

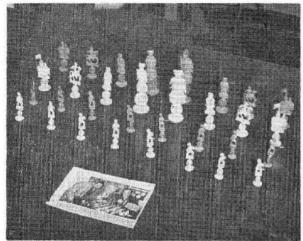
# Chess Life



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# ALL ROADS LEAD TO TAMPA



ODD AND VALUABLE CHESS SET

When Vincent Southwick of Amerillo bought the set in England (where they were brought by a retired British Naval Surgeon from Hanhow, about 1700), he had no idea that it might be valuable. A similar set has recently been valued at \$3,000.00.

—Photo: Courtesy Amarillo Times



U. S. WOMEN'S, CHAMPION AT SALT LAKE CITY
Here Mrs. Mary Bain in her simultaneous exhibition in the Descret News
Auditorium faces five of the "Small Fry Chess League" players in (left to
right) Nick Lundstrom, Mark Lundstrom, Marcellus Snow, Barry Snow, and
Raymond Thompson.

—Photo: Boyd B. Bullough

#### BORSODI WINS AT NEW ORLEANS

Victory in the New Orleans Championship went to Ed Borsodi with 16-2, while Pelton finished second with 15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and Coopersmith third with 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. McAuley was elected president of the New Orleans Chess Club with Murrhee vice-president, Wills secretary and Walsdorf treasurer. Plans are already being laid for the Louisiana State Tournament which will be held in New Orleans August 30-September 1.

## U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha, Nebraska August 18-23, 1952

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#### AMARILLOAN OWN VALUABLE SET

Vincent J. Southwick, field representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor, at Amarillo, Texas was surprised and gratified to discover that a carved choss set bought as a curiosity in England might turn out to be very valuable. A recent article in the Sunday New York News rotogravure section told of a similar set which was valued at \$5,000.00 and owned by George Franklyn Willey. The set owned by Willey appears identical to Southwick's.

Southwick bought the set in England while stationed there on Naval Service from the surviving grand-son of the English Naval Surgeon who bought the set originally in Hankow in 1700.

The chessmen are intricately hand-carven figures in Chinese style set upon bases which are spheres. These bases can be unscrewed and are lacking in the set owned by lecturer Willey. The pieces are red and white.

# U. S. OPEN BECKONS PLAYERS TO VACATIONLAND AT TAMPA

# Chess and Fun Is Eternal Theme Of All U. S. Open Tournaments

So well known are the charms of Tampa as a city of relaxation and fun for the vacationist, that there is no need to dwell upon the attractions of swimming, deepsea fishing, and all the other sports so well advertised about this famous city of Florida.

But it was with these side-attractions in mind that the U. S. Chess Federation accepted the bid of Tampa and the Florida Chess League and made Tampa the site of the annual U. S. Open Championship. Here was a vacation spot for the chess widow to enjoy while hubby played his chess—a place for the whole family together.

For the chess—a place for the whole family together.

For the chess-player himself, the Open Championship promises to be one of the most interesting ever held by the Federation. More than usual effort has been expended to gain the presence of players from Latin America to make a colorful and varied event. It is anticipated that our Latin neighbors will contribute more contestants to this event than came even to the Corpus Christi Open which had representatives from several Latin American lands. It is even anticipated that several players from Spain will participate. Even at this early date it is known that Dr. Juan Gonzales, champion of Cuba, and Rafael Cintron of Puerto Rico will be among those playing. Other Cuban and Puerto Rican players are also expected.

#### Women Not Neglected

Nor are the women chess players neglected in these plans, for a full scale Women's Open is also being planned. It is hoped that U. S. Women's Champion Mary Bain, who was for-many years a resident of Florida, will compete in this and that many other women chess players will make it the biggest Women's Open in the history of the tournament.

#### TURNER TAKES LAKE CO. EVENT

Philip Turner of Emerson High won the annual Lake County (Ind.) Interscholastic Cham p i o n s h i p sponsored by the Gary Chess Club. Turner scored 4½-½, drawing with Robert Spence (Emerson) in the 8 player 5 round Swiss. Second place with 3½-1½ went to Don Miller (Horace Mann) who lost to Turner and drew with Richard Floyd (Hammond). Third and fourth with equal 3-2 scores on S-B points were Alex Raluckyj (Hammond) and Gus Sacopulos (Emerson).

#### JUREVICS TOPS DALLAS OPEN

Gustav Jurevics, a rather recent arrival from Europe, showed his old-world skill in winning the Dallas Open Championship 71/2-11/2, drawing with F. H. McKee and conceding one loss to last year's champion, R. B. Potter. C. Frederick Tears was runner-up with 61/2-21/2, losing games to Jurevics and W. T. Strange while drawing with J. W. Stapp. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 6-3 scores were R. B. Potter and J. W. Stapp. Potter lost games to Tears, F. H. McKee and Russell Smith; Stapp was defeated by Jurevics, Potter and drew with Tears and McKee in the 10-player round robin event.

#### RESHEVSKY WINS MATCH 11-7

By drawing the 17th game and winning the 18th and final game Najdorf bettered his score but lost the match 11-7 in the final games at San Salvador.

#### U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tampa, Florida July 14-25, 1952

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#### U OF WASH TOPS PUGET LEAGUE

The University of Washington surged forward to triumph in the Puget Sound League by 5 game points, winning 60½-19½ with 7-1 matches. Second was Seattle Chess Club with 55½-22½ and 7-1, while Tacoma YMCA Chess Club placed third with 6-2 and 45-35. Victorious Washington lost early in the season to Tacoma, but thereafter was unbeatable. The victory deprived Seattle Chess Club of the chance of gaining permanent possession of the Puget Sound Trophy, which must be won three times. Seattle has won it twice.

#### NEW IDEA SPARKS DALLAS TOURNEY

The Dallas Chess Club has inaugurated a novel idea in its Dallas Invitational Tournament, which is invitational Tournament, which is invitational only in the sense that the entry list is restricted to "A" Class players or better. The average Swiss event has the disadvantage frequently in the fact that the inclusion of players of all classes tends to lower the average rating of the event, so that the winners frequently are handicapped in acquiring top performance ratings. It is the idea of the Dallas Club that a tournament restricted to "A" Class or better players will permit the winners to gain performance ratings on a par with those gained by players of equal strength who have benefited, particularly in California and New York, from the opportunity of competing in strong round-robins events.

According to Fred C. Tears of the Dallas Club, all players are invited to the Dallas Invitational Tourney whose published USCF Rating in the last rating list is Class A or better. Players who are not members of the Federation and have desire to enter the Dallas event may this one time check with the Editor of CHESS LIFE to discover if their unpublished ratings qualify them for the event. The idea of the Dallas Club on holding an "A Class" event based on USCF ratings is one that may well spread elsewhere.

### BERSBACH WINS

Scoring 5-0 in a 38 player 5 round Swiss Emil Bersbach, formerly of California, won the Indiana State title at Logansport. 
Second to fifth on S-B points with 
equal 4-1 scores were Boyd Collins, George O. Dunkel, George 
Martinson, and Alfred D. Gruen. 
Collins lost to Bersbach; Dunkel 
drew with Glen C. Donley and 
Roger Oren; Martinson lost to 
Wallace Kosiba; and Gruen lost to 
Bersbach. Floyd Bolton directed 
the fournament.

At the annual meeting Glen C.
Donley of Logansport was elected
president of the Indiana Chess
Ass'n, Fred C. Flauding of Portland treasurer, Dale E. Rhead of
East Gary secretary, and Floyd
B. Bolton of Hammond tournament director.

#### NORTH CITY TOPS PHILA LEAGUE

North City Chess Club triumphed in the A Division of the Philadelphia Chess League, scorring 22½-7½ in games and 5-1 in matches. Franklin Chess Club was second by 2½ points, scoring 20-10 in games and 5-1 in matches. Germantown YMCA Chess was third with 17-13 and 3½-2½.

In the B Division Haverford College swept to victory with 31½-8½ in games and a match score of 7-1. Germantown YMCA was second with 27-13 and 6-2, while University of Pennsylvania's Blue team placed third with 26½-14½ and 5-3.

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#### THE VANISHED U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

THESE will be hard words; but no other are appropriate to the oc A casion. For the mulish obstructionism of a few individuals threatens to make the United States Chess Federation and several of its officials

On April 5, 1950, USCF President Paul G. Giers (now retired) pledged in an article in CHESS LIFE that the next U.S. Championship event (after the proposed 1950 tournament, which was actually held in 1951) would be planned upon a comprehensive system of qualification through State, Regional, and finally a Candidates' Tournament.

Some lingering scepticism, particularly in the Mid-West, greeted this announcement from various groups of players who were suspicious of the fact that the 1950 U.S. Championship was scheduled as an invitational affair. They feared that this one invitational event would be used as a predecent for others; and it must now be admitted that their fears have apparently been justified.

To quell this scepticism at the time, we wrote in good faith our own pledge (based upon the stated resolutions of the USCF Board of Directors) that the Federation would adhere to the Three-Year Cycle Plan as it had been adopted and approved by several successive Boards of Directors. We did not then anticipate that any official of the Federation would deliberately direct his energies and the authority of his office to preventing the operation of this Three-Year Cycle. Nor did we anticipate that the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee (charged with the arrangement of the details by Board of Directors resolution) would follow the simple expedient of ignoring this important duty under the encouragement of the two USCF officials most directly charged with the responsibility of implementing the plan.

What Mr. Giers may think concerning the deliberate effort to make him seem a liar to the UCSF membership by thwarting those plans which he solemnly pledged for the Federation on behalf of the membership, we do not know. We do know what we think. We think that any organization, which deliberately breaks its pledged word to its membership, automatically ceases to deserve support from that membership. We know that we cannot serve an organization which permits us to pledge in its name certain committments, and then fails to abide that pledge.

Since no effort has been made to implement the first (and in some respects the most important) phase of the Three-Year Cycle Plan for the Championship (which should have been implemented early in 1951!), it now becomes the painful duty of the USCF Board of Directors at the annual meeting at Tampa this July not only to reprimand USCF President Harold M. Phillips for his deliberate sabotage of the plan, but to place its operation into other and more reliable hands, since President Phillips cannot be trusted to fulfill the frequently stated will of the Board in regard to the Three-Year Cycle.

Our editorial of March 20th, 1952 on the U.S. Championship provoked sufficient protest from the membership for USCF President Harold M. Phillips to rouse from lethergy long enough to direct USCF Secretary Phil J. Mary to contact the "Regional Directors" in regard to estab-lishing regional tournaments. This ineffective gesture of evasion produced, of course, no action except the deceptive illusion of action, for there are no "regional directors" for the USCF, and the Three-Year Cycle Plan very definitely does not envision Regional (or Areal) Tourn-aments such as were staged for the preliminaries of the 1948 U.S. Championship.

The Plan says (we repeat again): "In accordance with rules to be formulated later this year, there will be state or regional competition, and every state or regional champion emerging from such tournaments will qualify for participation in the 1952 Candidates' Tournament."

It is quite obvious from the context that no formal Area Tournaments in the sense of the 1948 Championship Area Preliminaries were envisioned; the use of the title "state or regional champions" indicates this fact clearly. What was determined in setting up the Three-Year Cycle Plan, was that certain standards would be set for tournaments, whether state or regional, and that all the tournaments which fulfilled these stipulated standards would qualify their winners for the Candidate. unese supulated standards would qualify their winners for the Candidates' Tournament. "Regional" was used, not in the sense of an Area Preliminary (for the word "Area" was sedulously avoided), but to cover such events as the New England Championship, the the Southern Association Open, the Southwestern Open, the Trans-Mississippi, etc., if these events fulfilled the standards which the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee was directed to establish.

Encouraged by USCF President Harold M. Phillips and abetted by U.S. Tournament Committee Secretary Hans Kmoch (who has fort-unately since resigned his office), the U.S. Tournament Committee has consistently failed upon one plea or another to set these standards, although it is not a matter which would require overmuch deliberation with the USCF Rating System at hand as a ready-made yardstick.

In an article (not yet published), USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness states: "As a rough guide, a Swiss System must average close to 1900 and a Round Robin over 1900 to make it possible for the winner or leading scorers to earn ratings of 2300 points." obvious that it would therefore be easy to set the standard of per-formance for any tournament on the sole basis of rating points for qualification of its winner as an entrant in the Candidates' Tournament. If the tournament averages a rating of 1900 points or better, or if a winner earns 2300 performance points or more, he could be said to be eligible for the Candidates' Tournament; and a list of such eligibles could be compiled by the Rating Statistician and published in CHESS LIFE months in advance of the scheduled date for the Candidates' Tournament. Or the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee could set the standard of performance higher, if it thought such action ad-

But this solution proved to be much too simple for the U.S. Championship Tournament Committee when we suggested it to them almost a year ago. Under the guidance of USCF President Harold M. Phillips they preferred to do nothing at all. Did they labor under the eager hope that when time grew too short for any qualifying events, they could then proclaim that another invitational tournament must be accepted as an emergency measure?

Since any Candidates' Tournament in 1953 must draw from entries who were qualified in 1952, it will be a very unsatisfactory solution for the Board of Directors now to set the standards to cover tournaments played in 1952. Many of these events have already been completed. But obviously no other expedient except this makeshift one remains, if the pledge of USCF President Paul G. Giers in 1950 and the subsequent pledges of CHESS LIFE Editor Montgomery Major are to be kept. And these pledges were made officially upon behalf of the Federation under the authority of stated resolutions of various USCF Boards of Directors.

We look to the Board of Directors at Tampa to act, since it is now obvious that nothing except obstructive tactics can be expected from Presidential headquarters in New York City. Of course, it is to be recognized that the USCF Board of Directors, when meeting in Tampa, has the inherent authority to reverse the decisions of all previous Boards and break the pledge made to the membership in 1950. We do not, however, believe that they will do so, if they consult the wishes of the membership. of the membership.

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### Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Problem No. 335 By F. Bennett Kin Kin, Australia First Publication Black: 11 men Problem No. 336
By E. J. Eddy
Third Prize "West Sussex Gazette"
1930
Black: 7 men

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White: 9 men 5rS1, 7b, 1Q4p1, R2S2kP, 5R1p, 1K5P, 7s White mates in two moves

Problem No. 338 By A. Gulyaev Prize, "Shakhmati"



White: 10 men 6q1, 8, 2sBs/SI, 1b2pplr, 1P1kPIp1, 2RPp3, 1KB5, 4SbQ White mates in two moves

Problem No. 337
By Edgar Holladay
Third Prize "British Chess
Magazine," 1951
Black: 5 men



White: 8 men 1B6, 1b3B1p, 8,2K5, R2Sk3, 3S1R2, 4P3, 6qs White mates in two moves



First Prize, "Shak 1946 Black: 5 men

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to

# Chess Life In New York By Eliot Hearst

S VETOZAR GLIGORICH, victor at the recent Los Angeles In-nation! Tourney, has returned to New York, and, as the first ex-hibition in the series he plans, he took on all comers at the renovated quarters of the Marshall Chess Club. This simultaneous was additionally unique in that Gligorich, four-time winner of the powerful Yugoslav championship, is the first player from that country ever to give such a display at the Marshall. Edward Lasker, club president, related in his introductory words that Gligorich made quite a hit with the Cuban sponsors of the Havana tourney in which he finished behind only Najdorf and Reshevsky; so much so that the popular Slav was actually the fans' favorite to win after just a few days in the Cuban capital! In his exhibition Gligorich did

not lean toward the bizarre or un-usual, at least in his choice of openings-he played P-K4 or P-Q4 on every board without even a single English, Reti or Bird's as most performers are wont to experiment with often. He, too, experiment with often. He, too, was playing under a serious handicap (?)—just before the evening's festivities began, Gligorich had cut his left thumb badly in some minor accident; the twenty five opponents soon found, however, that moves with his right hand were potent enough! The Yugoslav, whose popularity may in partslav, whose popularity may in parts slav, whose popularity may in part be due to his ability to converse in many languages and thus with almost anyone (although not as fluently as the smooth O'Kelly of Belgium!), scored twenty wins, two losses, and three draws with the reversals coming at the hands of Willy Burck and Madame Von Haebler who, it may be remem-bered, obtained a draw with Arturito Pomar in an "unusual" exhibition game mentioned several issues back—1½ points out of 2 against such competition is not to be sneezed at! Arthur Feuerstein, one of the Marshall's most talented junior players, was the exchange up in an easily won ending when he unknowingly repeated the position three times- Gligor-ich (the exhibitor!) was quick to point it out and claimed the halfpoint; the other draws were achieved by J. Repecka and G. Jacobson. All in all, the young Slav champion has made quite a hit with New York chess fans, too, just as it appears he does everywhere!

IN BRIEF: The octagonal brick building donated by an anonymous contributor to house the Central Park chess players in bad weather is now under construction and should be "open for business" in the near future . . . Louis Levy leads Phil Le Cornu in their four-game match, 1½-½... The Brooklyn, Marshall and Sunset Park Chess Clubs are tied for first in the "B" division of New York's Met League with one round to go.

#### CLEVELAND TOPS COLUMBUS TEAM

In an intercity match Cleveland overwhelmed Columbus by 15%-1% in a double round team encounter of ten boards. All Co-lumbus could salvage from the wreckage were three draws by Walter Mann, Kurt Loening and

#### DALLAS LEADING TEXAS INTERCITY

The Texas Intercity Chess League finds Dallas leading 2-0 with a 9-1 victory over Fort Worth and an 84:11/2 triumph over Waco. Fort Worth is second with 1-1, scoring an 81/2-11/2 victory over Waco.

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5k2, 5KPP1, 8, p7, 8, B1b5

1B4K1, 5P2, 7k, 8, 4SS2, q7, 2B5, 8 White to play and win

#### White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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 $T^{
m HE}$  answer to our remarks concerning the rarity of American endgame compositions came in a sudden flurry of studies, all made in America. We are now stocked with the works of Robert Brieger, Carl E. Diesen, and Richard Kujoth, which we hope to present in this and succeeding issues. Now, all that is needed is to persuade our associates, Edmund Nash, Guilherme Groesser and Montgomery Major to contribute studies and this column will have presented a cross-section of American end-game composers. Beyond these, there is only a very rare composition by problemists like Julius Buchwald; otherwise the USA contains no exponents of the study, for it is an art that seems to flourish most naturally upon the continent of Europe.

Position No. 93 represents a rather amusing finish by Robert Brieger of Houston. It is obvious that 1. P-B8(Q) ch, QxQ ch; 2. KxQ, BxKt is not the answer, for White B and Kt can only draw against the Black B. So a more subtle procedure must be found by White in order

In Position No. 94 by Carl Diesen of North Tonawanda, White faces a problem in the determined opposition of Black K and B to the queening of a P. Yet White can win if his skill is sufficient to the occasion.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

#### SCHMIDT TAKES SYRACUSE CITY

Dr. Bruno W. Schmidt of Homer won the Syracuse (N.Y.) City Championship by defeating Arthur W. Wood 2.0 in a playoff for the title. In the regular 10 round Swiss event, Dr. Schmidt and Swiss event, Dr. Schmidt and Arthur Wood were tied for first at 9-1 each. Dr. Schmidt, who came to the USA in 1938, was Michigan State Co-Champion in 1946 and 1949, and was runner-up in the 1951 Syracuse City event. Arthur Wood, dean of Syracuse players, has held the city title eight times and played in the Genesee Cup Matches for Syracuse.

Alfred H. Cope and Leslie Kilmer tied for third with 7-3; H. R. Bungay and George Scriabin tied for fifth with 632-332 each.

#### HOLAHAN WINS YORK CITY-CO.

Thomas F. Holahan won the ombined York (Pa) City and county title by besting Distinct combined County title by besting Dinitro Grenda and William B. Yeagley, winners in other sections of preliminary play by 4-2. Grenda was sec-ond and Yeagley third, while Luther P. Brown won the consolation title.

In the Junior Division the title went to 11-year old Thomas L. Gabriele, while Charles Klinedinst second and David Schatanoff third. Robert O. Burns won the consolation

In the Women's event the title went to Gladys Purcell, while newcomer Marion Redmond placed second. All the trophies for these events were donated by Spero Cus-tis, vice-president of the York Y Chess Club.

#### HOLMES TAKES PIERCE CO. MEET

Vernon Holmes of Tacoma Chess Club won the Pierce County title 6-0 in a 12 player Swiss event. Cakarnis was second with 41/2-11/2, losing to Holmes and drawing with Leach, who placed third with 3½-2½ upon S-B points. Fourth and fifth with 3½-2½ were Coubrough and Dickey.

#### **HURT TRIUMPHS** IN W. VA. EVENT

John Hurt of Charleston lost his first game but thereafter won four straight to win the West Virginia Co-Champions' Tourney before dropping his final round game to Dr. S. Werthammer, Dr. Werthammer by winning this final game climbed into a second-place tie with Allen H. DuVall. The four player Co-Champions' Tourney was a non-title event con-tested by the four co-champions of the State. In winning Hurt dropped games to Werthammer and DuVall. Edward M. Foy, who tied for the title in the annual event, in this contest seemed outclassed, salvaging only one draw apiece from Werthammer and Du-Vall. Charles Morgan directed the event, and he and Dr. Vincent Hay-ward donated the prize for the winner.

#### YARMAKS TOP PASSIAC JUNIOR

Isaac Yarmak placed first with 41/2-1/2 and Saul Yarmak second with 31/4-11/2 in the Clifton-Passaic Junior Championship with William Tritchel third with 3-2 in the 6 player round robin event. Saul drew with Isaac and also drew with Zoltan Farkas and George Schoem. Tritchel lost to both the Yarmaks and was otherwise vic-torious. This was a 100% USCF Rated event.

#### TRAIBUSH WINS BOULDER EVENT

Championship of the combined City of Boulder and University of Colorado tournament went to E. V. Traibush who learned his skill in the New York Metropolitan League matches, with a score of 4-0 in the 12 player Swiss event. Pete Barglow was second with 3-1 on S-B points, losing to Traibush. Third and fourth, also with 3-1 each were Paul Goetsch, an ex-change student from Germany, and Kenneth Mundt. Goetsch lost a game to Barglow, and Mundt lost to Traibush.

### How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS

USCF Rating Statistician

(Kenneth Harkness, co-author 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. In the first article of this series, Mr. Harkness reviewed his predictions on the results of the Havana tournament.—The 2.

THE National Rating System, now in operation for two years, is like one of those mechanical brains you read about in the papers. Tournament results are fed in at one end and ratings come out at the other. The machine has no feelings or emotions. When presented with the results of a tournament, it pays no attention to fancy titles. The sponsors may call it a Masters' Tournament to Decide the Championship of Fifteen Counties; but the system adds up the ratings of the players, strikes an average, and calls the contest an 1843-point Class B event, if that is how it turns out.

If you win a tournament you get the highest rating. Others may claim that you were just lucky and got all the breaks, but the system looks at your score. It knows nothing about luck. Never heard of it. Sad to relate, though, the eagle eye of the rating system sees your name The machine measures your failures as well as your successes. This is not a one-way system. Your rating can go up or down.

The system is unimpressed by The system is unimpresses of brilliance. As pointed out by our good friend Tony Santasiere, you cannot measure the beauty of a cannot measure the beauty of a rose. The rating system doesn't even try. Call it vulgar if you wish, but the system is concerned only with results. You may lose a game brilliantly, but it counts no more than any other goose-egg on the final score-sheet.

Unless informed to the contrary the system assumes that all players in chess tournaments are healthy. Alibis leave the machine completely cold. Maybe you had a headache, or a toothache, or a backache. Perhaps it was too hot, or too stuffy, or too smoky. Could be there was to much noise, or you didn't like the way your opponent behaved. The system has heard all the alibis, but it just doesn't care. Your score is the only thing that counts.

Twice every year, all the rating cards are fed into the machine to add the ratings earned in various tournaments and compute averages. Your card comes out with a new rating for the last semi-anif you competed durnual period. ing that time. The system is neither glad nor sorry if it is higher or lower than before, it has no personal opinion about your playing strength and is completely unbiased.

When figuring average ratings. the system ignores most of the past glories of active players. Heartless, perhaps, but time marches on and the system goes along with it. The machine produces an average that represents your current strength, not what you used to do in times gone by. You are given just a little credit (or perhaps a debit) for past performances, but your new average rating is largely determined by your latest successes or failures.

Unfortunately, this writer does not possess a machine that does the work outlined above; he has to do it himself. But the work is purely mechanical and could, in fact, be done by a machine. After the rules have been laid down. figuring the ratings is just routine labor. Every now and then we have to go round with an oil-can and take the squeak out of some of the wheels, or make a few adjust-ments to correct errors and distortions that have crept in. are continually working on refinements and improvements. Perfec-tion is unattainable, but the sysis working well. The ratings tem of players who have competed in ten or more contests are quite accurate. Others may be off one way or the other because the players have not competed enough to give us a real line on their strength.

If you have competed in only one rated tournament, we publish your name with an asterisk after the rating to indicate that the figure provisional one, subject ie a change as soon as you compete in another tournament. These provisional ratings are the least accurate.

After

your classification has been established by competing in two or more rated tournaments, the figure after your name in any semi-annual rating list is the highest average you achieved through the two years prior to the publication of the list. This means, of course, that the published ratings keep pace with your progress if you are shooting upward. During any half-year period you may be doing better than your last rating indicated, but the next list will catch up with you. On the other hand, if you are on the downgrade, the system gives you the benefit of the doubt and withholds publication of a lower rating. You are not demoted in the published listings until your averages have remained below your previous rating for a period of two years.

You are taken off the list if you do not compete for two years. Your card stays in the files for three more years but your name is not published unless you return to competition. After five years of inactivity your ratings are can-celled and your card destroyed.

If you were living in Russia, where they breed chessplayers like mice, the rating system there would make you start in at the bottom of the ladder and progress upward from class to class. Then, if you succeeded in reaching the Master Candidate group, you would have to move mountains to get into the select circle of established Masters and Grandmasters. Your chances of getting out of the slums would be pretty slim. Here we cannot promise you an apartment to yourself or a shiny new automobile, but our rating system gives you the chance to start at any level and become a Master in not more than six months. The USCF will tell the world you are a master player if you have what it takes and can prove it across the board. All you have to do is to compete in at least two rated tournaments with strong enough entries so that you score an average of 2300 points or more. That's all—but it isn't easy.

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(This is the second of a series of ar-ticles by Mr. Harkness. The third will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE. —The Editor.)

CLIFTON-PASSAIC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Passaic, Clifton, 1952 Isaac Yarmak (Passaic)
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 George Schoom (Clifton)

Chess Life

Thursday, June 5, 1952

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 95



8, 8, 8, Kp6, 2k3pp, 8, P5PP, 8 Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 95 the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by July 5, 1952. Solution to Position No. 92

Solution to Position No. 92

This forceful finish to the MandelJohner game, Zurich, 1930 did not deceive many solvers. The actual game
continued: 1. ....., Kt-Ki6 ch; 2, PaKt,
PaR ch.; 3, K-Ki1, Rt-B?; 4, RxKt, R-B3

ch.; 5, ExR, PaR and White resigned
as Black's P cannot be stopped from
queening, If 2, K-Kt, KxtR gives Black
sufficent control to win without
frouble.

#### MILLER GAINS CLEVELAND CITY

George Miller, of the Miller vins, won the Cleveland City Championship (which he held in with 6-2 in the 8 round Swiss event. Brother Harald Miller was second, also with 6-2 but 1½ less S-B points. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 51/2-21/2 scores were Nasvytis and Harkins while Stearns scored 4-4.

#### FLINT TRIUMPHS IN VALLEY MEET

By besting Midland Chess Club. the Flint (Mich.) Chess Club gained the Saginaw Valley Team Championship and possession of the Brown Jug Trophy held by Midland for three years. In downing Midland 61/2-11/2 for the title, Morgan, Jurjevskis, Reddy, Rymasyewski, Higley and Beaudette scored for Flint, while Micklick salvaged the point for Midland. Pollak (Flint) drew with Gregg. Flint also bested Saginaw 6-0

and Bay City 51/2-11/2 for an un-defeated league season.

Mechanics' Institute Chess Club had its Championship event end in a triple tie between F. Byron, C. Capps and J. Schmitt with 4-1 each. Byron lost a game to Capps, who lost to Schmitt who lost to Byron. The three will play off the tie for first.

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BXQ; 21. KKXB with 3 pieces for Q and two Ps.

20. Ktx81
After 20. BxR; 21. RxKt a difficult struggle would still remain.

21. RxR QxR 22. KixKt
This loses by force. Essential was 22. KxKt, Atter which Illack could continue with 2. QxKd; 23. RxKi, QxX of the piece and with plenty of attack Left; 24. KxKt, B-95 ch; 25. K,Rl, B-B4; (or 25. QxRP); 26. RxK3, QxP (better than 26. B-B7; 27. R-K3 (and White still has his QRP).

22. KB-Q5! 23. K-R1
H 23. Kt-Q2, then 23. Q-K7; 24. Kt-K4, P-B4; 25. KtxQP, QxKt-ch; 26. K-R1, R-R7, If Z3. RxLQ, then 23. G-K7; 24. Kt-K4, P-B4; 25. KtxQP, QxKt-ch; 26. K-R1, R-R7, If Z3. RxLQ, Z4. Kt-Z4. BxKt ch.

23. Xt-X4. BxKt 25. R-Kt3 B-Q5.

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BxKt ch.

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BxKt 25. R-Ki3 B-Q5

Resigns
Black has two Ps and an overpowering control of the board. An exceptionally brilliant game.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Buffalo vs. Rochester Team Match, 1952

Notes by Max Herzberger

M. HERZBERGER
(Rochester)
P-K3 3. K1-QB3 K1-K83
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North Carolina Open Championship

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Open to all; two champions, open and state; \$100.00 cash first prize; entry fee \$6.00; for details, write:

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August 30-September 1

August 30-September 1
Louisiana State Championship
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reported later.

#### AUSTIN REPEATS IN GREATER CHGO

Austin Chess and Checker Club again won the Greater Chicago Chess League title with 6-0 in matches and 261/2-91/2 in games. Second was the new Latvian Chess Club with 31/6-21/2 and 22-14. Leading scorers in the matches were Mrs. Eva Aronson (Austin) with 5-0, N. Aronson (Austin) with 41/2-1/2, and John and Valdis Tums

(Latvian) with 4-1 each. In the annual Greater Chicago Chess League 10-Second Team Tournament the roles of the leaders were reversed and the Latvian Chess Club placed first with 3-0 and 2842-742, while Austin Chess and Checker was second with 2-1 and 2842-1424. and 231/2-121/2.

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:

I wonder if your readers could answer three questions:

(1) Can anyone produce a game

(1) Can anyone produce a game (not a problem) in which a pawn was under-promoted to a Bishop?
(2) Did Marshall ever defeat Alekhine in a match or tournament game? If so, when and where?

where? (3) Could anyone dig up the games that Banks won from Mars-

hall and Kashdan at the Chicago Masters Tournament in 1926?
That idea of beating another man at his own game is always

dramatic. Johnny Kling, famous Chicago Cub catcher, won the world's pocket billiard Champion-

world's pocket billiard Champion-ship from Charlie Weston in 1909. My chess friend, Mr. Robert W. Bruner of Ames, Iowa, tells of a man who boasted of having beaten Capablanca and Willie Hope: "I beat Capablanca at bil-liards and Hoppe at chess." C. M. BURTON 5t. Louis, Missouri

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Tournament Life

White hopes to recover the P without giving up the two Bs.

7. B-Q2 10, R-K1 P-K-R3

8. B-K12 B-B3 11. B-QB1 O-O

9. O-O Kt(1)-Q2 12. P-K13
Better is 12. Kt-B4, P-K41; 13. P-Q51 (insufficent is 13. P-XP, KtxP; 14. KtxP; KtxR; 15. G-XQ, GrXQ; 16. B-Kt, Kt-B6 ch; 17. B-KE, B-XB with a definite advantage for Black), P-XK; 14. P-XB, P-B6 with equal chances.

12. K+K17, KtxK1; 15. B-XE, Kt-B6 wins the Exchange.

14. B-K12 17. P-XK1 P-B4

15. B-XK1 Kt-B4 19. Q-Q2 Q-X5

16. B-K12 KtxK1 20. B-QB1

After 20, B-QB1 HERZBERGER



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P-KKt4

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED Round 3, March 6 Budapest, 1952 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
KERES SMYSLOV
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-K3
2. P-QB4 PxP
A satisfactory alternative is 3. Q-R4 ch. 3. ......
KI-KB3 4. BxP P-K3 Ki-KB3 4 Bxp P.K3
A very sharp variation would be 4. S.
A very sharp variation would be 4. S.
BKB4; S. Q-K43, P-K3; 6. Kt-QB3, Q-B1
but not 6. Q-KK1P, B-K5; 7. B-Kt5-ch,
K-K23 and White's Q is lost.
S. Ki-KB3 P-Q-K3 11, B-K3
S. Q-K2 P-Q-K4
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S. Q-K2 P-Q-K4
S. Q-K2 P-Q-K4
S. G-K3 G-K3
S. G-K3 14, Q-K1-Q-K1-K-K4
S. Q-K2 P-Q-K4
S. B-Q3 K1-B3 14, Q-K1-Q-Z-K1-K-K4
S. P-Q-R4
S. P-Q-R5
S. G-K5
S. G-K4 CL
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Solutions:

White to Play and Win 

# Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 327 (Major): 1. Q-R1. "Very nice"—Rev. Chickey.

M. A. Michaels.
No. 323 (Eston): 1. B-R5.
No. 329 (fen Cate): 1. P-B7. "Complicated and not easy to solve"— Rev.
Chickey. 'II liked this best of the two-ers"—M. A. Michaels.
No. 330 (Matthews): 1. B-Q5. threat: 2. BxP mate. 1. ......., R-K6; 2. P-B7.
1. ....., R-K6; 2. P-K7. 1. ....., R-K8; 2. RxP(Q2). 1. ....., R-K6; 2. P-R7. 1. .....,
R-K7; 2. RXXP. 1. ....., R-B7; 2. KxP(Q2). 1. ....., R-K7; 2. RxP(Q3).

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After 22. ....., KR-B1

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23. Kt-kt6

23. Kt-kt6

23. Kt-kt6 only appears to win the Exchange. If 23. Q-R2; 24. KtzB, Qx Kt; 25. Kt-kt6. However, the elever 23. Kt-kt6, Dowever, the elever 24. KtzQ, RxR Ct; 25. QxR, Kt-Kr ch, but of course not 24. RxKt since 24. CtzQ, RxR cty 25. QxR, Kt-Kr ch, but of course not 24. RxKt since 24. QxR 25. RxB QxR 25. RxB QxR 26. PxB; 26. QxR 26. PxB; 27. QxKt 26. PxB; 28. QxR 27. QxKt 27. QxKt 28. QxR 2 

### **OUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED**

White by Max Hersberger
White Black
J. SHERWIN
1. P.Q4 8. B-Q3 PxP
2. P.Q84 PxP 9. PxP B-Kt2
3. Kt-K83 Kt-K83 10. Kt-83 B-K2
4. P-K3 P-K3 11. B-K5 0-0
5. BxP P-B4 12. KR-Q1 Kt-B3
6. 0-O P-QR3 13. QR-B1
7. Q-K2 P-QKM
White has an isolated QP, but is ahead in development. It is interesting to see how Black tries to get positional advantage by posting his Kt on Q4 (Nimzo-ytich). Unfortunately, his maneuver uses too much time.

wins. 23. BxRP

Kt-K5 24. Q-Kt4 After 24. ....., B-Kt4
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29. QxB ch 30. PxQ 31. Kt-B3

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