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## RESHEVSKY

## Kujoth Wins Wisconsin State Tiłle In 70 Player Event At Waterloo

In a State Tournament which set a new record for such events in title which he has held thrice previously with $6^{1 / 2}-1 / 2$ in a seven round Swiss. Kujoth drew with Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, and his only Michelson, now of Burlington, in which a draw seemed the probable result. Dr. Young, lost the title narrowly by an upset defeat in the fina round to Robert Schmidt of Milwaukec. Schmidt lost to Mark Surgies round to Robert schmidt of the third round but was thereafter undefeated for second place with 6-1, while Dr. Young placed third with $572-172$ on S.B. points Milwaukee chess editor, placed fo
with equal $5-2$ scores were Mark Surgies, Marshall Rohland, John Grikavac, Ralph Abrams, J Fashingoater, V. Liepskahlans. strongest for any Wisconsin event in addition to being the largest. But there is some question whether
seven rounds is sufficient to handle 70 players with complete accuracy. 70 players with complete accuracy.
While several noted Wisconsin players, such as former Shampion Arpad Elo, Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley, Orville Francisco and Edward Vonn, slimatod each other. players with less reputation on slightly easier schedules slipped ahead of them in final ratings. This, which is always a possibility with the Swiss, could have been better controlled with a few more rounds of play. If Wisconsin continues to of play. If Wisconsin continues to
hold such large events, it will behold such large events, it will be-
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ing of them.
At the annual meeting of the Association, Frank Stokes of Water loo was reelected president, Adam Stikl of Green Bay became vicepresident, and Arpad E. Elo of Milwaukee was retained as secretarytreasurer. The 1953 Wisconsin State Championship was awarded to Championsh
Green Bay.
The 1952 event was ably directed by Ernest Olfe and Paul Liebig and playing conditions were ideal despite the unscasonable mid-summer heat.

## SMITH TRIUMPHS IN MONTANA

Vietory in the Montana State Championship at Lewistown went to Adam Smith of Butte with 5-0
in the six player round robin. J. in the six player round robin. J.
W. Stevenson of Great Falls was W. Stevenson of Great Falls was
second with $3-2$, losing a hard one to Lowdnes Maury and refusing a proffered draw from Adam Smith to whom he eventually lost. For mer State Champion J. Van Tey lingen and Lowndes Maury tied for fhird with $21 / 2-21 / 2$. Van Teylingen lost to Smith and Stevenson, while Maury lost to Smith and Van Teylingen; both drew with John $R$ Barto.
The Class A tourncy ended in a tic between M. D. Garretson of Great Falls and James Sheire of Butte, who expect to hold a playoff for the title. Art Thompson of Hiliger won the Class B title; and Kim Miller of Great Falls swept the Junior group.

John Barto of Great Falls was elected president of the Montana Chess Ass'n and J. W. Stevenson of Great Falls the secretary-treasurer. The 1953 tournament will be held in Great Falls.

## TURIANSKY TOPS CHICAGO CITY

$21 / 2$ to win the Chicago City Cham pionship in a strong field of con tenders, losing to games but drawing with Tautvaisas, Cohen, Dahl strom, Albert Sandrin and John Tums. A very close contender, Po vilas Tautvaisas finished second Davidson, and Nedved, and drawing with Turiansky. Tautvaisas was neck and neek with Turiansky unti ie lost unexpectedly to Davidson in the semi-final round, and then in overeagerness to win lost to Cohen while Turiansky was held to a draw by Dahlstrom.
Sam Cohen placed third with 7-4, losing to Angelo Sandrin, Dahlstrom and Davidson, while drawing with Turiansky and Nedved. Angelo San drin was fourth with $61 / 2-41 / 2$, while tied for fifth were Burton Dablstrom, Earl Davidson, Illinois State Champion Kimball Nedved and Albert Sandrin with equal $51 / 2$ $51 / 2$ scores.
The tournament was conducted by Illinois State Chess Ass'n and the contributing sponsors werc Lewis J. Isaacs, Sol R. Friedman, Maurice Seymour, and Dr. Donald R. Abel.

## PENQUITE TOPS IOWA STATE

Young John Penquite of Des
Moines with a perfect $5-0$ score won the 31 player 5 round Swiss at Waterloo to gain the Iowa title which he shared in 1951. It was the first time since the championship event was resumed in 1948 that the victor had a perfect score. Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were S. Sorenson, C. H. Gray and Marvin Baldwin; all three lost their games with Penquite. A. C. Ludwig of Omaha again directed the tournament.

## HESSE CAPTURES <br> LEHIGH VALLEY

## riumphed in the Lehigh Valley

 alley 9-1, losing a game to Paul Sherr in the 11 player round robin. T. C. Gutekunst of Allentown was second with $81 / 2-11 / 2$, losing to Hesse and drawing with M. M. Simsak. Simsak placed third with 8-2, losing to Hesse, and drawing with Gutekunst and Armin Herrmann. W. W. Young of Allentown was fourth with $7-3$ losing to Hesse, Gutekunst and Simsak.

## Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for thls column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Plase, S.E.
T LE ability to draw apparently lost games is the hallmark of the
Grandmaster. Confidence in this ability encourages the enterprising yer to undertake venturesome actions in the opening and mid-gamo and produces exciting chess.

In Position No. 81, White missed a problem-like forced draw in four moves and lost the game.

In Position No. 82, Black saw the three-move combination, involving the sacrifice of the exchange, which leads to an unusual theoretically drawn position. This position is taken from the 18 -man international tournament in honor of Geza Maroczy held in Budapest in March. Keres was first with $121 / 2$ points; Heller second with 12 ; tied for third with 11 were Botvinnik, Smyslov and Stahlberg; then followed Szabo ( $101 / 2$ ), Petrosan ( $91 / 2$ ), and O'Kelly (9).

For solutions, please turn to page five.

## How the Kating System Works

by kenvert iankniss
(Kenneth Harkness, co-aulhor of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge" is the inventor of the mathematical rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers
of the system.-The Editor.)
M ANY readers of CHESS LIFE were favorably impressed by our recent forecast of the results of the international tournament at Havana. With one or two exceptions, which we will hasten to explain now that the race is over, the predictions were about as near as you can come without the use of a crystal ball.

To get some idea of how closely the national rating system measures tournament playing strength, let us compare the ratings earned at Havana with the last averages of the contestants:

Player
Naidorf
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We predicted a photo-finish be ween these two grandmasters, giving the edge to our ex-cham pion. An unexpected draw with one of the tailenders cost Sammy the first prize, so he tied with Najfirst.
Note how the ratings earned at Havana confirm the correctness of the previous ratings - and vice versa. A difference of less than 50 points is negligible.

## Gligoric Eiskases

We claimed that any one of these three could take third prize. It was Gligoric who came in third, with Eliskases and Evans tied for fourth and fifth.
Rossolimp
Gonnales
Horowitz
Without the aid of ESP ${ }^{2425 \text { ! }}$ sensory perception) and relying solely on the past performances of the players, as measured by the rating system, we claimed $t$ hat Rossolimo, Horowitz, Guimard and

Prins would finish hereabouts, giving a slight edge to the French champ Rossolimo.
The ex-Parisian, now a welcome resident of the U.S., came through as prophesied; but Cuba's Dr. Gonzales, playing on his home grounds, horned in to take 7th prize.
So Dr. Gonzales was under-rated! It has happened before, and it will happen again. Prior to Havana, the Cuban master had played in only four rated tournaments, so the system has not really had a chance to produce an accurate average. Dr. Gonzales may be an improving player who has not yet reached his peak, or we may just lack data on his performances in Cuban tournaments.
Horowitz finished about where we said he would. In the early rounds, when this American player was leading the field, his friends were figuring out what his income tax would be on the first prize Later, Horowitz got bumped around and sank to his normal level. The system knows!

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## NAJDORF FAILS IN LAST ROUNDS

With two games to play, Reshev-
sky has already clinched the title of Champion of the Non-Communis tic World with a score of $101 / 2-51 / 2$ by winning the 14 th game, drawing the 15 th, and winning the 16 th game. The two remaining games can not affect the final result. In many respects the 30 -move 16 th game was the most impressive vic tory in the match.

## GLIGORIC WINS AT HOLLYWOOD

## Svetozar Gligoric topped the

 Hollywood International TournaPomar placed second with $7-2$ and Herman Steiner third with 6.3 Ar thur Dake and Lionel Joyner tied for fourth with 5-4.place the tenth man in the Holly wood tournament ended in a vic tory for Raymond Martin with $41 / 2$ 1/2. William H. Steekel was sec third with $3 / 212$, , Arthur Splle third with $3-3$ and Irving Rivise
fourth with $1-5$ in the double round event.Martin lost a game to Stec kel and drew one witi Kivise.

## NAJDORF TRIMS RESHEVSKY LEAD

In the five games at Mexico ory, Miguel Najdorf staged a ral ky's overcome a part of Reshev sky's commanding lead in their 18 game match. In Mexico Najdorf won three games and drew two to mak the standing $8-5$ in Reshevsky's fav or - a marked improvement ove the 7-1 score of the games in New York. The duelists now move to San Salvadore for the final five games, and interest in the match has been considerably revived by the Najdorf rally in Mexico.

## OMAHA INVITES JUNIOR EVENT

Omaha has invited the U. S. Junior Championship to be played in its city, the scene of the recent 1950 U. S. Open Championship Provisional dates for the event have been set as August 25-30, so as not to conflict with a number of other announced tournaments. Details will be announced later.

## INGLE REPEATS IN WYOMING

Chester Ingle successfully defended his Wyoming State championship with $6-0$ in a 12 player 6 round Swiss at Thermopolis. Sec ond place was a tie between Ted Nast and Arch Bliss with 4-2 each. Both lost to Ingle, and Nast lost to Bliss while Bliss lost to Don McManus. Fourth place went to Victor Stalick with $31 / 2-21 / 2,10 \mathrm{sing}$ games to Ingle and Bliss, and drawing with Harry Ingalls.

The 'Big Horn Basin chess team won the team matches, replacing Casper, sweeping all five matches. Members of the victorious team were Chester Ingle and Jim Johnson of Thermopolis, R. E. Scott of Powell, Harold Pickett of Worland, and Tom Reed of Thermopolis.


## MAKUTENAS WINS

## AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Open Championa Lithuanian DP now a dental technician, with 4-1 score, drawing with H. Peterson and A. Gruen. Second to fifth on S-B points with $31 / 2-11 / 2$ each in the 16 player 5
round Swiss were $H$. O. Peterson, round Swiss were H. O. Peterson,
A. Gruen, L. Binder, and B. Hofmann.
H. O. Peterson in second drew with Makutenas, Hofmann and Binder. Aldred Gruen, 1950 Indiana State Champion, drew with Peterson, O. Taylor, and Hofmann. Leopold Binder, a native of Poland but now a resident of Indianapolis, the defending Open Champion, lost a
game to Gruen and drew with Petgame to Gruen and drew with Pet-
erson. Bert Hofmann drew with J. Dillon, Peterson and Gruen.

## TOURNAMENT TIED AT SACRAMENTO

hip end inento ship ended in a tie between M. 5 .
Meyer and R. L. Riehards with 5 -1 each in the 12 player 5 round Swiss event. Although Meyer topped in S-B points, a match will be played to determine the title. Meyer drew
with J. B. Gee and S. G. Johnson; while Richards lost to Meyer. Third place with 4-2 went to USCF ViceRichards and draws with Meyer and O. A. Celle.

Fourth and fifth on S. B. points with equal $31 / 211 / 2$ scores were 0 . A. Celle and J. A. Celle, while R.
E. Russell placed sixth with $3-3$. In the Reserve Tournament, J. H. Hastings placed first with 6.0 . Second place in the 11 player 6
round Swiss went to J. Hardy who scored $5-1$, losing a game to Haslings. H. W. LaBerge was third with 4-2, losing games to Hasting
and Hardy, whle W. H. Allen was fourth with $31 / 2-21 / 2$.

## COLON, GUIMARD TIED AT SAN JUAN

In a small international event at Guimard of Argentina and Miguel Colon of Puerto Rico tied for first with 6-1 each. Guimard drew with M. Colon and Paul Reissmann, while M. Colon drew with Guimard while M, Colon drew with Guimard
and brother Arturo Colon. In third place was the former Polish master Paul Reissmann, now a resident of San Juan, who scored $51 / 2-11 / 2$ losing to M. Colon and drawing with Guimard. Arturo Colon pla e ed fourth with 4-3.

## WACHS TRIUMPHS <br> AT MERCANTILE

Saul Wachs, U.S. Junior Cham-
pion, added the Mercantile Library pion, added the Mercantile Library
Chess Ass'n of Philadelphia to his long list of triumphs, scoring $5-0$ in the finals. Robert D. Sobel was second with 4-1, while third place went to Vladimir Bomanov with $21 / 2-21 / 2$. Master Emeritus William A. Ruth scored 2-3 for fourth place in the 6 player finals.

In the preliminary events, Saul Wachs won Section A with 81, losing one game to Robert Sobel who
placed second with $7 / 2-1 / 2$. Sobel placed second with $71 / 2$-1/2. Sobel
drew with Mrs. Mary D. Selensky. drew with Mrs. Mary D. Selensky.
Third place went to Vladimir Bomanov with $7-2$, losing to Waehs and Sobel in the 10 player round robin.

In Section B, William A. Ruth scored 9-0 for first place, while E. Raymond Glover was second with 7-2, losing to Ruth and Eugene W.
Funston. Third place went to Funston. Third place went to
Samuel Sklaroff with $61 / 2-21 / 2$, losing to Ruth and Glover and drawing with Stanley Amarnick.

## LaFRENIERE TOPS YAKIMA COUNTY

Oliver W. LaFreniere repeated
Sakima County Champion by as Yakima County Champion by
nosing out William H. Hoge in the 14 player round robin event. LaFreniere scored $101 / 2-11 / 2$. Hoge was second with $91 / 2-11 / 2$, while John Tauvenge was third with 7-4 tied with Robert D. Laird.

## USCF President Harold M. Phillips

## Issues Invifations for U.S. Team

In arranging for participation of a USCF Team at the International Team Tournament at Helsinki this August, USCF President Harold M. Phillips has issued a general invitation to ranking U. S. players to ex-
press their willingness to play in this event. Text of the letter which press their willingness to play in this event. Text of the
was sent to a list of top USA players is published below:

THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION
Office of the President
Harold M. Phillips
258 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.
May 1, 1952
Dear Mr.
The United States Chess Federation hopes to be repre sented at Hensinki by a team of its strongest players, four regulars and two alternaies, according to the plan in vogue in these members of our team, naturally, are expected to play without compensation, as an act of patriotic devotion by an American citizen to his country. We realize that their expenses for hope that the time is not far distant when the financial resources of the Federation will enable it to furnish those expenses; but, of the Federation will enable at the present time the Federation cannot undertake such obligation.

However, in confeernce with some members of the Tourna ment Committec, it has been decided to invite the Grand Master the Senior Masters and the Masters as published in "Chess Life" Issue of March 5th, 1952, to become members of the American Team with the understanding that the Invitees will pay their own expenses for travel, ete.

You are amongst those that are eligible; and, we hope that you will find it feasible to accept this invitation under the land will be furnished by the Helsinki Committec. We hope to land will be furnished by the Helsinki Committee. We hope to receive your acceptance by letter which must be post-marked not later than May 30th, 1952. Of those that will have sent in written acceptances, the six highest (the four highest as Regu-
lars and the next two as Alternates) will be selected, according lars and the next two as Alternates) will be selected, according
to the Rating as published in "Chess Life," Issue of March 5, 1952.

Please address your reply to the President at the above Yours sincerely,

HAROLD M. PHILLIPS,

## DINA CONOUERS <br> FT. WORTH OPEN

umphed in the Fort Worth Open Championship, losing one game to Edward Tubelis in the 13 player round robin. Second place went to
Owen Burnet with $9-3$, while Albert Wuelfing placed third with $8^{1 / 2}$. Tubelis shared fourth with $8-4$ each. Burnet lost games to Dina and Tubelis, while drawing with Floyd Sedig and Waldo Waters. Wuelfing lost to Dina, Burnet and Sedig, while drawing with Waters. C. A. Renton won the Class A event $11-2 ;$ D. B. Martin was secPresident Frank R. Graves and C. F. Waldrep tied for third with $81 / 2-41 / 2$. In the Class $B$ event, Cecil Parks scored 5-0 for first while Grady Rice was second with 4-1.

## WIEGMANN TOPS QUAD-CITY MEET

Karl Wiegmann of Rock Island (III.) again won the Quad-City title for the fifth consecutive year, when he downed challenger Lawrence Maher of Moline in three straight games at the Tri-City Chess Club, Davenport, Ia. Maher won the Challengers' Tourncy earlier in the year, and was Quad-City Champion

## ICCF INVITES <br> CHESS PLAYERS

The International Correspondence Chess Federation has issued an invitation to all players interested in correspondence chess to try the thrills of international play by entering in one or more of the ICCF international Correspon-
dence events. The' scheme of the dence events. The' scheme of the
ICCF 7 -player tourneys is that each section contains 7 players of the same class, but no two from the same country. Entry fee for such events is 5 shillings sterling or its equivalent at current rate of exchange. Those interested may Tentact the Match Secretary; H.
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ested in the ICCF publication "Mail Chess", which is issued in a text of English, French, German and Spanish on a monthly basis, may obtain a free specimen copy by writing Mr. Ter Braak.
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Tuesday, Mas 20, 1952
ALL PLANS MADE FOR TRAN-MISS.
The 29th annual Trans-Mississippi Open Championship at Daven port (Ia.) Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Fourth and Main, on June $7-8$ will be the largest in its history according to John Warren of Rock Island, chairman of the tournament committee. Pre-tournament entries and inquiries indicate that from 50 to 60 players will vie for the $\$ 227.00$ in eash prizes. First prize is $\$ 90.00$, and there will be cash awards for the top seven
places, plus merchandise awards.

Franz Neugebauer of Chicago, who is one of two players to have won the event four times (Enos Wicher of Moline is the other) is expected to play, as is Dr. Giles A Koelsche of Rochester, defending titlist and Minnesota State Champion. Among other expected entries are Illinois Champion Kimball Nedved, former U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin, Povilas Tautvaisas, Alfred Ludwig, Robert Steinmeyer and C. M. Burton.

An added attraction will be the prize-winning "chess" stamp collecLion of Mrs. Pauline Nearing of Decatur, which will be on display-
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and cancellations about chess. Mr. and cancellations about chess. Mr.
Turner Nearing will direct the tournament.

## For The

Journament- Minded
 Fort Worth, Tex.
Open event; 7 round Swiss; sponsored by Ft. Worth Chess Club; for details contact: Frank $R$ Graves, 960 East Mulkey or A. G.
Miller, 3725 Westcliff Road, Fort Miller, 3725
Worth, Tex.

## 28th Trans-Mississippi Championship Davenport, lowa

Open to all; conducted by TriCity Chess Club at Davenport Chamber of Commerce; 6 round Swiss; entry fee $\$ \$ .00 ;$
first prize; $\$ 227.00$ cash prizes plus merchandise and special awards; entries close at $12: 15$ p.m. CST, Saturday; play ends 8:00 p.m. Sunday; bring clocks if available; for details, write: John Warre 1336 15th St., Roek Island, III.

June 13-15
North Carolina Open Championship Wilmington, N.C.
Open to all, out-of-state players invited; at Community Center; begirs 7:00 p.m. Friday June 13; 6 round Swiss; prizes; membership in NCCA required; a rated tournament; for details, write: Mr. Harris, Director, Department of Recreation, Wilmington, N.C.

## July 3.6 Southern Chess Ass' Championship <br> Championship Meridian, Miss.

Open event; Swiss tourney; prizes; at Great Southern Hotel unClub; details later.

Dallas Invitation Tournament Dalls, Texas
Players rated Class A or higher are invited to participate; 6 round Swiss; entries accepted to 1:00 p. m. Friday July 4; entry fee $\$ 5.00$ minimum with final fee and disposition of prize money subject to majority vote of players; play at Skyline Lounge of YMCA, 605 No. Ervay St.; rating qualification based on USCF National Rating List; ed on USCF National Rating List;
for details contact: Fred Tears, for details contact: Fred Tears,
2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas, Tex.

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BERGEN-PASSAIC COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP


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## HOW THE RATING SYSTEM WORKS

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Pomar and Horowitz for 8 th to 10th, placed higher than we listed them, but the error was not the fault of the rating system. Since Havana, we have received the results of the 1951 Spanish championship in which Pomar and Toran tied for first, earning 2400 points each. At Gijon, 1951, Pomar scored 2408. Then, early in 1952, Toran made 2473 points at Punta del Este, Uruguay, when he placed second o Eliskases. In other words, both these youngsters are advancing so rapidy that their last average ratings are now out of date. We recog nized the signals in the case of Toran, making him our 100 to 1 longshot, but Pomar caught us naping. Apparently all he needed was to hear us say that he had been a disappointment.

Prins and Guimard scored below their previous averages but within their usual ranges. It is normal for a player with an established rating below the Grandmaster class to score within 100 points above or bescore within 100 points above or be-
low his last average. A deviarection is not exceptional. For this reason alone, predictions on the inal standings of any tournament cannot be entirely accurate.

## Lasker Steiner

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We placed Edward Lasker just below Herman Steiner, our Hollywood glamor-boy. As it turned out, they tied for 15-16th.
Herman bounces up and down like a rubber ball, so we claim a real victory for the rating system in getting as close as we did.
Lasker is a steadier player. Note that he went in with 2342 , came ut with 2325- a difference of only 17 points.
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Planas and Aleman confirmed their ratings, finishing near $t h e$ bottom. The others were unrated The Mexican entries dropped out. senor Quesada of Cuba died during the tournament.
The Havana tourney averaged 2400 points. To win a contest of this strength, a player usually has to earn a performance rating of more than 2700 . For many years Najdorf and Reshevsky have been scoring above this figure in nearly all their tournaments. They were the oustanding favorites and performed as expected.
Gligoric, Eliskases and Evans were the leading contenders, ac cording to our system of ranking, but each of these players h as scored above 2700 only once in the past seven years. With average ratings around 2650 , it was conceiv able that one might take first prize; but it was not surprising that all three failed to do so.
Horowitz was the only other contestant who has earned above 2700 This player did it twice when he was at his peak, in 1936 and 1938 but he failed to graduate into the Grandmaster class and has fallen off in the past 14 years. His pre-sent-day average is 2473 , which is 241 below Reshevsky. This means that Horowitz and other contestants with ratings under 2600 had practically no chance of winning this tournament.
In a horse-race, a longshot can win without causing a riot, but good chessplayers are much more consistent than racehorses. When the entries include two players with ratings above 2700 , and three above 2600, you can forget abou miracle could make it possible for a player rated around 2500 to wit a player rated
Now, we are quite prepared to admit that we were lucky on this one. The heavy concentration of strong masters made the conditions ideal. There are many reasons why
eannot expect our predictions on other tournaments to turn out as well as they did for the Havana contest. However, this writer is not gifted with second sight and the laws of chance do not explain the high percentage of "hits" in this forecast. Only a good measuring system, capable of comparing the performances of players in arious contests, can produce results like this. The system proves itself when players come together in a tournament and perform in aceordance with their ratings, despite the fact that they had seldom or never met before. For instance, Larry Evans had never played in the same tournament with Gligoric or Eliskases. The U.S. Champion earned nearly all his rating points in this country, his previous foreign experience being limited to Hastings, 1950, and the Chess Olympies of that year. At Hastings, Larry placed 4th and Rossolimo took 2nd prize; at the Olympies, Larry was a reservist on the U.S. team and of course did not play against Gligoric, Yugoslavia's No. 1 man.

Gligoric had met Eliskases only ace - at Mar del Plata, 1950, when the Yugoslav master took first and Eliskases could do no better than sixth. With this exception, Gligoric earned all his rating points in European tournaments while Eliskases scored his points in Argentina and Brazil. There is certainly no indication in these past records of the final standings at

Despite the widely separated sourees of the ratings previously earned by Gligoric, Evans and Eliskases, these three players came together at Havana and confirmed the correctness of the ratings that had been issued to them. Their averages indicated that they would be bunched together below Najdorf Horowithevksy, above Rossolma ers And and other famous play they finished. More important, the ratings scored by these players at Havana were reasonably elose to their previous averages.
Similarly, Rossolimo and H o rowitz had never played in the same tournament before they met at Havana. (They represented their respective countries in the 1950 Olympics but did not play against each other.) Rossolimo had built up his average of 2507 points in European tournaments; Horowitz had scored his 2473 points in American contests. Nevertheless they finished in tests. Nevertheless they inished in
approximately the positions preapproximately the posited by their ratings - 100 percent right in the case of Rossolimo and almost right in the case of Horowitz. And the Havana ratings of these players confirmed their previous, independent ratings.
(This is the first of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The second will appear in
the next issue of CHESS LIFE.-The Editor.)

Hakoah (San Francisco) Chess Club saw L. Rosenblatt win the club title $131 / 2-11 / 2$, elosely followed by H. Loewy with $13-2$ in second place and H. Edelstein with 12-3 in third place. Rosenblatt lost a game to Loewy and drew with Edelstein. Loewy lost games to J Dienstag and F. Neumann, while Edelstein lost games to Lo ew y and I. Dublin and drew with Rosen blatt and H . Rosenbaum.

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Sarnia Y Chess Club saw P. G. Haley win the 13 player round robin club championship $101 / 2-11 / 2$, losing a game to J. Skerbec and drawing with R. Kostick. Second place went to L. K. Smith with 10-2, losing to Haley and H. Stell macher. R. Kostick placed third with $81 / 2-31 / 2$; and J. Skerbec was fourth with 8-4.

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No. 323 (Grossi): $\begin{aligned} & \text { Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way! } \\ & \text { Q Kt7. An }\end{aligned}$
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but one of the threatened mates.




correct claims of "cooks," i.e., valid soututions not motended by the composers. This tally covers solutions for problems in the April 20 issue received up to time we
went to press, on May 10 . Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the next Ladder.)
 A hearty' welcome to new solvers Edward Scher, R. A. Hedgrock, and Alex-
ander Kozak, who begin their climb on the Ladder with this 1ssue.


NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
Manhattan Chess Club Champio ship, New York, 1952

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| 14. $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{KI}$ |  |  |



From the diagrammed position wo see
that White has a distinct advantage.
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## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

## Capablanca Memorial Tournament

Havana, 1952
Notes by John E. Howarth

## L. W <br>  Of the playable alternatives, either this of 4. 4. 32 is monbbly be the masters prefer $4.3 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B2}$ because it prevents the doublins of White's QP on the B file and keeps the square K4 4. <br> Since White has not played 4. Q-B2 or 4. P-QR3 (Snemisch Variation) and has /sin gatned a "slighttempoadvantage, Black is well advised to continue her   Q2, etc. as in the game Reshevgky Botvinnil, AVRO, 1938 ), P.Q4 etc., With


 and if'9. BxB, KtxB with equality. B-Kts
One of Black's best counter-ideas in
this defense is to prepare and to challenge the set-ap in the center
with this advance. Hence perhaps bes

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