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## BRASKET TOPS STEINMEYER



TAMPA - SITE OF THE OPEN
The City of Timpa, as seen from Davis Island. The large building in the forcground is the Municipal Hospital.


The USCF USCF EXECUTIVES AT FORT WORTH Chambionship and Congress at Fort Worth in 1951, Ieftion at ine USCF Open tary Pbil J. Mary, USCF Vice-President and Treasurer Edward I. Trend, USCF ${ }^{\text {President }}$ Harold M. Phillips, USCE Vice-President Frank R. Graver, USCF Past President Elbert A. Wagner. Jr., USCF Vire-President William Byland, and USCF Membership Secretary Glenn E. Hartleb.


Sceted, left to night: Frank J. Cabot Ill, Rebert Sccinmeyct, and Curt Brasket; standing, ieft to right: DT. Giles A. Koctsche, Framz Newabaucr, Harry A. Lew John Pengrute, Kimball Nedved, and Paul Poschel

## 28th Trans-Mississippi Aftracts 80 Players for a Phofo-Finish <br> By John G. Warren

The 28th Annual Trans-Mississippi Open Tournament-nicknamed by its players this year as the "Northern U.S. Open"-was won by Curt Brasket, youthful Tracy, Minn. player, in a photo-finish over Robert Steinmeyer of St. Louis, Mo. Brasket and Steinmeyer each scored $5^{1 / 2}-1 / 1 / 2$ in the 6 round event, but Brasket's SB points totaled 20.25 while Steinmeyer's was an even 20.

The tournament had 80 entries, more than doubling last year's list of 39, and members of the tournament committee of the Tri-City Chess and Checker Club, Davenport, Ia., sponsors of the event, have already begun plans to enlarge it to 7 or 8 rounds next year.
In third place was Povilas Tautvaisas, former Chicago Champion and current Mlinois Open titlist. Frank J. Cabot III of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. was fourth, and Paul Poschel former Illinois Champion and former U.S. Correspondence Champion, was fifh. other cash Wisconsin Champion, sixth and Waul Adams, Chicago, seventh. Paul Adams, Chicago, seventh.
Strength of the event was illustrated by the faets that the Illinois trated by the facts that the Mlinois
Champion, Kimball Nedved, placed Champion, Kimball Nedved, placed
gth: the Iowa titlist, Join Penquite of Des Moines, catne in 11th; and last year's Trans-Mississippi champion, Dr. G. A. Koelsche, the present Minnesota Champion, placed 20th.
Other strong mid-west players who found the competition exceptionally rough wdre Dr. L. C. Young of Madison, Wis., 19th; George Eastman of Detroit, Mich., 22nd, Harry A. Lew of St. Louis, Missourr state Champion, 2 antion and tuawig, Omana champion and holder, 29th; and Lec Magee, strong Nebraska player, 34th.
Nebraska player, 3 th. $\$ 300.00$ with
Prizes totaled about $\$ 237.00$ in cash and the remainder $\$ 237.00$ in cash and the remainder in merchandise awards. There were 17 prize winners. Brasket took
home $\$ 90.00$ as the first prize home
money.
Among the best performances was that of Paul Adams, young Chicagoan, who won a victory over Tautvaisas in the 4th round and then drew with Brasket in the 5th to assure himself a place among the prize winners. Steinmeyer's draw in the fourth round, with Angelo Sandrin of Chicago, brother of AI Sandrin, the former U.S. Open Champion.
The event was held in the spacious Chamber of Commerce auditorium, Davenport, La. At least five State Champions participated, with numerous other distriet, city with sectional titleholders.
The tournament held special significance for Franz Neugebauer of Chicago, four-time Trans-Misof Chicago, four-time Trans-Mis-
sissippi titleholder. It was the 25 th sissippi titicholder. It was the 25th
anniversary of his first TransMississippi championship, won in 1927. He also did credit to himself in such strong competition, finishing in 18th place.

## THERIEN WINS AT QUEBEC CITY

Jules Therien took the Quebec the Quebec City Speed ditle. At the same time young Loic Therien (his 9 -year old son) won the Quebec Cily B Championship and the Lusage took the Ouebec Junior LeSago took the quebee Junior title (16-21) and also the Junior triumphed in the Quebee Women's triumphed in

## TEARS TAKES

NO. TEXAS OPEN
Fred C. Tears with a perfect Open at Fort Worth in a 25 Texas Open at Fort Worth in a 25 player 7 round Swiss event staged by the Fort Worth Chess Club. Second place went to Louis Dina with $5 \frac{1}{2}$ $11 / 2$, losing a game to Tears and drawing with William A. Bills William A. Bills and R. B. Potter both scored 5-2 for third. Bills lost one game to Tears and drew with Dina and Frank T. Bly, while Pot ter lost to Tears and Dina.
Placing 8th with 4.3 points, Mrs. Maxine Cutlip continued to prove herself the top ranking woman player in the Southwest.

## MARTIN TAKES <br> E. WASH. TITLE

William H. Martin of Ellensburg won the East Washington District Championship $5^{1 / 2-1 / 2}$ in a 7 player round robin event at Yakima, He drew with Eli Treisman of Yakima who placed second in the event with 5-1. Treisman also drew with C. Groot of Richland. Martin was awarded a membership in the USCF, while Treisman and George Carter of Grandview, who placed third, were given subscriptions to the Washington Chess Letter monthly publication of the Washington Chess Federation. O. W LaFreniere of Yakima directed the event.

## MSCA SETS DATE FOR CAMP OUTING

The annual outing of the Massa chusetts State Chess . Iss'n prom ses more than usual fun this year for the whole of Indian Head Camp t Pembroke, Mass, will be at the disposal of the chess players, com plete with lake. Members are warned to save September 7th for this gala affair and to bring pienie funches, swimming suits, fishing ocis, suntan oil ... and, oh yes, chess sets.

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## PENQUITE TOPS

SO. DAKOTA MEET

## John Penquite of Des Moines

 travelled to Rapid City to win the South Dakota Open Championship $5-1$ in a 15 player Swiss, losing one game to P. Cooper Ellis of Scottsbluff, Neb. Ellis placed second on S-B points with 4-2, losing a game to Bryant W. Holmes, and drawing with Bertin Goddard and M. F. Anderson.Tied for third and declared South Dakota Co-Champions were M. F. Anderson of Rapid City and Bryant W. Holmes of Sioux Falls, with $4-2$ each and equal $S-B$ and Solkoff points. Anderson lost to Penquite, and drew with Ellis and Holmes. Holmes lost to Penquite, and drew with Merl W. Reese and Anderson. Merl Reese of Denver placed fifth, also with 4-2, losing to Penquite, and drawing with Holms and Goddard.

## CRAMER WINS <br> PEORIA OPEN

H. G. Cramer won the 16 player Pcoria Open Championship $71 / 2-11 / 2$, losing no games but drawing with J. E. Hodge, A. R Hartwig, and Lorence O'Russa. Second and third on S-B points with equal $61 / 2-21 / 2$ scores were J. E. Hodge and A. R. Hartwig. Hodge lost a game to C . A. Lyon and drew with Cramer, Ray Shipman, and R. L. Pocklington of Joliet. Hartwig lost to Hodge and drew with Cramer, but forfeited one round. Ray Shipman was fourth with $51 / 2-31 / 2$, losing to Cramer and Louis Hafner, and drawing with Hodge, John Roecker, and Dean Lybarger.

## DAHLSTROM WINS IN CHICAGO PARK

Finals of the Chicago Park System Championship saw Burton Dahlstrom place first, with Paul C. Adams second, and Raymond MeGill third. The finalists in qualified in various Park District preliminary tournaments. Raymond McGill, who placed third, is one of the most promising young Negro players in Chicago.

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## EINAR MICHELSON

$\mathrm{A}_{\text {Einar }}^{\text {NoTher oldtimer iser in American chess puccumbed pased away lost month when }}$ A Einar Michelson succumbed to a heart-attack. Associated in his in American chess, winning the Western Chess Ass'n Championship in 1907. In more recent years, Michelson was active in chess in Chicago,
winning City and State titles upon a number of occasions. His last chess winning City and State titles upon a number of occasions. His last ehess Wisconsin State Championship only a few weeks before his death. His many friends will miss him as they gather round the board, for unlike many frenerts, Einar Michelson loved his chess and could be found most nights at the club, busily engaged in playing.

## A PROGRAM FOR TAMPA

$W$ UEN the USCF Board of Directors meets at Tampa this July, several for there is no minimizing the fact that dilatory action in the past on several of the problems that confront the Federation has permitted these problems at last to become critical.

We will not endeavor to suggest to the Board what its, course of action should be, nor will we attempt to outline its agenda. But we will suggest that the following matters deserve and demand careful consideration:

1) Membership. There have been a number of abortive schemes proposed by various Boards for a membership drive; but none of these has ever matured into a bonafide membership drive. In the critical state of the Federation, if it is to survive and develap chess in the USA, the problem of a larger membership must be solved. It is essential to the life of the Federation that its membership be increased.
2) Information. No membership drive can become effective without accurate dissemination of information concerning Federation activiing. The failure to publish the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meetbership at large learn what was determined and what plans had been bership at large learn what was determined and what plans had been
laid for future activities. It was even more inexcusable that no copy of laid for future activities. It was even more inexcusable that no copy of
the Minutes was supplied (as in the past) to the individual directors, the Minutes was supplied (as in the past) to the individual directors,
so that those who were not present could at least observe the developments with intelligent interest.
3) Chess Life. The continuing deficit accumulated in publishing Chess Life must be erased by some scheme of promotion which will inincrease the circulation to a point where it will carry the costs of pubpublication. We have been clamoring for alternative but to suspend Board to authorize and implement the promotion of Chess Life circulation; and now it is evident that no further delay can be permitted. In fact, it is almost too late for any promotional scheme to be sufficiently effective.
4) The U.S. Championship Three-Year Cycle Plan. It remains for the Board to fulfill the promises made to the membership in implementing the Three-Year Cycle Plan of qualification for the U.S. Championship.

There are many other important subjects for discussion, no doubt, but to the Editor these seem the paramount items in the agenda which must be discussed, investigated, and the riddles solved, if the Federation is to continue doing business at the old stand.

Not to handicap the Board of Directors in their decisions in regard to CHESS LIFE, the Editor will submit the Board his resignation as editor, which they may accept, table or refuse as they chose.

Mont gomery Major

## The Kibitzer Has His Day <br> From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:
With the approach of summer, many state and local tournaments will be taking place, most popular dates bunching around the 4th of July and Labor Day.

I should therefore like to take a little space in Chess Life to once again urge the use of the S-M system for breaking ties in a Swiss type tournament.

The tenacity with which many adhere to the S-B system is beyond my ken, particularly since many reasons have been set forth indicating my ken, particular the since
the unfairness of

There are many who still want to be convinced that all opponents of a player should be considered in computing a player's tie-breaking score. They still cannot see why the lost games should be included. In
an effort to corroborate and support previous reasons given, I offer a new approach or hypothesis.

Assure a general condition where " $A$ " wins from $B$ तraws with
loses to D .
For this draw with C, A receives one-half point, as does $C$. The draw indicates that $A$ and $C$ wound up even, after an even start. In effect, the tournament gives one half point to each of the players in any
one contest, and the two contestants vie to win, each from the other, the one contest, and the two conte
half point the other received.

Since A and C drew their game, their position at the end of the game was no different than at the start of the game. In other words, the halfpoint is given to the players at the start of the game, not at the end.

There should be no dissenting eriticism of my remark that each
me starts off as a draw. Thus, in the game between A and B, the game starts off as a draw. Thus, in the game between A and B, the tournament gives each one half point before the first man is moved. Since A won from B, A wins B's one half point, while B loses the half point given him. For A, therefore $1 / 2$ plus ty equals 1. For B, $1 / 2$ minus $1 / 2$ equals 0 . For his game with $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{A}$ has his $1 / 2$ and retains it at the end of his game witheut change. For his game with D, which he lost, A's score is $1 / 2$ minus $1 / 2$ equals 0 . Totalling his score, A has for the three games,

## $1 / 2,1 / 2,1 / 2,1 / 2$ minus $1 / 2$; total $11 / 2$.

Putting this in words, A's plus score of $11 / 2$ was gained from all opponents $B, C$ and $D$. That is to say- B, C and D afl figured in the determination of A's plus score. Or, in any tournament, a player's plus
score is made from all opponents faced. Although this hypothesis seems score is made from all opponents faced. Although this hypothesis seems
far-fetched, it does have reason, and does support the contention of the far-fetched,
S-M system.

The S-B system, which claims A garnered his $11 / 2$ only from B and $C$, once again is shown to be faulty, as shown from the above.

EPHRAIM SOLKOFF,
Raleigh, No. Carolina

## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton



White: 9 inen
R2R4, $7 \mathrm{Fq}, 1 \mathrm{p3p} 2$, R2SPtpp,
20. $3, ~$
White mates in two moves

## LIEPNIEKS WINS LINCOLN EVENT

The Spring Tournament, held at the Lincoln Chess Club, ended in a $71 / 2-1 / 2$ victory for Alexander Liepnieks, who drew with rumner-
up Dr. E. Hinman. Hinman tied for second with 6-2, losing to A. Sildmets and drawing with Liepnieks and J. Warner. Also with $6-2$ in tie for second was A. Sildmets, who lost to Liepnieks and P. Wood.
The Second Group was won by John Danenfelds with $41 / 2-11 / 2$, with
E. Arminis second. In the Third Group Harry Inde triumphed with $61 / 2-1 / 2$, and J. Weber placed second. In the Fourth Group event victory went to Arvid Grava with W. Zobens and E. Jansons tied for second.



## ACKERMAN TIES LUDWIG AT OMAHA

Breaking into the charmed circle for the first time, David Ackerman tied with Alfred Ludwig for the Omaha City Championship with 9-3 each. Ackerman lost one game to Ludwig and drew four, while
Ludwig lost a game apiece to AckLudwig lost a game apiece to Ack-
erman and Chizum. Jerry Belzer erman and Chizum. Jerry Belzer
was third with $51 / 2 \cdot 61 / 2$ while J. Andre was fourth with 5-7.
In tieing for first, Ackerman broke the 35 year clomonation of the city event by Rev. Howard Ohman, Delmar Saxton and Alfred ludwig, which was marred only once before when Lee Magee tied game. This year no play-off is congame.

## Choss Life <br> Qn New York

THE pairing of Sammy Reshev sky and Svetozar Gligorich in a ten-game match nòw being played here at the Manhattan Chess Club
was a most unexpected surprise, was a most unexpected surprise,
for, on the very eve of the contest's initiation, the Yugoslav master had been set to depart for his homeland. But a quick conference between sponsors of the Manhattan C.C. and members of the Yugoslay consulate produced a schedule for this most attractive struggle, pit-
ting "Europe's top player" against the recently-crowned "champion of the non-Communist world."
At the time of this writing the match score stands 2-1 in favor of Reshovsky with the fourth game adjourned in a fairly level, but not dead drawn, position. However the contests thus far have been, in contrast to the knock-down-and drag-out, exciting games of the Reshevsky-Najdorf match, quite unadventurous and commonplace with only the American showing any inClination toward sharp play. Gligorisch, it's reported, borrowed the scores of all the Najdori-Reshevsky games for careful study in the short time he had to prepare for his own encounters with Resheysky; per haps he then decided that an ag. gressive play was doomed to fail ure for had not Najdorf attempted such a plan and been massacred whenever he did? The Slav's switching to the other extremeundue conservatism and cautioncertainly does not seem the solu tion either!
The first game is the only one with a decisive result as yet. Gligorich, defending the black side of a King's Indian, must have been somewhat surprised by Reshevsky's countering with a line the Yugoslav himself favors as white. However he obtained an entirely satisfactory game with good chances for the future; then, unexpectedly, he merely sat back and shifted his mercly sat back and shifted his
knight to and fro from K1-QB2 while for twenty-one moves not a single piece was taken off the board. Reshevsky gradually built up bis position and then won quickly on a time-pressure blunder by his opponent, who still had a tenable position when he erred. An interesting point was that
 of the throughout the closing stage gorich caught up with him in time used, the game was practically no used, the game was practically no
contest as many of the American's contest as many of the American's
opponents have discovered in the opponens have discovered in the
past. This initial encounter was also unique in that it was Gilgorich's first loss in many a moon; he had gone undefeated through the Hastings, Havans, and Los An. geles international tourneys ( 40 games or so) just recently.
The second game (a Ruy-Exchange Variation played by Gligorich) and the third (a Qucen's Gambit declined) were not very exciting and resulted in eventual draws. It is to be hoped that the remaining games of the match will contain more of the fighting and resource-
ful chess of which both players are fully capable; if not, we can Eonfidently expect seven or eight draws in this short ten game match.
In Brief: In a clock oxhibition against very strong opponents, Gli gorich scored 3 wins (vs. Boysan Williams, and Mrs. Gresser) and draws (vs. Bernstein, Jackson, Tur ner, Gutwirth, and Landau) in a novel simultaneous at the Manhat $\tan$ C.C.
R. Flores, Chilean master, who it will be remembered won the Marshall C.C. Championship some five years ago, arrived in the U.S. for a two-month stay. Ac companying him was Dr . Reed, who was Chilean champion in 1932; both these experts hope to get in a lot of chess during their visit here

Marshall C. C. Championship Preliminaries are beginning shortly to determine the quin. next year's championship.


## Finish It The Clever Way! <br> Conducted by Edmund Nash

Sond all contributions for this oolumn to Edmund Nash, 150 285th Place, 8.5. .
In Position No. 83, a problem-like first move leaves Black helpless.
In Position No. 84, White could have won eventually by 1. QxKBP; however, he mated Black in four moves in the game (Black fell into the mate by avoiding catastrophic loss of material in his reply to White's
first move). After Black's first move, the mate in three is forced. An first move). After
instructive mate!

In Position No. 80, Carl Weberg of Salina, Kansas discovered a move which appears to disprove the forced win, and thus shows a serious flaw in the gem. He points out that after 1. B-y the loss of a pawn,

For solutions, please turn to Page three.

## USCF TEAM GOES TO HELSINKI

## CF President Harold M. Phil

 lips has officially notified FIDEthat the USA will be represented by a team in the International Team Tournament at Helsinki,
August 10-31. Names of the individAugust 10-31. Names of the individ-
ual members of the team (four members and two alternates) have not been released as yet, but among the volunteers for places are Hans Berliner, Sidney Bernstein, Arthur B. Bisguier, Alexander Kevita,
George Koltanowski, George Kra. mer, George Shainswit, and Herman Steiner. The last named served as captain of the U.S. Team in the last International Team Tournalast International
ment at Dubrovnik.

Omaha (Neb.) Chess Club enjoyed a stirring exhibition by
Svetozar Gligoric who won 18 games, and conceded two draws.

## ROSEN REPEATS AT ST. LOUIS

For the second straight year Paul Rosen won the St. Louis Speed
title, this time 6-0. Lewis W. Haltitle, this time 6-0. Lewis W. Hal-
ler was second with $41 / 2-11 / 2$, while ler was second with $41,2-1 / 2$, while
David Edwards placed third with $3^{1 / 2}-21 / 2$. Harry Lew and Eugene Rocsch tied for fourth with $3-3$

## KPFA PUTS CHESS ON AIR FRIDAYS

Radio Station KPFA of Berkley, Calif. has inaugurated a chess program each Friday night at 9:00 p.m. in which Chess Editor George Koltanowski of the San Francisco Chroniele will play a game against the listeners as well as analyse the course of the game, selecting each time the best move submitted by the listeners.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

## Davenport, 1952



## How the Rating System Works <br> By KEnNETH HaRKNESS

(Kennech Harkness, co-author of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the rating system adopted by the USCF to rank American chessplayers. In this

IF your ambition is to become recognized as a chess Master the rating title. In fact, the system will scek you out and shout your name from more in at least two tournaments not counting preliminories. more in at least two tournaments, not counting preliminaries. Or you players below the Expert division are grouped in Classes A, B, C and D, players below the Expert division are group
each class covering a range of 200 points.

In the upper echelons there are grades of Masters, too. The common Master class, between 2500 and 2699 . At the top of the pyramid is the Grandmaster Class, from 2700 points up. The air up there is pretiy thin

Unless you live in one of the big chess centers, where strong players congregate, you cannot expect to qualify as a Master by playing only in not go beyond this point until you compete in stronger tournaments.

One of the best places to win
O. Open your spurs is at the U.S. Open Championship. As the name implies, you need no special qualificaLions to compete in this event. Everybody is welcome. This is an especially good rating tournament, for the contestants come from all over the country and usually in clude several Masters. Last year no less than eight players carned the U.S. Open in Ft. Worth. Master points can also be earned in some of the Regional, State, City and Club championships. 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 the winner or leading scorers to
earn ratings of 2390 points. Ratings earn ratings of 2300 points. Ratings
in the Expert class can be earned in the Expert class can be earned
in tournaments averasing around in tournaments avcraging around proximate figures. In future lists of rated tournaments, published semi-annually, we will try to include the number of players carning Master and Expert ratings.

How Tournaments are Rafed
By this time you are aware of the fact that you earn what we call a "performance rating" when you
play in a rated contest. The amount you can carn depends on two factors:

The strengtly of the competition.
that the arithmetical mean of 2527 strength of this contest. If a player made an even score in this company, he would be entitled to a p
Unfortunately, the arithmetical mean does not aways produce such a satisfactory figure. In some tournaments the distribution of en tries is lop-sided. There may be one or two players with extremely high ratings, as compared with the rest of the field, and these high figures pull up the average so that it no longer represents the general
strength of the tournament. For example, here are the results o the 1951 Rhode Island State Champ ionship:

$\begin{array}{ll}6 \text { Simons.... } & 1741 \\ 7 & \text { Grayb... } \\ 8 & 1730 \\ 8 \text { Boisvert.. } & 182\end{array}$

The arithmetical me dividual ratings is 1913 points (15, 303 divided by 8). But it is obvious hat this is too high. The ratings of Suesman and Martin have pulled ip the average too much. Common sense tells us that a player who made an even score in this contest would be entitled to a rating of about 1850 - halfway between
Reich's 1875 and Wholey's 1825. Reich's 1875 and Wholey's 1825 And common sense would then be taking what is known as the "medran" value to represent the strength of this tournament. The figure of 1850 is at the middle of the list of contestants' ratings. Half of the players have ratings of more than 1850; the other half have ratings of less than 1850.
When we use the median value, instead of the arithmetical mean we get a figure which is representa tive of a tournament's strength but is unaffacted by extreme values at the top or bottom of the scale. For instance, in the example given, the median value of 1850 would not be affected in any way if Reshevsky were to substitute for Suesman. Our imaginary player who made an even score would still get a performance rating of 1850 points; he would not gain anything by losing to Reshevsky's 2714 instead of to Suesman's 2192 .
(This is the third of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The fourth will appear Editor.)

## STAHRES CONQUER DEL-MAR-VA MEET

 ings and divide by the number of players ( 30,324 divided by 12), we get an average of 2527 for this tournament. When we do this we are figuring what mathematicians Everybody is familiar with this kind of average.In the above example, there is an almost even distribution among three classes of players. At the top of the scale, the entries include three Grandmasters with ratings between 2714 and 2789 ; in the middle are five Senior Masters with ratings between 2501 and 2540 ; at the bottom are four Masters with ratings between 2351 and 2397 . (They did not finish exactly in accordance with their ratings, but the average strength of the tournament is not affected by the results.) It can be seen with the naked eye
ware Maryland, Virginia) event at Salisbury (Md.) resulted in a Stahre family triumph. Karl J. Stahre and his nephew, Walter Sullivan, tied for first place with $10-2$, while Paul Stahre, the 18 -year old son, placed third with 9.3. Dr. A. W Morris was fourth with $31 / 2-31 / 2$ in the 13 player round robin event. In the play-off, Stahre scored 2-1 against Sullivan to gain clear possession of the title. In the regular event K. J. Stahre lost games to I. R. Aslop and Walter Sullivan, while Sullivan lost to H. O. Michaelson and drew with Dr. A. W. Morris and E. A. Yaro to father Stahre, cousin Sullivan. and $\mathrm{H} . \mathrm{O}$. Michealson.

## Ohess Sife

Friday, June 20, 1952

## What's The Best Moue? By Guilherme Groesser



Send solutions to Position No. 96 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by July 20, 1952 ,
Solutions to Position No. 93 a dournament enough, in this position from
Bither white
 was blind to his actual game White
whanents deadly
chances and played . R-KtB? whereupon
Black took the Black took the mate, Inherent in the
position, with 1.... Kt.R6 ch; 2. PxKt
(corced), K-B6 mate. Nedeljowic. Udov-
cic, Xusoslay Master Toulne, is.

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## LINCOLN DOWNS DENVER TEAM

In an interstate, intercity match, Lincoin (Neb.) invader Denver (Colo.), and gained a hard-fought $71 / 2-51 / 2$ victory in the 13 board event. Scoring for Lincoln were A Sildmets, J. Sobolevskis, J. Warner Dr. E. Hinman, B. Schwabauer, A Freibergs and J. Weber, while for Denver S. Torey, A. Hausner, P Micheli, A. Rotter and J. Kahan tallied. On first board A. Liepnieks drew with Jack Hursch.

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Dallas Invitation Tournament Dallas, Texas
Players rated Class A or higher are invited to participate; 6 round 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 Ervay St. rating qualification No. ed on USCF National Rating List; for details contact: Fred Tears, 2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas, Tex.

## August 1-4

## Colorado Open Championship

 Denver, Colo.Open to all; two champions, open and state; $\$ 100.00$ cash first prize; Merl W. Reese, tournament director, 1740 Glenarm, Denver 2, Colo.

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## New England Championship

Open to all New England residents, including students attending p.m Fridand schools; 6 . 6 round Swiss; First prize $\$ 100$.; a rated tournament; held at Newburyport YMCA, 13 Market St.; for details write: O. A. Lester, Jr., 63 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

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## Lovisiana State Championship New Orleans, La.

Open to Louisiana players; details not yet settled but will be reported later.
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June 28-29, July 4
Michigan State Championship Battle Creek, Mich.
Open to all players; 8 round Swiss; at Youth Bldg. Battle Creek; entry fee $\$ 7.50$; for further
details write: V. E. Vandenburg, 505 W. Lenawee, Lansing, Mich.

July 3 -6
Southern Chess Ass'n
Championship Championship
Meridian, Miss.
Open event; Swiss tourney; prizes; at Great Southern Hotel unClub; begins $10: 00$ Meridian Chess write: Major J. B. Holt, Long Beach, Fla.

July 15
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