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WINS WOMEN'S



PLAY CHESS!

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

NEW TROPHY **GRACES EVENT**

This year the U.S. Women's This year the U.S. Women's Championship has a new trophy, the Odith Lucie Weart Trophy, donated by Miss Weart, author of "The Royal Game: Chess for Young People," and contributions chair-man of the U. S. Women's Tourna-ment Committee. The sterling sil-ver trophy will be a perpetual 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 not only written the only chess book expressedly intended for children, but as a volunteer teaches chess to children in cardiac wards at Bellevue Hospital. By profession Miss Weart is an executive in a large advertising agency.

LEAGUE STARTS IN NO. JERSEY

First round of the North Jersey Chess League saw Elizabeth down Jersey City 6-0, Irvington best Philidor 7½-½, West Essex defeat Union 5-3, and Plainfield top Orange 4½-3½. In additional inorange *72-0-2. In additional informal matches not counted in the league season, Philidor bested Irvington 5-1 and Elizabeth downed Jersey City 2-0.

WOMEN'S TOUR'Y

SEEKS FUNDS
The U. S. Women's Championship Tournament Committee can still use more money to meet its budget of expenses for the current Women's Championsh Tournament. All donations Championship whatever size—will be appreci-ated and acknowledged prompt-

Please make checks payable to: U. S. Chess Federation— Women'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 Dam-brans topped the annual Bay City (Mich.) Open Championship. Both Dambrans and Chapin scored 51/2-1½ in the regular 3 player round robin. Dambrans lost to Willard Melbourne and drew with Chapin, while Chapin lost a game to John Lapin who finished third with 5-2. Lapin lost games to Dambrans and Henry Ramboer, who finished fourth with 4½-2½.

The Bay City Tournament was distinguished by the fact that it was a 100% rated tournament all 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 president, Richard Greenbaum (Univ. of Chicago Collegiate) executive vice-president, Geo. Voltz (Hamilton Park) secretary, Chas. Scherr (Univ. of Chicago) treasure and Button Pakhtrom (Chicago) er, and Burton Dahlstrom (Chicago Chess & Checker) publicity direc-

Play in the league will start in November with matches two weeks apart and a furlough over the Christmas season. 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 Chi-cago Junior Chess Club, composed of players under 18 years of age. New clubs may enter teams 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, Ill.; 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 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 Champ-ionship Tournament began on October 20th at the Marshall Chess Club in New York in style and ontcomer zoth 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 Kurff. Mrs. Gresser, who won the title in 1944, is a painter and sculptor 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 honors 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 1948 finished fifth in the Women's National Champ-ionship. In 1950 she tied for first with Miss Karff in the Women's 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 run-ner-up in the U. S. Women's Championship, and placed third in the Pan-American Women's Championship in 1945. Mrs. Gregor 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 U.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. Kath-eryn 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

Victory in the Maritime Champ ionship, held in the Brunswick Hotel at Moncton, 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 4½-1½ on S-B points and Carl Webber of Halifax third, also with 41/2-11/2. Fifth and Sixth on S-B with equal 31/2-21/2 scores were Maurice Elman and Saint John and O. Doucet of Moncton.

U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

	Final Standings	
Mrs.	Mary Bain	81/2-1/2
Mrs.	Gisela K. Gresser	71/2-11/2
Miss	N. May Karff	6-3
Mrs.	Katheryn Slater	41/2-41/2
Mrs.	Lena Grumette	31/2-51/2
Miss	Lucille Kellner	31/2-51/2
	Nancy Roos	
Mrs.	Willa White Owens	3-6
Mrs.	Gregor Piatigorsky	3-6
Miss	Adele Raettig	2-7
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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 5½-½ 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. Joseph 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: Deson with 12 teams in actions: De-partment of Agriculture, Arling-ton, Bald Eagle, Federal, George Washington University, George-town University, Library of Con-gress, University of Maryland, Naval Communications, Paragon, Washington Chess Divan "Red" and Washington Chess Divan "Blue"

At the annual meeting William Plampin (Federal Chess) was elect-ed 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, 7 draws and no losses at Montreal, conceding the draws to A. Fagan, Miss Theima Fuller, H. Desnoyers, G. Barrett, J. Novinsky, Mrs. J. Rauch, and S. Wreschner.

KARFF THIRD

Mrs. Mary Bain, often top contender 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-champion, placed second with 7½-1½, and Miss N. May Karff, also former co-champion, was third with 6-3. Mrs. Gresser defeated Miss Karff but lost in a surprise upset to Mrs. Owens. Details in

UNION ORGANIZES MAIL CHESS CLUB

Putting its organizing talent to extra-curricular activity, the International Association of Machinist through its weekly publication, "The Machinist" has organized a corerspondence chess club for members of the I.A.M. named "The Machinist Chess Club." The original idea came from member Ben Johnson of North Hollwwood and 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 pro-moted by and consists of members of one international union. Other trade organizations now have an example which they can follow.

GARY CLUB TOPS SOUTH BEND TEAM

The Gary Chess Club, recently reinforced by Five DPs now re-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

CLUB UTILIZES RATING SYSTEM

The Merchantile Library Chess Ass'n of Philadelphia is using the USCF National Ratings in the pre-liminary 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 differ-ence of only 394 rating points between the totals of each section. pl

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5.	Spector	1865
6.	Ash	1770
7.	Barrett	1718
8.	Gold	1645
9.	Bomanov	-
10.	Decker	_
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	Sciarretta	
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FIAT JUSTICA

ON OCTOBER 5 we called attention to the case of check being called

O N OCTOBER 5 we called attention to the case of check being called on Chicago chess player George Leighton. We mentioned his indictment, with several others, on a quaint charge of conspiracy arising out of the legal advise that Mr. Leighton, an attorney, bestowed quite legally upon his clients. We also stated that the Chicago dally pressunited in calling the indictment fantastic.

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 inexplicable 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 while merely following quite legally his duty and responsibility as an attorney in advising his clients of their uncontestable legal rights as

attorney in advising his clients of their uncontestance 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 the fantastic indictment against Mr. Leighton, a Federal grand jury is being impanelled to consider the possibility of indictments against the various members of the mob whose vandalism was so curiously

the various members of the mob whose vandalism was so curiously 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 keep matters under control. Violence solves no problems; and the failure of the law to protect property or to prosecute those who destroy property is a violation of their sacred duty. For if we only enforce the laws we wish to enforce, soon there is no law at all.

CONSIDER THE RATING SYSTEM

No MATHEMATICAL system of grading skill and proficiency will N O 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 can 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 predict in advance the relative ranking of players in a tournament there would not be much incentive for playing tournaments!

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But the National Rating System can (and does) indicate the relative groupings of players in categories with more than casual accuracy. This is justification; and the necessity for determining such categories is the reason for its existence. The Rating System does select

gories 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 accuracy as distinguishing between groups.

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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 a decisive factor, for tournament chess remains a young man's game.

Within each grouping there is not, of course, the same accuracy. 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 and the Rating System was not intended to do this. In addition there is the added factor that between players of relatively the same strength 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 yielded. other may be victorious.

Therefore, it is well advised to remember that the National Rat-ing System is primarily designed to designate classes of players, and not to determine with precise accuracy the relative ranking of players 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

La 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.

THIS IS by far the most up-to-date collection of problems by the best problem and endgame composers of the world. There are 180 two-movers, 180 three-movers, and 140 other problems and endgames. A large number of them won prizes in recent tourneys in the French

In addition to your editor Montgomery Major, the following American composers are represented: J. Buchwald, F. J. C. DeBlasio, 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. DeBlasio, J. Buchwald and the reviewer acted also as judges in some of the temperature. 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. ERIC M. HASSBERG

New York, October, 1951

Position 79 By Carl Diesen Position 80 By Salvioli No. Tonawanda, N. Y. \$ 1 \$ 8 8 ₿ Ĉ. 8, 4pkip, p7, 1p4Pl, 3pPIPP, 8, P4K2, 8 White to play and win

8, 5plp, p3plp1, 4PlP1, 1k1PlPIP, 8, 3, 2K5 White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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m OSITION}$ 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 its King where the enemy King is not in position of immediate defense.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

The Kibitzer Has His Day From the Editor's Mail 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. 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 abovenamed titles were given to me by the Moscow chess authorities. It may interest you to know that the 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 espec-ially appreciate the current "Cali-fornia 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 In New York By Eliot Hearst

United States Women's Championship began impressively with the opening round very well attended and the quality of chess on a high level. Indeed, the publicity and organizational work by Miss Edith Weart and the direction of Mrs. Carrie Marshall seem to have accomplished won-derful results, and this will without doubt be the strongest, most successful, and most representa-tive 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 au-thor paid tribute to the skill of the contestants, warned that not a one could be underestimated, and a one could be underesumated, and commented lightly that "Lady Luck will undoubtedly be present also!" Mrs. Gresser had reason to 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 pert 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 wom-en can play on a par with men and compete in the regular U. S. Championships." Judging by the caliber of play in the early rounds, that day is not too far off! 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. quite a few rounds of the U. S. Championship beld in August; in fact, many of the participants in that tourney were on hand to watch the play of their "sister" experts. Larry Evans, Milton Hanauer, Tony Santasiere, and Al 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 for just a few minutes and then leave to play bridge," stayed throughout the entire round, so impressed was he by the "high-class" moves he observed in the five games contested. Herman Steiner, in town both to cover the tourney for the California papers (two Los Angeles women are com-peting) and to reach an agreement with Larry Evans on their projected U. S. title match, was also a visitor, as was Lodewijk Prins of Holland, who is soon to begin a schedule of exhibitions and lectures in this country. in this country.

A word about the players them-A word about the players them-selves: Mrs. Gresser and Miss Karff, the co-champions, are again competing; Mrs. Gresser, despite the "handicaps" of having a hus-band and two children to take up much of her time, still accomp-lishes 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 archaeological research. Miss Karff, too, has achieved much out-side the chess world; she is an excellent linguist and a student and researcher in international af-fairs at Columbia University. Of the challenging contestants, Mrs. Bain is perhaps the most feared; always a contender in women's championships, she has also sur-prised many a male opponent by sterling play in the regular Mar-shall 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 play-er, as have Mrs. Nanny Roos, a professional photographer from Los Angeles, and Mrs. Kathryn Slater, (Please turn to page 3, col. 2)

By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Ye 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 49

Black Moves (1) 9 8

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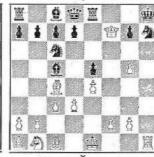


Diagram 50

White Moves

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'ustuti RxKt mate. An unusual kind of R-R8 ch; 2, KtxR, 'I '61

tor quick action. mate. Black eastled into a catas-trophe. White's pieces are poised RXK1 ch, KXR; 2. Q-R5

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What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser



r6k, 1P5p, 5p2, p3p1p1, 4P1P1, 1P5P, P2r12K, 2R5
Black to play
Send solutions to Position No.
31 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by December 5, 1951.

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Solution to Position No. 78

This brilliant win by great Edgar
Coile against former World Champion
Dr. Max Euwe at Hasting in 1923-24
did not prove too difficult for our
solvers, although several seemed a
little dubious about the certainty of
White win against Black's best defense.
The actual game went: 1. R-KK151, R-Ng;
Z-K-KE 6, K-K1; 3. B-RP mate Better
for Black would have been 1. ..., K-K1; 2. Q-KR ch, R-Ng; 3. R-R ch, B-Bi;
4. P-R3, P-R3; 5. P-KK1, P-R; 6. KL-R6
ch and wins, Black could also play
1...., B-R7 ch; 2. K-R-B, R-Ng; 3. R-R' ch,
Canting out a R ahead with a won ends.

K.Ri; A.R.R. R.Bi; 28. R.Ki6 dis. ch. coming out a R ahead with a won ending.

The suggested immediate I. Kt.R6 ch. R.K.R; A. F.R.S. is not sufficient for suggested immediate I. Kt.R6 ch. R.K.; A. F.R.S. is not sufficient for suggested in the s

Wilmington (Dela.) Chess Club now meets regularly each Thurs-day at 8 p.m. in the YMCA. Pro-gram includes team matches with other clubs and and informal rapid transit tourney at intervals. The 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. Incidentally, both Mrs. Slater and her hus-band are active members of the Marshall Chess Club; while his wife plays in the national tourney, Mr. Slater admits that he deliberat ly 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 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 teacher. Herman Steiner. is predicting

over-the-board contest; her teacher, Herman Steiner, is predicting great things for her in the future.

Yes! glamour in the guise of a U. S. Women's Championship is really to the N. Y. chess fan's liking! ing!

For The Journament-Minded

November 23-25

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.

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 Bergren Ave; tournament followed by an-nual meeting of NJSCF for election of officers, etc.

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

Spiking An Opponent

OUR 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

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Spike." I have also seen this continued in Robert Grau's 'Car-Ajedroz' (Argentina), 'Aportura sen' (Alhausen's Opening).

P-Q4 2. B-Kt2 P-K4!

S 2. P-Q33 is better. In-8 2. B-K72 (Keres-Niemann, ondence, 1844-85).

Q84 P-Q83 7. P-Q3 QK1-83

P-K 9. Q-R-ch B-Q2

R-K 9. Q-R-ch 6. Kf-QB3 Not 10. 11. PxP 12. Q-K4 ch White has is in grav-must trade development development, atten passed P(05). 15. Kt-KB3 R-K1 16. 0-Q3 Rxp 17. 0-0 P-QR3 18. Kt-R3 B-Q3 19. P-R3 B-XK1 Not 24. Q-Q47, Ktx 24. K-R1 Q-Q47, Ktx 25. K-R1 Q-Q47 27. QR-B1 BxB 28. QxB K1-Kt3 29. Q-KK14 30. R(QB1)-Q1 Kt-Q2 34, RxR K-B1 35, R-Q1 P-QR4 36, R-Q4 K-K2 37, P-K14 P-P-QR4 38, RxP P-QR13 RxP ch and White passed QRP with quare (QR3) guard-Kt-Q2 KtxP; 49. B×R 50. B-B8 51. P-B3 52. B-K6 53. K-K13 54. P-B4 55. K-53 56. B-B8 57. K-K3 58. K-Q4 P-R4 P-Kt3 Kt-Q2 P-B4 K-B3 Kt-K4 Kt-Q2 PxP R-Kt3 RxR



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ENDING POSITION CCLA Tournament, 1950-51 Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

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White STURM Resigns HUNTZINGER HUNTZINGER
62. — P-K411? 64. B-B41 Resigns
63. B-K131 P-K5
But If 93. B2F, K1-K151; 94. P-B7, KEB
et; 65. K-Q6, K1-K13; 66. K-B6, KL-B11!!
draws! White may promote as he
wishes. 67. P-R3(K tor B), K1-K3 draws.
67. P-R3(K tor B), K1-K3 draws.

For The Tournament-Minded

Advance Notice; Details later December 1-2
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BAY CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

	Bay City,	1951						
	Alfred Dambrans x 1	1	1	9	1	1	1	55-15
2.	Dr. F. J. Chapin	0	1	1	1	1	. 1	53-13
3.	John Lapin0 1	x	0	1	1	1	1	5 -2
4.	Henry Ramboer0 0	1	x	1	1	8	1	44-23
	Willard Milbourne 1 6	0	0	×	1	1	0	3 -4
	Frank Griggs0 0	0	0	0	×	1	1	2 -5
	George Dambrans0 0	0	3	0	0	×	1	13-55
8.	Raymond Mednis0 0	0	0	1	0	0	×	1 -6
	Dambrans won the playoff from Chapin	2-0.						

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Seattle, 1951					
1. Gerald SchainW13		W9	W2	4 -0	7.50
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3. Russell Vellias	W15	W8	D6	3 -1	9.00
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Andrius Keturnkis 25-35; 9, W. M. P.		chell	2-4; 1	0. Al:	in De	erfield	15-45:
 Layton Holloway 1-5; 12. Kazys Merkis 	1-5.						000

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Jonas Starinskas	W5	W2	W3	W7	D4	51- 1
Herbert BarryW5	W7	L1	W4	W6	D3	45-15
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HydeL2	LI	D9	W7	W8	bye	31.24
MilgramL1	W9	W3	wa.	L2	L.7	3 3
Nute	L2	bye	L5	Li	W6	3 -3
Lorris 2-4: 9 Kramer 11-41				1000	Carlotte,	1030120

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Monday, November 5, 1951

Alekhine's Early Chess Career Additional Data

By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

Odessa, June, 1919 Notes by A. A. Alekhine, translated from the German manuscript, now in A. Buschke's personal collection, where not

otherwise stated identical with notes in "K Novoi Armii," April 20, 1920;
"KNA": Notes translated from "K Novoi
Armii," April 20, 1920. "MS": from
German manuscript. The German manuscript calls this game "Freie Partie," either a skittles game or at least a game played without clocks.

White White

A. A. ALEKHINE DR. A. KAUFMAN(N)

1. P.Q4

2. K*KB3 P.Q84

2. K*KB3 P.Q84

3. P.K3. White can answer, as its well known. 4. P-K4.

4. P.B4

4. P.B4

5. P.K3. White can answer, as its well known. 4. P-K4.

4. P.B4

5. P.K9

7. P.K83

8. P.R9

8. P.R9

MS: 10. BK3 seems to be more plausible here. KNA: 10. BK3 was more natural in order to support the isolated center P.

11. K*B3

8. K1

12. B.R3

13. B.R3

14. R.B1

14. R.B1

14. R.B1

15. R.K1

15. R.K1

15. R.K1

16. R.K1

17. P.B4

18. R.K1

18. R.K1

18. R.K1

19. R.B3

19. R.B3

19. R.B3

18. R.K1

20. Black's position.

17. P.B3

18. R.K1

20. G.B2

21. R.R.K1

22. R.K1

23. R.K1

24. R.K1

25. R.K1

26. R.K1

27. R.K1

28. R.K1

29. R.R3

20. R.R4

20. G.B2

20. R.K1

21. R.R4

21. R.R4

22. R.K1

23. R.K1

24. R.R4

25. R.K1

26. R.R4

26. R.R5

27. R.R4

28. R.R4

29. G.B2

20. R.K1

20. G.B2

21. R.R4

20. G.B2

22. P.K3

21. R.R4

21. R.R4

21. R.R.K1 A. A. ALEKHINE DR. A. KAUFMAN(N)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. PXP K1-KB3

ter).

21. KR-Ki3 Q-B2 22. P-K3
A move in preparation of the following combination. It is important (KNA:
for White) to prevent (MS: the possibility of a later Queen's) check on the diagonal Ki1-87.

22. P-QKi4 23. P-R4 PxP ter). 21. KR-K#3

After 23,, KĄUFMANN PxP

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24. Ki-K6i

This is the point of the preceding maneuvers. If Black now had made the quilet move 24. Q-R2 (even worse is 24. Bark. Q-R2 (even worse is 25. KK2, KK3), R-K6 (even worse is 25. KK2, KK3), R-K6 (even worse is considerably more energetic (KNA: decisive). 27. P-R6 30. KYR/P (in K-R2), KK12 (even worse is 25. KK2), KK3), R-R2 (even worse is 25. KK2), R-R2 (even worse is 25. KK2), R-R2 (even worse is 25. KK3), R-R2 (even worse is 25. KK3, R-R2 (even worse is 25. KK3), R-R2 (even worse is 25. KK3, R

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Journament Life

New Yark, 1951 Notes by John E. Horwarth

White Black
H. SEIDMAN I. A. HOROWITZ
1, P.Kt P.QB4 2, KK-KB3 P-Q3
This move cannot be termed "bad." It is used too often in master-play to be considered inferior. Yet the facts seem to point out that White gets too much "attacking space" against it. If this is the case, then either 2., Kt-QB3 or 2., P-K3 would be better. But then, the modern expert does not relic or count too much upon obtaining an opening advantage in chess today. "Strange-looking moves into the game and end game stages that the actual playing strength of the experts becomes apparent.

3. P-Q4 PXP 5. Kt-QB3 P-KK3
Who knows how long (if over?) before chess will have accumulated the know-versations? Here 5. B-K2, then 6. P-K4.

The exclamation point because the threat is P-K5.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Biennial Championship

USSR Championship, Leningrad, 1939, 7, B-K2

After 7, KixKt, PxKt; 8, P-K5, White seems to get a clear positional advantage, E.g., 8, ..., PxF 9, 9xG, KxG, 16, Yr, Kx, 12, Yr, 19, Yr

later error he should be well able to avoid any resultant attack.

8. B-K3
Here again 8. KtsKt, PsKt; 9. PsK5 seems to conserve time better than does the text.

8. Conserve time better than does the text.

9. Kt. Conserve time better than does to gain the contact of his pieces (in case of 16. Ktskt; 17. PsKt) in a drive against the enemy K.

16. Kt. Conserve time better than does to gain the contact of his pieces (in case of 16. Ktskt; 17. PsKt) in a drive against the enemy K.

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16. Kt. Conserve than does the text of t

HOROWITZ Q-R4 After 29.

SEIDMAN

idently 29., Q-Kt5, with the threat either, BxQRP or, RxP, uid be met with 30. BxB, KxB; 31. 24 ch, followed by QxP. P-R4

P-Ki4
bu can have this one back."
RXQBP 43. R-KKt8 P-B3
R-Q8ch K-KI2 44. QXP Resigns
Q-K5ch K-R3

42, Q-K5ch K.R3 K.R3 K.R5 ch wins.
For if 44. , BxR; 45, Kt.B5 ch wins.
While if 44. , RxKt; 45, RxP ch wins.
by either 45. , PxR; 46. Q-R6 mate,
or 45. , K.R4; 46. R-K15 ch, KxP;
47. Q-R6 mate. . . .

ENGLISH OPENING Match Game Chicago, 1951

Notes by David Levadi

W. GROMACHER White D. LEVADI D. LEVADI W. GROMACHER
1. P.Q84 P.QK13?
Black's move gives White reasonable certainty of advantage by means of P.K4 either with P.Q3 or P.Q4.
2. K1-K83 B-K12 S. B-K12 K1-B3
3. P.Q3 P-K3 6. 0-0 P.K13?
4. P.KK13 K1-Q83

4. P-KK13 K1-983

Black has sidesteeped several variations analysed in Witter favor but his only make the could build up a powerful position on the QB-file.

7. P-K4 and even then White could build up a powerful position on the QB-file.

7. P-K4 B-K12 9. R-K1 P-K4

8. K1-B3 D-O
White threatened 10. P-K5 but P-QS would have weakened Black less. White would then have prepared a K-side assault through P-KBA.

10. B-K15

Stranger than 10. B-K3 as P-CS

ronger than 10. B-K3 or B-Q2 imediately.

Stronger than 10. B-R3 or B-Q2 immediately, 10. P-KR3 11. B-Q2 P-Q37. Possibly better than this passive weakening would be 11. K-K1 followed by K-K2, P-QB3, etc. with a more flexible set-up, 2-B2 B-B1 Blanch has consented to being reduced to complete inactivity. 14. QR-Q1 B-K3 15. K+Q51 White correctly believes he can derive advantage from this even without the "preparatory" P-KR3. B-K15 Of course any exchange now or later gives White an easy win by recapturing gives White an easy win by recapturing

Seeking to file.

25. R-84
If new 25., R-K2, then 26. PxP would do it.

25. R-B2

After 25. , R-



PxP! RxR RxP White takes PXP 29. QXRch K-Kt1 QXR 30. Q-B3! RXP s Ri' or QP, Black draws. 29. QxRch K-K+1 30. Q-B3! 28, RXP RXP

If White takes Ri' or QP, Black draws. Centralization is more important.

Q-KSch 32, P-QKH K-K-K2

If and Black duild centralize, he might from the properties of the could hardly have helped but find it.

31, Q-K3 K-B3 35, Q-K7ch K-K1

33, Q-K3 K-B3 35, Q-K7ch K-K1

34, Q-K6ch K-K12 35, Q-K7ch K-K1

37, P-KR4 K-K13 40, Q-K3

38, Q-K6ch K-K12

Another tempo.

40, K-B2 31, Q-K7ch K-K11

77, P-KR4 K-K13 40, Q-K3

81, Q-K6ch K-K12

Another tempo.

40, K-B3 41, P-R5

If now K-B3 by Black, White can win QP and KRP without allowing Black to draw by perpetual cheek.

41, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

12, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

12, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

13, C-K5ch 30, K-K41

14, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

15, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

16, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

17, C-M-Sch 30, K-K2

18, K-K2

18, K-K2

18, K-K2

18, K-K4

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hout allowing al cheek. 50. KxP K-82 51. P-Kt5 K-Kt1 52. K-Kt6 K-R1 53. K-86 K-R2 54. K-87 K-R1 55. P-Kt6 P-R4 56. P-Kt7ch K-R2 57. P-Kt8(Q)ch Resigns

Natchitoches (La.) Chess Club is making a brave start from a small beginning, and now meets regularly the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the VFW Hall. **OUEEN PAWN OPENING** U. S. Junior Championship Philadelphia, 1951

Notes by Jackie Mayer Black J. MAYER White R. NICKEL 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. P-KK13 B-K12 2. Kt-KB3 P-KK13 Ki-KB3 P-KK43
 An interesting alternative is 3. P-Kt5; 4. B-Kt2, B-QKt2; 5. P-B4, B-Kt2; 6. O-O, O-O; 7. Kt-B3, Kt-K5 with a fine game for Black—Gulmard-Euwe, Gron-Back—Gulmard-Euwe, Gron-Back—Gulmard-Back

O-O 7, QKt-Q2 P-B3 QKt-Q2

White.

O-O 7, QK1-Q2 P-B3

Kither of the playing for a draw BUT he
handervelow playing for a draw BUT he
heatiated to embark on P-B4, especially as I could see no reason why he
could not play 8. P-B4 no matter what
I played.

8. P-B3?! KI-KI5?

Now, however, White has neglected his
best play, the Ki adventure threatens
P-KR3.

9. P-KR3

10. Q-B2 KI-R4

This move gives point to Black's predious play, but simply B-KI5 would make
it extremely difficult to start a fight.
Black's reply is the expected freeing
move, if P-KB4; 12. KKI-KI5 might
prove embarrassing.

11. P-K4

13. B-Q4 KKIKICH

This move is risky but absolutely neessure, the O-side P-s must start rolling.

move, if P-B9; to prove embarrassing.

12. Fap Kt-KP

13. B-Q4 Kt-KP

14. Kt-KB

15. Kt-KB

15. Kt-KB

15. Kt-KB

16. Kt-KB

16. Kt-KB

17. Pap Kt-KP

18. Kt-KB

19. Kt-KB

19.

Ab the structure of the the losing move. clearly inferior but ard he would have covering his weakprobably position is on the be-easier time

Oxo 13. R.Ql K.H3

OXO 13. R.Ql R.H3

OXO 13. R.R.L3

OXO 1 R-Kt8 R-Q8 44, R-KR2

After 44. R-KR2 MAYER



NICKEL

NICKEL

44. R.Q6 45, K.B3

If 45. RxP, RxP ch, or if 45. K.B2, R.Q7 ch; 46. K.Kt1, RxR; 47. KxR, K.B4.

The text however also loses a P.

45. RxBP 51, R.QB7 P.B6.

46. RxP P.Q5 52, R.B4 KxP

47. R.KK17 RxPch 53, K.K2 R.Q7ch

48. K.B2 K.B4 54, K.K1 KxP

49. R.QB7 R.QB6 Resigns

50, R.Q7 R.Q66 Resigns

50, R.Q7 R.Q66 Resigns

70 A very pleasant game, my best at

Philadelphia. My young opponent (I am

after all getting in the upper age

brackets of the "Juniors") shows great

promise and with more hook-larnin'

and experience should become a very

formidable player.

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QXC, ISAG, 30.

36. K-R311 But now there is no more escaping the mating net.

36. P-KH ch K-K13 mate in not more than 5 moves.

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Alekhine's Career (Continued from page 3, col. 5)

After 32., K-R3
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E. J. Korpanty Dr. J. Platz

Sacramento (Calif) Chess Club has found a new meeting place. It now meets each Wednesday night at the Old Tavern, 28th and Capitol Ave., where they assemble in one of the private rooms.

Solutions:

White to Play and Win
Position No. 79: 1, P. K.S. K.K.S. 2, P.
R.S. K.K.P. 3, P.R.S. and wins, for the
Black K cannot get back in time to
prevent S. P-KlS and the subsequent
queening of K.P. or R.P. On 1.
P.K.S. White merely plays 2, K.K.Z and
Black cannot defend the Q-side Ps.
Position No. 888 1, P.G.S. P.P. 2.
Position No. 888 1, P.G.S. P.P. 2.

Black cannot defend the Q-side Ps.
Position No. 80: 1. P-Q5, PxP; 2. P.
B5, PxP; 3. P-K6, PxP; 4. P-R5, P-B5;
P-K16, PxP; 6. PxP wins. For 2.
K-194, Salvioli continues 3. P-K6,
K-23; 4. PxBP, K-K2; 5. P-B6 ch, KxP,
6. K-B2, P-QR4, 7. K-Kt3 winning; but
Carl Diseas suggest that sharter is
2., K-B4; 3. P-B6 which wins immediately.

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