST

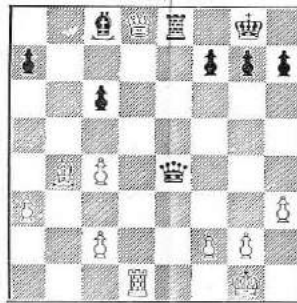
In December George Koltanowski will travel east from San Francisco to Philadelphia and New York, returning later in the month to San Francisco. While not planning a regular exhibition tour, the blindfold wizard will schedule a few exhibitions of simultaneous play en route to break the monotony of the trip; and clubs may contact him to arrange for dates, addressing George Koltanowski, 200 Alhambra St. Apt. 9, San Francisco 23, Calif.

Before leaving San Francisco, on December 2, Koltanowski will participate in a gala Chess Festival staged by the San Francisco Chronicle and conducted by the Bay Area Chess League and Industrial Chess League of San Francisco. Among other novelties planned for this festival will be the setting of a new blindfold chess record by George Koltanowski, who is already recognized as the wizard of blindfold chess.

ZANDER TAKES INGLEWOOD OPEN

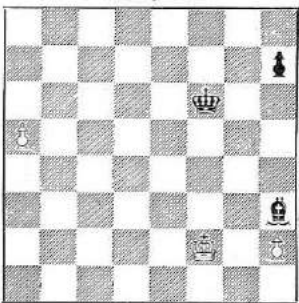
The Inglewood (Calif.) Open tourney, a six round Swiss held on Wednesday evenings went to club secretary Hans Zander with 5½-½. George Laudenbach, the 1950 winner, was second with 4½-1½, while Charles Kodil was third with 4-2 in the 12 player event held at the Inglewood Recreation Center.

Position No. 67 -
Tartakower vs. Billicard
Ostend, 1907



2bQr1k1, p4ppp, 2p5, 8, 1BP1q3,
Pp2, 2P2PP1, 3R2K1
White to play and win

Position No. 68
Alapin vs. Lubitel
Russia, 1906



8, 7p, 5k2, P7, 8, 7b, 5K1P, 8
White to play and draw

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E., Washington 20, D. C.

CORRECTION: In my last column a White Pawn on KR5 was missing from Position No. 66. As printed, the position is a simple win for Black.

In Position No. 67, Black resigned after White's first move. Position No. 68 is offered to compensate for the solving opportunity missed in the misprint of No. 66. It is taken from the same Ganshin article in the Soviet chess magazine Shakhmaty (June, 1951). Suggestion to solvers: Look for the stalemate.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

WOMEN'S GROUP SEEKS FUNDS

The U. S. Women's Championship Tournament Committee, which has completed plans for a very representative championship event in New York City, is still in need of further funds to complete its budget for prizes, expenses, and travel allowances to out-of-town players.

Miss Edith L. Weart, Contributions Chairman, has made the following appeal:

Chess is a democratic game. If participation in national chess activities is not to be limited to women of independent means, players from all over the country should be enabled to compete.

So to help develop chess in this country and to make the Women's Championship Tournament a truly national event, won't you send us a contribution—be it large or small—to the Women's National Championship fund? It will be promptly and gratefully acknowledged.

Please make checks payable to: U. S. Chess Federation—Women's Tournament; and send them to Miss Edith L. Weart, 35-36 76th Street, Jackson Heights, N. Y.

PRINS ON VISIT GIVES SIMULS

Lode Prins, one of Europe's ranking masters, is now visiting the United States, and while here will give a series of simultaneous exhibitions. Eastern clubs may contact him, care of Mr. Hermann Helms, American Chess Bulletin, 150 Nassau Street, New York 7; while clubs on the Pacific Coast may make arrangements through Mr. Herman Steiner, 108 No. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles 36, Calif.

LUDWIG REPEATS IN SWENSON

A. C. Ludwig once again won the Swenson Memorial tournament at Omaha, a small event this year of eight players in a 4 round Swiss. Ludwig disposed of Spence, the runner-up, in the second round and drew with Dave Ackerman, outmaneuvering his opponent in a pawn ending. Second place on S-B points went to Omaha Champion Jack Spence with 3-1. Spence lost to Ludwig but was otherwise victorious. Third, also with 3-1, was E. Bishop; and D. Ackerman placed fourth with 2½-1½.

Next planned activity in Omaha is the intercity match with Lincoln for the Archie Furr Trophy when a team of A. Liepnieks, V. Pupols, V. Rajnoha, and E. L. Hinman of Lincoln will meet the Omaha quartet of A. C. Ludwig, D. Ackerman, Lee Magee, and Jerry Belzer in a round robin event.

SKEMA REPEATS IN BOSTON CITY

Kazys Skema retained the Boston City title in a 12 player 6 round Swiss with a 5-1 score, drawing with Dr. Julian Keilson and Shel. Lyman. Skema is also champion of the Boston Lithuanian Chess Club.

Second place went to Sol Rubinev, now of MIT, with 4½-1½ in a tie with Dr. Julian Keilson of Harvard University. Rubinev lost to Skema and drew with Ervin Underwood. Keilson lost to Rubinev and drew with Skema. Fourth to seventh with equal 3½-2½ scores were Shelbourne Lyman, Ervin Underwood, John Hubert and Harlow Daly.

Jonas Starinskas of the Lithuanian Club won the Class B event 5½-½. Herbert Barry of Harvard University was second with 4½-1½ in 9 player event.

PUBLISHES BOOK OF U.S. TOURNEY

The Tournament Book of the 1948 U. S. Championship at South Fallsburg is now off the press, containing all 190 games of this exciting event with many of the games annotated by Reinfeld, Santasiere, Marchand and others. A round by round account of the tourney by Reinfeld (as originally published in CHESS LIFE) gives the background of the event. The tournament book is sanctioned by the USCF and is limited to 200 copies. Price \$2.00 per copy postpaid. Orders may be sent to Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Avenue, Omaha 2, Nebr.

CHESS REPORTER ISSUES MATCH

The California Chess Reporter has begun the publishing of a series of supplements, containing chess classics which are difficult to obtain. No. 1, to be issued in November, will be the Steinitz-Lasker World Championship Match of 1894—31 pages, annotated, with numerous diagrams and a historical introduction, reproduced by photo-offset methods.

Price to Chess Reporter subscribers will be 50c; to non-subscribers \$1.00. Those interested may order from Dr. H. J. Ralston, Editor, 184 Edgewood Ave., San Francisco 17, Calif.

CHAT PUBLISHES TOURNEY BOOK

The Canadian Chess Chat, official publication of the Chess Federation of Canada, will issue during October an official Tournament Book of the 1951 Canadian Championship, held at Vancouver. The book will consist of some 46 to 48 pages, containing pictures of players, a report of the tournament, short biographical sketches of the contestants, and complete text of all the games, of which the best will be annotated. There will be game indexes, cumulative scores and introductions to each round of play. The book will be partly printed and partly mimeographed in the style of Canadian Chess Chat, and will sell for \$1.00. Those interested may order from D. A. MacAdam, Editor, 2084 Decarie Blvd., Montreal 28, Que., Canada.

EDITOR SPEAKS ON ROUND TABLE

The Oak Park (Ill.) radio station WOPa devoted time to a radio round table discussion of chess on Monday, October 1st. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., Past President of the United States Chess Federation, served as moderator for the program, and the speakers were Mrs. Eva Aronson, Illinois State Women's Champion, Paul C. Adams, director of the Illinois State Chess Association, and Montgomery Major, Editor of CHESS LIFE. The discussion covered a wide range of subjects but stressed as most important the USCF program of "Chess for the Veterans," describing the work being done at Hines General Hospital and Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

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A BARGAIN IN CHESS

EVERY YEAR at this time comes the opportunity for hundreds of chess players to acquire a bargain in chess by joining the United States Chess Federation. For, after October 1st, 1951 all payments of dues are credited to the new financial year of 1952; and the new member in effect receives membership in the USCF for the rest of 1951 as a bonus while his dues are actually applied to the calendar year of 1952.

In the same way new members receive a bonus in extra issues of the Federation publication, CHESS LIFE, for while memberships accepted after October 1st actually pay for a year's subscription beginning with January 5, 1952, they also receive the final issues for the year 1951.

So, where is there a better bargain than in joining the USCF in the final days of 1951? For any regular member will tell you that USCF membership (with subscription to CHESS LIFE included) is always a bargain at \$3.00 a year, even without any extra bonus.

So, send your checks for \$3.00 (\$4.00 in Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas; and \$5.00 in Michigan) to Membership Secretary Glenn E. Hartleb, 3219 Washington Ave., Erie, Pa. without delay, and take advantage of the bargain. Every week you wait, reduces the bonus that you receive in extra copies of CHESS LIFE. So who hesitates, loses out.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

WINNING CHESS. By Irving Chernev and Fred Reinfeld. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1948. \$2.75. Pp. xviii, 231; over 600 diagrams.

"METHODOICAL thinking," says Purdy, "is of more use in chess than inspiration." After studying over 50,000 games played in the past hundred years, Reinfeld and Chernev confirm what they had long suspected: "The proper use of combination play is the secret of winning chess." Every duffer can respond to the decisive combination in a brilliancy prize game; few indeed know what to look for in order to create combinations of their own. The authors have here classified and illustrated every type, breaking the combinations into elements easily seen. Their examples come from actual play, from master games, and are grouped according to theme and function. The result is simply the best book on combination play ever written for the average player.

Here are 333 positions with double diagrams and 6 illustrative games. The chapter on the pin, when to look for it, how to apply it, how to break it, offers forty positions. First an illustration of the basic pattern; next pins increasingly difficult to see; then a six-diagram quiz; then methods of breaking pins; finally a four-diagram quiz on breaking the pin. Each position is introduced with an analysis of the situation; e.g., "White notes that Black's King and Queen are placed on the same straight line, but that a Black Pawn blocks any chance of a pin by R-Kt1. Therefore he removes the Pawn: 1. RXPch!!" After the opening moves of the combination are given, the reader is referred to the next diagram, where the follow-up is described and related to theory: "In this way, White not only stops mate, but actually wins the game. Defeat has been transformed into victory. A pinned piece is a paralyzed piece." The general principles are italicized for emphasis in each little "post-mortem": "a King is poor protection for a pinned piece"; "remember the priority of check"; "look at every possible capture, for it cuts down your opponent's choice of replies."

From the pin one moves to knight fork, double attack, discovered attack, discovered check, double check, overworked piece, removing the guard, "no retreat," skewer, queening combinations, vulnerable first rank, breaking communication, surprise move, combined operations, design for checkmate, many art of self-defense. Over and over, the basic principles are hammered home by repetition in critical positions. The chapters are headed by appropriate quotations, chiefly pronouncements by the masters: "every Pawn is a potential Queen," "all combinations are based on a double attack," "the defensive power of a pinned piece is only imaginary." The six games, chosen for their tactical richness, are annotated with close reference to the principles previously demonstrated.

The section "How to Use this Book to Advantage—Your Advantage" should be taken seriously. One can enjoy the combinations without board and men, merely by glancing at the motifs in each diagram. But as the authors point out, this is not the way to learn. Each position must be set up, alternatives considered, and only then the key-moves picked up from the diagram. The failure to learn by doing explains in large part the lack of progress in devotees who have played over hundreds of master games and learned little. As Purdy advises in one of his very practical articles, the player must expose the score one

move at a time, working his own brains sixty to the dozen. Otherwise, instead of having the experience of three hundred master games, he will have the same experience three hundred times.

In their conclusion to the illustrative game E. G. Sergeant-L. Steiner, Hastings 1927-1928, the authors say: "Brief as this game is, it has provided us with examples of the pin, double attack, smothered mate, skewer, and Knight fork." The reader will sharpen his eye by looking for these motifs in the following score.

1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. B-Kt5, P-QR3; 4. B-R4, Kt-B3; 5. Q-K2, B-K2; 6. P-B3, P-QK4; 7. B-Kt3, O-O; 8. O-O, R-K1; 9. P-Q4, P-P7; 10. P-K5, B-B4; 11. Q-Q3, Kt-KKt5; 12. Kt-KKt5, Kt(Kt5)XP; 13. QXP ch, K-B1; 14. PXP, BXP; 15. Kt-QB3, BxK1; 16. PxB, Kt-K2; 17. P-KB4, Kt-B5; 18. Q-Rch, Kt-Kt1; 19. Kt-R7 ch, K-K2; 20. QXP, P-Q3; 21. P-B5, K-Q2; 22. B-Kt5, Kt-K2; 23. BxKt(B4), PxB; 24. QR-Kt, K-B3; 25. QXP, Black resigns.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

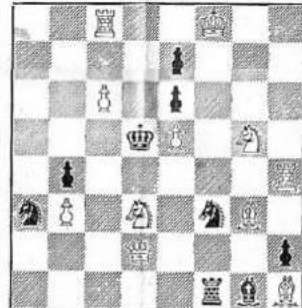
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Problem No. 287
By the Problem Editor
Unpublished
Black: 8 men



White: 9 men
6K1, 5pQ1, 2P1k3, 7b, 1ER1pspl,
1B5, 2PPq1s1, 5R2
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 289
By Godfrey Heathcote
London Observer,
1950
Black: 9 men



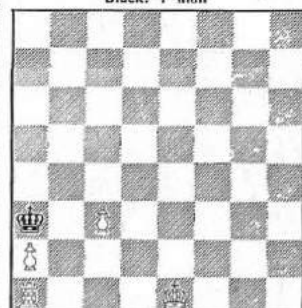
White: 11 men
2R2K2, 4p3, 2P1k3, 3kP1S1, 1pSR,
5P1s1B1, 3Q3p, 5bB
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 288
By Comins Mansfield
Chess, 1950
Black: 6 men



White: 10 men
B5r1, 3, P1R1S3, 2Sk3p, 3R2r,
Bf6, 3p3b, 7Q
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 290
By Lynn Yarbrough
St. Louis, Missouri
Unpublished
Black: 1 man



White: 4 men
8, 8, 8, 8, 8, k1P5, P7, R3K3
White mates in three moves

For The Tournament-Minded

November 10-12

Ohio Valley Open Tournament
Huntington, W. Va.

In connection with annual Tri-State Championship, an open tournament for players of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, with Kentucky players also invited to participate; Swiss system; at Governor Cabell Hotel; entry fee \$2.00; for details, write: Dr. V. S. Hayward, 1128 9th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

November 10-12

Rapid City Open Championship
Rapid City, So. Dak.

Class B tournament, open to all, round robin or Swiss according to number of entries; Class A event invitational; book prizes awarded in both events; for details, write M. F. Anderson, Rapid City, S. D.

November 10-12

South Carolina Open Championship
Georgetown, S. C.

Play begins 9:00 a.m., November 10 at Prince George Hotel; open to all chess players; entry fee \$2.00; trophies; 5 or 6 round Swiss; for details write: L. L. Foster, 2525 Stratford Road, Georgetown, S. C.

November 23-25

Missouri Open State Championship
St. Louis, Mo.

At YMCA; 6 round Swiss system; open to all; special prizes totalling \$50.00 in addition to entry fees; for details write F. S. Anderson, 6258 Cabanne, St. Louis 5, Mo.

November 23-25

Wichita Open Championship
Wichita, Kansas

At Wichita YMCA; 6 round Swiss event; entry fee \$2.00; trophies; for details, write: E. K. MacDonald, Wichita YMCA, Wichita, Kans.

November 24

New Jersey State Speed Championship
Jersey City, N.J.

Held at 2 p.m. at Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, 654 Bergen Ave; tournament followed by annual meeting of NJSCF for election of officers, etc.

Edison Chess & Checker Club (Detroit) begins its 21st season with Arno Koch serving as president, Reginald M. Blachford vice-president, Edward I. Trend secretary, and John A. Lohla treasurer. Plans for the annual Noon-Day Round Robin Tournament include something unusual and special in the way of trophies and prizes.

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!
By Joining the U.S.C.F.

Chess Life
In New York
By Eliot Hearst

MODERN CHESS OPENINGS: Walter Korn, the prolific chess writer who is responsible for the 7th edition of M. C. O., recently became a resident of New York City, and he has already established himself as one of the friendliest chess hosts in town. His apartment holds one of the best chess literature collections in the city, and this fact plus the genial hospitality of Mr. Korn and his wife makes their home one of the main attractions for New York chess enthusiasts. Your reporter found out on his first visit to the Korn residence that the writer had just completed the 8th edition of M. C. O. after three years' work. Revising such a reference book is no easy job; all the information garnered from professional players who are up-to-date on all new moves and from the many chess periodicals must be noted, analyzed, drafted, and combined with the older and still playable variations. "Every page of the new edition is somewhat different from the old," Mr. Korn says; "outmoded lines are not included, new footnotes are added—all designed to meet the need of today's practical tournament or postal player. "By the time the book comes out," Mr. Korn sighs, "I'll be well into gathering material for the next edition!"

MODERN CHESS ODDITIES: While at Mr. Korn's residence, your reporter was introduced by George Shainswit to a new way of contesting (!?) the Royal Game. Shainswit has developed the technique of playing blitz (about a second a move) with himself. By the way of illustrating his ideas on the subject, Shainswit played a typical game in which Shainswit (white) defeated Shainswit (black) in a Caro-Kann Defense lasting 50 seconds. When Shainswit (black!) resigned, Jim Sherwin pointed out a way for the game to be held. It seems that the loser had given his opponent too much credit for winning a won game! One thing is certain—you must emerge the winner if you play solitaire move-on-move chess! For that reason alone, this form of the game should become very popular indeed.

IN BRIEF: Mubin Boysan, who arrived in this city recently from Turkey, has been a consistent prize winner in Marshall and Manhattan Rapid Transits. He says that chess in his homeland is not as unpopular as most foreigners think; there are many strong players and much enthusiasm, he remarks. Although he had never before played any fast chess at all, Boysan is certainly making his presence felt in this variety of the game... Bob Ilderton, the former Maryland expert, is now a Manhattan Chess Club member and a frequent participant in its rapid tournaments. He also intends to compete in the Manhattan Chess Club Championship Prelims... The New York Times Magazine recently had a full-length article on "Soviet Chess," explaining the game's popularity in Russia and describing the mass participation in chess events there. This article was the best publicity for the Royal Game that has been published in a long time... Pvt. Art Bisguier returned to N. Y. on a three-day pass after completing his basic training at Fort Jackson, So. Carolina; despite his three months of inactivity, his chessplay is still sharp and brilliant.

Jersey City YMCA Chess Club elected L. Eigen president, J. Long vice-president, Paul Helbig secretary, and Wm. Walbrecht team captain. The club continues to sponsor the annual Interscholastic Chess League of Hudson County, promoting chess among the high schools.

By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess. In 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 47 White moves AMATEUR

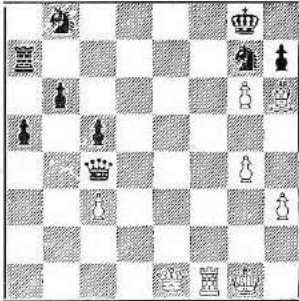
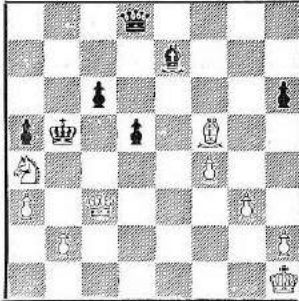


Diagram 48 White moves BOGOLYUBOV



TCHIGORIN St. Petersburg, 1894

MARSHALL New York, 1924

The first move clears the way. B8 mate. As in a previous example.

White mate. Conclusion of a brilliant prize game.

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What's The Best Move? By Guilleme Groesser

Position No. 80



6. K-Q4, P-R6 and Black wins, KxP; 3. K-B5, K-K16 on 3. ... P-B5; 4. PxP, PxB; 5. K-K4, P-Q6; 6. PxB; P-R4; 7. K-Q3, K-K14 (draws also); 8. K-K4, K-B7; 5. K-Q5, K-K6; 6. KxP, K-Q6; 7. KxP, K-B7; 8. KxP, KxP(3) and draws.

We are awarding 3 point to those solvers who were misled into thinking that 3. ... P-B5 was Black's best defense and resulted in a win for White. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. Barry (Detroit), J. E. Connock (Duluth), C. E. Hansen (No. Tonawanda), J. Faucher (New Haven), A. Kaufman (Chicago), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), E. Nash (Washington), F. J. Skoff (Joliet), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

Almost correct solutions came from: I. Bizar (Bronx), C. J. Cleva (?), E. Gault (New Brighton), J. Kaufman (Beverly Hills), F. Knuppel (New York), Dr. J. Mick (Portland), J. Morgan (Tableauh), M. F. Mueller (Belvidere), E. F. Muller (Flint), H. Teufel (Wichita), H. C. Underwood (Washington), N. P. Witing (Salem).

Congratulations go to Dr. J. Melnick who tops this Quarter's Ladder with 34 points.

SOLVERS' LADDER table with names and points.

SWENSON MEMORIAL Omaha, 1951

Table of chess game results for Swenson Memorial.

CHESS BOOKS

- List of chess books for sale with prices, including 'The Unknown Alekhine', 'Immortal Games of Capablanca', etc.

Austin Chess & Checker Club

(Chicago) at the annual meeting elected Edward Buerger as president, Frank Panknin as vice-president in charge of checker section, John Gregsamer as vice-president in charge of chess section, Robert Bartunick as treasurer, and Charles Filipek, Jr. as secretary. The club meets Monday and Thursday evenings at Austin Town Hall, Lake and Central Streets, Chicago.

Plainfield (N. J.) Chess Club

John L. Biach win the club championship, while Edward Jackson and John Mager tied for second. John Zarega placed first, with Richard Stearns second and William Moody third in the Class A Tournament. A chess window display in the Plainfield Book Shop arranged by the club resulted in much comment and several new members.

REVEAL AUTHOR OF 'BRAVE PAWN'

A letter from Howard E. Lorton, president of the Firestone Chess Club, strips the veil of anonymity from the author of "The Brave Little Pawn" and reveals him as Tom McClancey, editor-in-chief of the Firestone Chess Bulletin in which the brilliant and witty annotation of the Alekhine-Khan game first appeared in the issue of June, 1950. It is to be hoped that Mr. McClancey will annotate other masterpieces in the same inimitable fashion in future issues.

BUSCHKE SPEAKS AT HYDE PARK

Dr. A. Buschke, CHESS LIFE columnist and authority upon chess publications, presented his interesting and informative lecture upon chess history, literature and curiosa at the Hyde Park Chess Club, accompanying his lecture with an educational display of rare chess books and manuscripts, as well as valuable ivory chess-sets. Dr. Buschke also appeared on WENR-TV at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th. Dr. Buschke's display of rare manuscripts and chess publications will remain on display at the Blackstone Library from October 4 to 31.

RARE BOOK COMES TO BIRMINGHAM

A leather-bound 367-year-old text on chess has just arrived in Birmingham as the gift of the Baroness Renee Durini to her cousin, W. N. Woodbury of Birmingham (Ala.), a former Virginia State Champion and Southern Association titleholder. The volume bears in Italian the title "The Game of Chess, by Ruy Lopez, a Spaniard—newly translated into Italian by M. Gio. Domenico Tarsia, Venice, Press of Cornelio Ariuabene, 1594."

SCHAIN TOPS WOODPUSHERS

The Washington Woodpusher's Tournament, devoted to rank and file of Washington players, was won brilliantly by Gerald Schain with 4-0. Second to fifth on S-B points with equal 3-1 scores were Dan Wade, Russell Velias, Kenneth Mulford and R. M. Collins in the 20 players 4 round Swiss event in Seattle. Wade lost to Schain; Velias drew with Ted Warner and Dennis Chipman; Mulford drew with F. H. Weaver and Ted Davidson; and Collins lost to Charles Magerkurth.

BATTLE STARTS IN PUGET SOUND

Victories by Seattle Chess Club over Kitsap, Tacoma Y over Olympia, and West Seattle over Seattle Y sent the Puget Sound League off to a swift start. Eight teams are participating in the new league season: Seattle Chess Club, Seattle YMCA Chess Club, University of Washington Chess Club, Tacoma YMCA Chess Club, Olympia Chess Club, Kitsap Chess Club, West Seattle Chess Club, and Everett Chess Club.

CENTRAL CALIF STARTS SEASON

The Central California Chess League is off to a good start with seven teams represented in the seven round schedule. Teams are Oakdale, Fresno, Modesto, San Jose, Pittsburg, Stockton, and Sacramento. At the annual meeting of the League, N. T. Austin of Sacramento was elected president, M. E. Mattingly of Stockton vice-president, and Francis Crofut of San Jose secretary-treasurer. The Sacramento Chess News was named the official publication of the league.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Saturday, October 20, 1951

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

THE following game has probably never been printed before outside of Russia; although it was included in Alekhine's manuscript (German; now in our personal collection) of games to be published in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" it is not included in the printed version. Its first, and we believe only appearance, with Alekhine's own notes, even pre-dates the somewhat longer German manuscript in our possession: we found the game in Il'in-Zhenevsky's chess column in "K Novoi Armii" (an army magazine, in Russian, of April 20, 1920.

Although the existence of such a chess column in such an obscure and unsuspected source was known to us for many years, first from its being mentioned in Il'in-Zhenevsky's own booklet, "Memoirs of a Soviet Master" (in Russian), 1929, p. 39, and again from a reference to it in M. S. Kogan's "Sketches on the History of Chess in the USSR" (in Russian), 1938, p. 226, neither the separate reprints of this first Soviet Russian chess column, mentioned by both Il'in-Zhenevsky and Kogan, nor the complete magazine "K Novoi Armii" with its chess column were ever in our hands. Only recently we succeeded in locating an almost complete file in the Hoover Institute and Library on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford, California, and we are indebted to its Librarian, Mr. Philip T. McLean, for providing us with photostats of the pages containing the chess column; we will have to refer to this chess column again in following instalments.

The notes by Alekhine in the German manuscript now in our personal collection and in the original Russian publication in "K Novoi Armii" of April 20, 1920, are almost identical. The only outstanding difference occurs of course in the note to White's 31st move which has been reproduced in facsimile in CHESS LIFE of August 5, 1951. This note, in the German manuscript, provides one of the few clues, in Alekhine's own words, for his whereabouts in 1919. We have recently discovered another reference to his somewhat shady activities in Odessa, early in 1919, in S. O. Vainshtein's foreword to the Russian edition (1932) of Alekhine's book, "Auf dem Wege zur Weltmeisterschaft," p. 3.

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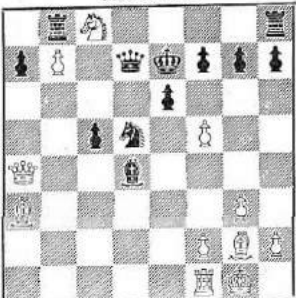
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U. S. Open Championship Fort Worth, 1951

Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

White Black
DR. J. GONZALES E. T. McCORMICK
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-QB4 P-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 4. Kt-B3 PXP
The easiest line for Black to equalize.

After 20. Kt-B8 ch
McCORMICK



20. Kt-Q1 K-Q2 23. Kt-B6 ch K-Q2
21. Q-R5 ch Q-B2 24. PxB ch PXP
22. KtXP RXP 25. QxQch R-Q0
The wrong piece to move is KxQ;
23. KtXB, PkKt 27. B-Q1, R-QR1 and
the position is decisive.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

U. S. Open Championship Tournament

Fort Worth, 1951

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
KASHDAN N. T. WHITAKER
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. B-K15 B-K2
2. P-QB4 P-K3 6. P-K3 O-O
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 7. PXP
4. Kt-B3 QKt-Q2
In this accord position various ideas
can be tried, none of which yields
White a substantial advantage.

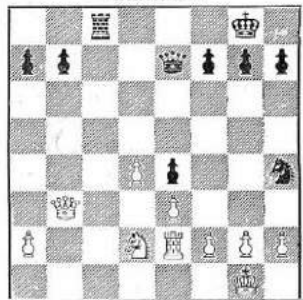
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B. The text move permits 16. BxKt,
giving a powerful endgame weapon; a
protected passed P. Black, however,
would find compensation in his P at
K5 which would help his K-side at-
tack and in a potential passed P on
the Q-side in case an ending is reached.
White prefers to leave the Black QP
isolated.

After 22. Kt-R5
WHITAKER



Another surprise move. One naturally
expects 22. R-R8 ch; 23. Kt-B1,
Q-B2 to stop 24. R-B2) after which
neither side can make much headway.
Now Black threatens 23. Q-K4
after which 24. P-B4 or P-B3 cannot
be played.

RUY LOPEZ

No. Carolina Open Championship Smithfield, 1951

Notes by K. Crittenden from the Tournament Bulletin

White Black
H. M. WOODS J. WEININGER
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. O-O KtXP
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. R-K1 Kt-Q3
3. B-K5 Kt-B3 6. BxKt
If 6. KtXP, B-K2
6. QPxB is natural and sufficient.
7. RXP ch B-K2 8. Q-K2 Kt-K2
The text strives for P-Q3 and B-L3.
Since these are unobtainable, P-K13,
Kt-B2 and R-K1 at once seems to offer
hope.

After 25. Kt-R1
WEININGER



The other Kt has been en pris for
moves. Now the fourth is captured.
15. PkKt RXP 19. QxP(Q) Q-Q1
16. RxB ch RXP 20. Kt-B5 KtXP
17. BXR Q-K1 21. QxKt B-B4
18. Q-B4 ch P-Q4
As this subtlety maneuvering cannot
put Black together again, his case is
hopeless, to mix several metaphors.

Four Ps down are four Ps too many.
This game is typical of Woods' play
throughout the tournament. He might
have finished 1st instead of 2nd had
he not a predilection for a bad open-
ing formation.

ENGLISH OPENING

North Carolina Championship Charlotte, 1951

Notes by Kit Crittenden from "Tournament Bulletin"

White Black
K. CRITTENDEN H. M. WOODS
1. P-QB4 P-K4 2. Kt-QB3 P-QB4
This formation is a favorite of Woods
with Black or with White.
3. P-K3 Kt-QB3 4. P-KK13
White plans to control Q5 (the fian-
chetto), and prevent his opponent's
occupation of Q4 (P-K3).

After 14. Kt-K4
WOODS



The only logical move, Black cannot
be allowed to place his pieces well, and
the sacrifice should be sound: 1) White
has made no unnatural moves in ob-
taining a superior position which would
justify his playing such as B-B3 or
Q-Q3, in which case White would have
to give up a B for a Kt; 2) Black's Q-
side pieces are ill placed in case of a
K-side attack, especially then his K1
would seem to be out of play; 3) the
position, especially in the center, is
favorable for long range B action. So
White simply prevents ...B-B3.

White Black
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from an obnoxious check by the enemy
R.
27. ... P-K13 29. K-K1 P-KR4
28. PXP P-R6 ch
All is nearly lost. There are a few
dying kicks, though.
30. ... B-K2 Q-R5 31. BxB QxKtP
32. P-K17 P-K17 33. B-B6 Q-B5
If ... Q-K6 ch; 34. QxQ, RxQ; 35. B-
K5 ch, K-B1; 36. K-B2, R-Q5; 37. K-K2
bring the 11 out of its misery.
34. B-K6 ch RxB
35. B-K17 36. KtXP, Q-K5 (Q-R3; B-
K7 ch); 36. B-K17 ch and mate next.
If 34. ... K-R2; White wins by 35.
Q-Q3 ch, K-R3; 36. Kt-B3 ch, K-K3; 37.
Kt-R4 ch, KxR; 38. Q-K16 ch, K-K4; 39.
Q-K17 ch, B-K5; 40. B-K5 ch, K-K5; 41.
Kt-K12 ch.
35. PXR P-R5 40. Q-K4 ch K-K12
36. P-K7 K-B2 41. Q-K4 ch QxQ
37. P-KR1(Q) ch K-Q2 42. KtXQ and
38. Q-K1 ch K-Q2 White won
39. Q-K7 ch K-B1
The deciding game.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Stauton Centenary Tournament England, 1951

Notes by John E. Horvath

White Black
ALEXANDER 2. BOGOLJUBOV
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
The text indicates "no Richter."
3. B-K2 P-K3 4. KtXP Kt-KB3
Though Black has avoided the Richter
Attack (1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-
QB3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. KtXP, Kt-B3; 5.
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White now directs his attack upon the
K-side.
16. ... KR-K1
To balance the value of Ps in the
center. However, the Black QP is more
exposed.
17. B-Q4 Q-Q1 23. PxB Kt-K14
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Solutions:

Finish It the Clever Way!
Position No. 67: 1. P-K7 and Black
resigns.
Position No. 68: 1. B-R1, B-B1; 2. P-
R7, B-K2; 3. K-K3, K-K4; 4. K-R3, P-
R4; 5. K-K3, P-R5 ch; 6. K-R3, B-R3;
7. P-R4 ch, BxQ stalemate.

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