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EVANS AGAIN OPEN CHAMP!

POMAR TAKES SECOND PLACE, BYRNE, LeCORNU SHARE THIRD

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

U. S. Champion Larry Evans retained the U. S. Open Championship 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. Westbrook, 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 third.

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 LeCornu 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 undefeated but drew with Pomar, Sherwin, Evans, Steiner and Pilnick. LeCornu drew with Sherwin, Steiner and Pomar but lost a game to Evans.

Scoring 8-4 each were Curt Brasket, Eliot Hearst, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, 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 tournament 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 leaders 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 semi-annual meeting and outing this year will be held, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hurvitz, at Indian Head Camp, Mattakeset Street, Pembroke, Mass. on Sunday, September 7.

Program begins at 9:30 with rapid transit chess. There will be tennis and softball for the youngsters, 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 accommodations 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 geographic distribution of the 76 participants did not suggest that Tampa was distant from any part of the USA.

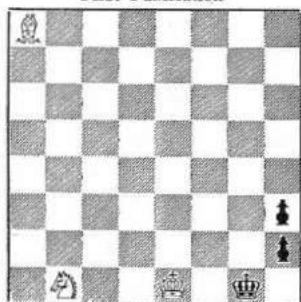
Players at the Open represented 19 states, two Canadian Provinces, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Columbia, and Spain. While Florida was well represented, as was to be expected, other players came from as distant spots as Maine, Massachusetts, California, Nebraska and Kansas.

The roll-call by States shows: California 4, Florida 10, Georgia 1, Illinois 6, Kansas 2, Maine 1, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 2, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 1, Nebraska 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 Spain 1.

EVANS, BYRNE TIED IN SPEED

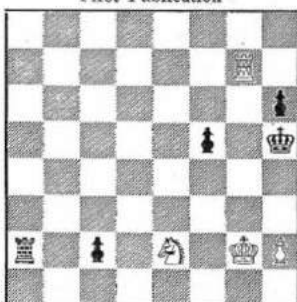
The annual U. S. Lightening Chess Championship, held at Tampa in conjunction with the U. S. Open, resulted in a triple tie for first between Larry Evans, 1951 U. S. Speed Champion, Donald Byrne, and James T. Sherwin with 8-2 each. In the play-offs Sherwin was eliminated, but neither Evans nor Byrne could gain an advantage and so remained Co-Champions in Lighting Chess for 1952.

Position No. 97
By Robert S. Brieger
Houston, Texas
First Publication



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

Position No. 98
By Eddie Gault
New Brighton, Pa.
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8, 8R1, 7p, 5p1k, 5, 8, 1p1S1KP, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojам

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POSITION No. 97 represents a subtle idea. Since White cannot prevent 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 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 officially confirmed, that after the Team Tournament, Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier will represent the USA (FIDE Zone 4) in the Interzonal Tournament at Stockholm, an event which will qualify the ranking players for participation 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 essay "On the Acquisition of Freedom" by 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 12½-1½ 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 7½-6½ 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 purposes, in which all participants would be Class A or better in USCF 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 3½-1½, 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 6½-5½ 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 Latvian John Pamijsens, 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 5½-2½, losing to Robert Mitchell, a former Connecticut State Champion, and drawing with Joseph Calpis, Bolton, and Richard Friedenthal.

Fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal 5-3 scores were John Pamijsens, Karl Kochman, Bert Clareus, a former State Champion, and Arvid Klavins.

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YUGOSLAV DEFENSE Washington vs. Philadelphia Match Aberdeen, 1952

White R. CHAUVENET (Washington) H. MORRIS (Philadelphia) P-K4 P-Q3 2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3

3. B-Q3 Current opinion has it that 3. Kt-QB3 and 4. P-B4 is the strongest move of development at White's disposal.

5. O-O B-Kf2 9. B-K3 R-K1 12. Q-B2 P-Q4 13. BxKt1

14. Q-R1 K-Q6 15. P-B4 B-K3 16. Q-R1 Q-B2 19. Kt2-K4 R-K2

20. KtXB R-Kt1 22. Kt-Q6

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

23. PxQ B-Q5 27. P-B5 Kt-K4 24. P-KK4 BxQc2 28. B-B2 RxB

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- E. Onyschuk 292 E. Weatherford 160 F. A. Holloway 84 E. Scher 30 R. Michell 296 R. M. Collins 158 J. B. Grkavac 82 S. N. Yarmak 30

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FRENCH DEFENSE Washington State Championship Seattle, 1952

White O. ULVESTAD DR. A. MURRAY 1. P-K4 P-K3 7. P-QR3 Q-KK3

21. B-Q5 R-KB2 26. R-K1 R-K1 21. P-B4? P-KK4

22. B-R5 B-B3 28. RXP? 29. Q-K4ch Q-K1 60. BxP

51. K-K1 K-K13 71. P-K16 52. B-B7 B-B5

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ULVESTAD 72. QxB 73. P-K17? R-BB1

Resigns. A poignant or poignant, according to your point of view—finish to a game full of adventure.

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CATALAN OPENING

Midwest Open Championship No. Platte, 1951

White A. LIEPNIKS M. F. ANDERSON 1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3

13. P-K3 KR-Q1 16. KxB Q-Q4ch 14. P-QK4 B-B6 17. QxQ PxQ

18. B-K2 QR-B1 24. R-B2 K-B1 19. KR-B1 R-B5 25. P-K4 K-K2

21. R-QB1 R-QB1 27. RxB P-K4 22. B-B3 P-K3

TCHIGORIN'S DEFENSE

Match Game Tucson, 1952

White B. MERRICK J. P. HOLLAND 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-B4 P-K3

11. P-K3 Kt-K1 12. PxB, not 12. QxR Kt-K1P

White does not see the point of the coming combination. To be sure 19. P-Kt5, BxK1, 20. Qx13, KixQP favors Black.

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22. Q-Kf3 PXP 22. BxKtP After 22. BxKtP HOLLAND

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SICILIAN DEFENSE Puget Sound Open Seattle, 1952

White A. SUCHOBECK J. CHEEVERS 1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtXB K-B3

9. Q-K13? If Black plays instead 9. P-Q4; 10. KtXP1 follows

10. B-B1 11. KtXP QxP This mistake leads to mate in two although Black's position is hopeless anyway.

White to Play and Win! Position No. 97: 1. Kt-K13, P-RQ(2); 2. Kt-K2 ch, K-R7 ch; 3. BxQ, KxB; 4. K-B2, R-R7; 5. Kt-Q4, K-R6; 6. Kt-B5, K-R7; 7. Kt-K3, K-R6; 8. Kt-B1, P-R7; 9. Kt-K2 ch 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 still stated:

Notwithstanding the strong interest of Russian chess players in the Olympics and the slight animation it 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 have regenerated and unified the Russian chess life.

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 under-promoted B. Marshall-Mieses, Cambridge Springs, 1904.

Joe Faucher New Haven, Conn. Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club was host to Svetozar Gligoric who bested the Sacramento area in an exhibition with 21 wins and 2 draws.

Stockton (Calif.) Chess Club saw L. Woolfe compile an impressive 28-3 victory in the double-round club championship. Second was M. Saunders with 20-9-9/4, while W. LeDoux and P. Hubbard Sr. tied for third with 20-10 each.

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