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EVANS AGAIN OPEN CHAM

POMAR TAKES SECOND PLACE. BYRNE, LeCORNU SHARE THIRD

Brasket, Hearst, Menagrini, McCormick And Pilnick Score 8-4 For Fifth

U. S. Champion Larry Evans retained the U. S. Open Champion-ship title he won at Fort Worth in 1951 with a 10-2 score in the 76 player event at Tampa. The youthful U. S. Champion gained the lead in the fourth round and never thereafter lost command of the field, remaining at all time one-half point ahead of his nearest rivals. In retaining the title Evans lost no games but drew four.

Evans drew with Donald Byrne in the 7th round, with Arturito Pomar in the 8th, with Edgar T. McCormick in the 10th, and with James T. Sherwin in the 11th. His victories in round order were over John T. Westbrock, Lewis J. Isaacs, Arthur Carlyle, Karl Burger, Philip LeCornu, Anthony E. Santasiere, Carl Pilnick, and Herman Steiner. Nine of his 12 opponents finished among the first 20 in the tournament, while he drew with the runner-up, and drew and defeated the players tied for

Arturito Pomar of Spain was also undefeated in gaining second place with 9½-2½. Pomar drew with Byrne in the 4th, with Pilnick in the 5th, with Steiner in the 6th, with Evans in the 8th, and with Le-Cornu in the 9th round. He defeated Ivan Romanenko, A. J. Fink, Eliot Hearst, Reuben Klugman, Anthony Santasiere, K. R. Jones and James T. Sherwin.

Donald Byrne and Philip LeCornu scored 9-3 each, Byrne was also un-defeated but drew with Pomar, defeated but drew with Pomar, Sherwin, Evans, Steiner and Pil-nick. LeCornu drew with Sherwin, Steiner and Pomar but lost a game

Scoring 8-4 each were Curt Bras-ket, Eliot Hearst, Dr. Ariel Men-garini, Edgar T. McCormick and Carl Pilnick, while Robert S. Brieger, Karl Burger, Juan Florido of Cuba, Edmar Mednis, Ivan Romanenko, and Anthony E. Santasiere scored 7½-4½ each. With 7-5 scores each to complete the 20 ranking players in the event were Miguel Colon of Puerto Rico, Jeremiah Donovan, Lee Magee, James T. Sherwin, and Herman Steiner.

The excitement of the tourna-ment centered around the close race for first place with Evans in the lead after round four, but with Byrne consistently challenging the lead, sometimes in the company of Santasiere, Donovan, Pilnick and Pomar, but for most of the rounds alone. Equally interesting was the climb of Philip LeCornu from one and one-half points behind the lea-ders in round five to a tie with Byrne and Pomar in the semi-final round, only one-half point behind.

SET MSCA OUTING AT INDIAN HEAD

The Massachusetts State Ass'n meeting semi-annual this year will be held, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hurvitz, at Indian Head Camp, Mattakesket Street, Pembroke, Mass. on Sunday, September 7.

Program begins at 9:30 with rapid transit chess. There will be tennis and softball for the young-sters, swimming and other sports for all; business meeting at 12:00 and East-West team match at 1:00 p. m. Bring your own picnic basket lunch and supper, your chess set, swimming suit, towel and camera, is the suggestion of the committee. Many motels in three mile radius provide overnight accomodations for those who do not wish to drive at night.

U. S. OPEN DRAWS FROM ALL OVER

Critics, who have insisted that the U.S. Open should always be centrally located to attract players, found little to justify their contention in the make-up of the 1952 U.S. Open Championship in Tampa, Fla., although the site could be described as one of the corners of the country. While, there have been bigger U.S. Opens in the matter of number of contestants, the field was comparably as strong as any recent event, and the geo-graphic distribution of the 76 participants did not suggest that Tampa was to distant from any part of

Players at the Open represented 19 states, two Canadian Provinces, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Columbia, and Spain. While Florida was well represented, as was to be ex-pected, other players came from as distant spots as Maine, Massachusetts, California, Nebraska and Kansas.

The roll-call by States shows: California 4, Florida 10, Georgia 1, Illinois 6, Kansas 2, Maine 1, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 2, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 2, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 1, Ne-braska 2, New Jersey 9, New Mexico 1, New York 16, North Carolina
1, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 2, Texas
5, Wisconsin 1, Puerto Rico 3,
Ontario, Canada 1, Quebec, Canada 1, Cuba 1, Columbia 1, and

EVANS, BYRNE TIED IN SPEED

annual U.S. Lightening The Chess Championship, held at Tampa in conjunction with the U.S. Open, resulted in a triple tie for U.S. Speed Champion, Donald Byrne, and James T. Sherwin with 8-2 each. In the play-offs Sherwin was eliminated, but neither Evans nor Byrne could gain an advantage and so remained Co-Champions in Lighting Chess for 1952.

By Robert S. Brieger Houston. First Publication



B7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 7p, 7p, 1S2K1k1 White to play and win

New Brighton, Pa. First Publication



White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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P OSITION No. 97 represents a subtle idea. Since White cannot pre-P vent the queening of a Black pawn, nor even the loss of a White bishop, he must somehow utilize these weaknesses to his own advantage. The idea is not altogether new, but the setting and economy of force are excellent, while the solution is not easily found, even when the strategy. is discovered.

Position No. 98 represents the first endgame composition of a young and ardent engame fan. Again economy in construction makes the setting admirable, while Black's threat of 1. . . , P-B8(Q), pinning the ., P-B8(Q), pinning the White Kt at the same time, makes White's position critical.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

EVANS COMPLETES U. S. CHESS TEAM

The appointment of Larry Evans to the U.S. Team scheduled to play in the Team Olympics at Helsinki, Finland, August 19 through August 31, completes the designation of six players for the team. The membership now consists of U.S. Champion Larry Evans, former U.S. Champions Samuel Reshevsky and Herman Steiner, Hans Berliner, Arthur Bisguier, and Robert Byrne. The first three served on the U.S. Team at Dubrovnik which Steiner captained.

It is said, although not yet of-Ties said, atthough not yet of-ficially confirmed, that after the Team Tournament, Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier will repre-sent the USA (FIDE Zone 4) in the Interzonal Tournament at Stockholm, an event which will qualify the ranking players for participa-tion in the World Championship Candidates' Tournament in 1953.

ROGAN CAPTURES SOUTHERN OPEN

Marvin Rogan won the annual Southern Chess Association Open Championship at Meridian, Miss., with 6½-½ in a 23 player Swiss event. Rogan drew with runner-up F. R. Payne in the 5th round.

F. R. Payne was second with 6-1, drawing with Rogan and with C. P. Gray. Third place went to H. A. Mouzon with 5½-1½, losing a game to Rogan and drawing with John Koen.

Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal 4½-2½ scores were C. P. Gray, John Koen, and Ben Rudich

The tournament did not have as many participants as usual, but was capably directed by H. A. Mouzon.

HOWARTH WRITES HIS REFLECTIONS

John Ed Howarth, well known in chess circles as a correspondence player of strength and as a CHESS LIFE annotator, has recently published in mimeographed form a series of reflections entitled "On the Acquisition of Freedom." It is not perhaps generally known that Howarth, a friend of the unfortunate William J. Couture, has been an inmate of Howard State Prison for many years.

Those interested in the sociological problems involved in what makes crime, as well as those concerned in learning what confinement can do in developing the power of thought and the gift of philosophy will find this essay exceedingly interesting, as will those correspondence opponents of Mr. Howarth who may be curious concerning his outlook upon life. Those interested may obtain the "On the Acquisition of Freeby writing John Ed. Howarth, P.O. Box 114, Howard, R.I., enclosing \$1 to help pay the cost of mimeographing.

SHAFFER TOPS ASHEVILLE MEET

Edward E. Shaffer won the Asheville Woodpusher Tourney 121/2-11/2 in an eight player round robin event, losing one game to H. A. Woodward and drawing one game with Jerry Jones in the double round meet.

H. A. Woodward placed second with 12-2, while Maj. G. H. B. Terry and Jerry Jones tied for third with 71/2-61/2 each.

Jerry Jones won, a 40-player knockout event for championship of Asheville High Schools.

JANES TAKES DALLAS EVENT

The Dallas Invitational (Class A) Tournament drew 14 contestants in its bid for staging a strong event, primarily for rating pur-poses, in which all participants would be Class A or better in USCF National Ratings.

USCIF National Ratings.
Victory with 4-1 on S-B points
went to Bill Janes of Leroy who
participated in the 1948 U. S.
Championship event at South Fallsburg. Janes lost one game to R. L. Garver, Jack L. Hursch of Denver also scored 4-1, losing only to Janes. Hursch was a participant in the first U.S. Junior Championship in Chicago in 1946. Third place went to Blake Stevens with 31/2-11/2, losing to Garver and drawing with William Bills.

Fourth and fifth on S-B points with equal 3-2 scores were R. L. Garver and John B. Payne. Garver lost to Hursch and Bills. Payne lost to Hursch and drew with Louis J. Dina and Robert B. Potter. The event was staged by the Dallas Chess Club under the direction of Fred C. Tears, Jr.

MEKUS REPEATS AT CHAUTAUQUA

Robert L. Mekus successfully defended his Chautauqua County Championship with 10½-1½ in a double round event at Jamestown and Dunkirk, N.Y. Mekus lost one game to runner-up Axel Anderson and drew one game against Henry Anderson, Axel Anderson scored 61/2-51/2 for second place, while William Wilcock placed third with 6-6 in the seven player event.

HAND TRIUMPHS IN CONNECTICUT

In the 24 player 8 round Swiss event, Edmund E. Hand emerged victorious with 7-1, conceding one loss to Herbert Kaufman, but besting runner-up James Bolton, 1950 New England Champion, and Lat-vian John Pamiljens, who used to play chess with Paul Keres. Bolton placed second with 6½-1½, losing to Hand and drawing with Kaufman. Kaufman was third with 51/2-21/2, losing to Robert Mitchell, a former Connecticut State Champion, and drawing with Joseph Cal-pis, Bolton, and Richard Friedenthal.

Fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 5-3 scores were John Pamiljens, Karl Kochman, Bertil Clareus, a former State Champion,

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha, Nebraska August 18-23, 1952

Entry Fee:- None.

Place:-Rome Hotel, Omaha. - Available at special rate of \$1:50 per day.

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A DAY OF DECISION

THE trust that the members of the Federation have confided in their Board of Directors was not betrayed in Tampa this July. Faced with a serious decision for the future, the Board did not beg the question, but confronted the facts resolutely and met the problems of the

Too much business of importance was transacted for even a concise resume at this time, when details are still lacking on many points. It will suffice to announce at this time the one outstanding decision, and

It will suffice to announce at this time the one outstanding decision, and report at a later date upon other important actions.

The USCF Board of Directors adopted in principle a detailed program for promotion of the Federation, designed by Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness in a remarkable 19-page report. In adopting the program, the Board placed full authority for arranging the details in a committee consisting of A. Wyatt Jones, chairman, Frank R. Graves, William M. Byland, Edgar T. McCormick, and Herman Steiner.

This committee, in executive session with Kenneth Harkness, determined to appoint Mr. Harkness as Business Manager and Membership Secretary for the Federation for a term of five years beginning August 1, 1952. Mr. Harkness will be charged with implementing the promotional plan which he designed.

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Details of the promotional plan will be announced later. Suffice it to say that they envision a consistent drive for membership coupled with advertising and promotion on a national scale. As a part of the general plan, CHESS LIFE will be increased in scope and size probably sometime in 1953.

So enthusiastic were the members of the Board, that at the Board Meeting a sum of \$850.00 was pledged by various individual members (with \$225.00 paid on the spot) to finance the opening stages of the pro-

motional plan.

Other features of the promotional structure include a closer union of effort between the Federation and its State Chapters under NCCP with increased benefit to both, together with the probable publication in the near future of several important and needed chess works, such as the long promised USCF Club Manual.

This is a beginning; but success will not come from the incessant labors of a few, if the bulk of chess players remain indifferent. Only if all chess players lend their strength to the movement, can we count

upon success.

Montgomery Major

DALLAS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Dallas,	1952					
1. Bill Janes (Leroy, Tex.)W7	W2	W8	L4-	W6	4 -1	11.50
2. Jack L. Hursch (Denver, Colo.)W14	L1	W6	W5	W4	4 -1	8,50
3. Blake Stevens (San Antonio, Tex.) W12	D6	L4	W7	W10	34-14	8.25
4. R. L. Garver (Tulsa, Okla.)L6	W9	W3	W1	L2	3 -2	10.00
5. John B. Payne (San Antonio, Tex.) D9	D7	W13	L2	W8	3 -2	6.00
6. William Bills (Houston, Tex.)W4	D3	L2	WII	L1	23-23	6.75
7. Louis J. Dina (Ft. Worth, Tex.)L1	Do	W9	L3	W13	23-23	5.00
8. Gustav Jurevics (Dallas, Tex.)W11	W13	LI	D10	L5	23-25	4.25
9. Robert B. Potter (Dallas, Tex.)D5	L4	L7	WI	4 W12	23-23	3.50
10. George H. Smith (Houston, Tex.)L13	W14	WII	D9	1.3	25-25	3.25
11. Robert Brieger (Houston, Tex.)L8	W12	L10	L6	W14	2 -3	2.00
12. Leslie Ghetzler (San Antonia)L3	1.11	W14	W13	1.9	2 -3	1.00
13. W. T. Strange (Dallas, Tex.)		L5	L12	L7	1 -4	2,50
	L10	F	F	F	0 -5	0.00
Brice-Nash withdrew after first two r	ounds.					

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Jamestown, Dunkirk		1952					
1. Robert L. Mekus (Jamestown)x 1	1	2	2	2	2	15	103-13
2. Axel Anderson (Jamestown)1 x		1	1	1	15	1	64-55
3. William Wilcock (Jamestown) 1	E.	×	1	1	2	1	6 -6
4. Robert Eklum (Dunkirk)0 1		1	X	15	à	1	5 -7
5. Walter Mekus (Dunkirk)0 1	9	1	4	x	13	1	5 -7
6. Helge Bergquist (Jamestown)0 h		0	14	1	×	2	41-74
7. Henry Anderson (Fredonia) 1	9	1	1	1	0	×	45-75

CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Connecticut, 1952	
1. E. E. Hand (West Haven)	10.50 33-43 seticut Stahl 5); 22.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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PROBLEM No. 348 in our last issue was incorrectly diagrammed, but the Forsyth notation was correct. The position should be as fol-lows: 2qR4, 1rplp1SK, 3s1B2, 2s1R2p, 3k4, S3b3, 2P1B3, 1b2Q3. Mate

From time to time people ask us to explain how to read the Forsyth notation, which appears under each diagram as a check on whether the position is printed accurately. In this system, capital letters (K, Q, etc.) denote White pieces and small letters (k, q, etc.) Black men. The symbol "S" or "s' denotes a White or Black Knight. Beginning with the upper left-hand corner square and reading from left to right, then moving downward rank by rank in the same way, the position of each piece is indicated, together with the number of blank squares encountered as one scans the ranks. A little practice will give you the "hang" of this very convenient method of recording positions.

Problem No. 351
By F. Gamage
1st Prize, "American Chess
Bulletin," 1940
Black: 6 men

Problem No. 352
By O. Stocchi
1st Prize "Problemisten"
1948 Black: 9 men



White: 11 men B3K3, 4P1S1, P2k1S2, 2R2p2, 3r2p1, B5r1, 2Pq3Q, 3R4 White mates in two moves

Problem No. 353 By T. Lundberg "Chess Correspondent" 1946 Black: 6 men

White: 8 men 283B1, 1R6, 2pBb3, p1pk4, 1b1rpP2 3R3, 6Q1 White males in two 'noves Problem No. 554

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> By S. Pugaesev 1st Prize, USSR Tourney 1950 Black: 6 mer



White: 6 men 4B1bK, 8, 3p4, r2k4, 1p5, 1R6, 1S2Q3, 3r2B1 White mates in two moves



White: 11 men B5Q1, B3P1K1, 4p3, 4p3, bb6, R4P2, 3R3P, 2r1S1Sk White mates in three moves

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

The Journament-Minded

August 22:24

South Carolina Open Championship
Columbia, S. C.
At Wade Hampton Hotel; 5
round Swiss; begins 7:00 p.m. Augset 22; open to all; entry fee \$3.00;
prizes; play in air-conditioned
Palmetto Room; top S. C. player
becomes State Champion; for details, write: Lanneau Foster, 1704 Green St., Columbia, S. C.

August 29-September 1

New England Championship
Newburyport, Mass.
Open to all New England residents, including students attending
New England schools; begins 7:30
p.m. Friday August 29; 6 round
Swiss; First prize \$100.; a rated YMCA, 13 Market St.; for details write: O. A. Lester, Jr., 63 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

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

At Manor Hill Hotel; 7 round Swiss; open to all residents of Pennsylvania or members of Pennsylvania Chess Clubs; at least \$150.00 in cash prizes plus merchandise prizes for top 15; begins 1:00 p.m. August 30; round robin Rapid Transit to be held at 8:00 p.m. on August 29; for details, write: Everett A. Coons, 722 Broad Street, Sewickley, Pa.

August 23-September 1 New York State Championship Cazenovia, N. Y. Open to all; held at Cazenovia

Open to all; held at Cazenovia Seminary; 9 round Swiss champion-ship with entry fee \$10.00, four cash prizes, first prize \$100.00; Experts tourney, entry fee \$5.00, first prize \$50.00; Swiss or round robin; Genesee and Susquehanna Cup team matches; mail entries postmarked no later than August 18 to Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway, New York City; all entrants must be members of NYSCA; for details, write: John C. Cummings. details, write: John C. Cummings, 208 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5, N. Y.

August 30—September I 2nd Annual Midwest Open Championship Omaha, Nebraska

Open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 (including membership in Nebraska Chess Ass'n); cash prizes; for details write: Nebraska Chess Ass'n, 317 YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

August 30-September I
West Virginia Championship

West Virginia Championship
Tournament
Beckley, W. Va.
At Beckley Elks Club; open to all chess players, state title to ranking W. Va. player; championship and other divisions; air-conditioned playing room; for details, write: Harlow Warren, Beckley, W. Va.

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

By A Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

A LEKHINE is not among the signers of the "ultimatum" of the chess masters threatening a strike, which was mentioned in the preceding installment (CHESS LIFE, May 5, 1952).

However, Ilyin-Zhenevsky makes it quite clear, although in rather cautious language, that it was not a particular pleasure to have Ale-khine on the Organizational Committee for the Chess Olympics of 1920. In fact, he as well as Grekov, who was also on the committee, seem to have caused the organizers "who tore themselves to pieces" (Ilyin-Zhenevsky, 1.c.p. 43) quite a lot of headaches.

ite a lot of headaches.

Grekov stayed lately somehow
away from work and Alekhine
proudly announced that with
the start of the championship
he refused to take any part
whatsoever in things of an organizational character. (ItyinZhenevsky, L.c.p.43)
In connection with the strike
reat Ilyin-Zhenevsky, recent

In threat. Ilyin-Zhenevsky reports, 1.c.p. 44:

p. 49:
Alekhine, being a member of the organizational committee and knowing full-well our difficulties, instead of making an effort to settle the contlict or to assist us with some advice, even poured oil on the fire by declaring that he, too, would refrain from playing because "the cannot play with hunghy opponents,"

Alekhine himself mentions, p. XI of his "Schachleben in Sow-jet-Russland," "ultimative statements" of the out-of-town ("auswaertige") participants, and refers obviously to the strike threat mentioned before when he states:

nentioned before when he states:

The contests started on the 4th (sc., of October, 1920) and were terminated on the 25th of October without incidents (not counting another "ultimatum" of the out-of-town participants—with a deadline of 24 hours—who demanded, under threat of withdrawal, end received the provisioning with smoking supplies ("Zuweisung von Rauchmeterial").

However, he does not mention is behind, the segment part in these

his behind-the-scenes part in these negotiations. We have it from what we consider a quite reliable source that there were more "bad things"... (known) ... about his activities, especially in these troubled years 1919-1920" of which "some indications" can be found in Ilyin-Zhenevsky's little book "where he also does not say everything."

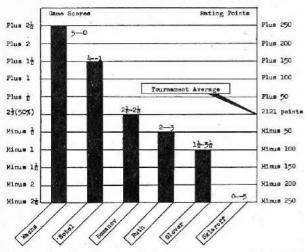
It is all the more to the eternal eredit of Ilyin-Zhenevsky that, under such circumstances, the tournament could be conducted and finished as scheduled from October 3 to 20, 1920, featuring the Champ-ionship Tournament with 16 participants as well as an "amateurs' tournament" with 27 participants tournament" with 27 participants (including Alckhine's brother Aleksey). The latter was played in three groups and a winners' group of the 9 best (winner: Vygodchikov, after tie-breaking match of two games with Kliatskin, the "inventor" of "Alckhine's Defense! Aleksey Alckhine from Kharkov, Ukraine third). Ukraine, third).

Unfortunately, book was ever published(*) and only a few games have been discovered. In a report given in no. 3 (May 8, 1921) of "Listok Shahk-matnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkommatnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkom-muny," the first very modest chess magazine of Soviet Russia published for a short time and con-sidered as the forerunner of the still existing "Shakhmaty v SSSR," it has been pointed out that the tournament was of "tremendous importance for the Art of Chess." Likewise, M. S. Kogan, in his fundamental work "Sketches et the damental work, "Sketches on the History of Chess in the USSR" (in Russian, 1938), p. 241, claims that:

the Moscow Olympics, in their time, played a great agitational part and set the reorganizing of local chess activities in ac-tion,

(Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

PERFORMANCE RATINGS (Mercantile Library Chess Association Chp., 1952.)



This chart shows how performance ratings, based on game scores instead of percentages, were issued to the players in the finals of the Merchantile Library Chess Association Championship, 1952

6. Rating Short Tournaments

WHEN a tournament has ten or more rounds, the performance ratings are issued in proportion to the percentage scores; but this relationship cannot be maintained successfully when rating shorter tournaments. As the number of rounds decreases, ratings based on percentages become less and less accurate.

The natural inclination of a statistician is to reject competitive events

that do not furnish data in sufficient quantities to use percentages. Fortunately, the popularity of short tournaments in the United States has forced us to labor and bring forth a practical method of evaluating performances in these contests. A new measurement scale makes it possible for us to rate competitions with any number of rounds from one to nine, and opens the way to rate team tournaments and matches, hitherto impossible.

The development of this yardstick required several weeks of unpaid labor in tests and experiments, but the result is beguilingly simple.

We just substitute game scores for percentage scores. As before, a 50% score earns the tournament average; but for each half-game above or below an even score, a player gets the average plus or minus 50 rating points. This puts a necessary brake on the number of points that can be won or lost in a short tournament or match.

Applying this modification of the rules to the Championship of the

Mercantile Library Chess Association in Philadelphia this year, performance ratings were issued as shown in the table below and in the

tormance ratings were issued as shown in the table below and in the chart at the top of the page.

MERCHANTILE LIBRARY ASS'N CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952

AVERAGE: 2121
Player Score
Wachs Score (2) pls, above 59%) 2371 (250 pls, above average)
Sobtel 1 1 (1) pts. above 59%) 2271 (150 pts. above average)
Sobtel 2 1 (1) pts. above 59%) 2271 (150 pts. above average)
Bomanov 2 2 24 (59%) 2171 (40verage)
Bomanov 1 2 3 (1) pt. below 59%) 2071 (100 pts. below average)
Sklaroff 0 5 (2) pts. below 59%) 1871 (250 pts. below average)
Sklaroff 0 5 (2) pts. below 59%) 1871 (250 pts. below average)
Bomanov made a 50% score of 2½-2½ and received the tournament average of 2121. Wachs and Sobel earned the average plus 50 points for each half-game above 50%, the winner gaining the maximum of 250 points for his perfect 5-0 score. Ruth, Glover and Sklaroff received the tournament average less 50 points for each half-game below an even

Under the old rules, this tournament would have been thrown out as unrateable. If performance ratings were issued on percentage scores, Wachs would get 2621 points for winning only five games in a club championship. This would be absurd, when compared with the ratings earned at such events as the U.S. Open and U.S. Championship. Under the new rules, however, the contest can be rated. The winner's per-formance rating of 2371 points is in keeping with the strength of the competition and the number of games played. Similar logical results examples are given below:

AVERAGE: 1870
Performance Rating
2220 (350 average)
2020 (150 above average)
1970 (100 above average)
1970 (100 above average)
1770 (100 below average)
1770 (100 below average)
1620 (250 below average)
1520 (350 below average)
1520 (350 below average)

competition and the number of games played. Similar logical results have been obtained in rating a large number of fournaments since the adoption of the new scale in 1951. Two more examples are given below; ROCHESTER, N. Y. CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952
Player Score Marchand 7-0 (12 pts. above 50%) 2220 (350 average)
Herrberger 5-2 (32 pts. above 50%) 2220 (350 average)
Candee 44-22 [1 pt. above 50%) 1970 (100 above average)
Candee 44-22 [1 pt. above 50%) 1970 (100 above average)
Norman 32-34 (10 pt. above 50%) 1970 (100 above average)
Winner 2-44 (1 pt. below 50%) 1970 (100 below average)
Winner 1 1-6 (22 pts. below 50%) 1670 (250 below average)
For his perfect score of 7-0. the winner earned the maximum for

| ROCHESTER, N. Y. CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952 | Performance | Player | Parchard | Player | Pl

AVERAGE: 1840
Performance Rafting
2240 (400 above average)
1990 (150 above average)
1990 (150 above average)
1890 (50 above average)
1840 (average)
1740 (100 below average)
1590 (250 below average)
1590 (250 below average)
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e average. an eight-round tournament-400 points above average. (This is the sixth of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness. The seventh will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

Salinas (Calif.) Chess Club saw Salinas (Cailf.) Chess Club saw G. Oakes win the title 13½-½, drawing with F. Clark in an 8 player double round robin. F. Clark was second with 11½-2½, and R. Taylor was third with 8½-5½, while A. Lukavich placed fourth with 8.6

fourth with 8-6.

Chicago City Chess League elect-Abraham Kaufman president (Hyde Park), R. H. Peters executive vice-president (Metro), George tive vice-president (Metro), George Voltz secretary (Hamilton Park), Charles Stein treasurer (Chicago Chess & Checker), Robert Bishop publicity director (Maroons). A special committee of Ted Lewis (South Shore), Gerald Lovinger (Univ. of Illinois), and J. Rall (Univ. of Chicago) was appointed to con-sider the possibilities of arranging a Chicago Junior Championship. Clubs interested in joining the Chicago City Chess League may contact Abraham Kaufman, 5531 So. Kimbark Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.

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What's The Best Wlove? By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 99



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Send solutions to Position No. 99 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by September 5, 1952.

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Solution to Position No. 96

Remarks by solver Edw. J. Korpanty that "this must be a composition. It's too beautiful to have appeared in a game" jogged our faint memory of having seen the position before. And, in the appears in the Cherner-Reinfeld Parking to the Cherner-Reinfeld Parking (Parking to the Cherner-Reinfeld Parking to the Cherner-Reinfeld (Parking to the Cherner-Reinfeld (Parking to the Cherner-Reinfeld (P

August 30-September 1

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YUGOSLAV DEFENSE Washington vs. Philadelphia Match Aberdeen, 1952 Notes by J. N. Cotter

White
R. CHAUVENET
(Washington)
P. R.
This defense, which was played by
Pillsbury against Marshall in the famous
Cambridge Springs Tournament of 1994
has received its new name because it
has depted so often by Pire,
Prec, Trifunovich, and other Yugoslav
masters. Like its blood relative, Alekhine's Defense, the underlying motive
is to permit White to build up a strong
center in order to prove that it is
really weak.
3. B-93
Current opinion has

7. P.KB4 P.B3

By simple moves White has obtained a position which would have warmed the heart of Franklin K. Young, the chessionilitary general. Presumably Chauvenct, if permitted, will play 11. Q.B2, 12. QR-K1 and await further developments.

nents. PxQP 11, BxP
10, PxP (to be followed by Kt-QB3) seems more to the followed. Rt-B1 13, BxKt
12, Q-B2 P-Q4
A continuation of the plan begun with

his 11th move.
13. BxB 15. P-B4
14. P-K5 B-K12 would only B-K3

14. P.K5
15. SH2
16. GR-Q1
17. PXP
18. K1-Q3
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After 22, Kt-Q6? MORRIS



At last I've arrived (but alas not for long!).

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White

O. ULVESTAD

DR. A. MURRAY

1. P.K4

P.P43

2. P.Q4

P.Q4

4. P.Q4

4. P.Q4

5. R. P.Q5

6. B.Q3

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33. Q-B5	Q-Kt2	54, K-K†2	R-Q8
34. BxKt	BxB	55. B-B7	R-QKf8
35. B-Q4	B-K3	56. B-R5	R-Kt7ch
36. Q-K4	Q-KB2	57. K-KH	K-B4
37. KI-B3	B-85	58. P-R5	R-Kt8ch
38. P-B5	K-KH	59. K-B2	R-KR8
39. Q-K†4ch	Q-Kt2	60. K-K3	RXP
40. Q-B4	P-KR4	61. K-Q4	R-R8
41. B-K3	Q-Kt5	62. Kt-Kt7	R-Q8ch
42. OxQch	PxQ	63. K-B5	K-K5
43. Kt-K4	K-B2	64. B-B7	R-Q2
44. Kt-B5	R-Q8	65. Kt-Q6cl	1 K-B6
45. KtxP	R-QR8	66. B-KtB	R-KR2
46. B-Q4	RxP	67. KtxB	R-R4ch
47. Kt-B5	R-B6 ch	68. K-Q4	PxKt
48. K-Kt2	RXBP	69. KXP	K-K5
49. B-K3	R-B6	70. P-Kt5	R-R8
50. B-B4	B-Q4	71. B-B4	R-KB8
51. K-K+1	K-K†3	72. P-K16	
52. B-B7	B-B5		

After 72. P-Ke6



ULVESTAD

72. RxB 73. P-Ki71?? R-B8! Resigns
A piquant—or polgnant, according to your point of view—finish to a game full of adventure, one of this tournament's most interesting. Of course after White plays 73. PxR, a draw would no doubt have been agreed.

Yakima (Wash.) Chess Club re-elected William H. Hoge president and elected O. W. LaFreniere secand elected O. W. Larrennere sec-retary-treasurer. Plans were made to contact Richland and Pasco chess clubs to arrange for team matches in the fall.

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 343 (Musante): 1. QKt-Q3. Three unusual interferences on Black's QB4 follow an odd key. The fourth interference by 1., K-Q5; 2. QxP should not be overlooked.

No. 344 (Brehmer): 1. RxP. Tricky tries by the Rook.

No. 355 (Loshinsky): 1. B-R2, with striking mates from the White Rook and Queen battery.

Queen battery.

Queen battery.

RC7; 2. E-B3 (L......, K-K7; 2. Kt-Kt. "Elegant! A masterpiece by a master of his art."—Michaels.

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 July 5 issue received up to the time we went to press, on July 27. Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the next Ladder.)

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CATALAN OPENING Midwest Open Championship No. Platte, 1951 Notes by M. F. Anderson

P-B4 might also be played here, leading to a Grunfeid Defonse with colors reversed.

4. B-Kt2 P-KKt3 9. Kt-K5 QKt-Q2

5. 0-0 B-Kt2 10. QKtAP K1KK5

6. P-Q4 PFP 11. KtxKt Kt-Q2

8. K-R3 B-K3 12. Kt-K8 QKt-Q3

8. K-R3 B-K3 12. Kt-K8 QKT-Q3

8. K-R3 B-K3 13. Kt-Q3

9. Black has equalized quite ensity, casting doubt on the strength of White's opening plan. I have used this blend of the Slaw and Indian Defouses in several games, and while Black does not have many tactical chances, his pattenet is generally rewarded with an even game.

After 12 OxKt ANDERSON



16. KxB 17. QxQ ers to give Black better penetrating to the seventh

rank.

18, B-Kt2 QR-B1 24, R-B2 K-B1

19, KR-B1 R-B5 25, P-K4 K-K2

20, RxR P-XR 26, P-Q5 BxB

21, R-QB1 R-QB1 27, RxB

22, B-B3 P-Kt3 Drawn

23, K-B3 P-K3

White now had only seven minutes to reach 50 moves, while Black had only used 35 minutes of his two hours. With this time differential, Black probably should have continued.

TCHIGORIN'S DEFENSE

Match Game Tucson, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White
MERRICK
P-Q4
J. P. HOLLAND
S P-B4
K+KB3 K+QB3
F-B4
K+KB3 K+QB3
F-B4
K+B3 L+QB4
K+KB4
K+QB5
K+QB5
K+QB4
K+RB4
K+QB5
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White Kt(K2)-83

White does not see the point of the coming combination. To be sure 19. P-QKt5, BaKt; 20. QXI3, KtxQP favors Black, But either 19. BxB or 19. O-O was playable.

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Note that 2P, K-(Kz) RxR; 30, QxR. After

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SICILIAN DEFENSE Puget Sound Open

Seattle, 1952

Notes by Alex Suchobeck from the Washington Chess Letter

7. KtxKt PxKt 9. B-B4
8. P-K5! Kt-Kt5

After 9. B-B4 CHEEVERS



Q-K+3? sys instead 9,, P-Q4; 10. Black plays instead 9., P-Q4; 10.
xP! follows.
Q-B3! Q-Q4 12. R-Q1 B-KKt2?
its mistake leads to mate in two alongh Black's position is hopeless any-9. If Black KtxP! fo 10. Q-B3! 11. KtxP way. 13. Kt-B7ch K-B1 14. R-Q8 mate

Solutions:-

White to Play and Win! Position No. 97: 1. Kt-B3, P-R8(Q); 2. Kt-K2 ch, K-R7 ch; 3. BsQ, KxB; 4. K-B2, K-R7; 5. Kt-Q4, K-R8; 6. Kt-B5, K-R7; Nt-K3, K-R8; 8. Kt-B1, P-R7; 9. Kt-Kt3

Position No. 98: 1, Kt-Kt3 ch, K-R5; KtxP ch, K-R4; 3, K-R3!, R-R6 ch; 4, 1 Kt3 ch, RxKt ch; 5, PxR, P-B5(Q); P-Kt4 mate.

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Alekhine's Career

(Continued from page 2, col. 5) while, in his "History of Chess in Russia," published about 11 years earlier (in Russian), p. 206, he had

Itler (In Russian), p. 200, ne fill stated:
Notwithstanding the strong interest of Russian chess players in the Olympics and the slight animation if caused, we have to confess that the Moscow tournament could not lead to great (deep) consequences. The main reason lays not only in the economical destruction, but principally in the absence of a social organization which could not represent the property of the proposal of the property of the proposal of the pro

(To be continued)

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:

Mr. Burton's questions—Chess Life, June 5, 1952, p 4—interested me, so I did a little research. My answers are: 1) Game with underpromoted B. Marshall-Mieses, Cambridge Springs, 1904. Marshall moved 22. PxB and made his P a B off at once. Marshall won the game. 2) As far as I can find, Marshall never beat Alekhine in a fournament game. 3) The Banks games are not in Am. Chess Bull, 1926; I have no idea where to get them.

JOE FAUCHER New Haven, Conn.

Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club was host to Svetozar Gligorie who bested the Sacramento area in an exhibition with 21 wins and 2 draws. The draws went to Guthrie McClain of San Francisco and Milt Meyer of Sacramento.

Stockton (Calif.) Chess Club saw L. Woolfe compile an im-pressed 28-3 victory in the double-round club championship. Second was M. Saunders with 201/2-91/2, while W. LeDoux and P. Hubbard Sr. tied for third with 20-10 each

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