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TELECAST CHESS LESSONS!



Sam Teitelbaum at the large wall demonstration-board which will be used in the television show "Learn to Play Chess in 30 Minutes" on KSL-TV, Salt Lake City. Photo Courtesy: Deseret News

Salt Lake City Chess Club Cooperates With University And Deseret News

Chess is not new to the television channels, for simultaneous exhibitions and matches have been telecast upon several occasions, and noted chess players have been interviewed over television as well as radio. But something new in telecasting chess has been contributed by the chess enthusiasts of Salt Lake City.

Recognizing the value of chess as a recreational program for the invalid, the crippled and the shut-in because it demands no physical exercise or movement, these Salt Lake chess players realized that the principle difficulty was the teaching of these scattered individuals. And inspiration gave them the clue to overcome this difficulty of space by television.

As a result a series of lessons in chess elements, demonstrated visually on a wall board will be given over the facilities of KSL-TV in Salt Lake City. The instructor will be Sam Teitelbaum, past president of the Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club and one of the ranking local players, on the "U and Culture" Program, produced for the University of Utah by Rex Campbell. The series of chess lessons will be co-sponsored by the University, the Salt Lake Chess Club and the Deseret News, which has already done much to promote chess through its "Let's Play Chess" column, conducted by Harold Lundstrom.

Plans in telecasting the chess lessons include provisions for the attendance of a number of handicapped children at the telecast in person to participate in the show as well as serving as a studio audience.

BENEDITTI WINS UTAH OPEN EVENT

William Beneditti of Las Vegas Nevada State Champion, won the Utah Open Championship with 5-1, cutting down all opponents after a first round loss to Irvin Taylor of Salt Lake City, and obtaining possession of the Sam Teitelbaum Trophy. Second place on S-B points went to Phil Neff, University of Utah student, who also was accorded the Utah State Championship — a title he had won previously several years ago. In scoring 4-2, Neff lost to Beneditti and Gredance in the last two rounds.

Tied also with 4-2 each but third on S-B points were Farrell L. Clark of Salt Lake City and Maurice Gredance of Las Vegas. Clark lost games to Neff and Beneditti; Gredance lost to Clark and drew with Lewis Page and William Tabor. Tied with 3½-2½ each, but fifth and sixth on S-B points were 1950 winner William Tabor of Reno and Don Crawford, the blind expert from Boise. Twelve players (4 from Nevada and 1 from Idaho) participated in the 6 round Swiss event directed by Carl Schack and Harold Lundstrom. Gold and Bronze medals were awarded to the first four place winners.

EL'TRONIC BRAIN DODGES MATCH

A portable electronic brain, devised to cost a mere \$80,000.00 and weighing 500 pounds, has been developed by the Computer Research Corp. of Hawthorne, Calif. — a baby compared with such giants as Harvard's, MIT's and other million dollar brains. One of its designers, Richard Sprague, says that it could even play chess, but that it would be monotonous for the CRC-102 (the name of the baby-brain) would always win.

Donald H. Jacobs, president of the Jacobs Instrument Co. of Bethesda, Md. and developer of a 140-pound mechanical brain of his own, proved sceptical and challenged the California pint-sized electronic brain to a best-of-20 chess match for \$1,000.00 promising not to use his own mechanical brain in the struggle. The challenge was not accepted by CRC-102, on the grounds that the "urgency for this machine in the defense effort makes such a tournament untimely." So man still reigns supreme in chess.

BAIN CAPTURES QUEBEC SPEED

Osiias Bain triumphed in the Quebec Provincial Speed Championship by winning the playoff 1½-½, while J. Gersho scored 1-1 and J. Therien ½-1½. In the regular finals Bain, Gersho and Therien tied at 4-2 each, while Dr. Rauch and Maroney scored 3-3 each, Trolier 2½-3½, Benoit ½-5½. In the preliminaries Bain won 5-0, Therien 4½-½ and Gersho 6-0 in their respective sections. The event was held at Shawinigan Falls.

GOULD TRIUMPHS IN NEWBURYPORT

Bartlett Gould of Newburyport, one of the enthusiastic promoters of the annual Newburyport Open, at last was rewarded for his labors by winning the 5 round 9 player Swiss event with the perfect score of 5-0. Harold Lester of Center Sandwich, N. H. was second with 4-1, losing to Gould, while Gordon Herndon of Ipswich and Charles Waterman of Amesbury tied for third with 3-2 each. Former New Hampshire Champion Orlando Lester, Jr. directed the event.

KOLTANOWSKI SET FOR NEW RECORD

As a part of the gala Chess Festival sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle with the cooperation of the Bay Area Chess League and the Industrial Chess League, George Koltanowski on December 2 will engage in establishing a new blindfold record by playing 10-second chess blindfold against one man at a time from noon to evening. A number of individual simultaneous performances are also scheduled with prominent San Francisco players giving exhibition during the afternoon and evening.

WACHS VICTOR IN TRI-STATE

Saul P. Wachs of Philadelphia, U.S. Junior Champion, won the 1951 Tri-State title with a score of 4½-½, drawing with Allen DuVall of St. Albans, W. Va. Ohio State Champion Harold Miller finished second with 3-2, losing to Wachs and drawing with DuVall and William Byland. In third place was West Virginia Co-Champion Allen DuVall with 2½-2½, drawing with Wachs, Miller and John Hurt, Jr. of Charleston, and losing to Byland.

Herbert Hickman of Iiaverford won the Tri-State Junior title with 3½-1½, losing a game to Charles Morgan of Huntington, and drawing with him also in the 5 round 4 player Swiss. Morgan was second with 2½-2½, losing to Burdick and drawing with Hickman, Burdick, and Howard Fleet of Dayton. Burdick and Fleet shared third with 2-3 each.

The annual Tri-State event, which consists of the meeting of the champions and runners-up of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, was held at the Governor Cabell Hotel, Huntington, W. Va., and was sponsored by the Huntington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Reid Holt of Charleston was tournament director for the event, and also for the Ohio Valley Open Tournament which was conducted in connection with the Tri-State event.

SORENSEN TOPS OHIO VALLEY

Fred A. Sorenson of Pittsburgh topped the Ohio Valley Open Championship with a 4½-½ score, drawing with H. L. Marks of Huntington. Tied for second with 3½-1½ each were Edward M. Foy of Charleston, W. R. Hamilton of Pittsburgh, Bernard Kaplan of Columbus, Bruce Marples of South Charleston, and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington. The 18 player, 5 round Swiss event was open to players from Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and was held in connection with the annual Tri-State event at Huntington, W. Va.

MAGEE TRIUMPHS IN INTERCITY

Pvt. Lee Magee of Ft. Leavenworth and Omaha managed sufficient week-end passes to walk away with the Omaha-Lincoln Intercity Championship with 7-0 score. Jerry Belzer of Omaha was second with 5-2, while David Ackerman and H. F. Underwood, both of Omaha, shared third with 4-3 each. Alex Liepnieski and Victor Pupols of Lincoln shared fifth with 3-4, while 79-year old veteran Edgar Hinman was seventh with 2-5. V. Rajnoha, who forfeited five games, placed eighth with 0-7. The event, which may become an annual affair, was for possession of the Archie Furr Trophy.

INDIVIDUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 26-30, 1951
Houston Hall
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sponsored by Intercollegiate Chess League of America and United States Chess Federation, for custody of the H. Arthur Nabel Trophy, emblematic of Collegiate individual Championship of USA.

Seven round Swiss event open to all undergraduates in good academic standing in colleges in North and South America.

Deadline for filing entries: December 26, 1951 at 10:00 a.m.

Advance registrations: Send entry plus entry fee (and USCF dues, if needed) to: Donald L. Vives, 430 West 118th St., New York 27, N. Y. by December 20, 1951. Make all checks payable to RHYS W. HAYS.

Entry fees: \$5.00 and players must be members of USCF (Dues: Michigan \$5.00, Pennsylvania, Texas and Tennessee \$4.00, elsewhere \$3.00).

Accommodations: rooms available at Central YMCA, 15th & Arch Sts. at \$1.80 to \$2.10 per night. For reservations, write Residence Department of YMCA or to Jack Gibbons, 6700 Ditman St. Philadelphia 35, Pa.

Players are requested to bring chess clocks, if possible.

Table with 2 columns: Annotators, Names (K. Crittenden, J. E. Howarth, etc.)

FRENCH DEFENSE

Newburyport Open Championship
Newburyport, 1951

Notes by Orlando Lester
White 6. B-KK5 9. O-O B-B4
7. P-KR3 BxK1 10. P-Q3 O-O
8. Qx8 Kt-B3 11. BxK1
To stop the strong Kt-Q5.

B-Q2: 10. P-Q4 and White with a P to the good is heading for a slugfest with Black. If "discretion" is desired, 6. Kt-K3 does not block the QBP.



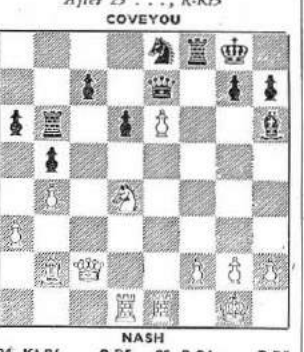
Black bites! Instantly the center congeals, giving White a target in the backward KP and furnishing access to hitherto forbidden squares.

Black anything: 49. PxFch: 50. KxP, PxB; 51. PXP, P-R3; 52. P-B3 and Black has too many points to defend.



Much better than 67. B-B1, RXP with a close ending in view in which Black has drawing chances.

After Black's next move this P will be cut out a limb. At the same time it may be a thorn in Black's side.



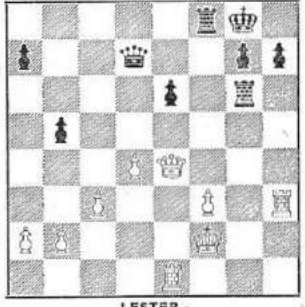
Black's game is hopeless. If 25. R-K1; 26. P-K7, R-B5 (not 26. R-B2); 27. Kt-Q8; 27. P-K3, R-K1; 28. P-B3, R-K4; 29. B-K3, R-K1; 30. QxR.

For The
Tournament-Minded

December 22-23, 29-30
Chicago City Chess League Social
Tournament
Chicago, Illinois
Open to all; entry fee \$3.00 plus \$2.00 returnable deposit;

December 29-30
Illinois Open Tournament
Decatur, Illinois
Open to all players, will be held at Hotel Orlando; 6 or 7 round Swiss;

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penthouse chess club in the world," reports that its annual championship has begun with Dr. Rubin Slater defending his club title against a field of 24 players.



Either miscalculating or overlooking the following combination. However, White's mobility should ensure the win in any case.

KING'S BISHOP OPENING
St. Louis District Championship
St. Louis, 1951

Notes by C. M. Burton
White 1. P-K4 2. B-B4
One of the most neglected of all of the sound openings. Philidor was said to have rated it at the top.

RUY LOPEZ
Southern Open Championship
Asheville, 1951

Notes by E. W. Marchand
White 1. P-K4 2. B-B4
White would have the game after 10. B-K1; 11. KtP, Kt-R4; 12. Bx8, Kt-B3. The text is little better but may muddy the waters a bit.

What's The
Best Move?
By Guilherme Groesser



White has, of course, an overwhelming position, and the question he needs to solve is merely how to finish with neatness and dispatch, not forgetting his danger from QxR mate.

MINE ZISTEM
Open timid,
Mix with guff,
Hope he blunders,
Move and bluff,
Poke around,
Set some bait,
Try to stumble
On a mate.
-Frank Hanley

RUY LOPEZ
Midwest Open Championship
No. Platte, 1951

Notes by K. Nedved
White 1. P-K4 2. B-B4
The Schliemann Defense which is adequate as an occasional shocker. It was used with success by Horowitz in the 1944 U. S. Lightning, and has been in evidence in this year's Open.

White must give back the exchange as his Q is soon driven off the rank, and he must then lose the R.
20. QxR 21. Q-B3
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Position No. 31: 1. K-K1, P-B6; 2. K-Q1, P-K7; 3. R-Q2 ch, K-B5; 4. RxP, P-K7; 5. K-B2 and draws. If 1. ... K-B5; 2. R-K3 ch, K-B7; 3. R-K2 ch, K-B8; 4. R-K2.

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