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TAKE CHESS TO HOSPITALS



CHESS FOR VETERANS

The Pennsylvania Chess Federation brings Christmas cheer in chess to the hospitalized veterans of Pennsylvania.

MOTHERS FORM NEW CHESS CLUB

Following a chess party, exhibition and tournament held in the Banks Park Housing Project Auditorium in Bay City, Mich. for the benefit of underprivileged boys, the mothers attending this gala event who had learned the game on this occasion organized the first all-women chess club in the Saginaw Valley. The club which immediately became chartered by the USCF will be known as the Rhoda Willard Chess Club, being named after Rhoda Willard Mowry who served as an army nurse in World War II during the African-Italian campaign.

Bay City already has the Rush Willard Chess Club, a USCF Chartered club affiliated with the YMCA, and the Dean Willard Chess Club affiliated with the Bay City Junior College. These are named in memory of the two brothers of Rhoda Willard, both of whom perished in action in World War II. Lieutenant Rush H. Willard was killed off Cape Charles during the early anti-submarine warfare, a P-40 fighter pilot. Lieutenant Dean D. Willard was killed in aerial combat over Germany while piloting a P-47 fighter.

HOPE TRIUMPHS IN DELAWARE

The Delaware State Championship, conducted by the Wilmington Chess Club, ended in a 4-0 victory for young Melvin M. Hope. Second place in the 7 player 4 round Swiss went to A. A. Fischer with 3-1, losing one game to Hope. C.C.C. Harding placed third on S-B points with 2-2.

YARMAK GAINS N. J. SCHOLASTIC

Saul N. Yarmak of Passaic High won the New Jersey State High-school Championship, conducted by the New Jersey Chess Federation at the Log Cabin Chess Club. Yarmak score 7-0 in the 18 player 7 round Swiss in which eight schools were represented.

Second place on S-B points went to Joel Sweifach of Sweeney High with 5½-1½, losing one game to Yarmak and drawing with Norman Hurlten. Norman Hurlten of Union High placed third with 5½-1½, losing to Yarmak and drawing with Sweifach. Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4½-2½ scores were Derwin Kerr of Cranford High, William Tritchel of Passaic High, and Morton Cohan of Sweeney High. The high school players received valuable assistance from E. Forry Laucks and Edgar McCormick.

JONES TRIUMPHS IN CHGO SOCIAL

After preliminary rounds had separated contenders into A and B Class events, K. R. Jones scored 5-1 to top the final A Class event, losing one game to Abraham Kaufman, who placed second with 4½-1½. The play was marred by the withdrawal after the second round of Djugas Ivanovich, former president of the Yugoslav Chess Federation, who was unexpectedly transferred to another city by the Yugoslav Government.

Walter Grombacher won the B Class event with 7-1, losing one game to James A. Scherer of Great Lakes, who placed second.

Pennsylvania Chess Federation Adopts Vigorous 'Chess for Veterans' Program

By WILLIAM A. RUTH

The Pennsylvania State Chess Federation (State Chapter of the USCF), at their annual meeting in October, voted to bring chess to the veterans and service men in the hospitals of Pennsylvania. It was proposed to send books and magazines to the recreational division of the various hospitals and to offer instruction, lectures, exhibitions and competition to further this campaign.

The following hospitals were selected for this service: viz., The Naval Hospital, Philadelphia; The Valley Forge Army Hospital, Coatesville and the Veterans Administration Hospitals at Altoona, Aspinwall, Butler, Coatesville, Erie, Lebanon and Wilkesbarre.

In all of the years that I have been interested in chess, I never encountered such immediate and enthusiastic support. Everyone, clubs and individuals, were generous far beyond my highest expectations. It was really wonderful.

We immediately subscribed to The Chess Review for each of the hospitals. Following this we purchased books for the boys and with the financial support continuing strong, we were able to add boards and sets of men to the other material being sent out.

Up to date, we have mailed over 350 pieces of chess material to the hospitals. The Christmas mailings, alone, consisted of 54 magazines, 36 newspaper clippings, 19 books, 31 boards, 31 plastic chess sets and 16 (8" x 8") peg sets for use in the wards.

Since starting this campaign, chess classes have been formed in the hospitals at Altoona, Aspinwall and Coatesville. Dr. Slater, of the clinical psychological section, at Coatesville has already done a remarkable job in organizing the boys at that hospital. The chess club's activities are carried in The Coatesville Flyer, the hospital's house organ. Morton B. Pruden, Chief of Recreation, Altoona, and Robert C. Boyd, Chief of Special Service, Aspinwall, are also doing excellent work in this matter.

(Those interested in contributing funds, chess material or services to this worthy cause may contact Mr. William A. Ruth, 15 Gorman Ave., Collingswood, N. J.—The Editor).

NODERER REGAINS TENNESSEE TITLE

L. C. Noderer of Oak Ridge regained the Tennessee Championship in the 8 player 5 round Swiss event at Oak Ridge. He first won in 1950. Noderer allowed one draw in five games with R. R. Coveyou, the 1947 Champion. Coveyou in turn allowed one draw with J. G. Sullivan of Knoxville, winner in 1948 and 1951, who placed third with 3½-1½, losing a game to Noderer.

Fourth place went to Brad Wade, of LaGrange, Ga. with 3-2. Among the participants in sixth place with 2-3 was W. A. Scott of Atlanta, Ga., the ranking negro player of the South and frequent contender in the Tennessee Open events.

GRAVES HEADS GRIEVANCE BOARD

USCF Vice-President Frank R. Graves, 960 East Mulkey Street, Fort Worth 3, Texas has been appointed by President Harold M. Phillips as chairman of the USCF Committee on Grievances. The committee is now considering a number of complaints from N. T. Whitaker.

TAMPA AWARDED 1952 U. S. OPEN

The United States Chess Federation has awarded the 1952 U. S. Open Championship to Tampa, Fla. under the co-sponsorship of the Tampa Chess Club and the Florida Chess League, which will have the cooperation of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Floridan Hotel in staging the event.

According to James B. Gibson, Jr., president of the Tampa Chess Club, plans for the event envision attracting a number of players from Puerto Rico, Cuba and South America to add color and gaiety to the event. Dates for the tournament have not yet been set.

GLAZER TOPS DECATUR PRELIM

With 7-0, Dr. Benjamin Glazer topped the Decatur (Ill.) City Championship preliminaries in an 8 player round robin event. Willard S. Jones was second with 5-2, and Jack Hartley placed third with 4½-2½.

Wachs Wins Intercollegiate Speed, Kaufman Takes Brilliancy Prize

James T. Sherwin of Columbia University, New York State Champion, won the National Intercollegiate Chess Tournament at Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania this Christmas. He thus gained custody of the Arthur Nabel Trophy succeeding Paul Dietz of Pittsburgh, 1949 champion. Sherwin won his first five games, then drew with Francis Mechner and Saul Wachs in the final two rounds to top the twenty-three man biennial tournament with a 6-1 score. Players from fourteen colleges competed.

Eliot Hearst of Columbia finished a close second with a score of 5½-1½. Recovering from a slow start, Hearst played brilliantly in his last three games, and his victory in the last round against Francis Mechner, his Columbia teammate, clinched second place. This game was Mechner's only loss in the 1949 and 1951 championships.

Saul Wachs of Temple the U. S. Junior Champion, finished an undefeated third, drawing four games with Crittenden, Sherwin, Hearst, and Mechner, to score 5-2. He also gained the inter-collegiate Speed Championship with an 11½-½ score. Hearst, the New York State Rapids Champion was runner-up.

Competing in his first major tournament, Allen Kaufman of N.Y.U. finished fourth. His first round game in which he sacrificed a queen, rook, and bishop won him the special brilliancy prize. (See Tournament Life for game score.)

Francis Mechner and Robert Sobel, 4½-2½ divided fifth and

TAUTVAISAS WINS ILLINOIS OPEN

Povilas Tautvaisas, Chicago City Champion, topped the 27 player 6 round Swiss Christmas tournament at Decatur, Ill. with 5½-½, drawing with runner-up John Tums of Chicago in the final round. Second on S-B points with 4½-1½ was John Tums, a recent Latvian arrival, who lost no games, but drew with Tautvaisas, Ed Vano and Clyde Gray. Third on S-B points with 4½-1½ was former U.S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, who lost a game to Valdis Tums (brother of John) and drew with Ed Vano.

Fourth to eighth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Ed Vano of East Chicago, Valdis Tums of Chicago, L. C. Young of Madison, John Penquite of Des Moines, and Dr. Max Schlosser of Decatur. The strength of the event was shown by the fact that State Champion Kimball Nedved placed 12th with 3-3. Players from Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois made it a representative middle-western event.

ENEQUIST WINS SO. CAR. OPEN

Former Maryland Champion Lars Enequist of Baltimore topped the South Carolina Open event with 4-1 in an 8 player 5 round Swiss event at Georgetown. Second place on S-B points, also with 4-1, went to Prof. L. L. Foster of Columbia, while Paul Cromelin of Charlotte was third with 3½-1½. Enequist lost one game to Cromelin, while Foster lost to Enequist. Cromelin lost a game to Foster and drew with J. M. Layton.

Herbert Hickman, Marvin Rogan, sixth. Other high scorers were Karl Burger, and James Ricard, 4-3, and Kit Crittenden, Philip Schwartz, and Joe Cotter, 3½-3½. The overall strength of the tournament was evidenced by the play of such stars as Karl Burger, Marshall Junior Champion, Kit Crittenden, North Carolina State Champion, Herbert Hickman, Tri-State Junior Champion, Jackie Mayer and Marvin Rogan, former Kentucky and Indiana State Champions.

George Koltanowski, here from California, served as tournament director and raconteur. His handling of the seven-round Swiss was both skillful and democratic and his tales of chess and chessplayers enlivened the tournament atmosphere. A vote of thanks is due too, to Girard K. Rosenblum, U. of Pennsylvania club president and to Don Vives and Rhys Hays for helping to make the tournament a success. Thanks also to U.S.C.F. Presidents Phillips and Pintelstein for their welcoming addresses, hard work, and cash contributions.

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T. R. DAWSON

AS we go to press, we learn with regret from Problem Editor S. Sedgwick of the British Chess Magazine that T. R. Dawson passed away on Sunday, December 16th, 1951. Convallescing in a hospital after a very serious illness, Mr. Dawson seemed to be improving remarkably when the unexpected relapse found him too weak to survive.

Notice is too short to summarize Mr. Dawson's career and his great influence upon the trend of chess problem composition—this must await a later issue. But it is fitting to quote a few lines from Mr. Sedgwick's letter in which his successor at the helm of the BCM Problem pages pays tribute to his predecessor: "One becomes terribly aware of one's own imperfections when one has to follow a man like Dawson. During the past year his almost magical creative powers had waned considerably and there is little doubt that the disease with which he was afflicted proved too much for even his tremendous vitality. An intellectual rebel and in many ways a highly controversial figure, he was also one of the most brilliant research chemists in rubber that the industry had. To Fairy Chess, of course, it is a staggering blow, for on the Continent his prestige was enormous."

The giants of the problem world are passing one by one into a new world of more infinite promise; and among these giants, the name of T. R. Dawson was certainly not among the least.

Montgomery Major

Even Reuters—And the New York Times Can Be Wrong....About Chess Events!

By A. BUSCHKE

On Tuesday, December 18, 1951, there was hidden on Sports Page 46 of the NEW YORK TIMES, the following short notice:

SOVIET CHESS TITLE TO KERES

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—Paul Keres has retained his title of chess champion of the U.S.S.R., having won in a tournament that included world champion Mikhail Botvinnik. Moscow Radio reported today that Keres, an Estonian, scored 18 points. Botvinnik finished fifth with 10.

A similar notice on the outcome of the XIX Soviet Chess Championship was also published in the chess column of the NEW YORK POST probably based on the N.Y. TIMES release.

Anybody even superficially familiar with Soviet Chess must have had his doubts about the correctness of this Reuters report, and since the tournament had been started more than a month before, it was easy to check from Russian newspapers covering the first rounds of the tournament and already available on December 17 and 18 in New York, in the Public Library as well as on newsstands, that altogether only 18 chess players participated in the Finals of the XIX Soviet Championship and that therefore the theoretically highest possible point score attainable by the first prize winner was 17.

Of course, it was obvious that, considering the strong opposition in Soviet Tournaments, a 100% score would be a well-nigh miraculous achievement, even for a Keres or a Botvinnik, and that a distance of 8 points between the first and the fifth is something just as unlikely to occur in a Soviet Tournament. Botvinnik himself considers a score of 70% in a Soviet Championship Tournament as a very satisfactory achievement for the winner of the Championship title, and Keres achieved exactly this in the just finished tournament. His final score was 12 (out of possible 17) and consisted of 9 wins (including wins against runner-up Geller and another one against the fourth prize winner Smyslov), 6 draws, and two losses (against Kopylov who also beat Botvinnik and received a special prize for this feat, and Grandmaster Kotov).

Only half a point behind Keres, with 11½ points each, we find Geller and Petrosian. Geller had "almost" conquered the Championship two years ago, in the XVII Soviet Championship of 1949 when he also finished only half a point behind the winners (Smyslov and Bronstein), had also beaten Keres, but lost his game in the final round to a then rather undistinguished player (Kholmov). In this tournament he won his last game, but since both Keres and Petrosian also won their respective games, he again did not succeed in clutching the title.

Petrosian is one of the youngest masters of the Soviet Union, a "boy wonder" like our own Larry Evans, and about his age. He competed in the Championship Finals for the first time in 1949 when he finished 16th of 20, but while he did not finish much better (tie for 12th and 13th with Grandmaster Bondarevsky, among 18 participants) in the XVIII Championship of 1950, he had then a win against Champion Keres, to his credit.

Smyslov, for years considered as the "Crown Prince" of Soviet Chess and second only to Botvinnik, finished only fourth with 11 points... had he won, instead of

only drawn—although by "study-like play" as remarks Master V. Panov in his report in "Izvestia," he would have shared in the second and third prizes with Geller and Petrosian—all three had entered the final round with the identical score of 10½, just half a point behind Keres. Smyslov has among his achievements in this tournament victories over both Botvinnik and Bronstein, the present Chess Champion of the World and his challenger of last spring; he also beat Kopylov who managed to beat both the World Champion Botvinnik and the Soviet Champion Keres, but he lost to Keres, Petrosian and even minor masters like Averbakh and Novotelnov.

Botvinnik's score, 10, a full point behind Smyslov, is not impressive for the Chess Champion of the World—anybody else, of course, could be highly satisfied to be Fifth in a Soviet Championship Tournament.

Special prizes were awarded: Smyslov for his brilliant game against Simagin, Geller for a brilliancy against Taimanov, Simagin

for a game against Moiseev; Keres and Petrosian for the best results in the last five rounds; Kotov and Flohr for the best results against prizewinners. Kopylov received a special cup for his two victories against Botvinnik and Keres.

The 12th round game between V. Smyslov and V. Simagin, for which Smyslov received one of the three brilliancy prizes, follows:

Moscow, December 3-4, 1951

White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	V. SIMAGIN
1. P-QB4 P-QB4	25. K1-B2 Q-K12
2. K1-QB3 K1-QB3	26. QxQ ch K1xQ
3. K1-K3 P-KK3	27. K1-K14 K1-B4
4. P-K3 P-Q3	28. K-B2 PxBP
5. P-Q4 B-K15	29. Pxp P-QR4
6. B-K2 B-K12	30. K1-B6 ch K-K12
7. P-Q5 K1-QK11	31. K1-Q7 R-B2
8. P-KR3 BxK1	32. K1xBP. RxR
9. BxB K1-KB3	33. RxR K1xRP
10. O-O O-O	34. K1-Q7 K1xB
11. Q-Q2 P-QR3	35. KxK4 K1-Q4
12. R-QK11 QK1-Q2	36. K1-B5 K1-B2
13. B-K2 K1-K1	37. K-K4 P-R3
14. P-QK3 P-K4	38. R-Q6 PxK1P
15. PxKP.p. Pxp	39. Pxp K-B1
16. B-K7 Q-K2	40. R-B6 K-K1
17. QR-Q1 QR-Q1	41. K-K5 K-Q1
18. P-B4 QK1-B3	42. R-QK16 K-B1
19. B-B3 K1-B2	43. K-Q6 R-B7
20. P-KK4 P-QK4	44. K-B6 R-B7
21. P-K15 K1-K1	45. R-K17 K1-K1
22. P-KR4 P-K15	46. R-QR7 K-K11
23. K1-K6 BxB	47. R-K7 Resigns
24. QxQ P-Q4	

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Problem No. 299
By J. Jesus Cornejo
Aguascalientes, Mexico
Unpublished
Black: 12 men



White: 8 men
8, QK6, 1SBpP3, 61PP1S1, 13p1b1, 2P1S3, 1sp5, 1q2r3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 300
By Dr. P. G. Keeney
Newport, Kentucky
Unpublished
Black: 5 men



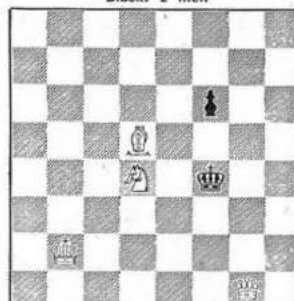
White: 6 men
8, 1B6, 8, 1pp5, 2p4, 1pP5, 1q2P3, B3K3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 301
By Arthur A. Paul
London, England
Unpublished
Black: 8 men



White: 9 men
QB14, 1B14, 8, 1R1B21, 1P1pK1K1, 3pP3, 4PP2, 4s3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 302
By the late Otto Wurtzburg
Lasker's Chess Magazine
1905
Black: 2 men



White: 4 men
8, 8, 5p2, 3B4, 3S1K2, 8, 1K6, 6Q1
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

19th USSR CHAMPIONSHIP

Moscow, 1951

	W2	W5	W3	W4	
1. P. Keres	12	5	1	1	12-5
2. E. Heller	11	5	1	1	11-5
3. T. Petrosian	11	5	1	1	11-5
4. V. Smyslov	11	5	1	1	11-6
5. M. Botvinnik	10	7	1	1	10-7
6. Yu. Averbakh	10	7	1	1	9-7
7. D. Bronstein	10	7	1	1	9-7
8. M. Taimanov	10	7	1	1	9-7
9. L. Aronin	10	7	1	1	9-8
10. S. Flohr	10	7	1	1	9-8
11. N. Kopylov	10	7	1	1	9-8
12. I. Bondarevsky	10	7	1	1	8-9
13. A. Kotov	10	7	1	1	8-9
14. A. Simagin	10	7	1	1	7-9
15. I. Lipnitsky	10	7	1	1	6-10
16. O. Moiseyev	10	7	1	1	6-10
17. N. Novotelnov	10	7	1	1	3-14
18. E. Terpugov	10	7	1	1	2-14

DELAWARE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Wilmington, 1951

	W2	W5	W3	W4	
1. Melvina M. Hope	4	0	4	0	13-0
2. A. A. Fischer	3	1	3	1	8-0
3. C. C. Harding	2	2	2	2	5-0
4. John O. Outwater	1	3	1	2	4-0
5. Lee Morris	1	3	1	2	4-0
6. John U. Hill	1	3	1	2	3-0
7. R. D. Donaldson	1	3	1	2	1-3

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

"Mr. Chess" himself—Hermann Helms—was recently feted in a gala celebration at the Marshall Chess Club on the eve of his eighty-second birthday. Many fine words were said about the "man of the hour," from the heartfelt congratulations of toastmaster Louis J. Wolf, speaking for all the Marshall members, to an appreciation of Helms' journalistic work by Alton Cook of the New York World Telegram and Sun. After the verbal tributes were concluded, the club members present sat down at the chessboards and engaged in one of the ever popular and friendly intracub matches; but, sorry to relate, the team captained by Mr. Helms was defeated by an aggregation led by Miss N. May Karff, former U. S. Woman's Titleholder, 10½-8½. An interesting personal encounter in the match was the contest between the aforementioned Mr. Wolf and Joseph P. Tolins, a new member of the club; during the game both suddenly remembered that they had played together on the same Columbia University team in 1904 with Tolins as third board and Wolf as fourth. So Mr. Wolf's victory in this game was quite a reversal, judging by the relative standings of the two players on their college team forty seven years before!

The powerful Manhattan Chess Club championship is well underway, and the current standings find Donald Byrne of Yale leading with 9½-1½. The youthful collegian has played most of his games in advance of the scheduled rounds, and thus his score is much more meaningful than those of the other contestants who have played only the already scheduled three or four rounds. Other excellent scores include Kramer 3-0, Moscovitz and Sussman, 2½-½, Denker and Turner, 2½-½. Although the tourney is anything but over, Byrne has certainly built up a lead which will be difficult, if not impossible, to surmount—especially since his list of victims includes A. S. Denker, the defending club champion!

A new junior luminary is leading the Marshall Chess Club junior tourney. He is Anthony Saiky, a fifteen-year-old high school student, and his rapid improvement since he joined the club over a year ago promises a great chess future for him. His score of 5½-½ gives him a substantial lead over the other top contenders, S. Margulies, I. Bizar, and A. Kaufman.

In the annual Marshall Chess Club championship most of the results are in for the first eleven rounds of the scheduled sixteen, and E. Hearst is leading with a score of 9-2. Brandts and Sherwin, 8½-3½, Donovan 8-4, and Howard and Collins 7-4 are others still with a good chance of catching the leader.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major: Jack Soudakoff is right. The U. S. title means nothing—your rating system means nothing—chess in America means nothing; and above all, the whole thing stinks. I'm hereby serving notice to all tournaments:—hold a chess census and a chess vote to change the present dumb system. This will be conducted by a USCF Committee.

I. C. ISENBERG
Harrisburg, Pa.

We are not all as pessimistic about chess in the USA as Mr. Isenberg seems to be. And the rating system apparently has a few supporters, if we can safely judge from our mail.—The Editor.

Say You Saw It in CHESS LIFE

Chess For The Tired Business Man

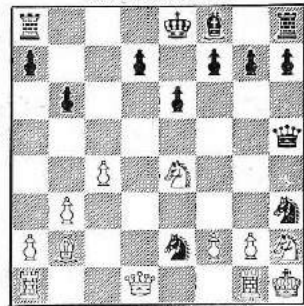
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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

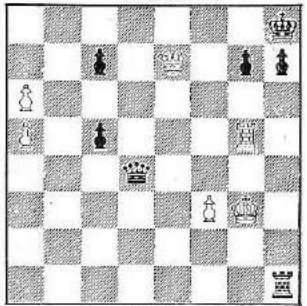
IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 57
Black moves
GAMBARASHVILI



SEREDA
Tiflis, 1934

Diagram 58
Black moves
TARRASCH



MARCO
Hastings, 1895

to aid the King. Q-R7 mate. White's forces failed. 2. K-K2, Q-R7 mate. A charmingly unconventional example of this theme rare.

to follow the orthodox pattern for smothered mate. 2. K-K2, Q-R7 mate. White's forces failed.

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JOACHIM, SHEETS TIE IN SEATTLE

Charles Joachim and Leonard Sheets tied for the Seattle City Championship with 4½-1½ each. Joachim lost a game to Gerald Schain and drew with Sheets, who lost a game to Donald Seiter. Third on S-B points was Glenn Mueller with 4-2, while Gerald Schain was fourth also with 4-2 in the 14 player 6 round Swiss event.

The play-off for the City title has been delayed on account of the illness of Leonard Sheets.

Piccadilly (Willernie, Minn.) Chess Club saw victory in the 9 player double round robin championship go to U. S. Smith with 15½-½, drawing one game with Henry Muska. Second place went to A. L. Johnson with 12-4, losing two games to Smith and one each to Henry Muska and Paul Winters. Henry Muska placed third with 10-6.

Cosmo (Los Angeles) Chess Club championship event ended in a 10½-1½ victory for George W. Chase. Also with 10½-1½, but second on S-B, was Charles Kodil, while Tommy Cragg placed third with 9-3 in the 13 player round robin event. Chase drew with Kodil and lost to Charles Gray, while Kodil lost a game to Cragg.

Chicago Chess & Checker Club played host to Dutch chessmaster Lodewijk Prins on short notice with a simultaneous exhibition in which the Dutch master won all games. After the exhibition Prins spent four hours at the club showing endgame positions and problems to the members.

University of Washington Chess Club elected Kenneth W. Mulford as president to succeed Gerald Schain now in the U.S. Navy. Other officers are R. C. Stork, editor of the Washington Chess Letter, vice president, Jon Berg secretary-treasurer, and Rod Dimmoff as organization assembly delegate.

Howard (R.I.) Chess Club was host to Southern Ass'n Champion N. T. Whitaker who gave a series of simultaneous exhibitions. Lone Howard victor was Mortimer Ashe in the 30 games contested against the expert.

100% USCF RATED TOURNAMENTS

As the importance of the USCF Rating System gains in general appreciation, the list of 100% USCF Rated Tournaments grows (events in which all players are either USCF members or have paid a rating fee for inclusion in the next list of National Chess Ratings).

Recent events that are 100% USCF Rated include:

- U. S. Junior Championship
- New England Championship
- Southwestern Open Championship
- Michigan State Championship
- Pennsylvania State Championship
- Tennessee Open Championship
- Bay City Open Championship
- Queen City Chess Club Championship
- Lake Erie Open Championship
- Colorado Open Championship
- Oklahoma Open Championship

While a prompt submission of reports on these unrated events will not permit their being included in the Ratings as of December 31, 1951, reports if submitted without delay will be included in the calculations for the Ratings as of July 31, 1952.

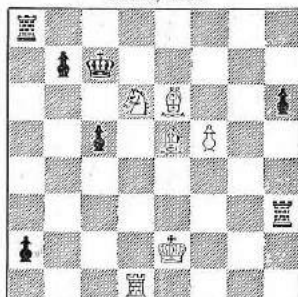
MIDLAND CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Midland, 1951

1. A. Brauer	x	2	1	1	2	1	7-3
2. W. Coupla	0	x	2	2	1	6-4	
3. C. Starnes	1	1	x	1	1	13-6-4	
4. J. Frank	0	1	x	2	2	5-4-4	
5. F. Mielch	0	1	0	x	2	3-7	
6. H. Griebel	1	1	0	0	x	25-7-3	

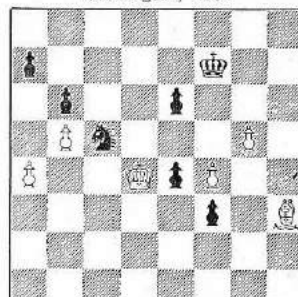
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Position No. 73
Smyslov vs. Bronstein
USSR, 1951



17. f7, 1Pc6, 3SB2p, 2p1BP2, 8, 7r, p5K3, 3R4
White to play and win

Position No. 74
K. Baer vs. E. Nash
Washington, 1951



8, p4k2, 1p2p3, 1P3P1, P2KpP2, 5p1B, 8, 8
Black to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN the amazing grandmasters, Position No. 73 from the recent USSR championship tournament won by Keres, Black resigned after White's first move. In this tourney the results were surprising, for World Champion Botvinnik finished fifth and Bronstein tied for sixth place. Details are printed elsewhere in this issue of CHESS LIFE.

The virtuosity of the Knight is seen in all its glory in Position No. 74 which is a companion piece to Position No. 70 in the study of minor piece play. Whereas the win was quickly spotted over the board in Position No. 70, it was worked out laboriously after many hours of adjournment analysis in Position No. 74 which was arrived at after White made his sealed move of 1. B(B1)-R3. (I had also worked out wins against 1. B-B4 and 1. K-K3). The win involves an initial three-move combination and a subsequent King-triangulation to gain the move, if White makes the best defense.

For solution please turn to Page four.

Santa Monica (Calif) Chess Club championship tournament went to 1950 State Champion Ray Martin with 9-0. Second place resulted in a 6-3 tie between State Champion Arthur Spiller and Gerard Van Deene. Spiller lost games to John Keckhut and Ray Martin, while drawing with David Eliason and George Stevens. Van Deene lost to Martin and Spiller and also drew with Eliason and Stevens. John Keckhut placed fourth with 5½-3½.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club championship event saw victory go to veteran Roy T. Black, Sr. with 9-1 in 25 player Swiss event. Black drew with Morton R. Siegel, who placed second with 8-2, and Richard E. Boyer. Siegel lost to Buffalo City Champion Chester T. Fell and also drew with James J. Barrett. Scoring 4½ points in last five rounds, Barrett rocketed into third place with 6½-3½.

ILLINOIS OPEN TOURNAMENT

Decatur, 1951

1. P. Tautvaisas (Chicago)	W6	W14	W13	W4	D2	5½-3	19.25	
2. J. Tums (Chicago)	D4	D25	W9	W13	D1	4½-13	15.50	
3. A. Sandrin (Chicago)	L5	W19	W14	W15	W6	D4	4½-13	14.50
4. Ed. Vano (E. Chicago, Ind.)	W11	D2	W8	W12	L1	D3	4-2	15.00
5. Valdis Tums (Chicago)	W3	D7	L12	W16	W19	D9	4-2	13.75
6. L. C. Young (Madison, Wis.)	L1	W11	W21	7	L3	W12	4-2	12.50
7. R. D. Firsbaugh (Robinson)	Bye	D5	D9	L6	W18	W13	4-2	9.75
8. Dr. M. Schlosser (Decatur)	D19	Bye	L4	W25	D12	W16	4-2	6.25
9. Mark Surgies (Milwaukee)	D12	W22	D7	L2	W10	D5	3-2	11.00
10. J. Bajorek (Chicago)	L2	W18	D20	W17	L9	W19	3-2	9.75
11. E. Weyer (Decatur)	L4	W25	D14	W25	W20	3-2	8.50	
12. K. Nedved (Geneve)	D9	W27	W5	L4	D8	L6	3-2	3.25
13. F. Stoppel (Cleero)	W17	W24	W16	L1	L2	L7	3-2	3.00
14. J. Warren (Rock Island)	W18	L1	L5	D11	D7	W27	3-2	6.75
15. R. L. Fletcher (Decatur)	W20	W26	L1	L3	L16	W21	3-2	5.50
16. R. D. Firsbaugh (Robinson)	W25	W25	L13	L5	W15	L5	3-2	5.00
17. G. Grver (Decatur)	L13	D21	W27	L10	D4	W23	3-2	5.00
18. Dr. B. Glazer (Decatur)	L14	L10	Bye	W22	L7	W24	3-2	4.00
19. Melvin Semb (Winona, Minn.)	2-3	3	6-9	20. William Backemeyer (Gary, Ind.)	2-3	3	6-9	
21. Henry Jeffrey (Rock Island)	2-4	4	5-8	22. R. L. Peckington (Joliet)	2-4	4	5-8	
24 (2-5); 25. Clyde Gray (Rock Island)	1-3	4	4-5	26. W. S. Jones (Decatur)	1-5	0	0	
27. Mrs. Pauline Nearing (Decatur)	1-5	1	0					

NEW JERSEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Orange, 1951

1. S. Yarmak (Passaic High)	W13	W4	W12	W3	W2	W7	7-0	35.50	
2. J. Swelach (Sweeney High)	Bye	W14	W13	D3	W8	L1	W4	5-1	23.25
3. N. Hurlten (Union High)	W18	W16	W7	D2	L1	W8	W11	5-1	21.75
4. D. Kerr (Cranford High)	D10	L1	W18	W16	W11	W5	L2	4-2	16.25
5. W. Tritchel (Passaic H.)	W15	L12	W16	W7	W17	L4	W9	4-2	16.00
6. M. Cohan (Sweeney High)	Bye	L1	W15	D11	D7	D9	W13	4-2	15.00
7. I. Yarmak (Passaic High)	Bye	L2	W9	D6	L4	W14	L3	4-2	14.50
8. E. Friedman (Sweeney H.)	Bye	W6	L1	W13	L2	L3	W12	4-2	14.50
9. E. Muniz (Millburn High)	L7	W14	L11	W10	W12	D6	L5	3-3	15.25
10. R. Harwood (Clifton H.)	D4	L7	W14	L8	L13	W15	W17	3-3	12.75
11. R. Stearns (Plainfield H.)	W9	W10	D3	D6	L4	W14	L3	3-3	12.25
12. Zoltan Prekas (Clifton High)	3-4	12-50	13. Bud Taylor (Cranford High)	3-4	12-50	14. George Schoem (Clifton High)	3-4	12-50	
15. Bob D'eedene (Madison High)	2-5	4-00	16. Fraser Randle (Clifton High)	2-5	4-00	17. Conrad Schaefer (Cranford High)	2-5	4-00	
18. Warren Moore (Passaic High)	0-7	0-00							

CHICAGO CITY CHESS LEAGUE SOCIAL TOURNEY

Class A Finals, Chicago, 1951

1. K. R. Jones (Chicago)	x	x	1	1	1	1	5-1
2. Abraham Kaufman (Chicago)	0	1	x	x	1	1	4-1
3. Edw. Diedrich (Chicago)	0	0	0	x	0	1	1-5
4. Djugas Ivanovich (Belgrade)	0	0	0	0	0	x	1

Ivanovich withdrew after second round when shifted by Yugoslav Government to another city.

Class B Finals, Chicago, 1951

1. Walter Grömbacher (Chicago)	x	x	1	1	1	1	7-1
2. Jas. A. Scheerer (Great Lakes)	0	1	x	x	1	1	6-1
3. Barry Herzberg (Chicago)	0	0	0	x	x	1	3-4
4. Ted Spahn (Evanston)	0	0	0	0	0	x	1
5. M. Wolff (Chicago)	0	0	0	0	0	0	x

Wolff withdrew because of illness.

DECATUR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminaries, Decatur, 1951

1. Dr. Benjamin Glazer	x	1	1	1	1	1	7-0
2. Willard S. Jones	0	x	1	0	1	1	1
3. Jack Hartley	0	1	x	1	1	1	1
4. Mrs. Pauline Nearing	0	1	1	x	0	0	1
5. Mrs. Mildred McMaster	0	0	0	1	x	1	1
6. Richard Schuman	0	0	0	1	0	x	1
7. James Doubleday	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
8. Harold McMaster	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

TENNESSEE STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Oak Ridge, 1951

1. L. C. Norderer (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	W7	W4	W3	D2	W5	4-3	11.50
2. R. R. Coveyou (Oak Ridge)	D3	W5	W4	D1	W6	4-1	11.00
3. J. G. Sullivan (Knoxville)	D2	W6	L1	W7	W8	3-1	5.00
4. Brad Wadsworth (Gad.)	W5	L1	W2	D3	W4	2-3	2.00
5. Martin Souther (Knoxville, Tenn.)	2-3	2	0	0	0		
6. W. A. Scott (Atlanta, Ga.)	2-3	1	0	0	0		
7. J. E. Murphy (Maryville, Tenn.)	1-4	0	0	0	0		
8. B. Lubarsky (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	0-5	0	0	0	0		

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Sunday, January 20, 1952

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

WHETHER the following game belongs still to 1919 or already to 1920, is doubtful. In Alekhine's pamphlet "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" it is dated "1920" while in Ilyin-Zhenevsky's chess column in "K Novoi Armii" no. 16, Sept. 22, 1920, it is provided with the heading "No. 10 Game, played in the Championship-Tournament of the City of Moscow, 1919."

RUY LOPEZ

Moscow Championship, 1919-20

Sources: "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" p. 9 (SL)

"K Novoi Armii" no. 16, Sept. 22, 1920 (KNA)

Notes by A. A. Alekhine in these publications

White N. D. GRIEVOV
1. P-K4 P-K4 5. O-O P-QR3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. B-B4 Kt-K2
3. B-K15 Kt-Q5 7. P-Q3 P-Q4
4. Kt-K2 P-K4 8. B-K15
(SL) Much stronger than P.KP. (KNA) Much stronger than the exchange on Q5.

8. P-KP (SL) Relatively better was 8. P-Kt3 followed by B-K12. (KNA) Comparatively better was P-KK13 and B-K12, the way I played against Znosko-Borovsky in the match Moscow-Petrograd 1913. The refutation of Black's attempt to rescue himself from the principal defect of his position—the doubled pawns—gives the game theoretical interest.

9. P-KP Kt-K13 10. P-QB3 (KNA) Only the move retaining the superiority. Obviously, Black cannot take this pawn on account of 11. BxP ch.

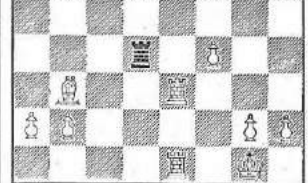
10. B-QB4 11. Q-R5! (KNA) Only a very important tempo, thanks to which a fast mobilization of the pieces on the Q-side is possible.

11. Q-K2 12. B-K15 QxP (SL) Very risky. However, even after 12. P-B3; 13. B-KB4, B-K13; 14. P-K1 BxP, Black evidently insufficiently realized that even after the exchange of Queens forced by him, the opponent still retains an attacking position. Incidentally, Black is possible. P-B3; 13. B-KB4, B-K13; 14. P-K5, P-KP; 15. Kt-K1, his position would not be long to the enviable class.

17. P-B4 (SL) B-KB4 (KNA) If P-B3, then 18. P-B5! 18. BxCh KtB 20. R(B3)-K3 R-Q2 19. R-Q1 R-Q1 21. Kt-B4 B-K3 (KNA) If 21. P-B3, then Kt-Q5! 22. Kt-K1 R-P 23. KtP!

After 23. KtP!

GRIGORIEV



ALEKHINE

23. KtP! (SL) B-K15 (KNA) I would have answered: 24. BxKt, KtB; 25. RxKt ch, Kt-K13; 26. RkxP, RkP; 27. R-K6 ch, B-K3; 28. RkR ch, KtR; 29. RkRP, and White would win. (KNA) In case of 23. KtP! (see: BxKt), I would not have played 24. BxKt, Bx3; 25. R-K6 ch, Kt-B2; 26. RkR, RkP and then B-Q4, with good chances to draw, but 24. BxR, KtB; 25. R-K7 ch, see: RkKt ch, Kt-K13 (see: KtB); 26. P-KtP, RkP; 27. R11-K6 ch, Kt-K4; 28. RkKtP ch, Kt-R5; 29. R-K6 mate; 26. RkQKtP, RkP; 27. R-K6 ch, R-B3; 28. RkR ch, KtR; 29. RkRP and White must win.

24. RkP Kt-Q4 27. B-B2ch KxP 25. R-K7ch K-B3 28. RkKtP R-KB1 26. R11-K6ch K-B4 29. RkRP Kt-K6! (SL) An interesting counter-play (KNA: resource) to which White has only one winning answer, viz:

30. R-R3! (SL) Of course not 30. R-R4 ch, on account of K-R4, etc.

30. Kt-B4 (SL) If 30. KtP; 31. R-K2, R-KK1; 32. K-B2! with the threat R-B3 ch is decisive. (KNA) If 30. KtP, White would decide the game by way of 31. R-K2, R-KK1; 32. K-B2! with the threat R-B3 ch—Kt3 ch, etc.

31. R-B3ch K-K4 33. K-B2! 32. R-K5 R-KB5

(Please turn to page 4, col. 4)

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED U. S. Intercollegiate Championship Philadelphia, 1951

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White
1. P-Q4 Black
2. P-K3 P-QB4
White can choose to make it a French Defense by 2. P-K1.

Chessboard diagram for Queen's Gambit Declined with annotations for moves 1-21.

This is the point of Black's P sacrifice at move 20. If 23. QxQ, R-R8 mate. If 23. KxR, Q-R3 ch, ect.

FRENCH DEFENSE New York State Championship Syracuse, 1951

Notes by Reuben Klugman
White
H. SEIDMAN
1. P-Q4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 B-Q3
Standard and stronger is B-KK15. However, this is a good move to get out of the books.

LAKE ERIE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Buffalo, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Erich W. Marchand, Russel Olin, Morton R. Siegel, etc.

WOOD PUSHERS' TOURNAMENT Miami, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like Stephen Ferris, A. Pederson, Anthony Talarczyk, etc.

11. O-O B-B4 14. Kt-K4 B-K13
12. Kt-K13 O-O
Black's pieces are more actively posted to insure compensation for the "hanging" center P's.

Chessboard diagram for a game between Klugman and Seidman with annotations for moves 1-25.

25. P-K15? Probably the losing move. He might draw with B-Q6.
26. P-K13 Q-B3
27. P-K13 Q-B3
28. P-K13 Q-B3

FRENCH DEFENSE Tri-State Championship Huntington, 1951

Notes by K. Crittenden from West Virginia Chess Bulletin
White
W. M. BYLAND
1. P-Q4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-K3
3. P-KB4 B-K12
4. Kt-K33 B-QB4
5. Kt-B3 B-K2

MISSOURI STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP St. Louis, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like R. H. Lew, R. H. Steinmeyer, W. M. Byland, etc.

Chessboard diagram for a game between Hurt and Byland with annotations for moves 1-31.

A beautiful sacrifice of the exchange which is not at all obvious.
23. BxP K-R7
24. BxR QxR
25. BxB QxR
26. Q-K4 Q-KB2
27. R-R1

For The Tournament-Minded January ?? February 3

Chicago City Championship Chicago, Ill.
Data on this event, published in issue of January 5, 1952 is incorrect. Apparently the Chicago City Chess League has cancelled this event without notifying CHSS LIFE or other recipients of its bulletin, in which this event was announced. It will not be played at Chicago Chess & Checker Club.

SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Georgetown, 1951

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OAHU OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Honolulu, 1951

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OAHU "B" CLASS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Honolulu, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like R. L. Cummings, H. D. Kirschman, R. S. Millgrove, etc.

MISSOURI STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP St. Louis, 1951

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like R. H. Lew, R. H. Steinmeyer, W. M. Byland, etc.

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

Chessboard diagram for a game between Alekhine and Grigoriev with annotations for moves 1-33.

White plays for mate.
33. P-R4ch K-K15
34. P-R4ch K-K15
35. R-R4ch K-K15
36. R-K4 mate

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What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

Chessboard diagram for a puzzle position with annotations for moves 1-8.

Send solutions to Position No. 86 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by February 20, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 83

This was, by comparison, a rather simple combinative position, which occurred in the Najdorf-Guimard game, Argentina Championship, 1949. Najdorf played simply 1. Kt-Rch, and there followed: 1. ... R-Kt; 2. Q-Bch, K-R2; 3. R-Bch, R-K; 4. QxRch, K-R1; 5. Q-Rch, K-R1; 6. R-Bch, K-R1; 7. BxPch, K-Q1; 8. R-B8 mate.

Open; entry fee 50c plus \$1 deposit; 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at YMCA Hotel, 826 So. Wabash Ave.; 4 man prelims and final A & B events; all round robin; conducted by Chicago City Chess League.

Congratulations go to Mr. Abraham Kaufman of Chicago who topped this quarter's ladder contest with 30 1/2 points.
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Position No. 73: 1. Kt-B4 ch and Black resigned.

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