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# PLAYERS TAMPA-BOUND 

## RESHEVSKY WINS GLIGORIC MATCH

game, Reshevsky won his mateh with Gligoric $51 / 2.41 / 2$ to confirm once again the fact that he remains the ouistanding contender for the World Championship title in the world outside the Iron Curtain.

Reshevsky won the first and third game and lost the seventh the others were drawn in a contest that lacked much of the excite ment and interest of the match with Najdorf.

## MANN TRIUMPHS IN CENTRAL OHIO

 Walter Mann, former Ohio State 18 player round robin Champion18 player round robin Championship for Columbus and Central Ohio, scoring $17-0$ for a decisive victory. Second place with $14^{1 / 2}$ $21 / 2$, while Robert Nimitz was third with $13^{1 / 2-31 / 2}$ and Kurt L. Loening fotarth with $13-4$. Philip Rothman fotrth with $13-4$. Philipplaced fifth with $11^{1 / 2-51 / 2}$

Voskressensky lost to Mann and drew with Nimitz, Bryant and John Pusecker. Nimitz lost to Mann and Donald sryant, and drew with Voskressensky, Loening and George Hudson. Loening lost to Mann and Voskressensky, and drew with Nimitz and Lowell Ryan. Rothman lost to Mann, Voskressensky, Nim drew with Richard de Cracker.

## KAUFMAN WINS CHGO CITY EVENT

 player 6 round Swiss Champion ship staged by the Chieago City Chess League and the University of Illinois (Chicago) Chess Club at Navy Pier. Kaufman scored 5-1 drawing with W. Fedan and Clar ence Moore. Second place with 41/2.112 went to the Ukramian player W. Fedan who lost to Alexander Zujus and drew with Kauf man. Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were FranzNeugebauer, A. Zujus, a LithuanNeugcbauer, A. Zujus, a L
ian arrival, and K. Venesaa

## IVES CAPTURES

OKLA. COLLEGIATE
Alfred Ives of Stillwater took the Oklahoma Intercollegiate title with $41 / 2.3 / 2$ in the 6 player event at
Oklahoma A \& M College at Stillwater. Ives drew with runner-up Bob Virgin who scored $31 / 2-11 / 2$, losing a game to Enn Arike. Arike placed third in a tie with Jack Isbell at $3-2$ each. Arike lost games lost to Ives and Virgin.

## TORONTO TOPS QUEEN CITY

An invading Toronto team best Buffalo by $6-4$ in a 10 board match Scoring for Toronto were J. Despard, P. Avery, C. A. Crompton W. Oaker and M. Fisher, Dr. F. R. Frucella and P. Boyer, Dr. F. R. Frucella and P.
Greenough salvaged the points for Greenough salvaged the points for Queen City. For Toronto F. R. respectively with R. T. Black and A. Vossler.

## EVANS HAS LEAD IN LOS ANGELES

Evans eigher games played in the title, youthful Larry Evans leads by $6-2$. Steiner won the second game and held draws in two of the others; Evans won five.

## CALLIS TAKES <br> KANSAS STATE

Championship went to young Jim Callis of Wichita with $4 \frac{1}{2}-1 / 1 / 2$ in the 13 player 6 round Swiss event. Callis lost one game to runner-up Jasper Stull and drew with Oscar Maring. Second to sixth on S-B points with equal 4.2 scores were former State Champion J. Stull, O. Maring, former State Champion Carl Weberg, Hugo Teufel and Henry Amsden.
Stull lost to Maring and drew with Norman James and former State Champion Kirk Mechem. Maring lost to former State Champion A. R. Self and drew with Callis and Weberg Weberg lost to Mechem and drew with Maring and Weberg. Amsden lost to Callis and Weber
and James

## BURGER WINS

 NO. CAR. OPENBy one-half a S-B point Karl Burger edged out New York State Champion J. T. Sherwin also of lina Open title at Wilmington with sik pith pis Sherwin ilso Sherwin also scored $53 / 2-1 / 2$ for see ond place. Allen Kaufman of New
York City was third in the 26 York City was third in the 26
player 6 round Swiss with $4^{1 / 2}-1^{1 / 2}$. player 6 round Swiss with $41 / 2-11 / 2$.
Fourth and fifth on S-B points with Fourth and fifth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Marvin Rogan of Rochester and Ben Rudich of Charleston. Topping the players with $31 / 2-21 / 2$ for sixth was Kit ing North Carolina player.
In winning Karl Burger drew with James Sherwin. Kaufman lost to A. G. Ashbrook and drew with
Crittenden. Rogan lost to Burger and Sherwin. Rudick lost to Crittenden and drew with A. Pabon
and A. Henry Gaede. Crittenden and A. Henry Gaede. Crittenden
lost to Burger and Sherwin and drew with Kaufman.

## ROZSA TAKES <br> TULSA U TITLE

In a 16 player round robin Dr. Bela Rozsa won the Tulsa (Okla.) University Championship 150. Bob Virgin placed second with $12-3$, losing games to Rozsa, Melvin Johnson, and Bill Hine. C. Y. Blanchard placed third with $11-4$, losing to Rozsa, Virgin, Guy Rossi, and Franco Pasado. Tied for fourth with $91 / 2-5 \frac{1}{2}$ each were Jack Wamsley, Melvin Johnson, and Guy Fossi.
MORGAN TAKES FLINT CITY
Laverne Morgan won the Flint (Mich.) City Championship $4-0$ in a 5 player round robin. Janis Jurjevkis was second with 3-1, losing to Morgan, while Edward $F$. ing to Morgan and Jurjevskis.


## White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

123 No. all contributions for this column to William Roiam, \% CHESS LIFE,
DOSITION No, 93 represents the recent composing ventore of a young louston player in which the key to victory lies in the cor rect analysis of a Pawn promotion. Despite White's piece plus and Black from gaining the victory.

Position No. 96 is an interesting study in which the inferior White forces draw by stategic maneuvering. The draw is not too easily gained against the best Black defense, and the position will therefore repay careful study

## RUBINOW KEEPS <br> HIS MASS. TITLE

## In a 3 round Swiss event at W

 eester, in which sol Rubinow faced up-state opponents who had not competed in the Massachusetis State event, Rubinow emerged triumphant with $2^{3} / 2.3 \frac{36}{3}$, besting Orlando Lester and Richard Gleason while drawing with Charles Henin.Lester was second, while Henin and Wolk tied for third, and Gleason was fifth with equal $1^{1 / 2}-1^{1 / 2}$ scores on S-B points. The results confirmed Rubinow as Massachu setts State Champion.

## APPOINT BATTELL TO COMMITTEE

USCE President Harold M. Phillips has appointed J. Straley Battell as secretary of the reorganized U.S. Championship Tournament Committee to fill the post left vacant by the resignation of USCF Vice President Hans Kmoch. Mr Battell's recognized ability and energy promises well for the future of the committee, which may now begin to undertake the fulfillment of some of the wishes of the USCF Board of Directors, sadly neglected in the past. Mr. Battell has long been active in chess, serving ably as Executive Editor of "Chess Review" in addition to conducting its large Postal Chess section and tournaments.

## SHEETS TOPS

IN PLAY-OFF
Although Charles Joachim placed first on S-B points in the Seattle City Championship, rules deereed a play olf and Leonard shoets the City title from Joachim.

## FIELD DISPLAYS RARE CHESSMEN

Marshall Field \& Company in Chicago is now displaying a small but most interesting collection of extremely old and valuable chess sets in the Stationary Dept. on the first floor. These carefully selected sets range from very old handcarved ivory sets to valuable oddly designed imported ceramic sets of modern manulacture. One of the ncient Chinese handcarved sets, ated circa 1500 A.D., is undoubtcdly a mate to the fine set owned by Vincent J. Southwiek, of which a photograph was published in the June 5 issue of CHESS LIFE

## WVCA BULLETIN TAKES TO TYPE

The June issue of the West Virginia Chess Balletin appears in a neat printed form on high-grade enamel-stock, becoming the second State Ass'n Bulletin to appear in priated form. The other is the Nebraska Chess Bulletin. There is a style and dignity to the printed page that multigraphing cannot equal, but the process is expensive, even with a friendly printer. We congratulate the West Virginia Chess Ass'n on the new format of Chess Assin on the new format of
its Bulletin and trust it can continue with the new form.

## PETTIGREW WINS RICHMOND CITY

Victory in the Richmond (Va.) City Championship went to Thomginia Champion, with $41 / 2-1 / 2$ in a 6 player round robin. Runner-up was Eugene Wachspress with $4-1$ William Tucker won the Class William Tucker won the Class triumpher in Class B with 6-0.

## LIBERAL PRIZES SET FOR OPEN

## The Tampa Tournament Commit

 tec, through chairman James B. Gibson, Jr., has announced a liberal scheme of prize awards. First prize will be $\$ 500.00$ and there will be at least sixty cash prizes, ranging from $\$ 500.00$ first prize to $\$ 5.00$ prizes for those in the lowest rank of prize winners. The prize awards are based on the total of $\$ 1925.00$ available for prize funds which the Tampa Committee has in large part already collected, according to Mr . Gibson. And if collections exceed the total set by the committee, as they may if registration of players exceeds anticipation, the prize awards will be increased accordingly.In addition $\$ 75.00$ has been set aside for prize awards in the $\mathbf{U} . \mathbf{S}$. Women's Open Championship, rently with the U. S. Open event.

## POMAR TRAVELS

 ON CHESS TOURYoung International Master FoUSA and Canada. At Montreal he defeated Montreal City Champion 1. N. Williams in maxhibition game and drew an exhibition game at Ottawa with Dr. Fedor Bohatirchuk. Plans include visits to Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and the Eastern Maritime cities, then Boston, New York, and the U. S. Open Champ ionship at Tampa.

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## EFIM BOGOLJUBOFF

ON June 17th Efim Bogoljuboff died at Triberg, Germany from a heart attack at the age of 65. Memorable as a player of exceeding skill, particularly noted for his dexterity in maneuvering his Knights, Bogoljuboff will be remembered for his exciting match for the world championship with Dr. Alekhine, if for no other reason. One of the by the start of World War I, Bogoljuboff represented almost the last titan in the adventurous chess age of Alekhine, Rubinstein, Marshall, Titan in the adventur

## WHITE STONE OR BLACK?

THERE is a day of decision that comes, whether we will it or not, to every human organization; and the future of that organization
rests immutably upon the decision taken, sometimes lightly, sometimes soberly, upon that eventful day.

The U. S. Chess Federation is in no sense immune to the commands of fate, and so it must, too, face its day of decision when its Board of Directors meet in Tampa this July. The choice is-basically simple: life or death. But the issues are so clouded with the confusions of men's thoughts that it will be easy to mistake the character of the choice, and nominate death under the delusion that death is life.

At stake in the decision that the Board must make (for there is no compromise available between such antagonistic issues) is the simple determination of the manner in which the Federation will be conducted in the future (if it has a future).

The way of life is a determination to reassert the principles upon which the Federation was founded. It is the way of democratic management in which the humblest member of the Federation is granted his right to express his thoughts and wishes. It is the way of progressive growth in which no group of chess players are permitted to gain ex-
clusive prerogatives to certain tournaments or certain titles, but all clusive prerogatives are permitted their opportunity to prove themselves eligible for players are permitted their opportunity to prove themselves elugible for
entry in the most exclusive circles, provided that their talents are equal entry in the most exclusive circles, provided that their talents are equal
to the opportunity. It is a way in which the Federation belongs to the players and not to any select group of managers.

The way of death is a determination to return to the gilded age of political dominance by a small group and financial dependence upon the patronage of the few. It is the way of autocracy in which a few self-chosen leaders dictate what the chess player shall have and what he shall be denied. It is the way of decay in which select tournaments and titles are reserved as the special property of a chosen few way in which the Federation becomes the private property of a moneyed bloc-a clique which determines who shall play in what events, irrespective of the wishes of the chess players at large.

These are the choices; the Board must make the selection, and having made it, hope that its judgment was wise.

But even if the Board of Directors chooses wisely (and let us not suggest otherwise before the event), the way of life can still lead into he way of death.

Affirmative action by the Board alone ean solve no problems; it requires the united support of all chess players to make the way
of life for the Federation a vital way. If chess players wish for a strong organization to stage tournament If chess players wish ents, to advertise chess everywhere, to make the USA respected in international tourneys, then chess players must support the Federation with their loyalty, their efforts and their contributions. No cause succeeds without the willing efforts of thousands of supporters; and chess alone cannot flaunt the natural laws that control success,

Do you want to mark this day with a White stone or a Black?
Montyomery Major

## The Reader's Koad Jo Chess

By Kester Syendsen
DEUTSCHE SCHACHBLATTER, vol. 36, Jan.-Dec. 1951. Edited by Kurt Richter. Leipzig: Hans 'Hedewigs. 192 pp., many diags. \& illus.
Deutsche Schachblatter, is one of the best European monthlies. Each 16-page issue offers a lead article on a major tournament, match or player, at least a dozen annotated games, news, problems, endings,
but all major tournaments are represented, many of them more fully especially vassible in American periodicals. Foreign chess journals are tinental analysis. Richter, the most engaging of German journalists, produces a highly varied and closely packed little magazine, with contributions from Euwe, Teschner, Rellstab, Samisch, and others.
FIRST BOOK OF CHESS. By I. A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld. N
Sterling Publishing Co. 126 pp., 314 diagrams, 14 illus. $\$ 2$.
Sterling Publishing Co. 126 pp., 314 diagrams, 14 illus. $\$ 2$
Here is a hard-back reprint of Let's Play Chess, reviewed in this column some time ago. Only the sections at the end, "Recommended THEORIE DER SCHACH-EROFFNUNGEN. By Dr. Max Euwe. Vols. IV-V in one. Berlin-Frohnau: Siegfried Engelhardt. 152 pp., num-

The three preceding volumes of this latest 12 -piece overhaul by the indefatigable Euwe dealt with the Orthodox, Cambridge Springs, Slav, Tarrasch, Albin, and other defenses to the Queen's Gambit. In the present two-in-one volume are the Indians: Nimzo, King's, Queen's, Grunfeld, Bogol, etc. Euwe's system in treating the half-open game is a model of methodical analysis: main lines first, then variants, with constant citation but a most useful supplement to and extension of the standard books on openings.

## Mate The Subtle Way! <br> ${ }_{b y}$ Vincecit LL.Eaton

Road, Silver Spring. Maryland
G ODFREY HEATHCOTE, England's greatest composer, died on April whose active President he was, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Mr. Heatheote's composing activities spread over a period of sixty-six years, beginning in 1886, when he was a boy of sixteen. Of his work, which was characterized by uncompromising artistry and dazziing profundity, Alain White wrote in the introduction to Chess Idylls (1918), a collection of Heathcote's best problems: "Heatheote is an English composer, througl and through, developed by genius, study and instinct to the very highest place among the composers of England and to one of the highest places among the composers of the world Restraint is so inpred that he dismisses without a thought anything that might lead away from his ideals . . . His language is the model mate, and he combines his mates, if we consider them as words, into great sentences which express the truths of the chess-board with a vigor and majesty, with a serious beauty which are indeed a joy for ever. Above his mere words, above the details of the model mates, there rolls the music and accent of poetry, all the intricacies of his play, the keys, the sacrifices, the pause of the quiet continuation, a thousand and onc elements leading up to the sheer beauty of the mates



White: 10 men
4q3, S1Ps1prb, pp1p4, 1PkB2b1, K2R3r,
White mates in 15 in , two moves
s.
3. 8, 3, 4 White: 5 men

White mates in, $1 \mathrm{pSik3}, 1 \mathrm{pg}, 195$
For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

University of Minnesota played host to Arturito Pomàr at a 32 board simultaneous exhibition, and the young Spanish master won 25 , drew 3 and lost four against the students and faculty. Those wha won from Pomar were Leon Festinger, William Jones, Howard Gross and Sheldon Rein.

Shreveport Chess Club won a match from the newly organized SSC Chess Club of Magnolia, Ark. by $81 / 2-31 / 2$. Scoring for Shreveport were Wyatt Jones, Crew, Dupree, Wrenn, Feldman and Harris, while Staser, Markowitz and Fiehler salvaged points for Mag-
nolia.

## Chess Life In New York

SAMMY Reshevsky has once of again proven himself to be one of the top match players in the many believel) as a result of his convincing $5^{1 / 2-41 / 2}$ victory over Svetozar Gligorich of Yugoslavia. The closeness of the seore does not indicate the the seore does not superiority for he won the ound superiority, for whelming position he obtained in the seventh game, instead of com mitting one of his infrequent blun ders in time pressure, his edge would have been more apparent In reality, Gligorich never convinc ingly outplayed his opponent in any of the games; he managed to keep the score close by drawing all the games in which he had white and swindling that eventful seventh encounter. A surprising fact about this match is that, de spite being eight games shorter spite being cight games shorter gle, there were more draws re gle, there were more draws re corded-seven in this more recent match as comparcd to six in the eighteen game preceding contest All these observations only to reiterate our comment in a prev ous issue that Gligorich was no out to get Reshevsky in the same ferocious manner as Najdorf was
The seventh game, as mentioned above, was doubtless the most in teresting of the ten-game struggle Reshevsky played truly beautiful ly, taking advantage of one of Gligorich's fetv attempts at ag gressive chess in the match, and by means of several incisive combina tion moves emerged a pawn ahead with ample time (for Reshevsky!) to make the control. However, the spectators were "treated" to the unusual spectacle of seeing the former boy prodigy make a tremendous error; he allowed a simple rook move which won a full knight. Reshevsky banged his fist on the table softly as if mentally kicking himself for such a blunder, and grit his teech in determination but could not holdout long there after. As soon as the contest was terminated, Gligorich, displaying the sportsmanship which makes him so popular wherover he goes, readily praised Reshevsky's fine play and secmed almost apologetic to his opponent for being forced to take advantage of that monu mental mistake!
The day after the conclusion of the match, Gligorich flew back to his homeland and New York chess returned to normal: with his departure all the foreign masters who participated in the Havana tournament are now out of United Stntes chess circles again-but not for too long, we all hope!

In Brief: One of the saddest stories to come out of the New York chess world has just been written. Nicholas Rossolimo French master, who only three months ago emigrated to the U. S and was reunited with his father who had lived in Greenwich Vil lage for quite a few years, was shocked by his parent's death on June 12, His many friends and admirers here sympathize with his tragic loss . . The Milton Finkel steins recently announced the birth of a son, David Robert Finkelstein. The elder Finkelstein, it will be remembered, used to conduct the Chess Life in New York column . . . Manhattan C. C. rapids very Friday night under the direc ton of its new secretary, Hans Kmoch, are divided into two difprizes in both, and are attracting prizes in both, and are attracting
many more entrants than ever bemany
fore.

Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n (Philadelphia) has moved from its former quarters to 928 Spruce Street. It is planned to keep open as many evenings as possible and also on Sundays and Holidaysan improvement over the time restrictions in the old quarters.

# Res Caissae <br> By Guilherme Groesser 

Pocket Chess Sets are invaluable to the player who likes to dabble in problems or check positions, as well as have a set handy in the pocket for an unexpected game of chess away from the chess club.
Your reviewer, being a problemist at heart, owns five such sets which are usually all in use. Best in years as an inexpensive value is the $\$ 1.00$ pocket folder-type set manufactured by Kingsway. The case and board are flexible leatherette; the pieces (chess and cheekers on re verse) are heavy flat plastic, red and black on white. Although King sway is famous for its Florentine style sets, the figures on the pocket set are the conventional diagram figures. A novel feature is the
flange construction of the pieces which locks them into their position on the board so they will not shake out-the flaw in most folder-type pocket chess sets. Almost all large stores carry these sets, if they sell chess equipment at all; if not they are available from Kingsway
Florentine Chessmen, Inc., 555 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

## With The Chess Clubs

Downtown YMCA (St. Louis, Mo.) Chess Club saw the club title go to Lewis W. Haller with 9-2, while
Harry A. Lew and W. H. C. NewHarry A. Lew and W. H. C. New-
berry tied for second with $8^{1 / 2}-2^{1 / 2}$ each. Frederic S. Anderson and Raymond Vollmar tied for fourth $8-3$. Haller lost games to Lew and Anderson; Lew lost to Newberry and Eugene J. Roesch while drawing with Anderson; and Newberry lost to Haller and Anderson while drawing with Vollmar.

Ashoville (N.C.) Chess Club has announced a program of summer tournaments, including a Woodpusher's event, a Junior Champion Championship. The need for a Junior event in the program merely by Asheville club member in teaching chess to juniors.

Columbus (Ohio) YMCA Chess Club defeated Kenyon College 3-2 with Loening, Cox and Platau scor-
ing for Columbus while Hardy and Knapp tallied the wins for Kenyon Hardy downing former Ohio State Champion Walter Mann on board one.
Austin Chess \& Checker Club (Chicago) saw members Paul
Adams, Edward Buerger and John Nowak score in a tandum exhibi tion against club members; only four could score victories against the trio.

Racine (Wis) Chess Club cham pionship was won by Emelian J Mack with $6-1$ in the 13 player round Swiss. Mack lost a game to Art Domsky who finished second with $51 / 2-11 / 2$, losing a game to Rudy B. Kunz and drawing with Edwin H. Poetschke, Rudy Kunz was third with 5-2, losing games to Mack and Dan Anderson. Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal $4-3$ scores were Dan Anderson, Frank J
tenhoff, and Bernard A. Gill.
University of Chicago Ches Club title went to James C. Phil lips, former New Mexico cham pion, with 5-0 in the 6 player round robin. Second was Richard Green baum of New York with 4-1, losing a game to Phillips, while Robert A. Lux of Chicago placed third with $2-3$, losing to Phillips and Greenbaum, while drawing with C. Posner.

Lexington (Ky.) Chess Club saw Fred E. Payne win the club cham pionship $41 / 2-1 / 2$ in a round 13 play er Swiss. Payne drew with George E. Anderson. Second with 4-1 was George Foster who lost to E. S. Dabney. In third place was G. E Anderson who drew with Payne Anderson who lost to Foster for $31 / 2-11 / 2$. A. but lost to Foster for $31 / 2-11 / 2$. A.
Dudley Roberts, who won the 1952 Dudley Roberts, who won the 1952
Kentucky State Championship, fin ished 12th with $11 / 2-31 / 2$.

Rapid City (So. Dak) Chess Club tournament ended in a victory for M. F. Anderson who scored $23-3$ in a 14 player double round robin Anderson lost games to Brownhill E. M. Welling, and Jerry Rise PFC James Ellis of Rapid City AFB was second with $22-4$, losing two games to Anderson and one each to Brownhill and Mills. Stanley M. Brownhill was third with $211 / 2-4 \frac{1}{2}$. S-Sgt. Ellis Mills placed

Downtown (Pittsburgh) Y Chess Club championship ended in a triple tie for the title between Paul L. Dietz, high school student Aba Leiter, and F. A. Sorenson with
$71 / 2-21 / 2$ each. Dietz led all the way but tumbled in a last round encounter, losing to Dan Miscevic he drew with David Hamburger Wm. Byland, and R. Taylor, Leit er lost to Dietz and Sorensen, and drew with Byland. Sorenson lost to Dietz, and drew with Hamburg er, D. Spiro, and John Hobbs David Hamburger placed fourth in the 11 player round robin with 6-4.
Santa Monica Bay (Calif.) Chess Club's "B" Tournament ended in $10^{1 / 2}-1 / 2$ victory for Melvin Hausner, who drew one game with Dick O'Bryan. Dan Hood was sec Hausner and Edwards and drawing with Maurice Donath. Ed Edwards was fhird with $71 / 2-31 / 2$. Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club has moved into improved quarters at the Sacramento Turn Verein, 3349 Jay Street. The new quarters are private from the Turn Verein activities, but sandwiches and beer are available to the players from the club room downstairs.

## CHESS IS HOBBY AT HUNTINGTON

held this year at Huntington held this year at Huntington
(W. Va.) alert chess-players saw (W. Va.) alert chess-players saw
to it that a complete chess booth was included. The response was gratifying, particularly from the young people, and despite the attraction of many other exhibits the chess display held its own in popularity.

## ANNAPOLIS "A" tops MD. LEAGUE

Maryland Chess League title $7-1$ in Maryland Chess League title $7-1$ in
matches with $291 / 2$ points scored in matches with $29 / 2$ points scored in
games. Second was the Maryland games. Second was the Maryland
Chess Club of Baltimore with $7-1$ in matches but only $271 / 2$ in games. Third place went to John Hopkins University " A " team with $6-2$ and $261 / 2$. Annapolis lost its match to Maryland Chess; and Maryland Chess suceumbed to John Hopkins, while John Hopkins lost its matches to Annapolis and to City College High School of Baltimore.
Highest individual scorers were R. C. Simpson of Annapolis with $7^{1 / 2}-1 / 2$ and G. W. Hardman of John Hopkins with 7-1, both playing on board one. The Annapolis " A " team, which also won in 1951, consisted of R. C. Simpson, R. P Bailey, G. A. Lyle, W. F. Yocum and W. S. Shields, with E. S. Mayer hitters.


## How the Kating System Works <br> by kennett harkness


 As another example, we give below the results of the 1951 Pittsburgh Metropolitan Championship:

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$\begin{array}{cl}4.5 & \text { Aba Leiter } \\ 6 & \text { Bernard Borger } \\ 7 & \text { Wm. Hamilton }\end{array}$
The sum of the ratings divided by the number of contestants ( 13,143 divided by 7 ) gives 1878 as the average; but a player who made rating. The distortion is caused by the presence of one highly-rated expert among two Class A and four Class B players. In such cases, median value is more accurate.
the middle of the list. Waltz' 1785 is lower than the top three and higher than the bottom three. However, one player's rating in such a small group may be off center, so we find a better medium value by averag ing the three middle ratings. Thus, we add the figures 1922, 1785 and 1750 (the ratings of Taylor, Waltz and Leiter) for a total of 5,457 , and divide by 3 to get an average of 1818 points for this tournament

In the two examples given so far, and 2053 for a total of 6387 and the players finished in almost exthe players This is unusual to say the least This is unusual, to say the least in mers are so obliping In effect tors are not so obliging. In effect, players with established ratings below the Grandmaster level are in the same class when their ratings are within 200 points of each other,
In any tournament, therefore, it in any cournament, therefore, it is not surprising when a player finishes ahead of competitors with higher ratings, provided they are
all in the same clais. Even if a all in the same clats. Even if class, there are many possible explanations for this unexpected re sult. For instance, the tournament report may be incorrect or incomplete. (If points scored for byes and defaults are not marked clearly as such, the reported results aro no indication of playing ability.) Or a player may have performed temporarily above or below his normal strength for one reason or another. And of course, a player's rating may be either out of date or defective
If a player is over-rated or underrated, to judge by his performance in a tournament, the rating he gets for his score will tend to correc the error, if any, in his previous rating. Eventually, his average rat ing will portray his competitive ability more accuralely. However when estimating the averago strength of a tournasment, we can not be governed by the results achieved by rated players unless there is an obvious error that requires correction dy dropping a player's rating from the calculations. (It is rarely necessary to do this, especially since adopting median values which prevent dis tortions caused by errors in the ratings of players near the top or bottom of the scale) No matter what the results may be, we base our estimate of a tournament's strength on the previous ratings of the competitors.

As an example of a tournament in which the final standings did not conform to the ratings of the players, we giva below the results of the 1951 Log Cabin Chess Club Championship:


To find the median value of this tournament, we rank the entries in the order of their ratings: divide by 3 to get the median value of 2129 . In this case, the ratings being distributed evenly over a limited range, there is not much differ ence between the median value of 2129 and the arithmetical mean of 2144 , obtained by dividing the sum of all the ratings by the number 11) contestants ( 23,587 divided by 11).

Even if we have no previous rat ings on some of the players, it is still possible to calculate the For instance, in the 1951 Intercollegiate Championship, five of the contestants were unrated, as shown in the following table:


The rated entries are ranked ac cording to their previous ratings not in the order they finished. However, we must rely on the re sults of the tournament to determine the positions of the unrated players. Since Rosenblum made plus score, he is placed in the top half of the list. The other four unrated players made minus scores, so they are placed in the bottom half.
Naturally, if we were ranking these players for any purpose other than finding the median value of this contest, we would not place Rosenblum at the head of the list; nor would we place Elmenhorst, Gibbons, Howard and Haines at the bottom. We do not know exactly where the unrated entries belong, but we assume that Rosenblum should be in the upper half because he made a plus score and the others in the lower half because they made minus scores Their cxact locations are not im portant.

Having placed the unrated en tries in the upper and lower di visions, we compute the median value in the usual way. Since there is an odd number of entires, we average the three central ratings (11, 12 and 13). Adding 2012, 2010 and 1963, we get a total of 5985; then we divide this amount by 3 to get the median value of 1995 points.
(This is the fourth of a series of
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