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EVENTS NCREA

Mary Bain Fulfills Early Promise In Winning U.S. Women's Title

Mrs. Mary Bain in winning the U. S. Women's Championship in 1951 at New York fulfilled an earlier promise given by her performances in previous events. In 1936 in New York she tied for second with Miss Edith L. Weart in a tournament conducted at the Marshall Chess Club, won by Mrs. Adele Rivero. In 1937 she represented the United States in the International Women's Tournament at Stockholm. In 1938 she placed second behind Miss N. May Karff in the Women's Championship at Boston. In 1939 she tied with Miss Karff and Dr. Helen Weissenstein for first in the Women's Championship in New York, losing the playoff to Miss Karff. In 1945 she tied for first with Miss Karff in the Pan-American Women's Tournament at Hollywood. In 1946 she placed second to Miss Karff in the Women's Championship in New York. And in 1948 at South Fallsburg, she was third behind the co-champions, Miss

Karff and Mrs. Gresser.
In winning with an 8½-½ score,
Mrs. Bain played brilliantly, defeating Miss Karff and drawing in a long and difficult Rook and Pawn ending with Mrs. Gresser. There were several upsets in the exciting event, with Mrs. Willa Owens dealing an unexpected defeat to Mrs Gresser in the 4th round, while Mrs. Katheryn Slater downed Miss Karff in the semi-final 8th round. Mrs. Gresser gained revenge for her South Fallsburg defeat by Miss Karff, by besting her oppon-ent in the 5th round.

Round One

The Women's Championship be-gan auspiciously without noticeagan auspiciously without nouceau ble upsets. Mrs. Willa White Owens, a comparative newcomer, showed her metal by defeating Mrs. Lena Grumette. Other scores were: Karff 1, Roos 0, Gresser 1, Kellner 0; Racttig 0, Slater 1; and Piatigorsky 0, Bain 1.

Round Two

Again peaceful and without up-set, Mrs. Bain defeated Mrs. Owens, Miss Karff bested Mrs. Grumette, and Mrs. Gresser outpointed Mrs. Roos. Other scores: Kellner 1, Reettig 0; Slater ½, Piatigorsky ½.

Round Three

Mrs. Gresser defeated Mrs. Grumette in a hard-fought game that was adjourned once. Other scores: Karff 1, Owens 0; Bain 1, Slater 0; Raettig 0, Roos 1; Piatigorsky ½, Kellner ½. Leading scorers are Mrs. Bain, Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser with 3-0 each.

Round Four

Mrs. Piatigorsky, a pupil of Herman Steiner in her first national tournament, scored something of an upset by defeating Mrs. Grumette; but the real upset of the round was the victory in a game that want to adjournament of Mrs. that went to adjournament of Mrs.

EVANS ACCEPTS STEINER BID

U.S. Champion Larry Evans of New York City and former U.S. Champion Herman Steiner of Los Angeles have signed articles of agreement for a sixteen game match for the U.S. title, tentatively scheduled for April 1952. The match agreement is expected to receive official USCF endorsement.

A minimum purse of three thousand dollars is the goal of the match committee for this premier event and lovers of the game are invited to send contributions to the match fund direct to the castern treasurer, Dr. Edward Las-ker, 510 East 23rd St., New York The western treasurer will be announced later.

Willa Owens over Mrs. Gressergame that provided the margin of victory for Mrs. Bain. Other scores were: Karff 1, Raettig 0; Slater 0, Kellner 1; Bain 1, Roos 0. Leading scorers were Mrs. Bain and Miss Karff with 4-0 each.

Round Five

Excitement in this round cen-tered around the battle between Mrs. Gresser and Miss Karff, in which the former avenged her de which the former avenged her de-feat at South Fallsburg by besting Miss Karff. Other scores: Owens O, Slater 1; Roos 1, Piatigorsky 0; Grumette 1, Raettig 0; Kellner 0; Bain 1. At this point Mrs. Bain took the lead with 5-0 and never relinquished it. Miss Karff and Mrs. Gresser were tied for second with 4.1 with 4-1.

This round was played at the Log Cabin Chess Club at West Orange, N. J. instead of the usual quarters at the Marshall Chess Club in New York. It was distincted to the control of the cont guished by a very hard fought battle of 82 moves between Miss Karff, the victor, and Mrs. Piatigorsky. Other scores: Owens 1, Kellner 0; Roos ½, Slater ½; Grumette 0, Bain 1; Gresser 1, Raettig 0. Mrs. Bain leading with 6-0, followed by Mrs. Gresser and Miss Karff with 5-1 each.

Round Seven

The London Terrace Chess Club of New York was host for this round in which the exciting battle was Mrs. Bain's victory over Miss Karff, which eliminated the latter as a contender for the title. Other scores: Raettig 1, Owens 0; Piati-Grumette ½; Keliner 1, Roos 0.

Mrs. Bain leading with 7-0 and
Mrs. Gresser second with 6-1.

Round Eight

semi-final round at the Marshall Chess Club proved the decisive round when Mrs. Gresser and Mrs. Bain drew in a Pawn and Rook ending of 109 moves that lasted almost 11 hours. In additi-tion Mrs. Katheryn Slater pro-vided further thrills by defeating Miss Karff. Other scores: Owens O, Roos 1; Grumette 1, Kellner 0; Raettig 1, Piatigorsky 0. Mrs. Bain leading with 7½-½, Mrs. Gresser second with 61/2-11/2.

Round Nine

Mrs. Bain clinched the title by a victory over Miss Raettig, that was necessary since Mrs. Gresser defeated Mrs. Slater. Other scores: Platigorsky 1, Owens 0; Kellner Cores: Platigorsky 1, Owens 0; Kellner 0, Karff 1; Roos 0, Grumette 1. Final standings: Mrs. Bain 8½-½, Mrs. Gresser 7½-1½, and Miss Karff 6-3.

H. Wolf vs. F. Spielmann Czechoslovakia, 1923



5rik, 3b2p1, p6p, 1pRpR3, 1P1P2q1, P4pP1, 5QsP, 1B4K1 White to play and win

E. Nash vs. J. Rice Washington, 1951



1s2B3, 1P4p1, 8, 1P4kP, 5p2, 5K2, 8 White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN Position No. 69, two forceful moves by White, and Black resigned. Problem-like Position No. 70 was reached after about seven hours of play. I was pleased to find the winning continuation over the board, particularly as kibitzers had already chalked up the position as a draw. Suggestion to solvers: White can force a zugzwang position in five moves. I am grateful to H. Underwood, Federal Chess Club Champion, for solving and checking the position for me.

For solutions, please turn to page four.

PUBLICITY GOOD FOR U.S. WOMEN'S

Unusually fine publicity attended the playing of the U.S. Women's Championship at New York. Not only did the Times, World-Tele-gram and Sun in New York feature the event in articles by Herman Helms, but also the N.Y. Post and N.Y. Herald-Tribune covered the event. Other papers, including the Christian Science Monitor's excel-lent chess section, covered the event also; and due to the presence of two California players the tournament received special at-tention in the Los Angeles Times, and Los Angeles Mirror, "This Week" a progression where Week," a newspaper supplement of national circulation, also featured a story on the event with pictures.

Among the visiting press were a reporter and photographer from Life Magazine and it is possible that a story on the Women's Tournament with pictures may appear in an issue of Life.

Radio and Television also contributed to the excellent publicity for the event. Miss Helen Faith Kcane of "For Your Information" reatured the event on her television show, while Mrs. Willa White Owens and Miss Lucille Kellner appeared on both the "Family Circle" and "Break the Bank" radio shows in which they were able to say a few words about the Women's Tournament. Much of the credit for this exceptional publicity goes to Miss Edith L. Weart, a trained advertising executive, who was tircless in seeing that news releases were sent to all leading publications. And part of the credit to the ladies themselves, for being a more glam-erous subject for publicity than

NO. CITY DOWNS LOG CABIN CLUB

The North City Chess Club (Philadelphia) and the Log Cabin Chess Club (West Orange) resumed their intersectional rivalry with a 15 board match at the Log Cabin headquarters in which the home team was bested 101/2-41/2. U.S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs and Penn Junior Champion Robert Sobel held their opponents to draws, while the lower boards of North City mopped up the op-position. A. Koppany also drew North City mopped up the opposition. A. Koppany also drew for North City while victors were H. Morris, H. Hickman, J. Gibbons, J. Seibert, E. Huth, C. Badgett, A. Gonzales, J. Caputo and A. Nickel. Log Cabin players who salvaged points were R. Haefner, K. Hurttlen, while draws went to F. Howard, E. McCormick and A.

PRIZE AWARDS ARE MODEST

Since women chess players seemed more concerned with glory than with cash, the prize awards for the U.S. Women's Championship were scaled very modestly for such an important event. First prize was \$150.00, second prize \$300.00, and third prize \$50.00. Expense allotments were made to the four players coming from a distance, and then the remainder of the fund was distributed among the players on the basis of point

The players in the tournament showed their appreciation of this plan and of the excellent management of the tournament by presenting to tournament director Mrs. Caroline Marshall and publicity director Miss Edith Weart the Mary Chess perfume "Strategy" in appropriate Pawn and Rook vials.

INTEREST GROWS IN RATING LIST

The importance of the National Rating System, now adopted by the U. S. Chess Federation, is attested recently by the number of tournaments in which 100% rating is being required, either through USCF membership or payment of rating

Among the recent 100% rated tournaments were the Colorado Open Championship, the Southwestern Open Championship, the Michigan State Championship, the Pennsylvania State Championship, the Bay City Open Championship. And a recent submission of rating fees for non-members has added the New England Championship to the list of 100% rated tourna-

Other tournaments, yet to be played, which will be included in the 100% rated group are the Oklahoma State Championship and the Northern Indiana Open Championship. Of course, such Federation events as the U. S. Open Champ-ionship, U. S. Championship, U. S. Junior Championship have always been 100% rated events.

EVANS, PRINS TOP IN CONSULTATION

U.S. Champion Larry Evans in consultation with Dutch master Lodewijk Prins at the Manhattan Chess Club won an exhibition game in 35 moves from the redoubtable combination of former U.S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky and chess coitor Israel A. Horowitz. As Black, Reshevsky and Horowitz played a Sicilian defense and the White team of Evans and Prins were successful with a novel line of successful with a novel line of play involving the playing of 5. P-KB3 and castling Q-side. (See Tournament Life for game with notes by Champion Larry Evans.)

FORMULATE PLANS FOR CALIF. ASS'N

A steering committee of LeRoy Johnson and George Croy of Los Angeles and W. G. McClain and H. J. Ralston of San Francisco met at Atascadero to draw up plans for the creation of a California State Chess Federation, based upon the many existing chess leagues in the State. There have been several abortive attempts to organize a State Association in chess-active California, but none have had the chances of success that rest in the present endeavor and the growing recognition of all California players of the need for a state organization.

CFC ELECTS **NEW OFFICERS**

Our neighbor, the Chess Federation of Canada, has elected a new siate of officers at the annual meetsiate of officers at the annual meeting in Vancouver. Henry Loose of 194 Church St. Weston, Ont. becomes president. Other officers: D. MacAdam Ist vice-president (Montreal), Clarence Carroll 2nd vice-president (Chilliwack, B.C.), Osias Bain of 52 d'Aiguillon St. secretary (Quebec), John West treasurer (Ottawa), Max Guze auditor (Montreal), B. Freedman FIDE delegate (Toronto)

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FRAUDS IN CHESS

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C HESS Forgeries are fortunately rare, but they are not unknown; and so editors of chess publications, whether national in scope or limited to regional or club circulation, should always exercise extreme care in selecting the material they publish. For when a chess forgery is circulated, it is not only a deception foisted upon the unsuspecting reader but is a damaging and base libel on the reputation of the alleged victim in the forgery.

Recently in a western club publication there appeared two game scores in which a 17-year old player "came up with a pair of amazing sacrificial orgies." The alleged victims of V. R.—— (as we will designate this young player) were C. Bagby, a noted player of San Francisco, and former U. S. Open Champion Arthur Bisguier.

Our curiosity was aroused immediately by the alleged 13-move victory over Bisguier, which supposedly occured in a "stake game" at New York in July of this year. It seemed improbable to us that Bisguier would be a victim of such a trap in a much analyzed variation of the Ruy Lopez—an opening in which his familiarity and skill are well known—particularly in a "stake" game. Our curiosity was increased when we were informed by a Californian correspondent that the alleged victim in the other published score, C. Bagby of San Francisco, denied categorically that he had played the game in question or that he had participated for the Mechanics Institute in an interclub match in December, 1950. Our correspondent further stated that he

match in December, 1950. Our correspondent further stated that he could not trace any record of such an interclub match in December, 1950, as alleged in connection with the published score of the game.

In consequence, in the interests of truth and justice, we asked our New York correspondent, Mr. Eliot Hearst, to contact Mr. Bisguier and gain his statement regarding the validity of the published incident. We quote below the pertinent passages from a letter received from Pvt. Arthur Bisguier, now at Ft. Jackson, S. C.:

I received a piece of correspondence from Ellot Hearst which contained the score of a class game I was supposed to have lost with a Mr. V. R.—— as the victor in the alleged encounter. I have never heard of Mr. R.——, the score of the game is completely unfamiliar to me, the variation is one of my favorites I would never fall victim to such a trap in the gambit variation of the Ruy Lopez), and last, but by no means least, I was inducted into the armed forces June 27, 1951, and I did not visit New York until October 1, 1951, Since the alleged game was supposed to have taken place in New York sometime during the month of July, Mr. R.—— evidently confused me with some other gentleman.

It becomes very obvious therefore that the "brilliancy" in question is spurious; it occurred only in the over-imaginative mind of young Mr. V. R——, who psychologically may have confused fact and fancy. That this confusion can occur we know from the researches of Dr. A. Buschke and Fred Reinfeld into the earlier career of Dr. Alexander Alekhine, for both these authors have produced verified instances which Dr. Alekhine published as actual game scores what were in reality only analysis of possible but unplayed variations in the actual

they owe an eternal duty of viligence to their readers in order to prevent the publication of such forgeries, whenever possible. And we trust that the editor of the chess publication who was victimized by Mr. V. R——'s plausible forgery, will undeceive his readers in his next issue by publishing the true facts regarding this fraud. He owes this much to Mr. Bisguier's reputation as a player to relieve him of the onus of being the victim of a spurious brilliancy. And henceforth all editors of chess publications will be well advised to view with scepticism any future scores submitted by Mr. V. R——, unless well authoritized from other sources. thenticated from other sources.

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In passing, we might also mention the very reprehensible habit of some editors in printing chess problems and end-game positions without giving full credit to the composers. This actually constitutes theft in a moral and quasi-legal sense, for while it is always permissible to republish problem compositions, it is never permissible to deprive the composers of their just due as the creators of such positions. Editors sometimes err through a failure to realize that a definite standard of professional ethics covers the republication of any previously printer material—a standard of ethics that all reputable publications recognize and follow.

It is even more reprehensible to publish a modern problem composi-It is even more reprehensible to publish a modern problem composi-tion (as one club periodical did recently) with the statement that it was discovered in an "old chess magazine." For this erronious statement implies to readers who recognize the authorship of the problem that the modern composer plagiarized it from an older position. The im-plication is a nasty one, and every honest editor will avoid creating such unfounded implications simply by publishing the source from which the problem position was actually obtained and the name of the com-poser. Failure to publicize source and authorship of any material re-produced from other sources is unethical in the extreme and such

failure brands the editor as being careless, indifferent and dishonest (although he may actually only be uninformed concerning the strict ethics of publishing).

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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THE year 1951 has taken a heavy toll of American problem com-posers. First there was Alain C. White; now, from Dr. P. G. Keeney and Peter Korf, comes news of the death on October 19 of Otto Wurzburg of Grand Rapids, Michigan. With the passing of these men two of the giants of the problem world have left our midst.

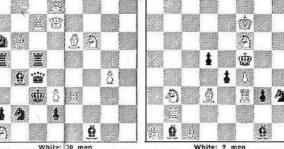
of the giants of the problem world have left our midst.

Mr. Wurzburg was seventy-six years old and had lived all his life in Grand Rapids, where he had been employed by the Post Office Department. Nephew of the great W. A. Shinkman, he became a distinguished composer in his own right, beginning when he was in his teens and continuing through more than half a century. He was a master of the lightweight, aiming at artistic and pointed effects with economical use of White and Black force. Though he composed more than a thousand problems he never made one hastily, seeking always to produce a polished setting that solvers would remember. One of his classies is reproduced below, as fresh in its appeal today as it was classics is reproduced below, as fresh in its appeal today as it was when it first came from his brain and fingers fifty-five years ago.

Problem No. 291

By Burney M. Marshall
Shreveport, La. Unpublished Black: 10 men

Problem No. 292 By Montgomery Major Oak Park, III. Unpublished Black: 7 men



White: 10 men 3K4, 2RQ4, sB2IS3, r1r5, 2kPR3, ps1p4, S4b2 White mates in two me 1bq3P1,

Problem No. 293 By J. Jesus Cornejo Aguascaliante, Mexico Unpublished Black: 9 men

White: 9 men 8, 5K2, 5S2, 3p1k2, 4pP2, 1S1B1Rps, 1R6, QbB3b1 White mates in two moves

Problem No. 294

By the Late Otto Wurzburg

British Chess Magazine 1896 Black: 4 men



White: 8 men 2S5, 1rsRipri, 2p351, 1pklSiR1, 1p6, 1P1PP3, 2K5, 8 White mates in two moyes

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page

The Editor Reads A Book

By Montgomery Major

THE ROYAL GAME, Chess for Young People, by Edith Lucie Weart; illustrated by B. Brussel-Smith; New York, The Vanguard Press, Inc., 1948; \$2.50. 64 pp, 71 diagrams.

THIS is the only book of instruction on chess that exists in English for the sole purpose of teaching chess to children, but it would also serve excellently to instruct the parents. Miss Weart has spent many years in teaching chess to children in the cardiac ward at Bellevue Hospital, and in this book she has collected all the lessons she has learned through practical experience about teaching chess to young

First, each piece speaks for itself, telling the reader what it is, why it exists, and what its part is in the scheme of chess. And the method of instruction is socratic, for each piece asks questions about itself—the questions that a bright child would ask it—and then answers them fully and completely.

Second, each piece is clearly illustrated, both as it appears in the standard Staunton-pattern set and as it appears in a chess diagram. And the movements of the pieces are concisely demonstrated upon the most effective diagrams that this reader has ever seen. In these large clear-type diagrams, the profuse use of color makes it impossible for the most stupid beginner not to understand precisely how each piece moves upon the board. upon the board.

Many fundamental positions are also illustrated by these diagrams,

Many fundamental positions are also illustrated by these diagrams, while the concepts of mate and check are vividly portrayed. Notation is also treated in a very simple and lucid manner which makes the learning easy, as well as being fun.

In addition to these features, the clever illustrative drawing of Brussel-Smith are designed to catch a youngster's eye and lead him inquisitively to discover more about a book with such attractive and exciting drawings in it. Certainly a must for anyone who wishes to teach chess to youngsters.

Chess Life In New York By Eliot Hearst

THE 1951 U.S. Women's Champion has just been crowned, and, for the first time since 1944 the diadem rests not on the head of either Mrs. G. K. Gresser or Miss N. May Karff; Mary Bain has

Mrs. Bain, who has in the past few years been most successful in competition with male experts, never before exhibited her best chess against players of her own sex; in this tourney, however, she demonstrated skill, determination, and tenacity. Witness her exciting semi-final round struggle with Mrs. Gresser; this game, which meant so much to both contestants, was extremely hard fought, both sides missing wins at various stages and at other stages rallying valiantly to hold a crumbling position. After almost eleven hours of play and 109 moves the game was finally drawn, and by a victory over Miss Racting in the last round, Mrs. Bain clinched the title

Unlike the procedure at the conclusion of a men's championship, there was no widespread shaking of hands; Mrs. Bain was the re-cipient of more kisses than handshakes this time! Women's tourneys are becoming more and more popular!!?

This championship received excellent publicity in the New York papers, some of the largest carrying daily reports and here and there a feature story on one or there a feature story on one or more of the contestants could be found; e. g., the "Brooklyn Eagle" ran an article on Mrs. Grumette, that borough's representative in the tourney, while the Sunday Magazine section of the "Herald Tribune" contained an "expose" of the private life of our formals Tribune" contained an "expose" of the private life of our female chess stars. A "Life" Magazine photographer was on hand for several of the last few rounds also, while Miss Kellner and Mrs. Owens appeared on the "Break the Bank" Radio Show. The women chess players really took Gotham Chess players really took Gotham chess players really took Gotham by storm!

The Marshall Chess Club ban-quet, celebrating the victories of its members, Larry Evans and Jim Sherwin, was a huge success. Many Sherwin, was a nuge success. Many famous masters and chess fans attended—to mention but a few, Rueben Fine, I. A. Horowitz, Herman Steiner, Alexander Bisno, Edward Lasker, George E. Roosevelt, Harold Phillips, Lodewijk Prins, Horace Bigelow, Milton Hanauer, Max Pavey, and all the contestants in the women's tourney then in progress. Larry Evans announced at the banquet his intention to play Herman Steiner a 16 game match early in 1952 for the U.S. Championship; so now the former champion and present champion will fight it out for the title! Larry was presented with a unique chess postal set designed by Frank J. Marshall himself; it was felt that if Marshall were still alive today, he would have wanted Larry to have it. Jimmy Sherwin, the New York champion, also was the recipient of many fine words, and a lovely "chess tie" was given him as a remembrance of the evening. Thunderous applause greeted Mrs. Marshall, the boss-lady of the Marshall Chess Club, and so overcome was she by this burst of enthusiasm that she did not re-member all she intended to say. She told us afterwards that she wanted to mention the donation of Mrs. Fritz Brieger towards prizes in Marshall junior tourneys—con-tests which have unearthed many a promising youngster. A great burst of enthusiasm greeted Herman Helms also as the "Dean of American Chess" rose to say a few words; Mr. Louis Wolff, the toastmaster, spoke of Mr. Helms' great contributions to chess, and

the banquet the guests walked (Please turn to page 3, col. 5)

of the still potent chess play of this "youthful octogenarian." After

By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

I'N RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yes 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.



ROLISCH Paris, 1864

mating purposes. 51. I. R.K7 ch, K.BI; 2. B.K6 mate. It is remarkable that the White Queen is superfluous for

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Diagram 52

White moves PRICE

52, I. P-Q4 chi, PxP e.p.; S. Q(4)-B4 mate. A pretty finish from a simultaneous exhibition.

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Because of the uncooperative indifference of the organizers, these tournaments will not be rated in the next National Rating List unless reports are submitted prompless reports are submitted promp-ity, although failure to rate these events will deprive the players in them of well earned credit. CHESS LIFE cannot rate tourna-ments without cooperation in sub-mitting complete reports.

Southern Association Tournament at Ashville, July, 1951. Vermont State Championship, date unknown.

New Mexico State Championship, August, 1951.

Georgia State Championship, Septem-ber, 1951.

Lake Erie Open Tournament, October, 1951.

Quebec Provincial Championship, October, 1951.

UTAH PROVIDES GALA TOURNEY

The Utah State Chess Tournament, sponsored by the Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club, promises to rival the Colorado Open as a big event in the mountain states Thirty players have been invited to this event, including the top players of neighboring states. Besides 10 ranking Utah players, those invited include 8 ranking piayers from Nevada, 8 from Idaho, 2 from Colorado, and 2 from Wyoming.

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BOTVINNIK PLAYS FOR USSR TITLE

According to Trud, the Russian trade publication, in the 19th USSR Championship at Moscow, beginning on November 18th, World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik will be among the participants. Others in the event (many of whom qualiin the event (many of whom quali-fied in preliminary regional en-counters) are listed as: P. Keres, D. Bronstein, I. Boleslavsky, V. Smyslov, S. Flohr, Y. Averbakh, L. Aronin, E. Heller, N. Kopylov, I. Lipnitsky, O. Moiseyev, N. Novo-telnov, T. Petrosan, V. Simagia, M. Taironett, Taranaca, I. Best M. Taimanov, E. Terpugov, I. Bonderevsky, and A. Kotov.

North City (Phila.) Chess Club saw U. S. Junior Champion Saul Wachs capture its annual club tourney with 61/2-1/2 in a 7 round Swiss in an exciting finish, besting contender Herbert Hickman in the contender Herbert Hickman in the semi-final round, and J. Cotter in the final encounter. Pitts inter-collegiate star Hickman finished second with 6-1, and A. Koppany third with 5½-1½. J. Cotter was fourth with 5-2, while J. Thomson was declared B Class Champion with 4½-2½ score on his S-B points. Wachs' draw with 1950 Champion J. Seibert who had to be content with sixth place this year.

MARITIME CHAMPIONSHIP

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Moncton, 1951
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2. D. Weaver (Summerside)43-15
3. Carl Webber (Halifax)41-11
4. Maurice Elman (Saint John)31-25
5. O. Doucett (Moneton) 34-25
6. D. Rozman (Charlottetown)3 -3
7. George Beals (Halifax)3 -3
8. C. Toombs (Charlottetown)3 -3
9. Wm. Mayfield (Halifax)3 -3
10. G. S. Grimmer (Dalhousie)3 -3
11. Cliff Sherwood (Moneton)2 -4
12. Jas. Davidson (Moneton)2 -4
13. Dr. R. Hradecky (Moncton)1 -5
14. A. J. Doucette (Moncton)1 -5

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Decatur (III.) Chess Club bowed 5-2 before the might of the Illini Chess Club of the University of Illinois at Urbana. Victors for the Illini were Paul Poschel, Jay Ba-jorek, S. Gartenhaus, Ted Shiff and D. Fischlemer. Decatur winners were Gerald Garver and Jack Hartley.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club saw Dr. Tulio Pizzi win the Summer Experts Tourney with A. Kaufman second and K. Nedved third: while E. Spanur topped the sum mer Ladder Tourney with Wm. Sil-ton second and Dr. E. Dunston third. Dr. Pizzi, who has completed his research at the University of Chicago, departs for Europe and then Chili. Before leaving, he held a 19 board simultoneous, losing games to Dr. L. Peal and A. Busch, drawing 3 and winning 14.

Ohio Chess Association elected Ohio Chess Association elected S. S. Keeney president Curtis Garner vice-president, Howard Lorton 2nd vice-president, A. H. Martens treasurer, and Al Ohralik secretary. The trustees at large elected were: E. Johnson, R. R. Beckner, J. L. Stevens, S. L. Trumbull, and Paul Wortman. Elected as life members of the OCA in appreciation of their past services were: A. R. Phillips, Art Plueddeman, Marvin H. Allison, Sr., and J. L. Stevens. J. L. Stevens.

Ontario Chess Association saw the following officers chosen: W. Henry Loose (Weston) president, F. R. Anderson (Toronto) secretary, R. B. Cody (Toronto) treasurer, Directors are B. Freedman and J. Wallace (Toronto), and J. C. West (Ottawa).

Baton Rouge (La.) YMCA Boys Chess Club has been organized for players under 18 years, and plans are set for a separate round robin city championship event with the winner entered in the annual adult city tournament.

Berkeley (Calif.) Chess Club saw the Class A Club title go to Emil Ladner with 12-2 score in an 8 player double round robin, Lad-ner lost twice to runner-up Dr. Edward Kupka but was otherwise unbeaten. Dr. Kupka scored 11-3 for second, while Leonard Ralston was third with 9½-3½.

Nampa (Ida.) Chess Club cele-brated its first anniversary by electing Marion D. Parsons presi-dent and Roy S. Parker secretary. The Nampa club plans a gala city tournament for November 29th for which the Nampa City Recreation Board has provided an attractive trophy.

Castle (Calif.) Chess Club saw Henry Gross and Guthrie McClain tied for first in the club tourney with 7½-1½ each. Gross defeated McClain but lost to N. E. Fal-coner who placed third with 7-2. McClain defeated Falconer. The tourney was a 10 player round robin.

Kalamazoo Valley (Mich.) Chess Club scored a 7-5 victory over the Battle Creek Chess Club at Battle Creek. Winning for Kalamazoo ere: Henry R. Meifert, Don Mark, Everet Vander Roest, Dr. R. A. McNeil and Marshall Henwood, while Sam Allerton and Paul Lig-

tvoet drew.
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With The Chess Clubs

Salt Lake City YMCA (Utah) thess Club, which will sponsor the Utah State Championship event No-vember 10-12, elected Farrell L. Clark president, H. Jack Allen vice-president, Allen Muliak secretary, and Charles Metzalaar treasurer.

For The Tournament-Minded

December 2

Northern Indiana Tourney

Gary, Ind.
At Gary YMCA, beginning 10:00 a.m.; 5 round Swiss event, two hours each round, ties broken by S-B; no prizes and no entry fees but entrants must either be USCF members or pay a 50c rating fee; all players invited; sponsored by Gary Chess Club and South Bend YMCA Chess Club; for details write Floyd B. Bolton, 7431 Baring Parkway, Hammond, Ind. 100% USCF Rated Tournament.

December 1-2

Oklahoma State Championship Tulsa, Okla. Open to residents of Oklahoma;

5 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 (includes \$2.00 OCA dues and \$3.00 USCF dues); special student entry fee \$1.00; trophies and medals for first ten places. Also B Class tourney open to Oklahoma residents who have not played in State Tourney; entry fee \$1.50 (includes OCA \$1.00 and USCF rating fee 50c); 5 round Swiss; trophy and medals for first 5 places; for details on either event, write: Bob Virgin, 1941 No. Main, Tulsa, Okla.

December 1-2

Virginia Closed Tournament

Charloftesville, Va.
Open to residents of Virginia;
will be held at Albermarle Hotel,
Charlottesville; 5 round Swiss; a
rated tournament; first round begins 9 a.m. December 1; entry fee \$2.50 plus \$1.00 Virginia Chess Federation dues if not a member; rederation dues it not a member; prizes for first three places; for further details write. Roscoe Puckett, 2 Humphreys House, Uni-versity of Virginia, Charlottesville,

December 22-23, 29-30

Chicago City Chess League Social

Tournament
Chicago, Illinois
Open to all; entry fee \$3.00 plus
deposit; prelims will sort players
into A, B and C Finals; probable
legation the Chicago Chess &
moves location the Chicago Chess & Checker Club; time limit 60 moves per hour.

December 28-30

Illinois Open Tournament Decatur, Illinois

Open to all players, will be held at Hotel Orlando; 6 or 7 round Swiss; first round begins 8 p.m. Friday; entry fee \$5.00; all entry plus medals for 1st and 2nd; mini-mum of \$75.00 guaranteed for 1st; for further details write: Hugh E. Myers, 1203 So. Illinois St., De-catur, III. It will be appreciated if those players who can, will bring clocks and sets.

Chess Life

Tuesday, November 20, 1951

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 82 啦 曾 : 8 麗

škl, p4ppp, Qp2s3, 2r5, 1P3PPP, 3R2K Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 82 by December 20, 1951 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE.

Solution to Position No. 79

This lively little combination occurred at Bad East Size between Benxinger and Hennig. The State Steween Benxinger and Hennig. The State St Solution to Position No. 79

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(Continued from page 2, col. 5) around the corner to the quarters of the Marshall Chess Club and spent the rest of the evening in friendly chess combat.

IN BRIEF: In the first college match of the season Columbia's Intercollegiate Champion team was held to a tie by a strong N. Y.U. aggregation by a score of 2½-2½. The defeats of Columbia's top two men, Hearst and Sherwin, by Margulies and Weissman respectively played an important part in de-termining the outcome of the match . . . Manhattan Chess Club prelims have begun to determine qualifiers in its annual champion-ship . . . Marshall championship standings after two rounds: Hearst 2-0; Collins and Pilnick 1½-½.

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SCOTCH GAME

Blindfold Exhibition

New York, 1951

Notes by R. Klugman

KixKi KixPxKi had expected 7, B-Q2, O-O; 8, B-Q3, P-I as in Alekhine-Alexander, Margate, 37.

at col. 2, Page 401 of PCO.

13, P-KR3

Preparing for Q-B3. If played immediately, it would be met by P-KK14; 14.

B-K13, B-K15; 15. BxP, BxQ; 16. BxQ, QBx

B; 17. PxB, QR-K11, but White stands much better! Or 13. Q-B1, Q-Q3; 14.

BxK1, QxB; 15. Q-R3 with equality.

13. — Q-Q3 14. Q-B3 KF-K5

Threatening the exchange, and minimizing the power of the KB.

15. KR-K1 B-K12 16. P-B4 P-KK4

Playing for the ending which gives Black an edge.

17. B-K13 KYB 18. PxK†

After 18. PxKt KLUGMAN

77. O-O 10. B-R4 O-O R-K1 11. PxP B-KK15 P-KR3 12. PxB P.KR3 12. PXB PXP
w by transposition we have arrived P.KR3 parting for Arrived P.CO.

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Tournament Life

11. Kt-Ki5, Kt-B3; 12. BxB, KtxB; 13. Kt-Q6, K-K2; 14. KtxKtP, Q-Kt3 with a dangerous attack. Kt-B1
11., QKt-Q2 is safer but less force-ful. The text eventually makes White purt with the two Bs due to the threat of, Kt-Q5 in obtaining the two Bs, however, Black :nust submit to a weakening of his P structure on the Q-side.

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sure against Black's weak Q-should win. = 23. KR-Q1 P-KB4 25. RxRch 24. Q-R5 R-Q1

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

RUY LOPEZ

Midwestern Open Championship No. Platte, 1951 Notes by Edw. J. Korpanty

Notes by Edw. J. Korpanty
White
J. PENQUITE
L. P.K4
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P.K4
B.R4
K. B.R3
C. WALES
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K. B.R3
C. WALES
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time by making this more.

9. R-K1

10., Kt-K1 is better. It keeps the QB diagonal open and the Kt is much handler there to defend the K-side.

11. Kt-R3

Kt-K1

12. B-B2

Kt-K15

Waluss he injended to move P-QB4 im-

12. B-B2 Kf-Kf5 Unless he intended to move P-QB4 im-mediately, this is useless. Instead of this he should have made his 13th move

tims in should like the last some last to see impending danger.

Ki-B3 would offer at least some sort of pressure. As it is he has done White a distinct favor. Black evidently fails to see impending danger.

Ki-B3 l6. Expch

After 16, BxP ch

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After 23., R-K3 崖 die Q å 殿 M 8 0 管

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24. RxBch Resigns
The surprise: KxR is followed by 24.
Q-B7 ch, K-B1 and 26. R-Kt1.

J. E. Howarth J. Lapin E. J. Korpanty Dr. J. Platz Mayer F. Reinfeld Dr. B. Rozsa A. E. Santasiere Wayne Wagner J. Soudakoff Dr. M. Herzberger Golden Gate Chess Club (San Francisco) is a very recent acquisi-

K. Crittenden

tion to California chess, being still in the process of organization. It will occupy quarters in the Mer-cedes Bldg., 251 Post Street, and applications for membership may obtained from Henry Gross 63 Post Street.

EPITAPH FOR A CHESS PLAYER When Gabriel Blows his horn And they call my name, May I not Have to say Have to say
"I had a won game."
—Frank Hanley

Chess Has Its Forgeries

C OUNTERFEIT chess games are a rare but not unknown incident in the long history of chess. The two games below represent rather unusual brilliancies in the field of chess forgery, which have in fact imposed upon the credulity of several editors of chess publications. In an editorial in this issue the facts concerning these two forgeries are related, including the terse disclaimers of the two alleged victims of these brilliancies. The games themselves remain of interest and are therefore published with annotations, as curiosities in the wide field of chess

SICILIAN DEFENSE Russian Club vs. Mechanics Institute?? San Francisco, December 1950?? Notes by J. Mayer

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6. Kt-B3!

The necessary consequence of his preceeding play.
6. PxKt 7. QxP!

After 7. QxP!



11. QxKtP R-B1 12. R-Q1 Kt-B3 13. QxRchl Resigns

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much safer. The text leads to tions the blindfold player could 20. PxP RxRch?

was OxKtP, but the 24. P-K14 25. R-Q7?? RPxQ R-R2 had exp

cted this instead of

23. R-K7 Loses, but R-K2. The 25. 26. R-Q4 27. R-K4ch 28. R-Q4ch 29. R-Q8 30. R-K88 technique, 31. RxP 32. R.R7 -33. P.R4 34. R.K17 35. K-R2 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE Consultation Game

New York, 1951

Notes by Larry Evans

White
L. EVANS
S. RESHEVSKY
L. PRINS
L. A. HOROWITZ
L. P.K4
P.QB4
L. KI-KB3
P.Q3
S. P-KB3
S. P-KB3
S. P-KB3
Deen known for a long time but Prins
had some prepared analysis which we
decided to give the acid test.
Deen norder to prevent 6. P-QB4 Black must

5. — P.K4
In order to prevent 6. P-QB4 Black must immediately break in the center; but not 5. — P.Q4; 6. P.K5 and P.K6. The text is virtually forced.
6. KI-K13
The "new" move The older 5. KI-CP-15.

5. Kt-Kt3
The "new" move. The older 5. Kt-Qkt5,
P-Q4!; 7. PxP, B-QB4! is unpleasant,
while 6. B-Kt5-ch yields no advantage.
6. — P-Q4 7. B-Kt5 B-K3
7. —, P-Q5; 8. P-B3 is in White's

favor.

8. PxP QxP 9. K1-B3

9. QxQ ch is no better.

10. B-Q2! Q-Q1! w. B-42! Q-Q1!
An improvement over 10. ..., BxKt;
11. BxB, Kt-B3; 12. B-Q3 with advantage,
as in Prins-Pire, Bad Pyrmont, 1951.
Of course not 10., Q-Q2; 11. Kt-Kt5!
11. B-Kt5ch EVANS-PRINS

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26. P.KK441

Threatening 27. PxP, PxP; 28. QxP!
(28. ... RxB; 29. Q-B8 mate).
26. ... P.85
Realitively better is 26. ... B-B3; 27.
PxP, PxP; 28. B-K3 with on overwhelming position. White was in mild, Black in severe time-pressure.
27. B-B8 B-B3 22. B-B5
Not 28. B-Q6, Q-Kt3 with counterplay.
The threat is now 28. B-Q8.
Prins muttered, "We refuse to be impressed!" I 28. K-Kt2; 29. P-KR4.
29. ... K-Kt2; 29. P-KR4.
29. ... K-Kt2; 31. B-K5!
31. B-K5 Q-K6ch 33. BxBch 32. K-K11 QxP 34. Q-K6ch K-Kt2
"This can't be the right position!" Prins expandated. K-R1 his can't be the right position!" Propatiated. R-Q7ch Resigns r if 35., K-R3; 36. Q-R5 mate.

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Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

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(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra credit for cor-

rect claims of "cooks," i.e., valid solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions for problems in the October 5 issue received up to time we

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11. BxB KtxKtch P-KB3 was better as the move selected provides a target for the White Ps. 13. B-Q3 R-K1 14. O-O-O P-QR3 Underestimating White's game. Black should regroup his K-side for the storm. 15. QR-K1 P-QK14 19. PxP 16. P-KB4 B-B3 20. P-R5 B-K12 17. P-B5 Kr-K2 21. PxP 18. P-KR4 Q-Q3 There is no combination because of the provided regroup his provided regroup

18. P.KR4 Q-Q3
There is no combination here yet; but where a series of moves have all forced answers, it is necessary to examine the end position. Here Black must have thought he was getting out of trouble at the cost of a P by exchanging off the attacking pieces. White here examined the position as it had to be after move 25, and saw a combination. Otherwise he would not have gone in for the exchange of pieces.

21. PRP 23. RXK1 R-K3
22. BXP KIXB

Solutions:

Finish It the Clever Way!
Position No. 69; 1. P-KR3, QxP; 2.
QxBP (!), Resigns.

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Notes by J. Mayer

RUY LOPEZ

Manhattan Chess Club?? New York, July, 1951??

Notes by J. Mayer

White
A. BISGUIER??
1. P.K4 P.K4 3. B.Kt5 P.KB4
2. KI-KB3 KI-QB3
The Schliemann or Gambil defense, a sometime favorite of Herman Steiner and Eliot Hearst, it has never been quite refuted. (Bisguier plays it, too—the Editor.)

A KI-B3 P.XP 5. QKIXP P-Q4
And here is the newest point—a post PCO move which, as far as I know, was suggested by Horowitz and first played by Denker vs. O'Kelly at Mar del Plata, 1947.

G. KIXP P.XK1 7. Q-RSch
P.KH. HOWEN Analysis gave 7. KixKi, P-XKI
White's advantage. I see no reason to debate this view. P.KS 8. KixP. P-XKI
A clever move with a difficult (to see) motivation, 9. QXR Q-B31 10. QXKf

motivation. Q-B3! 10. QxKf
9. QxR
Q-B3! 10. QxKf
11 is perfectly clear, by applied second guessing (the analyst's privilege), that white was best off with 10, QxQ, KtxQ;
11. P.QB3 with a fairly reasonable position.

After 13. B-QB4

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White has nothing left but to contemplate the infinite.

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the Q and R. 27. QxRch Resigns Black's play shows lack of experience.

PETROFF DEFENSE

North Jersey League Match June, 1951 Notes by Nathaniel Cohen from Bulletin of New Jersey Chess Ass'n"

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White
N. COHEN
I. PLUNKETT
(Jersey City Y)
I. C. C. of Oranges)
I. P.K4 P.K4 A KirkB3 KtxP
2. KirkB3 KirkB3 S. P.Q4 P.Q4
3. KtxP P.Q3 6. B.K3 B.K2
Playable, but B.Q3 gives better counterattacking chances.
7. B.Q3 KirQB3 8. KirQ2 QB-B4
Using a B for a P's Job. P.KB4 is
stronger. Here White began to "evolve"
a plan. Black will have to repost this
B, and it is also a target for White's
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B, and it is also a target for White's
B, P.QB3
O-O 10. Q-B2
"Maybe' is now a certainty. White lets
Black double the Ps to open a file.
11. BxB KIXKIC
12. PXKT P.K13
14. Q-QA P.QB3
2. KI il Q-QA P.QB3