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76 PLAYERS VIE IN OPEN

Tampa Draws Strong Chess Field; Two Rounds Name No Favorites

With 13 players scoring 2-0 and 11 players tallying 1½-½ in the two opening rounds of play, the U. S. Open remains anybody's battle at this stage. Tied at 2-0 each are Spanish Master Pomar, U. S. Champion Evans, former U. S. Champion Steiner, Byrne, Hearst, Burger, Sherwin, Jones, McCormick, LeCornu, Brasket, Fischheimer, Carlye. With 1½-½ each, a step behind are Cuban player Florido, Santasiere, Byland, Koelsche, Ludwig, Canadian player Haley, Pilnick, Magec, Rohland, Mager, Brieger.

Among those with lesser scores who cannot be considered out of the running are the strong Canadian player Zalys, Mengarini, and Donovan. Other strong players in the event include Colon and Cintron from Puerto Rico, Isaacs, Spiller, Fink, Crittenden, Van Sweden, Daly, Hurltten, Sharp, Bills and Mednis.

A breakdown on the States represented is not yet available, but names can be recognized from Maine to California, showing that this Open is as representative as any ever held, while Cuba, Canada and Puerto Rico are represented. Among the strong male entry the name of Mrs. Gregor Patigorsky stands out as the sole feminine challenger to masculine superiority.

Board Adopts Promotion Plan

Details are not yet available, but the USCF Board of Directors has adopted an important program of promotion which is designed to make the USA chess conscious. The plan envisions consistent promotion throughout the year as well as a continuous membership drive on a scale hitherto never attempted.

FORM FEDERATION IN CALIFORNIA

After several false starts over the years, California has at last organized a California State Chess Federation which promises to become a permanent organization of vital force in regulating and developing chess in California where the game already has an unusually firm foothold despite lack of any state organization.

The Board of Directors has been elected, and this Board will elect the officers and appoint a committee to prepare a constitution. Members of this Board are: Guthrie McClain (San Francisco), Neil T. Austin (Sacramento), George B. Oakes (Salinas), Herman Steiner (Los Angeles), John Keckhut (Los Angeles), George Croy (Banning), Cecil R. Bates (La Mesa), A. L. Ritz (Eureka), and A. E. Hoerchner (Shell Beach). Guthrie McClain was chosen temporary chairman.

Details are not yet settled, but in the future the CSCF will sponsor the North-South Match, California State Championship, all team matches within and between the existing chess leagues, and a number of other events. Dues have not been set, but will include subscription to the California Chess Reporter which becomes the official CSCF publication; and formal affiliation with the U. S. Chess Federation will be subject to study as soon as the details of organization are completed.

MARTIN TAKES CALIF. SPEED

Former California State Champion Ray Martin of Santa Monica won the California Rapid Transit Championship 22-3 in a gruelling tourney at San Luis Obispo in which 29 players were entered. Sven Almgren of Los Angeles was second with 20½-4½, while Irving Rivise of Los Angeles placed third with 20-5. Fourth was shared by Hyman Gordon of Los Angeles and Lionel Joyner of Long Beach with 19½-5½ each.

ADVANCE ENTRIES SHOW STRENGTH

Advance entries in the U. S. Open Championship at Tampa reflect the strong field that distinguishes every U. S. Open. Among the early birds registered are Spanish Master Arturito Pomar, U. S. Champion Larry Evans, and former U. S. Champion Herman Steiner.

Other noted players include Anthony E. Santasiere, Eliot Hearst, James T. Sherwin, Jeremiah H. Donovan and Edmar Mednis from New York; Edgar T. McCormick, Ralph Hurltten, Ivan Romanenko, E. Forry Laucks, and Fred Bergols from New Jersey; William M. Byland from Pittsburgh; Alfred Ludwig from Nebraska; Lewis J. Isaacs and K. R. Jones from Illinois; Leon Stolzenberg from Detroit; and Frank Graves from Texas.

Puerto Rico will be represented by a strong group headed by Rafael Cintron, Paul Reissman, Miguel Colon, Ledo Pablo and Jose Santiago Lavandero. Canada will send Ignas Zalys, P. G. Haley, Gordon L. Weaver and probably former Canadian Champion Maurice Fox and Canada's promising junior player Ross Siemens.

Cuba and Central America have also promised strong delegations, and a host of eminent U. S. players will appear at the last minute without advance registration.

HELSINKI TEAM MEMBERS NAMED

USCF President Harold M. Phillips has announced the names of five players appointed to represent the USA at the International Team Match at Helsinki, Finland on August 10 through August 31. Those nominated are Hans Berliner (Washington, D.C.), Arthur Bisguier (New York), Robert Byrne (New York), Samuel Reshevsky (New York), and Herman Steiner (Los Angeles, Calif.). Of these, Reshevsky and Steiner represented the USA at the last team tourney at Dubrovnik in 1950 where the U. S. Team placed fourth. Other members of the 1950 team were Larry Evans, I. A. Horowitz, George Shainswit, and George Kramer.

A sixth member of the U. S. team (four players and two alternates) will be named within the next ten days. Alexander Bisno of Beverly Hills, Calif. has been appointed Team Manager.

Position No. 85
E. Nash vs. V. Eaton
Washington, D. C., 1952

3qrk1, 1r4P1, 1b1p1q, 1p1bP2, pPp5,
P1P2S1P, 2B3K, 5R2
White to play and win

Position No. 86
G. Stoltz vs. S. Tartakower
Bled, 1931

3BR3, p2r1Pk, 2Q2Pp, 1p6, 1P2B2K,
6P1, 8, 5q2
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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POSITION No. 85, between two CHESS LIFE columnists, which occurred in the District of Columbia Championship Tournament, Black resigned after White's first problem-like move. After resigning, Black said he had expected the less pretty winning continuation: 1. Q-R8 ch, K-K2; 2. P-K8(Q)ch, R-XQ; 3. Q-R7 ch, K-B1; 4. R-XR ch, B-XR; 5. Q-XR, etc.

In Position No. 86, White forced mate in six, as Black was loath to give up material disasterously.

CORRECTION: In Position No. 83 (June 20th), the White Queen should be on Q4.

For solutions, please turn to Page six.

EASTMAN REGAINS MICHIGAN TITLE

Playing sturdy and steady chess, George Eastman of Detroit regained the Michigan State title in a 47 player 8 round Swiss event at Battle Creek, scoring 7-1, with draws conceded to Leon Stolzenberg and Avids Zirnis. Dr. William Henkin of Mt. Clemens placed second with 6½-1½, losing to Eastman and drawing with Stolzenberg.

Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 6-2 scores were Leonids Dreibergs of Saginaw, Leon Stolzenberg of Detroit, and Robert Uhlmann of Grand Rapids. Sixth to eighth on S-B points with equal 5½-2½ scores were Avids Zirnis of Grand Rapids, John E. Thomas of Ferndale, and Norman Zemke of Detroit. The last was the ranking junior player in the event.

Stolzenberg, a former state champion, drew with Eastman and Henkin while losing to Dreibergs. Dreibergs, a recent arrival from Europe, lost to Eastman and Henkin. Robert Uhlmann lost also to Eastman and to Stolzenberg. For number of contestants and general strength of the field, it was one of the most impressive State Tournaments in recent years in Michigan.

WASHINGTON SET FOR B.C. MATCH

The annual international match between Washington and British Columbia will be held on August 10 at Seven Cedars Pavilion (two miles north of city limits of Mount Vernon, Wash.) at 1:00 p.m. P.S.T. Last year the event was held at Blaine in the International Park and drew 108 players. This year plans are set for a bigger and better match than ever.

NORTH DEFEATS SO. CALIF. TEAM

In the annual North vs. South California match victory went to the Northern players by 32-27—a much closer score than that of last year's event. The match at San Luis Obispo began at 11 a.m. and lasted until 6 p.m., but the anticipated match for the club championship failed to materialize when Hollywood Chess Club was unable to field a representative team as Los Angeles County Champions against Mechanics Institute of San Francisco.

This historic event has been won by the North 11 times, by the South 5 times and been a tie 3 times; and statistician Win. P. Barlow in the California Chess Reporter states that 574 boards have been played in the 19 encounters (not counting a secondary 20-board match in 1947) with the North scoring 310½ to the South's total of 263½ points. 68 players have qualified for pins specially awarded to those who have participated in five or more of the matches.

SNEIDERS TOPS LANSING CITY

Edgar Sneider, a recent arrival from Latvia, won the Lansing City Championship. Sneider, since arrival in Lansing, has been undefeated in team matches, playing board one for Lansing, and was a strong contender in the Michigan State Championship of 1951. Second place went to Rabbi Alfred L. Friedman, who narrowly missed the title, but lost the crucial game to Sneider.

Edward Johnson won the "B" Tourney with Franke Foote, Jr. and Harry Emerick tied for second. In the "C" event, Ronald Dodge won every game for first place, and Gerald Noll was second.

ELO CAPTURES MILWAUKEE CO.

Arpad E. Elo, who on the basis of his over-all record has predominated Milwaukee and Wisconsin chess, finished ahead of a strong field of 41 entrants for the annual championship of Milwaukee County, scoring 7½-½. Elo won from Philip Coverdale, George Hurley, Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley, Dan Clark, Ralph Abrams, Milwaukee Champion John Grkavac, and Averill Powers, while drawing with Kalman Farkas, a relative newcomer to Milwaukee chess.

Second place in the 8 round Swiss was won by Marshall Rohland, closely followed by Ralph Abrams in third and Averill Powers in fourth position. Each scored 6-2 and position was determined by weighted score count. Fifth and sixth positions were shared by two of Milwaukee's youngest stars, Gerald Rutz and Jack Geisenfeld.

A large influx of younger players, graduates of Milwaukee's famed chess teaching program, made their weight felt in this event. Included were Rohland, Wisconsin State Junior Champion Rutz, Geisenfeld, Frank Inbusch, Orville Francisco, James Forcica, Paul Handt, Hugh Goddard and Coverdale. The tournament was sponsored for the 18th consecutive season by the Milwaukee Recreational Department.

EVANS KEEPS MATCH LEAD

By winning one game and drawing the other at Las Vegas, Larry Evans retains a commanding lead in his match with Herman Steiner for the U. S. Championship title. The score is now 10-4 in favor of the youthful U. S. Champion. The remaining games of the match will be postponed until fall, as both Evans and Steiner plan to play in the U. S. Open Championship at Tampa.

HUGHES TAKES NEW BRUNSWICK

Walter G. Hughes won the New Brunswick title at the Admiral Beatty Hotel with 5½-½ in a 6 round Swiss, drawing with runner-up Maurice Elman in the second round. Elman scored 5-1, drawing also with his son, Danny Elman in the first round. John Lederer was third with 4-2, and Danny Elman, a Dalhousie U student, placed fourth with 3-3. In last year's event Maurice Elman and John Lederer tied for first.

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WHAT ABOUT SALTZJOBADEN?

TIME grows short as the 1952 World Championship Interzonal Tournament is scheduled for Saltzjobaden, Sweden from September 14 to October 14, 1952. FIDE Zone 4 (The United States) is entitled to designate two players as qualified to enter this Interzonal event, since no Zonal Tournament was held in 1951.

But, to date, no announcement has been issued regarding what players shall be deemed worthy of representing the USA in this most important tournament which will qualify the fortunate ranking players for participation in the next World Championship Candidates' Tournament.

Since the players selected will need to finance their own expenses to this epic chess contest, it is only just that their appointments should be made public sufficiently in advance to permit them to collect funds. Our Canadian neighbors, more alert to the necessities of tournament finances, have already undertaken in Canadian Chess Chat a campaign to raise funds on behalf of the designated Canadian player, Povilas Vaitonis. Is the USA fated to lag behind?

Montgomery Major

EFIM DMITRIEVICH BOGOLIUBOV

An Appreciation of a Great Russian Chess Master

By DR. FEODOR BOHATRICHUK

Ottawa, Canada

I BECAME acquainted with Efim Dmitrievich in Kiev's chess club, where I came one evening of the winter of 1908. I was then 16 years old, a gymnast (i.e. student in a preparatory school); he wore the uniform of a local seminary (theological school). The students of this school never visited the chess club and therefore the newcomer attracted the attention of everybody. But there was another reason for such attention—the young seminarist demonstrated an extraordinary chess skill, defeating easily all the best players of the club. It was unusual in the club, but Bogoliubov was at once given the first category and he entered the handicap tournament which started this evening in this capacity. I was a weaker player and participated in the same tournament as 5th category player.

In this first tournament in his life Bogoliubov finished second (first went to Kiev's champion, B. Isbinsky). After this debut Bogoliubov very quickly rated among Kiev's best players. It was not so easy because at this time many good players resided in Kiev permanently. Besides the above mentioned B. Isbinsky, who died early, such masters as Lowtsky, Dus-Chotimirsky, B. Bernstein visited the chess club or a cafe every evening.

I remember how seriously Bogoliubov had taken up chess. It was more than a hobby for him, he dreamt of being a chess champion. We laughed at him, we could not understand his desire to become a chess professional; but he did not pay any attention to our jokes and stubbornly continued his chess studies. I remember that even at this time he surprised his adversaries with extraordinary knowledge of chess openings; the famous Bogoliubov's "trunk of variations" was a real threat to all his opponents.

In 1909 Bogoliubov took part in the St. Petersburg preliminary tournament in which young Alekhine placed first. Though Bogoliubov in this tournament demonstrated also his extraordinary chess talent, he himself was quite unsatisfied with his results—he simply did not understand how it could happen that he did not take first place in such a "weak" tournament. Even at this time the self-confidence of Bogoliubov was the topic of our jokes. But he was never angry with us and liked to say: "He who laughs last, laughs best." It was really difficult to believe then that this theological student would become one of the best players in the world.

In 1910 E. Bogoliubov entered a Warsaw polytechnical high school but was obliged to quit it very soon because chess left him too little time for studies in polytechnics.

In 1914 many Russian players, including Alekhine, Bogoliubov, Romanovsky, Rabinovich and others (me, too), were sent to represent the Russian chess art at the Mannheim International Tournaments. Alekhine and Bogoliubov, having the title of chess master, entered an international chess tournament; all the others took part in different additional tournaments. In this extraordinarily strong tournament Bogoliubov did not play so well as it was expected; maybe the unusual European surroundings distracted his attention from the play.

After the war broke out (World War I), all the Russian players but three (Alekhine, Saburov and I) were interned in South Germany for the period of the whole war. Bogoliubov married a German lady and very soon became the happy father of two charming girls. At the end of the war all of the Russian players returned home but Bogoliubov, who remained with his family (and A. Selezniev also remained).

Until 1924 I heard very little about Bogoliubov; it was the time of military communism and we had in mind rather the bread and potatoes but not chess. Scarcely communications from abroad informed us about the progress in Bogoliubov's chess career.

After a new economical policy (NEP) was proclaimed by Lenin, life became a little easier, and we again began to play chess. In 1924 Bogoliubov and Selezniev accepted the invitation to the All-Russian Championship.

We expected to meet a shabby-chess professional, but we were surprised to come across instead a modern European, dressed as a London dandy, smoking occasionally a very expensive cigar. Such a metamorphosis of our friend seemed to be a fairy tale! And how wonderfully he played chess! He took the first prize with the utmost ease, having lost no games.

He was a real superior class of chess player, unknown to us. As in the times at Kiev, the knowledge of chess openings was the strongest weapon in the hands of Bogoliubov. Next year Bogoliubov won easily a match with P. Romanovsky. But his real triumph was his in the 1st Moscow International Tournament in 1925. He finished first, before Capablanca (then in the zenith of his fame) and Lasker. His deep and brilliant play made us proud of our chess champion.

After this victory Bogoliubov challenged Capablanca but the challenge was not accepted. It is not the aim of this article to analyze thoroughly the chess treasury left by Bogoliubov—every chess player knows his achievements. Even Alekhine was very close to losing his chess crown to this theological student in their first match. At any case, he did not prove this superiority over Bogoliubov so easily as was done by him at this time in his encounters with other players.

In 1926 Bogoliubov refused to come back to the Soviet Union and was divested of Soviet citizenship. Very soon afterwards the iron curtain divided us from the West. It was dangerous to correspond with everybody in foreign countries, especially with such an "enemy of the people" as Bogoliubov. Therefore, I lost any connection with him.

Only in 1943, after my flight from Kiev, did I come across him in Cracow and later in the Radom tournament. This time he had an official position in the German army in the capacity of a chess instructor. I was told by one of my friends that he was a member of the Nazi Party. But the same friend added that Bogoliubov wore his Nazi badge only in case it would be necessary to buy a railway ticket or something in a store forbidden to common mortals.

Truly, it was necessary only to have a short conversation with Bogoliubov in order to know that he was in the party only with the aim of disguising himself and saving his daughters from mobilization. He told me how difficult it was, even with a Nazi membership in his pocket. So far as I know, Bogoliubov never accepted Nazi ideology, was anti-Hitler, and never approved of the cruel practices of this madman.

I remember that at the time of the Radom tournament, he succeeded in getting good radio reception. After the round, we sat around it the whole evening and listened to the information from neutral stations. I had never suspected before that the military situation of Nazi Germany was so bad. Bogoliubov laughed at my naive surprise and said that the end of Hitler was very near.

Another time he told me about an event one year before when he wore his Nazi badge during a simultaneous display in one of the military hospitals. Suddenly one wounded soldier hit him on the badge and broke it. After this incident he never wore the badge during chess games but demonstrated it to his friends.

After the Allied victory I did not hear about Bogoliubov for two years. Later on, I learned he had some difficulties in clearing himself in a denazification board. Finally he was screened and allowed chess activity. I was very glad because I knew very well how far Bogoliubov had been from any political activity, especially on the side of Hitler.

Bogoliubov was very greatly offended by the refusal of FIDE (this time dominated by the Soviet delegation) to recognize him as a grandmaster and to allow him to participate in international tournaments (a decision which was cancelled only in 1951).

In vain I tried to explain the obvious reasons for this decision—such injustice he could not accept. "Ask everybody in Germany—let anybody prove my adherence to the Nazis for other than formal reasons, and I will obey, but now it is clear that the only reason is the revenge of the Soviets." This refusal hurt him financially because it took away one of the sources of his earnings.

The last time I met the late Bogoliubov was at a small international tournament in Kassel in 1947. He finished first. But his health had already deteriorated. It was clear that he was in need of serious treatment. But his financial situation was very bad; he had to support his family—and consequently he worked, playing, playing and playing. I imagine how he longed to be over with his play every day, every hour. But he always kept his humor and took it all very easy.

Now the sad news about his death . . . Looking back into the life of this former theological student, I consider that maybe he was right to choose the life of a warrior at the chess board. Here, at this board, he had everything a life might give, as Henry sometimes said, war, victory, fame and love. To us—chess players—he left the wonderful games, which must be studied, and which will become a part of world chess history.

(The author, Dr. Feodor Bohatruchuk, is a distinguished Ukrainian specialist, noted for research work on cancer. Now residing in Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Bohatruchuk possesses a noted reputation as a chess player. Many times Champion of Kiev and the Ukraine, he tied for third with Dus-Chotimirsky in the II Russian Championship of 1923, tied with Lowenfish for third in the III Russian Championship of 1924; place 11th—but ahead of Rubinstein, and Spielman in the 1st International Tournament at Moscow in 1925; tied for first with Romanovsky in the V Russian Championship of 1927—ahead of Botvinnik; tied for third with Altorozov and Werlinski in the VII Russian Championship in 1931; and tied for third with Rjumin in the IX Russian Championship in 1934. He is one of the few players with a plus score against Botvinnik—three wins and one draw in four tournament encounters.—The Editor.)

CHICAGO CITY CHESS LEAGUE

Chicago 1951-52

1. Perkunas Chess Club	.....	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	73-3
2. Lions Chess Club	.....	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	65-13
3. Maroons Chess Club	.....	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	6-2
4. Chicago Chess & Checker	.....	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	5-3
5. Hyde Park Chess Club	.....	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	4-4
6. Hamilton Park Chess	.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	3-5
7. Metro Chess Club	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	28-58
8. Chesskaters	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-7
9. Univ. of Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-7 1/2

Collegiate Division

1. Univ. of Illinois (Chgo)	.....	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51-3
2. I. I. T. Collegiate	.....	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	48-13
3. Univ. of Chicago Collegiate	.....	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	1	48-13
4. Chicago Junior Chess Club	.....	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	35-28
5. Wright Junior College	.....	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	2-4
6. Northwestern University	.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1-5
7. Roosevelt College	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	0-6

Methodical thinking is of more use in chess than inspiration.

—C. J. S. PURDY

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

VI. STOCKHOLM, 1912

(The chapter on "Alekhine in Soviet Land," which circumstances have caused to be omitted from the last few issues of CHESS LIFE, will be resumed in the next issue. In the meantime, in honor of the 40th anniversary of Alekhine's first international success, we seize the opportunity of publishing this installment, slightly out of sequence.—The Editor.)

IT IS just 40 years ago that an International Tournament, in which the 19-year old Alekhine took part and carried off the first prize, took place in Stockholm. Alekhine had already participated in the Hamburg 1910 tournament, as a replacement for Capablanca—in fact he had waited until almost the last minute in order to avoid clashing at this early stage of his career with the man whom he considered the next World Champion—but his showing in Hamburg was not particularly exciting and certainly much less than what his Russian sponsors had expected from the lad who had, a year before, convincingly won first prize in the "Amateurs' Tournament" at St. Petersburg, thereby qualifying for the title of international master.

The first prize in the Mixed Masters' Tournament at Stockholm, during the Sixth Congress of the Nordiska Schackförbundet (Nordic Chess Association) held from June 25 to July 7, 1912, may be considered as Alekhine's first real international "success," although the competition of first-class masters (Spielmann, Erich Cohn, Marco, possibly Englund, Nyholm and Olland) was not too strong and the rest of the field consisted of practically unknown Scandinavian players (Giersing of Copenhagen, Sjöberg of Ystad, Fridlitzius of Gothenburg—the only one who inflicted a "zero" on Alekhine, and Langborg of Stockholm).

Nineteen year old Alekhine won the tournament handsomely with 8½ out of a possible 10—the distance of 1½ points between him and runner-up, Erich Cohn, in such a short tournament will not surprise any of Alekhine's admirers looking over his career in retrospect and can only be considered as foreboding his chess future—in fact, it is more surprising that the 1½ points he dropped are a loss to Fridlitzius and a draw against Englund—neither one distinguished himself otherwise in this tournament, both ended below the 50% mark, with 4 points each out of a possible 10, tied with Sjöberg in 7-9th places (out of 11 participants, only Giersing, 3½, and Nyholm, 2½, ending behind them).

Throughout the tournament, Alekhine was practically never in danger, except for the first four rounds when Spielmann (finally ending 5th with 5 points just at the 50% mark) was temporarily half a point ahead of him.

All of Alekhine's games played in the Stockholm Tournament were published in Swedish in the Swedish Tournament Book, which is really the triple number 7-9 of Tidskrift for Schack of 1912; three of his games were also published in English by Alekhine himself in his "Best Games 1908-1923" (nos. 9, 10, 11); six were reprinted by Reinfeld in his book "The Unknown Alekhine" (including the loss

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Chess Life
In New York
By Eliot Hearst

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Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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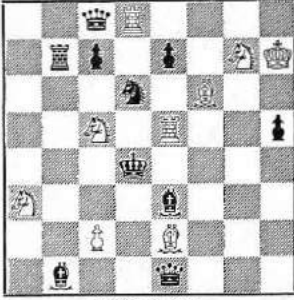
By H. Ahues
"Arbejder Skak"
August, 1949
Black: 10 men



White: 8 men
1Q2-B2, p3g3, f4e4, KpKb4, 1R2s3, Pp5f, 7b, 3c4
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 348

By C. Goldschmeding
1st Prize, "Die Schwalbe"
1949
Black: 10 men



White: 9 men
2Qr4, 1r1p1B3, 3s1E2, 2s1R2p, 3k4, S3b3, 2P1B3, 1b2Q3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 349

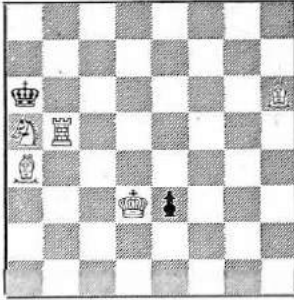
By Comins Mansfield
1st Prize, "Ajedrez Espanol"
1938
Black: 12 men



White: 9 men
2sQ2sK, 1pBSR1, 1pkip, 3r4, PP2S3, 2s2B1, 0p2, 212qr1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 350

By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Va.
First Publication
Black: 2 men



White: 5 men
3, 8, 1cB, S10s, B7, 3Kp3, 8, 8
White mates in three moves

For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page six.

PEKUNAS WINS CHGO LEAGUE

Victory in the Chicago City Chess League went to the Perkunas Chess Club (formerly the Grandis Chess Club) with 7½-½, drawing one match with the University of Chicago team. Lions Chess Club was second with 6½-1½, losing to Perkunas and drawing with Chicago Chess & Checker Club. Maroons Chess Club was third with 6-2 and Chicago Chess & Checker was fourth with 5-8. The contributions of Europe to Chicago chess are evident in the fact that the Perkunas club is largely composed of Lithuanian DPs, while the Lions is an Ukrainian group. To make the League completely cosmopolitan, the Metro Chess Club, which placed 7th, is a negro group whose leading player Raymond McGill recently placed third in the Chicago Park Championship.

In the Collegiate Division, University of Illinois (Navy Pier) placed first with 5½-½, drawing with Illinois Institute of Technology which finished in a tie for second with the University of Chicago Collegiate with 4½-½ each. IIT lost to Chicago, while Chicago lost to Illinois and drew with Chicago Junior Chess Club which finished fourth with 3½-2½.

WALBRECHT TOPS WITZEL TOURNEY

William Walbrecht won the 12 player Fred Witzel Memorial Tournament, staged by the Jersey City Y Chess Club, with 10½-½, drawing one game with Paul Herbrich. Second place in the 12 player round robin event went to William Jones with 9½-1½, losing to Walbrecht and drawing with Herbrich. Richard S. Phillips was third with 9-2, and Paul Helbig was fourth with 8-3. The event was 100% USCF Rated.

HOWARD, BYRNE TIE LOG CABIN

Championship of the Log Cabin (West Orange, N. J.) Chess Club ended in a tie between Franklin Howard of East Orange and Donald Byrne of Yale University with 7½-½ each. Third place went to Anthony E. Santasiere of New York with 7-2, while Ralph Hurlten of Union placed fourth with 5½-3½ in the 10 player round robin event. Edgar McCormick was fifth with 5-4.

BERLIN BESTS CANADIAN TEAM

The Brown Company of Berlin (N. H.) acted as hosts to an invading chess team from the Canada Paper Co. of Windsor Mills (Ont.) and Howard Paper Co. of Cornwall (Ont.). In the double round 11 board match, the Brown Company scored a 17½-4½ victory.

On the following day the Brown Company acted as host to a 32-board simultaneous exhibition by Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky who met players from Cornwall (Ont.), Bromptonville, Sherbrook and Windsor Mills (Que.) and from New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. Reshevsky won 31 games, drawing with R. Winslade of Sherbrooke.

MORGAN SCORES AT HUNTINGTON

Charles T. Morgan with 7-0 won the Huntington (W. Va.) City title in an 8 player round robin. Donald Burdick and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer tied for second with 5-2 each. Burdick lost to Morgan and Werthammer, while Werthammer lost games to Morgan and Dr. V. S. Hayward, editor of the WVCA Bulletin. Rudd T. Neel was fourth with 4-3, losing to Morgan, Burdick and Werthammer.

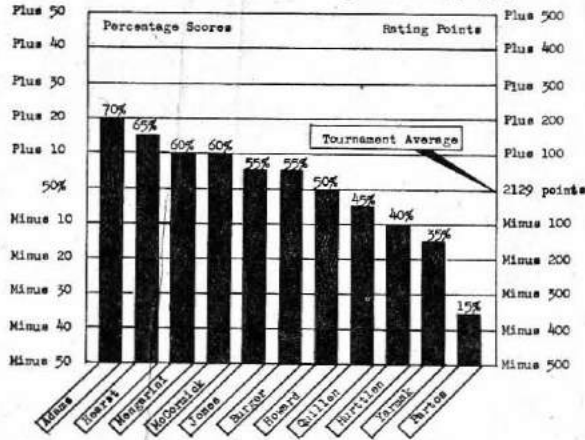
How the Rating System Works

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.)

PERFORMANCE RATINGS

(Log Cabin CC Chp., 1951)



This chart shows how performance ratings, based on percentage scores, were issued to the players in the Log Cabin Chess Club Championship.

5. Round Robin Performance Ratings

AFTER the average strength of a round-robin tournament has been determined, each player is given a performance rating. When there are ten or more rounds, the ratings are issued as follows:

1. A player who makes a 50% score gets the tournament average as his performance rating.
2. A player who makes a score of more than 50% gets the tournament average plus 10 rating points for each percentage point of his score above 50%.
3. A player who makes a score of less than 50% gets the tournament average less 10 rating points for each percentage point of his score below 50%.

Applying these rules to the 1951 Log Cabin Chess Club Championship, performance ratings were issued as shown in the table below and in the chart at the top of the page.

LOG CABIN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1951			AVERAGE: 2129
Player	Score	Percentage	Performance Rating
Adams	7-3	70% (50 plus 20)	2329 (2129 plus 200)
Hearst	6½-3½	65% (50 plus 15)	2279 (2129 plus 150)
Menzari	6-4	60% (50 plus 10)	2229 (2129 plus 100)
McCormick	6-4	60% (50 plus 10)	2229 (2129 plus 100)
Jones	5½-4½	55% (50 plus 5)	2179 (2129 plus 50)
Burger	5½-4½	55% (50 plus 5)	2179 (2129 plus 50)
Howard	5-5	50%	2129 (Average)
Quillen	4½-5½	45%	2079 (2129 less 50)
Hurlten	4-6	40%	2029 (2129 less 100)
Yarmak	3½-6½	35%	1979 (2129 less 150)
Parfos	1½-8½	15%	1779 (2129 less 350)

Howard made a 50% score of 5-5, so this player received the tournament average of 2129 points as his performance rating. The others got more or less than this amount, in proportion to their percentage scores above or below 50%.

As another example, we give below the rating statistics on a more recent contest:

CHICAGO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952			AVERAGE: 2123
Player	Rating	Score	Performance Rating
Turiansky	2231	8-2½	2396 (2123 plus 273)
Tautvaisis	2265	7½-3	2365 (2123 plus 242)
Cohen	2118	7-4	2259 (2123 plus 136)
Ang. Sandrin	2130	6½-4½	2214 (2123 plus 91)
Dahlstrom	2127	5½-5	2123
Davidson	2088	5-5	2123
Nedved	2095	5-5	2123
Albert Sandrin	2199	5½-5½	2123
John Tums	2189	4½-6	2032 (2123 less 91)
Valdis Tums	2045	4½-6	1987 (2123 less 91)
Berg	1973	4-7	1987 (2123 less 136)
Rudelis	1878	1½-9½	1759 (2123 less 364)

Four of the competitors made 50% of 5½-5½ and each received the tournament average of 2123 points for his performance. The others earned ratings above and below 2123 points, the amounts depending on the scores. For instance, the winner is given a performance rating of 2396, which is 273 points above the tournament average. The added 273 points are exactly ten times this player's 27.3 percentage points above an even score. For all contestants, the performance ratings are based on the percentage scores, the amounts above or below 50% being magnified ten times to eliminate decimals.

All the players in the Chicago Championship had previous ratings, as shown in the second column of the table. These figures are not necessarily the same as the ratings published in the March 5th issue of CHESS LIFE. For instance, Albert Sandrin has 2190 points in the table, but had a rating of 2363 in the published list. The difference is due to the fact that we take a player's last average rating when computing tournament strength, whereas the published rating is the player's highest semi-annual average through the two years before the closing date of the list. After a brilliant performance in the 1951 U. S. Open, raising his average to 2363 for the first half of the year, Sandrin fell off in the second half and his average dropped to 2190 points as of December 31st, 1951. This player's ranking was not affected because the rating system gives him the chance to recover his form without losing his classification as a master. However, the figure 2190 is taken as a measurement of Sandrin's current strength when finding the average of the Chicago Championship. In the early days of the rating system, we based tournament strength on the last performance ratings of the players; now we use the last semi-annual averages and get better results. (This is the fifth of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The sixth will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

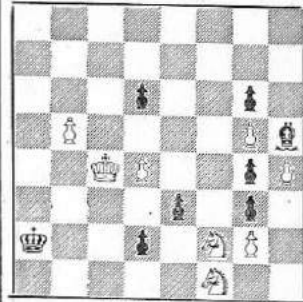
Chess Life

Sunday, July 20, 1952

Challenge

Endgame

Original Composition
By Vincent L. Eaton
Silver Springs, Md.
Black: 8 men



White: 8 men
8, 8, 3p2p1, 1P4P2, 2KP2pP, 4p1p1, 4P2P1SP1, 5E2
White to play and win

PROBLEM Editor Vincent L. Eaton is offering a prize of \$5.00 to the reader of CHESS LIFE who submits the best analysis and demonstration of White's win in the above composition. The decision of CHESS LIFE will be final as to what constitutes the best analysis. Submit solutions to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Illinois by August 20, 1952.

HOLD CONTEST FOR ENDGAMES

L'Echiquier de Paris noted French chess publication, has announced an international contest of original and unpublished endgame studies. Prizes are 1500, 1000 and 700 francs, with three honorable mentions. Only studies that represent positions obtainable in regular play will be considered. Entries must be anonymous, with name of composer enclosed in a sealed envelope accompanying the diagrammed position. Contest closes October 1, 1952. Entries should be addressed to: Concours International d'Etudes Inedites, L'Echiquier de Paris, Boite Postale No. 20, Paris 13e, France.

MYERS DEFEATS NEDVED IN MATCH

By a score of 3½-½, Hugh Myers of Decatur bested Illinois State Champion Kimball Nedved in a match held at Glencoe. Nedved drew the third game. Both players scored 6-1 in the last Illinois State Championship, but Nedved took the title on S-B points.

Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club elected V. E. Vandenburg president, Edward Barwick, Edgar Snedders and Edwin Johnson vice-presidents, Frank Foote, Jr. secretary, and William Kimball treasurer. Founded in 1944, the Lansing Chess Club is one of the most active in Michigan, and has held a plus score over the years in its matches with other clubs.

Montreal (Canada) Chess Club held a clock simultaneous with Pomar besting 6 drawing one and losing 3 games. Victors against the Spanish master were A. Shilov, M. Cohen, and N. Argendeli, while J. Gersho obtained the draw.

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CLEVELAND CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

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NEW ORLEANS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like E. E. Borsodi, Felton, Cooper, etc.

NORTH-SOUTH TEAM MATCH

San Louis Obispo, 1952

Table with 2 columns: N. California, S. California. Lists players and their scores for a team match.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like L. Arpad E. Elo, Marshall Roland, Ralph Abrams, etc.

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like J. Karl Burger, J. T. Sherwin, M. A. Kaufman, etc.

CHICAGO CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Abraham Kaufman, William A. Fedan, Franz Neugebauer, etc.

NORTH TEXAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Fred C. Tears, Louis Dina, R. L. Potter, etc.

PEORIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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Logansport, 1952

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SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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LAKE COUNTY (IND.) INTERSCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

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KANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Jim Callis, Jasper Stull, Carl Weber, etc.

DEL-MAR-VA CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Karl J. Stahre, Walter Sullivan, Dr. A. W. Morris, etc.

SPRING TOURNAMENT

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like A. Liepnieks, Dr. E. Linman, P. Wood, etc.

DALLAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Gustav Jurevics, C. F. Tears, R. B. Potter, etc.

WEST VIRGINIA CO-CHAMPIONS' TOURNAMENT

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like John Hull, A. DuVall, Dr. S. Werthammer, etc.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Eugene J. Roesch, W. H. C. Newberry, Charles M. Burton, etc.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO & CITY OF BOULDER CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like E. V. Traibush, F. Barlow, K. Mundt, etc.

FLINT CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like Laverne Morgan, Janis Jurjevics, Edw. F. Muller, etc.

Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5) against Fridlitz; the only game which does not seem to have been reprinted in English yet is the draw against England, which follows:

FRENCH DEFENSE

By Transposition

Stockholm, 1912

Chess notation table showing moves for White and Black pieces. Includes moves like P-Q4, P-K3, N-K3, etc.

Columbus (Ohio) Y Chess Club elected Cox president, Hudson vice-president, De Craker secretary and Goodman treasurer; these and Pusecker and Rothman form the Board of Directors of the club.

Table with 2 columns: Names and Annotations. Includes K. Crittenden, E. J. Korpany, Dr. J. Platz, Dr. B. Rozsa, J. Soudakoff, Dr. M. Herzberger, J. E. Howarth, K. Nedvaz, J. Mayer, F. Reinfield, E. A. Santasiere, J. N. Cotter.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Chicago City Championship Chicago, 1952

Notes by J. N. Cotter

White Black M. TURIANSKY ANG. SANDRIN 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15 2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3 ...

52. ... R-R3 ch To obtain a flight square at KR6 for ... 53. KxR QxQ 55. K-K1 ...

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Capablanca Memorial Tournament Havana, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black S. RESHEVSKY S. GLIGORIC 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. P-K4 P-Q3 ...

30. KtXkKt PkKt 31. Q-B3! Threatening 32. P-B4 with attack on the center and the K-side. ...

GLIGORIC



38. KtXp! PkKt 39. Q-R6 QxPch If 39. Q-Kt2; then 40. B-B6 ch, QxR; 41. RQx mate. ...

20. ... KtXP 21. BxP? Too easy-going. Instead 21. KtK5 (threatening both Kt-K6 ch and KtX6, B-K1); 22. BxP with an overwhelming position. ...

After 22. QxR

COTTER



22. ... Kt-Q5! Suddenly it is White who is lost. The double threat includes, of course, mate in two with ...

ENGLISH OPENING

Los Angeles County Championship Playoff Match, 1952

Notes by Lionel Joyner from California Chess Reporter

White Black L. JOYNER M. GORDON 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. P-KK3 Kt-B3 ...

After 19. BxRP

GORDON



19. ... Q-R3 Now the action starts! Apparently 19. BxRP gives Black excellent chances because if: 1) 20. PxB, QxP ch; 2) QxQ, KtXQ; 22. R-K1, KtXP ch; 2) 20. PxB, QxP ch; 21. K-B1, K-K3; 22. BxK1, QxB and White cannot prevent ...

Sandrini has made the most progress during the obvious time pressure which must have taken place. 41. R(1)-K2 K-K13 42. P-R5! P-K16 The wisest course for after ...

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

Philadelphia City Championship Finals, Fourth Round Philadelphia, 1952

Notes by Joseph N. Cotter

White Black A. REGEN J. N. COTTER 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. B-B4 ...

15. P-K3 5. P-QB3 Kt-QB3? A subtle but serious error. 5. ... Q-K13 is the move in order to lure the Q onto the B file (to protect the KtP) so that after natural development by ...



TURIANSKY

52. QxKt! This bolt from the blue not only threatens mate in one by 53. B-B6 but is also probably the best defense against ...

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

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SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra credit for correct claims of "cooks", i.e., valid solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions for problems in the June 20 issue received up to the time we went to press, on July 12. Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the next Ladder.)

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Richard Mitchell 276, R. M. Collins 152, J. B. Arkvay 82, R. A. Hedgecock 26, Nicholas Yoo 274, George Smith 144, D. W. Gray, Jr. 80, W. H. James 26, E. Onyschuk 272, E. Weatherford 142, F. A. Holloway 66, A. L. Welsh 26, M. A. Michaels 264, C. J. Koch 138, C. B. Collins 64, Helmo Kurrik 20, Dr. E. Kassner 262, Joe Peitty 136, St. Steve Myzel 50, A. Korzak 16, H. K. Tonak 256, E. Narrowsay 124, I. Bizar 46, J. E. Mulligan 16, J. E. Lucas 252, Kenneth Lay 120, V. Contoski 42, Toscha Seidol 14, G. Murtaugh 252, W. J. Couture 118, Rev. G. Chidley 16, James France 204, E. J. Korpany 110, C. Simmer 38, H. O. Madison 12, P. H. Honsicker 170, L. M. Brown 104, D. M. Marshall 32, G. M. Banker 98, S. Weber 16, J. Kaufman 164, Dr. J. M. Erman 98, S. N. Yarnack 30

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Tri-City Chess Club (Borger, Tex.) scored a 5-4 victory in a return match with Amarillo Chess Club at Borger. Winning for Tri-City were Frank Condon, Dr. Andries Voet, C. G. Brindley, Charles Ramzel and Don Laffoon, while scoring for Amarillo were R. N. Westaway, J. W. Duell, Thurman Tigert, and Elmer J. Reid.

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club was host to Mrs. Mary Bain who scored seven wins, four losses and six draws in a simultaneous exhibition. The victories went to R. L. Fletcher, Hugh E. Myers, R. D. Firebaugh, and Rev. A. J. Tamulius, while draws went to G. Garver, Garver, Dr. M. Schlosser, Mrs. Schlosser, D. Mitchell, Giessler, and Mrs. Pauline Nearing.

Wilmington (Del.) Chess Club was host to a Mary Bain simultaneous in which the U. S. Women's Champion score 9 wins, 2 draws and 8 losses. Victors were Lee Morris, John U. Hill, Martin Paris, W. M. Hart, M. A. Paul, M. M. Hope, A. Grunberger and R. A. Donaldson, while R. L. Wilson and Alan C. Knight scored the draws. Before the exhibition, Mrs. Bain demonstrated the Knight's tour blindfolded, and correctly enumerated the numbered tabs that squares of the demonstration had been placed on the various squares of the demonstration board.

Salt Lake City YMCA Chess Club saw Mrs. Mary Bain score 22 wins, 3 draws and 7 losses in a simultaneous exhibition after a strenuous afternoon of appearing on two radio shows and one TV program. Winning from the U.S. Women's Champion were Allen Muliak, Farrell L. Clark, Irvin W. Taylor, Ted Pathakis, A. A. Fagan from Montreal, Mavor Gatehouse and Glen Kashin. Bill Webb, Gaston Chappuis and Mrs. Mary Clayton secured the draws.

Solutions: Finish It the Clever Way! Position No. 85: 1. B-K4 and Black resigned. If 1. ... Bx2; 2. Q-R7 ch, K-B2; 3. P-K16(Q) ch, RQ: 4. Q-R7 ch and mates in two. The Black B was decoyed from control of K11. Position No. 86: 1. BxKtP ch, KxB; 2. B-K6 ch, K-R2; 3. Q-K4 ch, KxR; 4. Q-K4 ch and mates.

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