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# BAIN WINS WOMEN'S 



Miss Helen Faith Keane making the first mowe for Mrs. Gresser in the open-
ing round of the U.S. Women's Championship October 20ts at the Marshall ing round of the U. S. Women
Chess Club in New York City.

## NEW TROPHY GRACES EVENT

Championship bas a new trophy, the Sdith Lucie Weart Truphy, donated by Miss. Weart, author of People," and contributions chairman of the U. S. Women's Tournaman of the U.S. Women'eril
ment Committee. The sterling sil ment Committe. The sterling sil one, passing from champion to champion. Miss Weart is also a player of distinction and placed second in the 1936 Women's Championship. More recently, however, she has devoted her time to promotion and teaching rather than playing. Miss Weart has boo expressedly intended for children, but as a volunteer teaches chess children in cardiac wards at Bellevue Hospital. By profession Miss Weart is an executive in a large advertising ageney.

## LEAGUE STARTS

 IN NO. JERSEYFirst round of the ${ }^{-}$North Jersey Chess League saw Elizabeth down Jersey City 6.0, Irvington best Philidor $71 / 2-1 / 2$, West Essex defeat Union $5 \cdot 3$, and Plainfield top Orange $4^{1 / 2}-31 / 2$. In additional in formal matches not counted in the league season, Philidor bested Irvington 5-1 and Elizabeth downed Jersey City $2 \cdot 0$.

## WOMEN'S TOUR'Y SEEKS FUNDS

The U. S. Women's Championship Tournament Committee can budget of expenses for the current Women's Championship Tournament. All donations whatever size-will be appreciated and acknowledged prompt-

Please make checks payable to: U. S. Chess FederationWomen's Tournament; and send remittances to: Miss Edith L. Weart, 35-36 76th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

## DAMBRANS TOPS BAY CITY OPEN

By virtue of a play-off victory
over F. J. Chapin, Alfred Dambrans topped the annual Bay City (Mich.) Open Championship. Both Dambrans and Chapin scored $5 \frac{1}{2}$ $11 / 2$ in the regutar 8 player round robin. Dambrans lost to Willard Melbourne and drew with Chapin, while Chapin lost a game to John while Chapin lost a game to John
Lapin who finished third with $5-2$, Lapin who finished third with $5-2$.
Lapin lost games to Dambrans and Lapin lost games to Dambrans and
Henry Ramboer, who finished Henry Ramboer,
fourth with $41 / 2-21 / 2$
The Bay City Tournament was distinguished by the fact that it was a $100 \%$ rated tournamentall the entrants were either members of the USCF or paid rating fees upon entering the tourney.

## CHICAGO LEAGUE PLANS SEASON

At the annual meeting of the Chicago City Chess League, A.
Kaufman (Hyde Park) was elected Kaufman (Hyde Park) was elected
president, Richard Greenbaum (Univ. of Chicago Collegiate) executive vice-president, Geo. Voltz (Hamilton Park) secretary, Chas. Scherr (Univ.. of Chicago) treasurer, and Burton Dahlstrom (Chicago Chess \& Checker) publicity director.
Play in the league will start in November with matches two weeks apart and a furlough over the Christmas scason. Schedule calls for eight matches per team. Dues are $\$ 3.00$ per team per season. Among the new clubs entered in the Collegiate section is the Chicago Junior Chess Club, composed of players under 18 years of age of players under 18 years of age.
New clubs may enter teams New clubs may
through December.
Clubs interested in joining the League for the current season may contact George Voltz, Chicago City Chess League Secretary, 6225 So Wood Street, Chicago, III.; telephone: Prospect 6.0179.

Plans of the league call for a Chicago City Chess League Social Tournament in December, the annual 10 -second tournament in February, and the Chicago City Championship Tournament, also in February.

## Excitement And Enthusiasm Reign

## At U.S. Women's Championship

With Miss Helen Faith Keane, star of the Television program "For your Information" making the first move, the U. S. Women's Championship Tournament began on October 20th at the Marshall Chess Club in New York in style and enthusiasm. All games will be held at the Marshall Chess Club except the round of October 28th at the Log Cabin Chess Club in West Orange, N. J. and the round of October 31 at the London Terrace Chess Club in New York. Mrs. Caroline Marshall is tournament director.
An unusually strong field of contestants for the Women's title has been assembled, including the U. S. Women's Co-Champions Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser and Miss N. May Karff. Mrs. Gresser, who won the title in 1944, is a painter and seulptor and a student of hieroglyphics, having won the Charles Elliott Norton Fellowship at Harvard in 1937 for Greek archeological. research. Miss Karff won the title in 1938 and 1942. In 1945 she shared first place honors with Mrs. Mary Bain in the Pan-American Women's Tournament at Los Angeles. Miss Karff is a student of international affairs,

Mrs. Mary Bain, another entrant, has been runner-up on several oc-
casions and shared first place casions and shared first place
honors with Miss Karff in the Panhonors with Miss Karff in the Pan-
American. She represented the USA in the International Women's Tournament at Stockholm in 1937. Miss Lucille Kellner of Detroit has been active as a correspondence player and in 1918 finished fifth in the Women's National Championship. In 1950 she tied for first tonship. In 1950 she tied for first
with Miss Karif in the Women's with Miss Karif in the Women'
Open Championship at Detroit.
Mrs. Nancy Roos of Los Angeles is a professional photographer with painting and sculpturing as hobbies. In 1930 she won the Berlin Women's Championship and in 1938 the Women's Championship of Belgium. In 1942 she was rum-ner-up in the U. S. Women's Championship, and placed third championship, and placed third in the Pan-American Women's
Championship in 1945. Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky of Los Angeles has the hobby of painting. She learned chess while ill as a child and has recently studied the game with former U. S. Champion Herman Steiner.

Mrs. Lena Grumette of Brooklyn placed fourth in the $1948 \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. Women's Championship. She is an active member of Hadassah and has writing and painting as hobbies. Miss Adele Racttig of Hoboken has played in almost all of the women's championship events, never winning but always scoring well. Mrs. Willa White Owens, new Ohio Women Champion, is a newcomer to championship events but a player of experience, Mrs. Katheryn Slater of New York became interested in chess through her husband and tied for third in the 1937 Women's Championship. Her hobbies are tennis, bowling and mountain-climbing.

## MARITIME TITLE TO MacCONNELL

Vietory in the Maritime Championship, held in the Brunswick Hotel at Moneton, N. B., went to O. M. MacConnell of Halifax with $5-1$ in a 14 player 6 round Swiss event. MacConnell also won the brilliancy prize for his last round victory over D. Weaver of Sum merside who had been hitherto undefeated. Weaver placed second with $4 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$ on S-B points and Carl Webber of Halifax third, also with $4 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$. Fifth and Sixth on S-B with equal $31 / 2 \cdot 21 / 2$ scores were Maurice Eilman and Saint John and O. Doucet of Moncton.
U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP


## RAUCH TAKES QUEBEC PROVINCE

Dr. Rauch of Montreal won the annual Quebec Provincial Championship, held at Laval University in Quebec, and custody of the Courtemanche trophy with $51 / 2-1 / 2$ in the 6 round 16 player Swiss directed by Richard Trotier. Osias Bain scored 5-1 for second place, while a newcomer from Sweden, Shillov, was third. Fourth place went to I. Zalys of Montreal.
It should be noted that Dr. Jo seph Rauch recently had another tournament success, capturing a queen when on June 27th at Montreal he married Miss Riva Ross, who is also a chess player and plans to enter tournament play at the first opportunity.

## DISTRICT LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The District of Columbia Chess League has started its third season with 12 teams in actions: Department of Agriculture, Arlington, Bald Eagle, Federal, George Washington Universily, Georgetown University, Library of Congress, University of Maryland, Naval Communications, Paragon, Washington Chess Divan "Red" and Washington Chess Divan At the annual meeting William Plampin (Federal Chess) was elected president, Sam Schwartz vicepresident, Temple Holcroft, Jr. (Naval Communications) executive secretary, Don Mugridge (Library of Congress) recording secertary. William Plampin continues as treasurer.

## YANOFSKY WINS IN SIMULTANEOUS

Former Canadian Champion D, A. Yanofsky scored 20 wins, ${ }^{\text {f }}$ conceding the draws to A. Fagan, Miss Thelma Fuller, H. Desnoyers, G. Barrett, J. Novinsky, Mrs. J. Rauch, and S. Wreschner.

## GRESSER SECOND; KARFF THIRD

Mrs. Mary Bain, often top con tender for the title, in a brilliant manner this time gained the crown, to become U. S. Women's Champion with a score of $81 / 2-1 / 2$
Mrs. Gisela Gresser, former co Mrs. Gisela Gresser, former cochampion, placed second with
$71 / 2-1 / 2$, and Miss $N$. May Karff also former co-champ. May Karlf, with 6-3. Mrs Gresser defeated Miss Karff but lost in a sumprise upset to Mrs. Owens. Details in next issue.

## UNION ORGANIZES <br> MAIL CHESS CLUB

## Putting its organizing talent to

 extra-curricular activity, the Inter national Association of Machinists through its weekly publication,"The Machinist" has organized a "The Machinist" has organized a corerspondence chess elub for
members of the I.A.M. named "The members of the I.A.M. named "The
Machinist Chess Club." The origMachinist Chess Club." The orig
inal idea came from member Ben Johnson of North Hollywood and was promptly adopted by the hobby editor of "The Machinist," Miss Jane Stokes, who is herself a chess player. Result a new correspond ence chess club, which is probably unique in the fact that it is promoted by and consists of members of one international union. Other trade organizations now have an example which they can follow.

## GARY CLUB TOPS <br> SOUTH BEND TEAM

reinforced by Five DPs siding in Gary, won the first round of a two-round match against South Bend Chess Club when 17 Gary players traveled to South Bend to win 11-6. Playing first board for Gary was World Champion Checker player Walter Hellman, but his chess skill was not sufficient to overcome former Indiana State Champion Don O. Brooks.
Victors for Gary were George Dunkel, George Martinson, Novak Marcikic, Harry Salisbury, Floyd B. Bolton, Philip Schuringa, Barry Gold, E. Seveak, Lazar Subanovich, Don Miller and James Long. For South Bend the winners were Don O. Brooks, Loyn Richardson, A Smith, R. L. Aiken, D. Hazlett, and L. Raque. Four Gary teen-agers participated and one from South Bend.

## CLUB UTILIZES <br> RATING SYSTEM

The Merchantile Library Chess Ass'n of Philadelphia is using the USCF National Ratings in the preiminary sections of its annual Club Championship to separate the twenty entries into two equal groups of equal strength. All ex cept four entrants had current ratings, and the final strength of the two sections showed a difference of only 394 rating points between the totals of each section. The selection of players
ratings is shown below.


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FIAT JUSTICA
N OCTOBER 5 we called attention to the case of check being called on Chicago chess player George Leighton. We mentioner his inout of the legal advise that Mr. Leighton, an attorncy, bestowed quite out of the Legal advise that Mr. Leighton, an attorncy, bestowed quite
legally upon his clients. We also stated that the Chicago daily press legally upon his clients. we aiso stated

It is a pleasure to record that the State has recognized the fantastic quality of the indictment and has moved to dismiss the charges against Mr. Leighton and his co-defendents. That they should ever have been voted by the grand jury at all remains one of those in-
explicable quirks of human variability which is possible only under explicable quirks of human variability which is possible only under
the American system of jurisprudence. It has never been satisfactorily explained how Mr. Leighton could be guilty of the crime of conspiracy while merely following quite legally his duty and responsibility as an attorney in advising his clients of their uncontestable legal rights as citizens. And so though the State in dismissing the charges.

As another aftermath of the riots in Cicero, out of which grew is beine impanelled to consider the possibility of indictments against ignored by the original grand jury.

While the moving of the Clark family into Cicero might have been an incentive to violence on the part of hot-heads bent upon denying the negro his full legal rights, there is no possible excuse for the
vandalism of the mob nor the failure of local police authorities to vandalism of the mob nor the failure of local police authorities to
keep matters under control. Violence solves no problems; and the keep matters under control. Violence solves no problems; and the
failure of the law to protect property or to prosecute those who defailure of the law to protect property or to prosecute those who de-
stroy property is a violation of their sacred duty. For if we oniy enforce the laws we wish to enforce, soon there is no law at all.

## CONSIDER THE RATING SYSTEM

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0 MATHEMATICAL system of grading skill and proficiency will ever be quite accurate, for no system can evaluate the deviations
from the expected to which the human mechanism will inevitably turn. Nor ean the logics of mathematics evaluate and make allowance for the incalcuable human factors of weariness, stamina, digestion and moodiness. Why a master will be unbeatable in one tournament and in the next become the victim of numerous losses is physical or psychological, and it cannot be reduced to mathematical terms.

For that reason the National Rating System cannot perform the miracle of placing players in their exact relation to each other; and it is just as well that it cannot, for if it could predice in advance the
relative ranking of players in a tournament there would not be much relative ranking of players in a tol
incentive for playing tournaments!

But the National Rating System can (and does) indicate the relative groupings of players in categories with more than casual accuracy. This is its justification; and the necessity for determining such categories is the reason for its existence. The Rating System does select players in groups and while it cannot with real accuracy determine the exact ranking of players in any one group, it can determine quite accurately the grouping in which any player belongs, when sufficient data is available on that player's performances.

Nowhere are these facts demonstrated more conclusively than in the recent U. S. Championship. Consider the first five players in the final standing. They were Evans (2554), Reshevsky (2747), Pavey (2441), Seidman (2451), and Horowitz (2565). The remaining contestants were in order Bernstein (2309), Santasiere (2304), Mengarini (2310), Shainswit (2444), Hanauer (2325), Pinkus (2421), and Simonson (2345).

Immediately it is obvious that with the exception of Shainswit and Pinkus all the players in the upper bracket of the Master Class (2400 or better) finished at the top, while those in the lower bracket (2300 to 2400 ) finished in the lower positions. This is what we would expect, if the Rating System lay any claims to aceuraey as distinguishing between groups.

The fact that Shainswit and Pinkus were exceptions merely indicates the incalcuable human factor in playing chess which no system can evaluate-the physical and psychological factor.
Turning to the preliminary rounds, the same general rule was in full evidence. Only one player with a rating over the $2300-2400$ series failed to qualify for the finals; and as this player was Kevitz (2610) it is quite obvious that the physical strain to the elderly master was ecisive factor, for tournament chess remains a young man's game.
Within each grouping there is not, of course, the same accura It is mathematically impossible to determine the exact shade of difference in strength between players of relatively the same strength; and the Rating System was not intended to do this. In addition there is the addod factor that between players of relatively the same strength
there is no conclusive determination possible as to which may be the there is no conclusive determination possible as to which may be the
stronger. Upon one occasion one may win, in the next encounter the other may be victorious.

Therefore, it is well advised to remember that the National Ratnot system is primarily designed to designate classes of players, and within a class. That is to say, a player with the rating of 2304 may possibly be stronger than player rated 2325 -the difference in points may be a reflection of the relative strength of the tournaments in which each has played recently. It may be even the reflection of temporary factors such as indigestion, melancholia, or simply weariness. But the
difference between a player with a rating of 2450 and one with 2350 should be a difference in playing strength that is demonstratable over the chess board.

Montgomery Major

## Guest Book Review

## $\mathcal{L}_{a}$ Composition Contemporaine

By Godefroy Martin; 500 selected problems and endgames from the French chess column of Paralelle 50 published from 1946.1950; problems by 238 composers from 28 countries, among them 10 American
composers; with a picture of the editor and explanation of terms in five languages. Order from CHESS LIFE; Price $\$ 1.50$ per copy.
HIS IS by far the most up-to-date collection of problems by the $\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { His IS by far the most up-lo-date collection of problems by the } \\ \text { best problem and endgame composers of the world. There are } 180\end{array}\right.$ two-movers, 180 three-movers, and 140 other problems and endgames. weekly.

In addition to your editor Montgomery Major, the following American composers are represented: J. Buchwald, F. J. C. DeBiasio, F Gamage, N. Guttman, E. Holladay, G. Mott-Smith, O. Oppenheimer, A.
White, and the reviewer as well as Mrs. Hassberg. F. Gamage, F. J. C. White, and the reviewer as well as Mrs. Hassberg. F. Gamage, F. J. C.
DeBlasio, J. Buchwald and the reviewer acted also as judges in some DeBlasio, J. Buch
of the tourneys.

Since there is rather little text, the book is readily understood by anyone without the knowledge of French. The volume belongs in the library of every collector and friend of modern chess problems.
New York, Octobct, 1951
ERIC M. HASSBERG


## White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

POSITION No. 79 is an original contribution by Carl Diesen, who demonstrates the deft technique of utilizing pawns in a cluttered

Position No. 80 is an old study by Salvioli which has much in common with Mr. Diesen's position, while illustrating the proper use of a pawn majority unsupported by it

For solutions, please furn to Page four.

## The Kibitzer Has His Day <br> From the Editor's Mai! Bag

Dear Mr. Major:
May I correct a slight mistake in your answer to Mr. Fondiller's letter in the August 5th issue of CHESS LIFE?
The chess authorities of the Soviet Union do not grade all their players in numbered categories. The titles of "Grandmaster of the USSR" and "Chess Master of the USSR" are issued to the top-flight players who qualify under the rules of their rating system. A few elderly or outstanding masters are given the title "Honored
Master of Sports." (Botvinnik has the latter title as well as that of Grandmaster.)
It is only below the Master class that Soviet players are rated in five "categories" numbered from 1 to 5 . However, a player in the highest of these categories (No. 1) may qualify for the title of "Master Candidate."

In 1946, when I went to the USSR as manager of the United States Chess Team, official lists of Soviet players bearing the above-
named titles were given to me by the Moscow chess authorities. It may interest you to know that the USSR, at that time, had 5 Honored Masters, 10 Grandmasters, 32 Masters, and 81 Master Candidates

KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician
Plainfield, Mass.
Dear Mr, Major:
This is my second communication to you and will probably be discounted because it is merely to offer my congratulations instead of offering suggestions. Your clear and incisive editorials warm the cockles of my heart and I especially appreciate the current "California Is Right-and Wrong."
If I may be permitted to offer a mild criticism, I object to the amount of time and talent wasted in replying to anonymous correspondents. Both, obviously, may be used to better advantage.

GEORGE E. DUNN
Dearborn, Mich.

## Chess Life <br> $I_{n} \eta_{\text {ew }} Y_{\text {ork }}$

By Eliot Hearst
T HE United States Women's sively with the opening round very well attended and the quality of chess on a high level. Indeed, the publieity and organizational work
by Miss Edith Weart and the direction of Mrs. Carrie Marshall seem to have accomplished wonderful results, and this will without doubt be the strongest, most successful, and most representative women's tourney thus far held in the United States.

The ceremonies opening the first round were highlighted by a welcome to the participants by
Dr. Edward Lasker, president of the Marshall Chess Club where most of the games will be played. The famed chess master and author paid tribute to the skill of the contestants, warned that not a one could be underestimated, and commented lightly that Lady Luck will undoubtedly be present remember this remark for in the very first round the defending co-champion lost two exchanges to Miss Kellner, and her victory was achieved only when the Detroit expert made a crass blunder and left a rook en prise. Mr. H. M. Phillips, president of the U. S. Federation, said a few words also, pointing out that he "awaits the day when women can play on a par with men Championships." Judging by the caliber of play in the early rounds, that day is not too far off!

The crowd present on "opening day" surpassed the attendance at quite a few rounds of the U. S. Championship held in August; in fact, many of the participants in that watch the play of their "sister"
experts. Larry Evans, Milton Hanauer, Tony Santasiere, and A1 Pinkus all surveyed the struggles
(maybe the contestants!?) with interested eyes, while Max Pavey, who had intended to "come down for just a few minutes and then leave to play bridge," stayed throughout the entire round, so impressed was he by the "highclass moves he observed in the Steiner, in town both to cover the stourer, in fown both to cover the
tourney for the California papers (two Los Angeles women are competing) and to reach an agreement with Larry Evans on their pro-
jected U. S. tille match, was also a visitor, as was Lodewijk Prins of Holland, who is soon to begin a schedule of exhibtions and lectures in this country.
A word about the players them-
selves: Mrs. Gresser and Miss Karff, the co-chseser and Miss competing; Mrs. Gresser, despite the "bandicaps" of having a husband and two children to take up much of her time, still accomplishes a great deal besides her chess playing feats. She now paints and sculpts and, as a student of hieroglyphics, she is one of the few women ever to receive a
fellowship at Harvard for Greek archaeological research. Miss Karff, too, has achieved much outside the chess world; she is an
excellent linguist and a student excellent linguist and a student and researcher in international afthe challenging contestants, Mrs. Bain is perhaps the most feared; always a contender in women's championships, she has also sursterling play in the regular Marshall tourneys in which she takes part. But, as Dr. Lasker said, no contestant can be overlooked! Miss Kellner of Detroit, who once won the Michigan Speed Title and who is a staff member of one of the Motor City's more popular stores, has proven herself an expert player, as have Mrs. Nanny Roos, a professional photographer from Los (Please turn to Kath

Chess For Jhe Jired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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## CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

$I_{d}^{\text {N Recervr years we have had a reat many fine boiks on chess }}$ 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.

Diggram 49
Black Moves
SCHLECHTER
White Moves



Send solutions to Position No. 81 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by December 5, 1951.

Solution to Position No. 78 This brilliant win by great Edgar Dr. Max Euwe tit Hasting in $1923-24$
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(Wooside), H. Melfert Malamazoo), E. Muller (Flint), Dr. J.
 (Cuildiand Centen), N. T, Witing
(Salem), J, L. Weininger (Forest Hills).

Wilmington (Dela.) Chess Club now meets regularly each Thursday at 8 p.m. in the YMCA. Program includes team matches with other clubs and and informal rapid club will be host to the Delaware State Championship Tournament in October.

## N. Y. CHESS LIFE

(Continued from page 2, col. 5 )
a Brooklyn bank teller. Incidental ly, both Mrs. Slater and her hus band are active members of the Marshall Chess Club; while his Mr. Slater admits that he deliberat y avoids watching and analyzing her chess position-he is perhaps more nervous about her games than she is! Competing again is Miss Raettig, with her curious and renowned opening which consists of pushing every pawn only one square on its initial move and thus setting up an unusual phalanx, while Mrs. Grumette and Mrs. Owens, housewives from Brooklyn and Ohio respectively, are taking part in their first national tourney. For Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky, wife of the famous 'cellist,' this is the first strong over-the-board contest; her teach-
er, Herman Steiner, is predicting er, Herman Steiner, is predicting
great things for her in the future
Yes! glamour in the guise of U. S. Women's Championship is
really to the N. Y. chess fan's liking!

## For The

## Journament. Minded

Missouri Open State Championship St. Louis, Mo.
At YMCA; 6 round Swiss sys tem; 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.

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, Wich ita, Kans.

## New Jersey State Speed Championship

Held at 2 p.m. at Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, 654 Bergren Ave; tournament followed by annual meeting of NJSCF for elec tion of officers, ete.

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

## Spiking $A_{n} O_{\text {pponent }}$

UR aimable correspondent, Dr. M. G. Sturm of Bagshot House in Trinidad, B.W.I., forwards this interesting evidence in favor of the "Spike" Opening, played in a CCLA (of America and not Australia) event in 1950-51. Also an interesting ending from the same tourney, in which our ingenious correspondent planned a deep trap but his opponent was too canny
THE SPIKE



ENDING POSITION
CCLA Tournament, 1950-51 sturm


## Tournament- Minded

## December 1.2 Oklahoma State Championship

Tulsa, Okla.
December 1-2

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Additional Data
By A. Buschke
V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

## Odessa, June, 1919

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BAY CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Bay City, 1951 Bay City, 1951




WASHINGTON WOODFUSHER'S TOURNEY


18th BOSTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
Boston, 1951



P-QKt4
After $23, \quad$ P-R4
KAUFMANN
24. Kt-K61
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euvers. If Black now had made the
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27. QxQP. Kt-Q3; 28 , Q-B6,ekR, would
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ever, 31 , Kt-Q7, B-Kti, 32, Kt-B1 and
wins, was considerably simpler-all the
 chances
Obviously the only move since retreats to B1 or Kt1 lose on account of 33.
Q-R3eh or Kt-B6 ch. But now, Black gets another 2 under any circum
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ning move at his ilsposel
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$\begin{array}{llll}1 . & \text { P.K4 } & \text { P-QB4 } & \text { 2. A. HOROWITI } \\ \text { This }\end{array}$ is used too often in masterplay to be considered inforior. Yet the tracts seem
to point out that Whitc tets too much
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Its when the game moves into the middale
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The exclamation point beeause the
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 Won game"Tifter 7, KtxKt, PxKKt; a, P.K5, white
seems to get a clear positlonal advant.



 uriteer Riack's centef be weakened by
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 His plan calls for the $R$ to "Get as
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13.
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While this calls for the establishment of





28. BxKt KtxBch
Wayybuck 16 moves ago, it was evident
White wanted this rile open. His conception of positional-play against-the
enemy K seems us strong now as it
was then.

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| $\begin{array}{c}\text { After } 29 \\ \text { HOROWITZ }\end{array}$ |}



Evidently 29. SETDMAN Qtis, with the threat



 QxP ech.
30 .
30 B-K4ch


 P.K5.
33. RXP
Instead 34 , Q-084
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| Q Kt5: 35. Kt-05, BxKt: 36, BPx |
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| $y$ hold opportunities stronger |
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| Down 2 Ps , he may as well "ve |
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## ENGLISH OPENING

 Match GameChicago, 1951
 Black has stidestepped several variations
analysed in White's favor but his only
possible chance for a reasonable game possible chance for a reasonable game
was 6 ..... P-Q4 and even then White

couid build up a powerfut position on | the QR-File. B-Ki2 | 9. R-KI | P-K4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7. P-K4 |  |  |
| B. Kt-B3 | B-O-O | O. R-K5 but |
| W-O3 |  |  | White threatened 10. P-K5 but P-Q3

would have weakened Black less. White
would then have prepared a K-side assault through P-KB4.
Stronger than 10 . B-K3 or B-Q2 immedialely. P-KR3 11. B-Q2 P-Q3? Possibly better than this passive weak-
ening would be 11. ..... Kt-Ki followed
by

to complete inactivity, Kt -Q5!
14. QR-Q1 B-K3 15 .
White correctly believ he can derive
White correctly believes he can derive
advantage from this even without the
"preparatory" P.KR3.
 gives White an eany win by recapturing
with the QBP and penctrating va the
QB-file. Black now threatens







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| B.K12 P-Q4 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {P-B4, }}^{\text {B-K12 }}$ P-B3 ${ }^{\text {P-Q4 }}$ is more promising for | Berliner, H. |
|  | Bohatirchuk, Dr. F. ${ }_{\text {Pa }}$ |
| O 7. QKt-Q2 P-bj |  |
| White is playing for a draw BUT he | (iossert, C. W. |
| has developed consistently and without weakening his position, consequentlyi | Botvinnit, M. Bramner |
| weakening ths portion, consequentiyl | ${ }^{\text {Brasker }}$ s. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - |
| ly as 1 could see ${ }^{\text {no }}$ reason why he could not play B. P.B4 no matter what | Bronstein, D. D. Burdze, H. |
| played. | Buskager, R. $\quad$ 2, 10 |
| 8. P-83? 161-K15? Now, however, White has neglected his |  |
|  | Caputo, B, |
| P-K4 and thereby provokes the weaken- | Co |
| -82 |  |

## This move gives point to Black's prev-

 tous play; but simply B-Kts would make it extromely difficult to start a fight.Black's reply is the expeeted freeng
move, if P-KBM; 12. KK-Kis might.
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##  <br> conome 42. R-Q82 43. $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K}+5$

R-Q
After 44. R-KR


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After 32 . ......., K-R


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Position No. 79: 1, P-K5, K-K3; 2. P.
R5, KxP; 3. P-RG and wins, for the Black K cannot get back in time to
prevent 5 P-KI and the subsequent queenink of KtP or RP. On $1, ~$.
P-K3. White merely plays 2 . K-K2 and
Black cannot defend the - side Ps Position No. Bo: 1. P.Q5, PxP; 2 P.
 Car B2, P-QRA, 7. K-Kt3 winning: but
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