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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 titie 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. MeCormick in the 10th, and with James T. Sherwin in the IIth. His victories in round order were over John T Westbrock, Lewis J. Isaacs, Arthur Carlyle, Karl Burger, Philip LeCornu, Anthony E. Santasiere, Carl Pinick, 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 dhird.

Arturito Pomar of Spain was also undefeated in gaining second place with $91 / 2-21 / 2$. Pomar drew with Byrne in the 4 th, with Pilnick in the 5th, with Steiner in the 6th, with Evans in the 8th, and with LeCornu in the gth 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, 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. MeCormick and Carl Pilnick, while Robert S. Brieger, Karl Burger, Juan Florido of Cuba, Edmar Mednis, Ivan Romanenko, and Anthony E. Santasiere scored $71 / 2-41 / 2$ each. With 7.5 scorcs 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, Mattakesket Street, Pembroke, Mass. on Sunday, September 7Program 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 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 geographic distribution of the 76 participants did not suggest that Tampa was to 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, Ne braska 2, New Jersey 9, New Mex ico 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.


## White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

Send all contributions for this column to William Rojam, \% CHESS LIFE,
P OSITION No. 97 represents a subtle idea. Since White cannot pre Pent 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 foree 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 $1 . \ldots$, P-B8(Q), pinning the White Kt at the sume time, makes White's position critical.

For solutions, please turn to Page four.

## EVANS COMPLETES <br> U. S. CHESS TEAM

## The appointment of Larry Evans

 to the U.S. Team scheduled to play in the Team Olympies at Helsinki, Finland, August 19 through August 31, completes the designation of six players for the team. The six players for the team. Themembership now consists of U.S. 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 $61 / 2-1 / 2$ in a 23 player Swiss event. Rogan drew with runner-up F. R. Payne in the 5 th 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 $51 / 2-11 / 2$, losing a game to Rogan and drawing with John Koen,

Fourth to sixth on S-B points with equal $41 / 2-21 / 2$ 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 correspond ence player of strength and as a CHESS LIFE annotator, has re cently published in mimeographed form a series of reflections en titled "On the Acquisition of Free dom." 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, en closing \$1 to help pay the cost of mimeographing.

## SHAFFER TOPS <br> 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 $7 \frac{1}{2}-61 / 2$ 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 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 $31 / 2-11 / 2$, 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 <br> AT CHAUTAUQUA

Robert L. Mekus successfully defended his Chautauqua County Championship with $101 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$ 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 Latvian John Pamiljens, who used to play chess with Paul Keres. Bolton placed second with $61 / 2-11 / 2$, losing to Hand and drawing with Kaufman. Kaufman was third with $51 / 2 \cdot 21 / 2$, 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 Pamiljens, Karl Kochman, Bertil Clareus, a former State Champion, and Arvid Klavins.

## U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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August 18-23, 1952
Entry Fee:- None.
Place:-Rome Hotel, Omaha.
Rooms:- Available at special
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For Details:- Write to
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Omaha 2, Nebrask

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## A DAY OF DECISION

$T^{H E}$ trust that the members of the Federation have confided in their 1 Board of Directors was not betrayed in Tampa this July. Faced tion, but confronted the facts resolutely and met the problems of the Federation with intelligence and courage.

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 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. MeCormick, 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.

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 some-
time in 1953. en in 193.
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 promotional 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


CONNECTICUT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP


Address all communications to this column to Vincent L. Eaton, 612 McNeill
$\mathrm{P}^{\text {ROBLEM No. } 348 \text { in our last issue was incorrectly diagrammed, but }}$ the Forsyth notation was correct. The position should be as follows: $2 \mathrm{qR} 4,1 \mathrm{rplp} 1 \mathrm{SK}, 3 \mathrm{~s} 1 \mathrm{~B} 2,2 \mathrm{~s} 1 \mathrm{R} 2 \mathrm{p}, 3 \mathrm{k} 4, \mathrm{~S} 3 \mathrm{~b} 3,2 \mathrm{PIB3}, 1 \mathrm{~b} 2 \mathrm{Q} 3$. Mate in two.

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 ( $\mathrm{K}, \mathrm{Q}$, ete.) 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 encoun-
tered as one scans the ranks. A little practice will give you the "hang" tered as one scans the ranks. A little practice will give
of this very convenient method of recording positions.




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

## For The Journament-Minded

## August 22-24 <br> South Carolina Open Championship

 Columbia, S. C.At Wade Hampton Hotel; 5 round Swiss; begins 7:00 p.m. August 22; open to all; entry fee $\$ 3.00$; prizes; play in air-conditioned Palmetto Room; top S. C. player becomes State Champion; for de-
tails, write: Lanncau Foster, 1704 tails, write: Lanncau Foster
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
tournament; held at Newburyport 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 eash 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.

Alohhines's Carly Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke
V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND A LEKHINE is not among the the sigers of the thimatening of strike, which was mentioned in the preceding installment (CHESS LIFE, May 5, 1952).
However, Iyin-Zhenevsky makes it quite clear, although in rather cautious language, that it was not a particular pleasure to have Alekhine 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.
 threat, Ilyin-Zhenevsky reports, 1.c.p. 44 :


Alekhine himself mentions, on 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:


However, he does not mention 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, un der such circumstances, the tournament could be conducted and finished as scheduled from October 3 to 20, 1920, featuring the Championship Tournament with 16 par ticipants as well as an "amateurs" 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: Vygodehikov, after tie-breaking match of two games with Kliatskin, the "inventor" of "Alckhine's Defense! Alelssey Alekhine from Kharkov, Ukraine, third).

Unfortunately, no tournament 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 Petrogubkommuny," the first very modest chess magazine of Soviet Russia pub lished for a short time and considered 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, "Sketehes on the History of Chess in the USSR" (in History of Chess in the USSR
Russian, 1938), p. 241, claims that:

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tion,
(Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

## How the Rating System Works

By KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Rating Statistician
(Kenneth Harkness, co-suthor of "An Invitation to Chess" and author of "Invitation to Bridge," is the inventor of the mathematical vating system adopted by the
USCF to rank American chessplacrs.) In this series, Mr. Harkness explains the mechanics of the system.-The Editor.)


This chart shows how performance ratings, based on game scorcs instead of per-
centages, vere issued to the olayers in the finals of the Merchantile Library Chess Association Championship, 1952

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## 6. Rating Short Tournaments

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WHEN a tournament has ten or more rounds, the performance ratings are issued in proportion to the percentage scores; but this relation-
ship 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 evaluauting 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 mitus 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, per formance ratings were issued as shown in the table below and in the chart at the top of the page.

## Player AVERAGE: 2121 Player Wachs Sosel 

 RuthGlover.
Sklaroff

Bomanov made a $50 \%$ score of $21 / 2-21 / 2$ 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 score.

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 ciub championship. This would be absurd, when compared winship rating earned at such events as the U.S. Open ande formance rating of 2371 points is in keeping with the strength of the competition and the number of games played. Similar logical results have been obtained in rating a large number of tournaments since the adoption of the new seale in 1951. Two more examples are given below: ROCHESTE
Player
Marchand

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|  |  | 1770 |
| Hu | ( 212 pts . below $50 \%$ ) | 1620 (250 below |
|  | (32 pis. below 50\%) | 20 |

Parks
For his perfect score of $7-0$, the winner earned the maximum for a seven-round tournament- 350 points above 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 G. Oakes win the title $131 / 2-1 / 2$ drawing with F. Clark in an 8 player double round robin. F Clark was second with $111 / 2-21 / 2$, and R. Taylor was third with $81 / 2$ $51 / 2$. while A. Lukavich placed fourth with 8-6.
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tampa, 1952








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Tuesday, August 5, 1952

# What's The $B_{\text {sest }} M_{\text {ove? }}$ ? 

By Guilherme Groesser

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Send solutions to Position No. 99 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by September 5, 1952. ed Abraham Kaufman president (Hyde Park), R. H. Peters execu 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 consider the possibilities of arranging a Chicago Junior Championship. Clubs interested in joining the Chicago City Chess League may contaet Abraham Kaufman, 5531 So. Kimbark Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.

Johnstown (Pa.) Chess Club boasts a membership of 70 in the three months of its existence. Presi dent is Max S. Marion, Sr.

## For The

Journament- Minded
August 30 -September 1
Ilinois State Championship Rock Island, III.
Open to Illinois residents only; at Fort Armstrong Hotel; 7 round Swiss; cash prizes; Entry closes noon August 30 ; entry fee; for details write: John Warren, 1336 15th St., Rock Island, III. or Henry III.

## August 30-September 1

## Southwestern Open Ch

Open to all; 7 round Swiss; ti tles: Southwestern Open, Women's and Junior Champions, also Texas State Champion; cash prizes and trophy; held at Hotel Adolphus, Dallas; entries accepted until 1:00 p.m.; play begins $2: 00$ p.m.; entry fee $\$ 6.00$ (plus USCF and TCA membership which totals $\$ 4.00$ ); college students and juniors under 21 entry fee $\$ 1.00$ plus USCF and TCA membership; guaranteed first prize $\$ 150.00$; second prize $\$ 100.00$; Women's and Junior Champions; other prizes, for details or hotel other prizes, for details or hotel
reservations, write: C. Frederick reservations, write: C. Frederick
Tears, Jr., 2849 Fondren Drive, Dallas 5 , Texas. $100 \%$ USCF Rated


## August 30 -September 1 Mexico State Champi

Open to New Mexico players; Swiss event; entry fee $\$ 2.00$; sponsored by the Albuquerque sponsored by the Albuquerque start of play, August 30 ; for destart of play, August 30 ; for de-
tails and entry, write: James R. tails and entry, write: James $\mathbf{R}$
Cole, 601 Ridgecrest Drive, Albu querque, N.M.

## August 30.September 1 <br> Lovisiana State Championship <br> New Orleans, La.

At Hotel New Orleans; open to Louisiana and Mississippi players; begins 9:00 a.m. August 30; entry fee $\$ 5.00$ including USCF and LCA memberships; 100\% USCF rated Event; for details, write: W. P Naser, P.O. Box 779, New Orleans, La.
20th Grand National Championship Correspondence
Open to all; recognized by USCF as conferring the U.S. Correspon dence title; entry fee to CCLA members $\$ 1$ per section or 3 sec tions for $\$ 2$, for non-members $\$ 1.50$ for for first section and \$1 per sec tion thereafter; 7 to 9 players per section, one game with each opponent; section winners advance free into second round; winners of second round sections advance free into finals; prize awards to section winners in first two rounds; final prizes in cash or merchandize plus year possession of the Henry $D$ Hibbard Trophy to the champion for entry or details, write: Dick Rees, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Cor rectionville Road, Sioux City 5 ,
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Iowa.

Obess Sife
$\frac{\text { Tuesday, August 5, } 1952}{\text { YUGOSLAV DEFENSE }}$


At last I've arrived (but alas not for
long!). 22. Q. QKKt1I
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leads to a winnin

This beautiful rinesse rather modestly
leads to a winning endgame.
23. PXQ


## BOOST AMERICAN CHESS! By Joining the U.S.C.F.



## TCHIGORIN'S DEFENSE

 Match GameNotes by Erich W. Marchand

72. ....... RXB 73. p-Ki71?? R-B8! A piquant-or polsnant, Resigns according to
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after White plays 73 . PxR, a raw
would no doubt have been agreed.

Yakima (Wash.) Chess Club reelected William H. Hoge president retary-treasurer Plans were made retary-treasurcr. Plans were made to contact Richland and Pasco chess clubs to arrange for team
matches in the fall.

## Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!





## SOLVERS' LADDER

(Tno points for two-movers; four points for three-movers. Extra points for correct clatims of "cooks," i. e. valid solutions not intended by the composer. This tally press, on July 27. Solutions subsequently received will be credited on the next Ladder.) E. On
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H. K.
J. E.
G. Mu
J. H.
P. H.
J. Kau
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 25. RxR
27. Q-B5 also looks very promising, but
White has a pleasing concept in mind.
27. ...... Note that 27 . R-Q1, KtxP falls: 28. PxKt,
RR8 ch; $29 . \mathrm{K-K2}$, RxR; 30. QxR. After
27.




 Not a master Rxa game but one which il-
lustrates the numerous pitfalls the

SICILIAN DEFENSE Puget Sound Op
Seattle, 1952
Notes by Alex Suchobeck from the Washington Chess Letter. Rochester 17, N. Y.


## The Kibitzer <br> From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Major:
Mr. Burton's questions-Chess ife, 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. Marshall moved 22. PxB and made his P a Bmerely for a whim. It was taken
off at once. Marshall won the game. 2) As far as I can find, Marshall never beat Alekhine in a tournament game. 3) The Banks games are not in Am. Chess Bull. 1926; I

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Sacramento (Calif.) Chess Club was host to Svetozar Gligoric 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 impressed $28-3$ victory in the doubleround 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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