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## PLAYERS ARE TAMPA-BOUND

### RESHEVSKY WINS GLIGORIC MATCH

By drawing the tenth and final game, Reshevsky won his match with Gligoric 5½ 4½ to confirm once again the fact that he remains the outstanding 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 excitement and interest of the match with Najdorf.

### MANN TRIUMPHS IN CENTRAL OHIO

Walter Mann, former Ohio State Champion, was victorious in the 18 player round robin Championship for Columbus and Central Ohio, scoring 17-0 for a decisive victory. Second place went to Vadim Voskressensky with 14½-2½, while Robert Nimitz was third with 13½-3½ and Kurt L. Loening fourth with 134. Philip Rothman placed fifth with 11½-5½.

Voskressensky lost to Mann and drew with Nimitz, Bryant and John Pusecker. Nimitz lost to Mann and Donald Eryant, and Grew with Voskressensky, Loening and George Hudson. Loening lost to Mann and Voskressensky, and drew with Nimitz and Lowell Ryan. Rothman lost to Mann, Voskressensky, Nimitz, Jerome Coxe and Hudson, and drew with Richard de Cracker.

### KAUFMAN WINS CHGO CITY EVENT

Abraham Kaufman won the 20 player 6 round Swiss Championship staged by the Chicago City Chess League and the University of Illinois (Chicago) Chess Clud at Navy Pier. Kaufman scored 5-1, drawing with W. Fedan and Clarence Moore. Second place with 4½-1½ went to the Ukrainian player W. Fedan who lost to Alexander Zujus and drew with Kaufman. Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Franz Neugebauer, A. Zujus, a Lithuanian arrival, and K. Venesaar.

### IVES CAPTURES OKLA. COLLEGIATE

Alfred Ives of Stillwater took the Oklahoma Intercollegiate title with 4½-½ in the 6 player event at Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater. Ives drew with runner-up Bob Virgin who scored 3½-1½, losing a game to Enn Arike. Arike placed third in a tie with Jack Isbell at 3-2 each. Arike lost games to Ives and Isbell, while Isbell lost to Ives and Virgin.

### TORONTO TOPS QUEEN CITY

An invading Toronto team bested the Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo by 64 in a 10 board match. Scoring for Toronto were J. Despard, P. Avery, C. A. Crompton, W. Oaker and M. Fisher, while R. Boyer, Dr. F. R. Frucella and P. Greenough salvaged the points for Queen City. For Toronto F. R. Anderson and N. Glasberg drew respectively with R. T. Black and A. Vossler.

### EVANS HAS LEAD IN LOS ANGELES

With eight games played in the Evans-Steiner match for the U. S. 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 KANSAS STATE

Victory in the Kansas State Championship went to young Jim Callis of Wichita with 4½-1½ 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 secores 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 James. Teufel lost to Stull and Weberg. Amsden lost to Callis and Jemes.

### BURGER WINS NO. CAR. OPEN

By one-half a S-B point Karl Burger edged out New York State Champion J. T. Sherwin also of Brooklyn, to win the North Carolina Open title at Wilmington with 5½-½. Right on his heels, James Sherwin also scored 5½-½ for second place. Allen Kaufman of New York City was third in the 26 player 6 round Swiss with 4½-1½. 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 3½-2½ for sixth was Kit Crittenden of Raleigh, the ranking 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 lost to Burger and Sherwin and drew with Kaufman.

### ROZSA TAKES TULSA U TITLE

In a 16 player round robin Dr. Bela Rozsa won the Tulsa (Okla.) University Championship 15-0. Bob Virgin placed second with 12-3, losing games to Rozsa, Melvin Johnson, and Bill Hine. C. I. Blanchard placed third with 11-4, losing to Rozsa, Virgin, Guy Rossi, and Franco Pasado. Tied for fourth with 9½-5½ each were Jack Wamsley, Melvin Johnson, and Guy Rossi.

### MORGAN TAKES FLINT CITY

Laverne Morgan won the Flint (Mich.) City Championship 40 in a 5 player round robin. Janis Jurjevkis was second with 3-1, losing to Morgan, while Edward F. Muller placed third with 2-2, losing to Morgan and Jurjevskis.

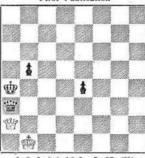
Position No. 95

By Robert S. Brieger
Houston, Texas
First Publication



8, BP5p, 1R5p, 1r5P, p7, k7, p7, K7 White to play and win Position No. 96

By Richard Kujoth
Milwaukee, Wis.
First Publication



8, 8, 8, 1p6, k3p3, q7, Q7, 1K White to play and draw

### White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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POSITION No. 95 represents the recent composing venture of a young Houston player in which the key to victory lies in the correct analysis of a Pawn promotion, Despite White's piece plus and threat of Queening a Pawn, only very careful maneuvering prevents 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.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

### RUBINOW KEEPS HIS MASS. TITLE

In a 3 round Swiss event at Worcester, in which Sol Rubinow faced up-state opponents who had not competed in the Massachusetts State event, Rubinow emerged triumphant with 2½-½, 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 1½-1½ scores on S-B points. The results confirmed Rubinow as Massachusetts State Champion.

### APPOINT BATTELL TO COMMITTEE

USCF 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 Kmech. 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 decreed a play-off; and Leonard Sheets scored 2-0 in this event to wrest 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 hand-carved ivory sets to valuable oddly designed imported ceramic sets of modern manufacture. One of the ancient Chinese handcarved sets, dated circa 1500 A.D., is undoubtedly a mate to the fine set owned by Vincent J. Southwick, 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 Bulletin appears in a neat printed form on high-grade enamel-stock, becoming the second State Ass'n Bulletin to appear in printed 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 its Bulletin and trust it can continue with the new form.

### PETTIGREW WINS RICHMOND CITY

Victory in the Richmond (Va.) City Championship went to Thomas F. Pettigrew, University of Virginia Champion, with 4½-½ in a 6 player round robin. Runner-up was Engen. Weebspress with 4.1

was Eugene Wachspress with 4-1.
William Tucker won the Class
A title with 5-1, while Ed Weil
triumpher in Class B with 6-0.

### LIBERAL PRIZES SET FOR OPEN

The Tampa Tournament Committee, 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

In addition \$75.00 has been set aside for prize awards in the U. S. Women's Open Championship, which will be conducted concurrently with the U. S. Open event.

### POMAR TRAVELS ON CHESS TOUR

Young International Master Pomar of Spain is on tour in the USA and Canada. At Montreal he defeated Montreal City Champion J. N. Williams in an exhibition game and drew an exhibition game and other with Predor Bohatirchuk. Plans include visits to Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and the Eastern Maritime cities, then Boston, New York, and the U. S. Open Championship at Tampa.

### U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha, Nebraska August 18-23, 1952

Entry Fee:- None.

Place:—Rome Hotel, Omaha.

Rooms:— Available at special rate of \$1:50 per day.

For Details:— Write to Nebraska Chess Association 317 YMCA Bldg.

Omaha 2, Nebraska

### U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tampa, Florida July 14-25, 1952

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### EFIM BOGOLJUBOFF

O N 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 last survivors of the Mannheim tourney, which was prematurely ended by the start of World War I, Bogoljuboff represented almost the last titan in the adventurous chess age of Alekhine, Rubinstein, Marshall, Tarrasch, and Lasker.

### WHITE STONE OR BLACK?

Are we to mark this day with a white or a black stone?

Don Quixote—Cervantes

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 ducted in the future (if it has a future).

ducted 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 exclusive prerogatives to certain tournaments or certain titles, but all players are permitted their opportunity to prove themselves eligible for 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.

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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 and into this charmed circle only the fortunate can enter. It is the 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 hav-ing 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 the way of death.

Affirmative action by the Board alone can solve no problems; Affirmative action by the Board alone can 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 tournaments, to promote chess events, 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? Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

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, obituaries, and analysis. Emphasis falls, naturally, on German games;

but all major tournaments are represented, many of them more fully than is possible in American periodicals. Foreign chess journals are especially valuable to postal players and others interested in Continental 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. New York: 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 Reading" and "Chess Masters" are omitted from the original publication.

THEORIE DER SCHACH-EROFFNUNGEN. By Dr. Max Euwe. Vols. IV-V in one. Berlin-Frohnau: Siegfried Engelhardt. 152 pp., numerous diags.

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 of master practice and evaluation. Not for beginners, but a most useful supplement to and extension of the standard books on openings

### Mate The Subtle Way!

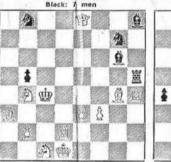
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G ODFREY HEATHCOTE, England's greatest composer, died on April 24, in his eighty-second year. To the British Chess Problem Society, whose active President he was, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Mr. Heathcote'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 dazzling profundity, Alain White wrote in the introduction to Chess Idylls (1918), a collection of Heathcote's best problems: "Heathcote is an English composer, through 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. stinct 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 inbred 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 one elements leading up to the sheer beauty of the mates..."

Problem No. 343 R/Dr. Horacio L. Musante Buenos Aires, Argentina First Publication

Problem No. 344 By S. Brehmer 2nd Hon. Men. German Chess Federation Tourney, 1949 Black: 11 men 益 曾



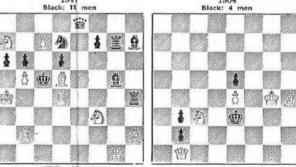
White: 11 men fot, 1p5r. 15k3BR, B3PP2, 1P1R4, PSK4 White mates in two moves

Problem No. 345 By L. Loshinsky 2nd Prize, 1947



White: 9 men 1B4QK, 2rp4, 2p1sslp, 1p3B2, p5R1, 5k1P, 2SR1Pb1, 7r White mates in two moves Problem No. 346

By Godfrey Heathcote "Reading, Observer" 1904 Black: 4 men



White: 10 men 4q3, SIPsIprb, pp1p4, IPkB2b1, K2R3r, 5S2, IR5B, 6Q1 White mares in two moves

8, 8, 8, 4p3, 4P1KB, 1pS1k3, 1p6, 1Q6 White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to

University of Minnesota played host to Arturito Pomàr at a 32board simultaneous exhibition, and the young Spanish master won 25, drew 3 and lost four against the students and faculty. Those who 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 Magnolia.

### Chess Lile In New York By Eliot Hearst

SAMMY Reshevsky has SAMMY Keshevsky has once again proven himself to be one of the top match players in the world (if not the very best, as many believe!) as a result of his convincing 5½-4½ victory over Svetozar Gligorich of Yugoslavia. The closeness of the score does not indicate the American's all-around indicate the American's all-around superiority, for he won the over-whelming position he obtained in the seventh game, instead of committing one of his infrequent blunders in time pressure, his edge would have been more apparent. In reality, Gligorich never convincingly, authored his experient in 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, despite being eight games shorter than the Najdorf-Reshevsky struggle, there were more draws re-corded—seven in this more recent match as compared to six in the eighteen game preceding contest. All these observations only to reiterate our comment in a previous issue that Gligorich was not 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 beautifully, taking advantage of one of Gligorich's few attempts at aggressive chess in the match, and by means of several incisive combination 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 tre-mendous 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 thereafter. As soon as the contest was terminated, Gligorich, displaying the sportsmanship which makes him so popular wherever he goes, readily praised Reshevsky's fine play and seemed almost apologetic to his opponent for being forced to take advantage of that monumental mistake!

The day after the conclusion of the match, Gligorich flew back to his homeland and New York chess returned to normal: with his de-parture all the foreign masters who participated in the Havana tournament are now out of United States 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, written. Nicholas Rossolimo, French master, who only three French master, who only three months ago emigrated to the U. S. and was requited with his father, who had lived in Greenwich Village 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 Finkelsteins 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 duct the Chess Life in New York column . . . Manhattan C. C. rapids every Friday night under the direction of its new secretary, Hans Kmoch, are divided into two dif-ferent groups, A and B, with cash-prizes in both, and are attracting many more entrants than ever be-

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.

Bu 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 checkers on reverse) are heavy flat plastic, red and black on white. Although Kingsway 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 positions 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. New-berry tied for second with 8½-2½ each. Frederic S. Anderson and Raymond Vollmar tied for fourth Haymond Vollmar tied for fourth in the 12 player round robin with 8-3. Haller lost games to Lew and Anderson; Lew lost to Newberry and Eugene J. Rosch while draw-ing with Anderson; and Newberry lost to Haller and Anderson while drawing with Vollmar.

Asheville (N.C.) Chess Club has Asheville (N.C.) Chess Club has announced a program of summer tournaments, including a Woodpusher's event, a Junior Championship, and the first annual City Championship. The need for a Junior event in the program merely highlights the excellent work done by an Asheville club member in teaching them. 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

Austin Chess & Checker Club (Chicago) saw members 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 championship was won by Emelian J. Mack with 6-1 in the 13 player 7 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. But-tenhoff, and Bernard A. Gill.

University of Chicago Chess Club title went to James C. Phil-lips, former New Mexico champion, with 5-0 in the 6 player round robin. Second was Richard Greenbaum 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
Martin L. Leibowitz and Edward C. Posner.

Lexington (Ky.) Chess Club saw Fred E. Payne win the club cham-pionship 4½-½ 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 but lost to Foster for 3½-1½. A. Dudley Roberts, who won the 1952 Kentucky State Championship, finished 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 Anderson who scotted 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. Stan-ley M. Brownhill was third with 21½ 4½. S-Sgt. Ellis Mills placed fourth with 20-6.

Downtown (Pittsburgh) Y Chess Club championship ended in a tri-Just the suppose the first between Paul L. Dietz, high school student Aba Leiter, and F. A. Sorenson with T½-2½ each. Dietz led all the way but tumbled in a last round way but tumbled in a last round encounter, losing to Dan Miscevic; he drew with David Hamburger, Wm. Byland, and R. Taylor. Leiter lost to Dietz and Sorensen, and drew with Byland. Sorenson lost to Dietz, and drew with Hamburger, D. Spiro, and John Hobbs. David Hamburger placed fourth David Hamburger placed in the 11 player round robin with

Santa Monica Bay (Calif.) Chess Club's "B" Tournament ended in a 101/2-1/2 victory for Melvin Hausner, who drew one game with Dick O'Bryan. Dan Hood was seeond with 8½-2½, losing games to Hausner and Edwards and drawing with Maurice Donath. Ed Edwards was third with 7½-3½. Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club

has moved into improved quarters 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

When the first Hobby Show was held this year at Huntington (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 at-traction of many other exhibits the chess display held its own in popularity.

### ANNAPOLIS "A" TOPS MD. LEAGUE

The Annapolis "A" team won the Maryland Chess League title 7-1 in matches with 291/2 points scored in 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 26½. Annapolis lost its match to Maryland Chess; and Maryland Chess succumbed 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 7½-½ 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 and O. M. Thomas serving as pinch-

#### MARYLAND CHESS LEAGUE Final Standings, 1952

1. Annapolis "A" 7 -1 29\\\
2. Maryland Chess Club (Baltinore) 7 -1 27\\\
3. John Hopkins University "A" 8 0 861 4. Loyola College (Baltimore) 5 3 213 5. University of Maryland 3,4 5 20 (City College High School (Baltimore) 3 4 18 7. Evergreen Chess Club (Baltimore) 2 6 8. Annaoolis (1977) 7. Evergreen Chess Club (Balci-more) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2-6 12½ 8. Annapolis "B" \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1½-6½ 15½ 9. John Hopkins University "B" \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1-7 7

### 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 this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.—The Editor.)

THE use of median values to represent the average strength of tournaments is one of the latest refinements of the rating system. As another example, we give below the results of the 1951 Pittsburgh Metropolitan Championship:

1 Paul Deitz 269 4-5 Aba Leiter 1750
2 John Hobbs 2010 6 Bernard Berger 1762
3 Richard Taylor 1792 7 Wm. Hamilton 1765
4-5 J. G. Waltz 1785

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 an even score in this company would not be entitled to such a high 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, a

median value is more accurate.

Since there is an odd number of contestants, one rating is at the middle of the list. Waltz' 1785 is lower than the top three and higher 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 averaging 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 experience with their ratings by 3 to get the median value of 19120. It this examples the retings by 3 to get the median value of 19120, 11 this examples the retings by 1912 in this example.

act accordance with their ratings. This is unusual, to say the least; in most tournaments the competitors 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 is not surprising when a player is not surprising when a prayer finishes ahead of competitors with higher ratings, provided they are all in the same class. Even if a player comes in above or below his class, there are many possible explanations for this unexpected re-sult. For instance, the tournament report may be incorrect or incom-plete. (If points secred for byes and defaults are not marked clearand defaults are not marked clear-ly as such, the reported results are 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 under-rated, to judge by his performance in a tournament, the rating he gets for his score will tend to correct the error, if any, in his previous rating. Eventually, his average rat-ing will portray his competitive ability more accurately. However, when estimating the average strength of a tournament, we can not be governed by the results achieved by rated players unless there is an obvious error that re-quires correction by dropping a player's rating from the calcula-tions. (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 give below the results of the 1951 Log Cabin Chess Club Championship:

Championship:

1 Weaver W. Adams
2 Eliot Hearst
3-4 Dr. A. A. Mengarini
3-4 E. T. McCormick
5-6 Homer W. Jones Jr.
5-6 Karl Burger
7 F. S. Howard
8 J. P. Quillen
9 Ralph Hurttlen
10 Saul Yarmak
11 George Partos Total

To find the median value of this tournament, we rank the entries in the order of their ratings:

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1	Howard	231
2	Hearst	230
3	Mengarini	229
4	Adams	223
5	Hurttlen	218
6	Jones	214
7	Quillen	.205
8	Burger	.204
9	Yarmak	202
0	McCormick	200
1	Partos	199
9	A - t- th tddb	

Again there is an odd number of players, so one rating is at the mid-dle of the list. To get a more representative figure, we take the average of the fifth, sixth and seventh entires. Thus, we add 2188, 2146

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 of contestants (23,587 divided by

Even if we have no previous ratings on some of the players, it is still possible to calculate the average strength of a tournament. For instance, in the 1951 U. S. Intercollegiate Championship, five of the contestants were unrated of the contestants were unrated, as shown in the following table:

2	Rosenblum	
3		2210
4	Sherwin	
5	Mechner	
6		2091
7		2059
8	Burger	2051
9	Sobel	
30	Rogan	
11		2012
12	Ricard	2010
12		
12		
15		
16	Kaufman	
17	Mayer	1842
18		1777
19	Minck	1715
20	Elemenhorst	
21	Gibbons	
22	Howard	
23	Malana	

The rated entries are ranked according 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 a 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 exact locations are not important.

Having placed the unrated en tries in the upper and lower divisions, 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 articles by Mr. Harkness. The fifth will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.

—The Editor.)

#### SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHESS LEAGUE

Division Final Standings

Chess Life

Saturday, July 5, 1952

What's The Best Move? By Guilherme Groesser

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2p5, 1pq5, plp1s3, P1P2s1B, 1R4Pp, 2QR4, 6K1 Black to Play

Send solutions to Position No. 97 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 5, 1952.

Solution to Position No. 94

RS.1, Q-RS; 5. P-Kt3 ch and 6. Bxg mate.

An immediate 1. K-R2, suggested by some solvers, is answered by 1. ..., K-Kt4, and Black can no longer be trapped. Other almost correct solutions began with 1. B-B5 ch, P-Kt4 but went astray on the second move. For 2. B-Q5 is answered by 2. ..., Q-Q3 ch; 3. K-R2, Q-R8 ch and stalemate. And 2. Kt-B4, QxQP; 3. Kt-Kt6 ch, K-Kt6; 4. B-K5. Ch, QxB; 5. KtxQ, P-R5, etc. is only draws. Also 2. P-Kt3 ch, K-R6 is fruit-iexs becames white cannot play 3. Kt-B4 ch and 3. BxP is answered by 3. ..., QxP ch and mate on the next move. We will however grant 1 point to all who found 1. B-B6 and went astray thereafter.

Correct solutions are acknowledged.

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Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: G. M. Banker (Kansas City), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), C. E. Diesen (No. Tonawanda), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), J. Faucher (New Haven), D. Garver (Lake George), E. Gault (New Brighton), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), J. Kaufman (Geverly Hils), P. Kibe (West Haven), E. J. Korpanty (Woodside), F. E. Kauppel (New York), R. A. McCallert (Hackensack), Dr. J. Melnick (P. J. Korpanty), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), B. Wilson (Amherstburg), B. Wilson (Mashington), F. J. Stoff (Gollet), H. C. Underwood (Washington), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), M. Welshington), M. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), M. Washington), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), D. A. Walstorf, Jr. (New Orstant), W. Welshington, M. Meller (Plint), H. Kurrek (Morton Grove), N. P. Witting (Salem).

R. might be nobed that I. B-B6 ch, P-Kt4; Z. B-B3 at once is not the same ultimate position by transposition: the important difference is that Black has the move at the critical moment. Also I. B-B6, P-Kt4; Z. Rt-Q83 is answered by Q-Bich; 3. K-R2, QxP ch; 4. KxQ stalemate.

### GOLDEN GATE TOPS FRISCO B

In the "B" Division of the San Francisco Chess League the new Golden Gate Chess Club rode to victory with 51/2-1/2 in matches and 28-14 in games. Second was Hakoah Chess Club with 4-2 and

In the "A" Division one match remains to be played, but regardless of the outcome, Mechanics Institute will gain the title, having a 7-0 match score to date and with no rival in striking distance.

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VIENNA OPENING

Correspondence Game

1951-52 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

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White Black
W. W. ADAMS DR. BOHATIRCHUK
1. P.K4 P.K4 2. K1.QB3
The first book published by Adams,
White to Play and Win, was based on
the Bishop's Opening 2. B-B4. Some of
the analysis given was not entirely
convincing, and, with the handlead play
for the first fill or 15 moves against
various defenses, Adams was not able
to prove his thesis convincingly in
tournament play. However, the book
contains some brilliant variations and
the second book, Simple Chess, based
on the Vienna Opening, likewise introduces some interesting ideas even
if six publication has not enhanced
adams' practical chances in tournament play.
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for White to make headway
his exposed K.
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R-RF 30, P-R4 K-Q2
R-K12 31, P-K13 K-K1
B-Q1

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Only O-O offers hope of saving the game.
12. Kt-K5 KtxKt
11. 12. KtxB2; 13. KtxQBP, Q-B2;
14. KtxB; 15. KtvB and Black cannot
play KtxKtP for White's desperado Kt
escapes at Q6 after the four successive

play ktxktip for White's desperado kt escapes at Q6 after the four successive B captures.

13. BxK kt-B3 14. Ktxktp!

The sucrifice is obvious but requires careful calculation, as Black has several lines of defense.

14. PxKt 15. BxPch K-B1 Black attempts to hold the piece. Ging it back in exchange for the two Ps fails after 15. B-Q2; 16. P-B6, BxKp; 17. PxBch, Kxpp; 18. Q-R4, B-B1; 19. QR-B3, R-B12 (19. P-B3; 20. R-B7, etc.); 20. R-BX(tch, QxB; 21. RxR ch and mate in 2 moves. Black can get three pieces for his Q with 15. Kt-Q2; 16. P-B6, KtxB; 17. P-B7. Q-Q2; 18. BxQ-R, KxB, but White's two extra Q-side Ps should prove decisive.

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After 17. ....., R-QBI

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Seemingly succeeding. But .

18, Q-R41 Rx8
With the B trapped, Black has no choice. And it still looks good.

19, PxR BxR 20, P-B7!
Complete decisive. Black has no defense.
20, 9-81 21. R-K11 K-Q2
21. B-R3 offers some resistance, but Black goes down after 22. R-Kt6, B-Kt2 (23, QxB was the real threat);
23. QxP! and there is nothing Black can do.

QxQ 23, R-Kt8ch

For White picks up everything but the board.

Washington State Championship Seattle, 1952 TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

Notes by Erech W. Marchand

stad Variation 1. Program of avoiding the beaten and unbeaten trails of the ordinary Two Knights' Defense and getting into a Scotch or Max Lange type of opening.

PxP 4. ..., KlxKP; then 5. PxP, B-B4; 0-0

After 14. ..... RxB!

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15. QxR, B-B4; 16. QxP, BxP 1 (not 17. K-B1, QxP eh and , R-Q1; 18. Kt-B3! (not 18.

18. QR-Q1 19. P-B5

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HEBERT O. ULVESTAD
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bliess intending to play the Ulve-Variation 4. kt-Kt5, P-Q4; 5. PxP,

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pletely. 17. P-K+5

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22, QxKt!!

White HEBERT

Though a piece ahead, Black is suffering severly from underdevelopment and K exposure. If 19. ...., QxP, then 26, QxP makes things even more open for the Black K.

20. RXReh K.K3 21. P-QK141 .....

21. Q-B8 ch, K-R3; 22. R-Q7 ch, K-K1; 23. R-Q6! would win. But 21. ..., K-B3; 22. Q-Q8 ch, K-K13 scems to hold out and retain the extra piece.

21. .... K-B2 22. Q-B8 Q-K3

This does not accomplish much. Better is 22. .... P-IR4 i norder to play R-R3. If then 23. R-Q3, Q-B3 with K-K11 to follow. Of course not immediately 22. .... K-K1; 23. R-Q6; 23. R-Q7ch B-K2

23. R-Q7ch B-K2

Returning the piece in order to get

Follow. Of course not immediately 22.

K:Kit; 23. R-05!

23. R-07ch

B-K2

Returning the piece in order to get freedom. Of course 23.

K:Kit; or met by 24. RNP ch and 25. Qx0.

But probably better is 23.

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C 0. Control of the course 24. QxBP, B-020;

B-Kit; 27. R-090; 27. QxBch

24. RxBch

QxR

25. QxR

QxR

26. P-KR3

P-K6

30. QxRP

77. PxP

QxPch

Hebert points out that 30. QxB8 draws. splayed the ending is in Black's

77. PxP QxPch 10. QxRP QxPch Hebert points out that 30. QxB draws. As played the ending is in Black's favor but still lively.

QxP 32. Q-Kt3?

QxP 32. Q-Kt3?

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### For The Journament-Minded July 15

Asheville City Championship Asheville, N.C.

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August 22-24

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August 30-September 1 Pennsylvania State Championship Somerset, Penna.

At Manor Hill Hotel; 7 round Swiss; open to all residents of Swiss; open to all residents of Pennsylvania or members of Penn-sylvania Chess Clubs; at least \$150.00 in cash prizes plus mer-chandise prizes for top 15; begins 1:00 p.m. August 30; round robin Rapid Transit to be held at 3:00 p.m. on August 29; for details, write: Everett A. Coons, 722 Broad Street, Sewickley, Pa.

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August 30-September 1

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### August 30-September 1 Louisiana State Championship New Orleans, La.

At Hotel New Orleans; open to Louisiana and Mississippi players; begins 9:00 a.m. August 30; entry fee \$5.00 including USCF and LCA memberships; 100% USCF rated Event; for details, write: W. P. Naser, P.O. Box 779, New Orleans,

Baton Rouge (La.) Chess Club expresses pride in the achievement member Frank Gladney, who placed second in the Reserves Section of the recent Southsea Tournament in England.

### Solutions:

White to Play and Win! White to Play and Win!

Position No. 95: 1, P-Ki3(B), RxR; 2,
BxR, KIK(B; 3, B-K3, K-B5; 4, ExP, KQ4; 5, RxP, K-K3; 6, B-B1 (not 6, K-B3;
K-B4; 7, B-B1, P-R3!); 8, ExP, K-Ki5;
and draws), K-B4; 7, P-R6, P-R6; 8, KxP,
K-Ki2; 9, K-KC3, K-B2; 10, K-B4, K-Ki1;
11, K-Q5, K-B2; 12, B-Q6, K-Ki1; 15, B-RC2,
K-R1; 16, K-B7 mate, F1, P-Ki3(Q or R),
R-Ki5ch; 2, RxR, PxR(Q) eh; 3, K or QxQ
stalemate, H, P-Ki3(Ki), RxP with
threat of 2, ......, R-R3 mate, and Black
wins.

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FRENCH DEFENSE

Los Angeles County Championship Los Angeles, 1951-52

Notes by Lionel Joyner from California

Black
1. P.K4 P.K3 4. P.QB3 KI.QB3
2. P.Q4 P.Q4 5. KI-B3 Q.KI3
3. P.K5 P.QB4 6. B-K2
White's plan calls for renouncing castling and playing to hold the center formation.
6. PXP KI-K2
Already White
3 gord
1. PXP RKI-K2
Already White
3 gord
1. PKP RKI-K3
4. RES
1. PXP RES
1. P rmation. PxP 8, Ki-B3
PxP KKt-K2
Iready White changes his plans
good policy in the opening, 8
8, P-QKt3 is decidedly better,
Kt-B4 10, BxKtch
B-QKt5 B-Kt5 11, O-O 7. n-qrkts B-Kts 11. 0-0 PxB
This move is premature and throws
away all Black's advantage. Before pushing the QBP Black should retreat his
B to K2.
12. PqR3 BxKt 14. R-K1 0-0
B-R3 IS. P-CD4 PxB B-R3 15, P-QR4 ite attempts to scize the diag 3-KB8 and eyes Q6 as a square B. QR3-KR8 and eyes Q6 as a square for his B.

15. KR B1 17. PxP R-B61
16. B-R3 PxP
Black selzes his chance and tries to grab the initiative. However, this attempt would have been frustrated if white had played correctly.

18. R-Kr1 Q-B3 23. Kr-R2? KtxP
19. B-B5 R-Q6! 24. Kr-Kr4 K-R1
20. Q-B1 QxP 25. BxKr RxB
21. Q-Kr51? Q-Q2 26. R-K3 Q-Q1
22. P-KR3 B-B5 27. Q-R5
The attempt to win back a P would have lost a plece: 27. QxQ, RxQ; 28.

R-KI77. P-KR4: 29. KcR2, R-Q6 ch.

27. B-Q6

4 ter 27. B-Q6

JOYNER B-Q6 After 27



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use of the threat Q. 337, P-RS P-R3 38, Kf-B6 P-Xft 39, PXP R-B2 40, QXR QXQ 41, RXQ P-P6 42, R-K7 P-R7 43, P-B7 P-R8(Q)ch Resigns

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED North Carolina Open Championship Wilmington, 1952 Notes by D. Eisen

J. B. EVANS 5. B-K15 B-K2 6. P-K3 QK1-Q2 7. B-Q3 K1-K13? White Black
EISEN J. B. EVANS
P.Q4 P.Q4 5. B.K15 B.K2
P.Q84 P.QB3 6. P.K3 QK1-Q2
K1-QB3 K1-KB3 7. B-Q3 K1-K13?
K1-KB3 P.K3
te first in a series of weakening and

Kinkri

imeconsuming moves.

8. P-BS QKi-Q2 9. O. P-KN4.
Seriously weakening the Q-side, locksibility of a sacrifice on Black QKi-Q2.

10. P-QKV4 P-KR3?

Anther time-loser, Black drives William

any case. O.O. Anther time-loser. Black drives White's QB to the square it was headed for in any case, 900 was the move.

Output

Out

11. B-KB4 K1-KR4?

This is more than Black can afford.

He lays himself open to a strong attack.

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-Earl Weatherford.

No. 332 (Hartong and Niemeijer): 1. Kt-B5. "Three King flights and seven Knight moves"—Weatherford. The tries of 1. K-B7, B-Q2, and Kt-B2, are defeated by 1. ......, K-K4, Kt-K2, and K-B4, respectively.

No. 333 (Mansfield): 1. Q-K7. "Consummate artistry"—Weatherford.

No. 334 (Lightbourn): 1. Kt-Kt6, KKt moves; 2. R-B4 ch. If 1. ....., QKt moves; 2. Kt-Kt 6. It 1. ....., R moves; 2. Kt-B4 ch. but unfortunately there is also a dual by 2. Kt-Q5. "Confusion and fast action at close quarters"—Weatherford.

#### SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra points for correct claims of "cooks," i.e. valid solutions not intended by the composer. This tally covers solutions for problems in the June 5 issue received up to the time we went to press, on June 23. Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the next Ladder.)

R. A. Hedgeock W. H. James I. Liehtensten Albert L. Welsh A. Kozak Toseha Seidel R. A. Skeris H. O. Madison Heino Kurruk J. B. Mullgan Dr. Blankenship

Congratulations to expert solver and promising composer Ronald O'Neil, who wins the bi-monthly Ladder competition; and a hearty welcome to new solvers Heino Kurruk, H. O. Madison, and J. Betrand Mulligan as they begin their Ladder ascent. William J. Courture, Joe Petty, and Albert L. Welsh, who had been on the "inactive" list for some time, are welcomed back.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way! No. 331 (Petrovic): 1-B-Kt7. "This is symmetry in a well-oiled precision machine"
—Earl Weatherford.

by 2. Kf-Q5. "Confusion and fast action at close quarters"—Weatherford.

No. 335 (Bennett): 1. Kf-Q2. The composer of this problem recently celebrated bis eighty-fifth birthday and writes that he is "well and happy, thank Godf".

No. 336 (Eddy): 1. Q-K2. "The diagram suggests the key, but the absence of duals and the clever provision for White counters to Black's self-pins are most interesting"—M. A. Michaels.

No. 337 (Holladay): 1. K-Kf6. The key still leaves the Knight pinned, but mates are changer after the Black Queen's checks"—Michaels.

No. 336 (Gulyaev): 1. B-K3, threat; 2. R-B5ch. H 1. ..., R-R4; 2. R-Q4. If 1. ..., K-Q3; 2. K-K-B6ch. H 1. ..., R-Q8; 2. R-K-C-M1 and composition and Michaels. "Not without reason a first prize winner"—John B. Grkavac.