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RASKET WINS U.S. JUNIO

SIEMMS HOLDS SECOND PLACE. BURDICK, CURRIE, OAKER, TIE

Tourney Small But Quality Finest In U.S. Junior Event at Omaha

The U. S. Junior Championship Tournament at Omaha, August 18-23, was won in spectacular fashion by Curt Brasket of Tracy, Minn. with 8½-1½. At the end of five rounds, Brasket had racked up five wins and from that point on was never in danger, conceding three draws to Robert Currie, John Penquite, and D. B. Martin.

The new U.S. Junior Champion, 19 years old, placed 7th on SB points in the recent U.S. Open, tied in games won for 4th place with 8-4. In June of this year he won the 28th annual Trans-Mississippi event with 51/2-11/2, edging out Robert Steinmeyer on S-B points.

There were only 19 entries in the tourney (the smallest entry list for the event), but what the entry list lacked in quantity it made up for it in quality. Ross Siemms of Toronto finished second with 71/5-21/2, losing only to Brasket but drawing with Currie, Burdick, and

Third to fifth on S-B points with equal 614-314 scores were Don Burdick of Huntington, W. Va., Robert Currie of San Francisco, Calif., and Wm. Oaker of Toronto. John Penquite of Des Moines was sixth with 6-4.

Seventh to tenth on S-B points with equal 5½-4½ scores were D. B. Martin of Fort Worth, Jack Mayer of Louisville, Milt Otteson Paul, and Jim Callis of of St Wichita.

It was a tournament of the real youngsters with Brasket at 19, Siemms and Currie at 16, Burdick 15, Penquite 17 and Oaker 20. Ontario and Quebec were the Canadian Provinces represented, while California, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas and West Virginia were the States.

In the Junior Rapid Transit Curt Brasket and Robert Currie tied for first place with 41/2-11/2 each. Alfred Ludwig directed both events.

ROZSA CAPTURES COLORADO OPEN

Fifty players from 16 states participated in the 2nd Colorado Open Championship, which was won by Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, Okla. with 51/2-1/2. Second place went to Blake Stevens of San Antonio, Tex. with 5-1.

Third to sixth on Solkoff points with equal 414-114 scores were P. D. Smith of Fresno, John Ragan of St. Louis, Eugene Shapiro of New York City, and Mark Eucher of Los Angeles. Of the eight players with 4-2, seventh place went to Arthur Spiller of Los Angeles and eighth place and the Colorado State title to Jack Hursch of Denver as ranking Colorado player.

This attractive event was staged in gala style with a cowgirl at-tired Queen of the Denver Chess Club pouring cold drinks for the players, courtesy of the director, while eigarettes were furnished by the Denver Club. Merle Reese again directed the event.

STARK TRIUMPHS IN D. C. OPEN

M. S. Stark, former District Champion, won the District of Columbia Open Championship 7½-1½ in a 26 player Swiss event, losing no games but drawing with John Rice, N. Bakos and M. Wiener. John Rice, N. Bakos and M. Wiener.
Second place with 7-2 went to F. B.
Campomanes of Manila, P.I. who
lost one game to Stark and drew
with Wiener and Bakos. C. D. Mott
was third with 63-225, while fourth
to seventh on S-B points with equal
6-3 scores were N. Bakos, CHESS
LIFE columnity Edward Needs and LIFE columnist Edmund Nash, and H. E. Cimermanis. A few familiar names like Oscar Shapiro were missing from the list this year, but a few long-missing faces were seen in their stead. CHESS LIFE Problem Editor Vincent L. Eaton was among the latter, showing the lack of practice a long absence from tournament chess inevitably creates; Eaton won the District title in his last appearance some ten years ago.

TRI-CITY CHESS HONORS CONDON

Tri-City Chess Club (Borger, Tex.) held a 5 round Swiss Rapid Transit Tourney in honor of Dr. F. E. Condon, departing charter member of the club, who has accepted a position as assistant professor of chemistry at City College of New York. Dr. Condon was also presented with a chess book autographed by the club members as a token of their appreciation of the work he bad done to create interest in chess in the Tri-City orea. In the tourney, Dr. Andries
Voet placed first with, 5-0, O. D.
Thompson was second with 4-1, and
tied for third on S-B points with
4-1 each were Dr. F. E. Condon
and A. C. Loyd.

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LEUBBERT TOUR'Y
As the first Leubbert Invitational Correspondence Tourney begins to approach the end, the standgins to approach the end, the standings show Dr. F. Bohatirchuk in the lead with 13½-2½, closely followed by Muir with 13-6, Jones with 12½-2½, and Weaver Adams with 11-1. Other scores are: Mrs. Piatigorsky 10-4, Dr. M. G. Sturm, Brask and Kujoth 8-4 each, Magee 8-7, Hickman 8-9, Burger 6½-½, Luebbert 5½-½, Pohle 5½-1½, Underwood 5-3, Ludwig 4½-6½, Weiss 4-5, Mann 3-3, Sandrin 3-12, Hartleb 3-13, Howarth 2-19, Mrs. Wigren 1-20, and Smith 0-21.

Position No. 99 By Carl E. Diesen Unpublished



8, 6pp, 1k6, 3p1pP1 1K1P1P2, 8, White to play and win

Position No. 100 y Vincent L. Eaton Silver Spring, Md. Unpublished



White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

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 $T^{\rm HE}$ first position above is an interesting study in the technique of winning the opposition in a semi-locked Pawn ending. Note that the White King can hold the fort indefinitely, but he cannot break through the barrier unless the Black King moves first.

Our second position represents the easiest of three original studies by problemist Eaton (we will publish the toughies later), in which Knight, Bishop and Pawn skillfully combine to draw against Black Queen

For solutions please turn to Page four.

TEAM ENTERS IN TITLE FINALS

Although losing 3-1 to the Soviet team in the last qualifying round, the U. S. Team won a place in the the U.S. Team won a place in the final title contest, placing second in Group C. Evans lost his first game in the tourney to Vassily Smyslov, while Arthur Bisguier bowed to Boleslavsky. On second board Robert Byrne drew with E. Cellor and George Kaltsengeric in Geller and George Koltanowski his first appearance drew with Alexander Kotov. Neither Reshevsky

nor Keres played in this encounter.
In Group A the three qualifying teams were Argentina with 251/2-61/2, West Germany with 23-9, and Czechoslovakia with 221/2-91/2. In Group B it is Sweden with 21-7. Hungary with 201/2-71/2, and defending Champions Yugoslavia with 17½-9½. In Group C it is USSR with 23½-4½, USA with 18-10, and Finland with 17-11.

STANDINGS IN INTER-NATIONAL

Qualifying Rounds GROUP A

Cuba	14-18
Iceland	123-195
Saar	103-215
Lux'hourg	23-291
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Austria	113-165
Brazil*	105-165
Italy**	95-165
Norway**	5-21
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Poland Switzerland Greece

WASH TRIMMED IN B. COL. MATCH

In the International Chess Match at Mt. Vernon (Wash.), the Washington team took a real trimming from British Columbia this year, losing 2014-261/a.

In the B Section Washington scored a 9-8 victory, but in the A section lost 1816-1116 despite a 4-3 margin on the first seven boards.

SEEK TO MATCH RESHEVSKY, KERES

Negotiations for a match be tween Samuel Reshevsky and Paul Keres, the Estonian player who holds the Soviet Championship, were initiated by Alexander Bisno, president of the Manhattan Chess Club. Reshevsky has already won similar matches against Miguel Najdorf of Argentina and Svetozar Gligorie of Yugoslavia. Keres ex-pressed willingness to play but acceptance of the match depends upon the decision of the chess authorities in the USSR.

KARFF JOINS BAIN AS MOSCOW ENTRY

USCF Team Manager Alexander Bisno has been officially notified by FIDE that a place has been found in the Women's World Championship Tournament at Moscow for Miss N. May Karff, former U. S. Women's Champion, in addition to the place already reserved for U.S. Women's Champion Mrs. Mary Bain. So the USA will again have two representatives. In the first Women's World Championship, won by Mde. Rudenko of the USSR, the USA was represented by Miss Karff and Mrs. Gisela Gresser, then U. Women's Co-Champions

Entry in the Interzonal Tournament at Saltzjobaden remains undetermined, as it is reported that neither Larry Evans nor Robert Byrne can play, as originally planned.

RICHARD BOYER

On August 21, after a brief ill-ess, Richard Boyer, twenty-year old co-champion of Buffalo, passed away. Boyer, whose many friends everywhere will be shocked at the suddeness of his passing, had just triumphed in the current Buffalo tourney, scoring 8-2 to tie with veteran Roy Black for the city title.

USSR TRIUMPHS AT HELSINKI

Russia's chess team won the final round from Sweden 3-1 and thus coasted to victory over the battling Argentina team. Defending champions, the Yugoslavs, placed third, while Czechoslovakia by a 3-1 victory over West Germany slid into fourth, one point ahead of the USA, which had a bye for the final round.

In the non-championship finals Holland scored an impressive victory, with Israel a close second, followed by East Germany and Poland in a tie for the third spot.

Championship Finals	
USSR	21 -11
Argentina	191-121
Yugoslav	19 -13
Czechoslovakia	18 -14
U. S. A	17 -15
Hungary	16 -16
Sweden	13 -19
W. Germany	101-211
Finland	10 -22
Group Two	
Holland	21 -11
Israel	191-121

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England	14 -18
Austria	13 -19
Italy	121-191
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COLLINS TAKES NEW YORK TITLE

In a Garrison finish Jack Collins out-lasted Max Pavey, who led the early rounds, to win the New York Championship at Cazenovia with 71/2-11/2, losing none but drawing three. Max Pavey, who won the first four games and drew the first four games and drew the fifth with Collins to lead the first half, placed second in a tie with Anthony E. Santasiere at 6½-2½ each. Fourth place with 6-3 went to Allan Kaufman, while Frank Anderson of Toronto shared fifth with Eliot Hearst and defending champion James Sherwin, and Louis Levy at 5½-3½ each.

The deciding game was the 8th round encounter of Collins and Sherwin in which the latter, in time pressure, fell into a trap. Thereafter the victor was hard to

BANKS IN ROUTE ON SIMUL TOUR

Newell Banks, chess and checker expert, is on tour giving simultan-eous exhibitions, leaving Detroit September 8th for Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, returning through Wyoming, Kansas and Missouri, Clubs desiring to make arrangements for an exhibition may write: Newell Banks, 5076 Coplin Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.

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SEVEN'S THE MAIN

Numero deus impare gaudet
—VIRGIL, Eclogae

W ITH this issue CHESS LIFE enters into its seventh year; and the W gods delight in odd numbers, if we may trust Virgil's testimony. Thus the omens are favorable, even as the Romans would have it, for what promises to be a year of great decision.

For it becomes increasingly obvious that chess players as a body must make a critical decision—either they will resolve to support the U. S. Chess Federation for the manifest benefit of chess in the USA, or they will reject the opportunity with finality and domination of American chess activity will return to the hands of that small and autocratic group whose fingers released control with utmost reluctance not many years

In making the decision, chess players will be well advised to consider what alterations were made in the chess panorama of the USA by the rise of a national democratic chess organization and ponder on the faint possibility of the survival of such innovations under the autocratic management of a select group whose primal concern has always been the promoting of "master" chess and has been distinguished at all times for its complete indifference to chess for the average player.

It was the American Chess Federation (a fore-runner of our present Federation) which established the "Open" tournament at Chicago in 1934 despite the protests of a number of reactionaries who clung deto the concept of an invitational event for a select few. the committee who made this progressive break with tradition Albert Margolis, Samuel Factor and Charles Leech have passed to their reward, while Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. and Lewis J. Isaacs have retired from active organizational work. But the concept they establish grew until the U. S. Open Tournament seems a fixture in American chess life as an layers? Journament. But despite its propularity how long would it leads players' tournament. But, despite its popularity, how long would it last if the reins fell in the firm hands of those who were only interested in "master" chess?

It was the U. S. Chess Federation which established the concept of open qualification for entry into the U. S. Championship Tournament, testing various methods in various years. Difficulties in arrangement made the 1951 event an invitational affair, but despite deliberate sabotage of the 3-year cycle plan by a group in New York the next U. S. Championship event will be in some form of open qualification. Yet the sabotage of the 3-year cycle plan by a New York group should warn the chess player what he must expect if he fails to support the Federa-

tion instead surrenders it back to the mercies of a chosen few.

It was the U. S. Chess Federation, which through CHESS LIFE, popularized the Swiss System tournament, which made it intelligible with its own box-score table and published articles on the procedure of conducting the Swiss. The autocrats are not interested in the Swiss, for it

Finally, it was the U. S. Chess Federation which created the National Rating System over the vociferous opposition of many chess autocrats who feared their own standings and that of their favored proteges might be impaired by any system that revealed in cold mathematical terms the comparative performances of all players in competition. How long would the Rating System last among the autocrats?

These are the questions that the average chess player should consider carefully—and having considered them, join hands with his fellow players throughout the land in making the U. S. Chess Federation truly representative of chess in the USA.

This is the year of decision!

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Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Problem No. 359
By G. H. Drese
1st Prize, British Chess Fed. 1931 Black: 12 men

Problem No. 360
By Jan Hartong
"Western Morning News and Mercury," 1926 cury," 1926 Black: 11 men



White: 10 men 2q5, 1s1p4, 1p1p1p2, r2P1K1p, 2k2P1r, b1SSP3, 2P4p, 4EQ1B White mates in two moves

Problem No. 361 By Godfrey Heathcote 1st Prize, "Revue d'Echecs"

1904 Black: 7 men



White: 9 men 1R6, P5Qp, 2Pk2p1, p6q. B1bppS2, Ks4r1 mates in two moves 7b, B2S4,

Problem No. 362 By L. Loshinsky 1st Prize, "Trud" 1948 Black: 7 men

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White: 7 men b4b2, 3r4, 3pr3, 8, 1K5S, 2PR4, Q3p3, 5kBR White mates in two moves

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White: 11 men BB3S2, 1R6, 3P4, p3s3, 3k4, 1stp1r2, bSPP1PQ1, 4K3 White males in three pieves

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

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| Texas Chess Association | 36.00 | |
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| British Chess Magazine, Chess World, etc | 148.00 | | |
| Services of Rating Statistician | 300.00 | | |
| Alain C. White Chess Problem Composing Fund | 30,00 | | |
| Refund of over payments of dues | 4.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 63.84 | 5 | ,543.63 |
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EDWARD I. TREEND,

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Chess Life In New York By Eliot Hearst

THE Marshall Chess Club was motion picture production one Tuesday evening recently! It seems that the U.S. State Dept., preparing a film to be distributed in Central Europe (particularly Germany and Europe (particularly Germany and Austria) on the subject of Green-wich Village's cultural aspects, chose the famed chess center as one of that district's most im-portant intellectual attractions. And so several movie cameras greeted the entries to the weekly rapid fransit tourney that evening—Donald Byrne, Jim Sherwin, Walter Shipman, and Herb Seidman are now not only names in the chess world alone, but also in the life of Greenwich Village! A brilliant (?) bit of acting was put forth by Jerry Donovan and Mrs. Mary Bain, who played the respective parts of a new visitor registering at the club's entrance and a charming member welcoming him. Both have already voiced their intentions to campaign vigorously for the "Oscar" nomi-nations next year!

But despite all the production paraphernalia, the director's instruction, and various other inter-ruptions, the rapid transit moved along smoothly and finished no later than usual. Nothing will keep chess players from their games, it appears.

The championship prelims at the Marshall are progressing more swiftly now as the summer draws switty now as the summer unawasto a conclusion, and the leading scores in the 4 sections already started are: J. Richman (4-0), P. Miller (3-0), W. Goldwater (2½-½-½), H. Eckstrom (2-0), C. Pilnick (2-0), R. Greenbaum (2-0), and E. Med-nis (2-0). A fifth section will be begun shortly, which includes among its entry list two previous finalists, P. Brandts and Mrs. G. K. Gresser.

IN BRIEF: The New York Times recently featured another illus-trated article on the chess shelter, now almost completed, and to be used for cold weather play in Central Park. There has been more publicity on this new construction than on any other phase of chess life in New York . . . Art Feure-stein (5-1) leads the Marshall summer junior tournament . . . Man-hattan C. C. rapids, now divided into A, B, and C sections, has a weekly entry averaging around forty, thus bearing out Hans Kmoch's original thought that most players would prefer to play in sections of equal strength, rather than the more usual single section open to all, weak or strong . . . All (?) New Yorkers are now leaving for Cazenovia and the New York State Championship.

For The Journament-Minded

September 27-28

Washington State Open Champion-ship, Seattle, Wash.

Seattle Chess Club; begins 10:00 a.m.; open to all; 6 round Swiss; entry fee \$2.00.

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28.75 |
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| 16. W. J. Nucker (Arlington, Va.)L1 | D11 | L10 | L6 | W26 | W25 | W13 | L7 | W24 | 45-43 | 12.00 |
| 17. V. L. Eaton (Silver Springs, Md.) 4-5 (19.00); 18. C. R. | Walla | ce (W | ashing | ton, | D. C. | 4-5 | (15.00) | | Michael | |
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| (11.00); 22. Vincent Saporito (Washington, D. C.) 3-6 (6.50); | | | | | | | | | | . Sam |
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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.)

| J. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, Tampa
No. Player Net | Last | Work-S | heat | Compe- | GE: 1980 |
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| Score | Avg. | 1 | 2 | | ance |
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| 2. A. Pomar | 2273 | 2410 | 2410 | 2290 | 2581 |
| 3. Donald Byrne 9 1 | 2359 | 2443 | 2443 | 2279 | 2529 |
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| Carl Pilnick 8 -4 | 2322 | 2258 | 2258 | 2244 | 2411 |
| E. T. McCormick 8 -4 | 2172 | 2125 | 2125 | 2111 | 2278 |
| C. J. Brasket 8 -4 | 2049 | 2140 | 2140 | 2082 | 2249 |
| Eliot S. Hearst 8 -4 | 2308 | 2385 | 2385 | 2204 | 2371 |
| Dr. A. Mengarini 8 -4 | 2305 | 2305 | 2305 | 2186 | 2353 |
| Karl H. Burger 79-49 | 2114 | 2211
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| A. E. Santastere 74-44 | 2342 | | 2293 | 2188 | |
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| Toro D Florido 71.41 | 2190 | 2190 | 2190 | 2105 | 2230 |
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| Hormon Steiner 7.5 | 2427 | 2369 | 2369 | 2265 | 2345 |
| I F Donovan 7 -5 | 2221 | 2274 | 2274 | 2149 | 2232 |
| Alfred C. Ludwig 7 -5 | 1980 | 1965 | 1965 | 2040 | 2123 |
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| Miguel Colon 7 -5 | ******** | 2272* | 2166 | 1976 | 2059 |
| Myron Fleischer 7 -5 | 1974 | 2051 | 2051 | 2037 | 2120 |
| William A. Bills 7 -5 | 1920 | 1898 | 1898 | 1875 | 1958 |
| Charles Sharp 7 -5 | 1944 | 1944 | 1944 | 2039 | 2122 |
| Ignas Zalys 7 -5 | 2051 | 2051 | 2051 | 2037 | 2120 |
| Reuben Klugman 63-53 | 2183 | 2183 | 2183 | 2057 | 2140 |
| Larry Evans 10 - 2 | 1926 | 1970 | 1970 | 2037 | 2120 |
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| Ralph Hurttlen 63-53 | 1976 | 2079 | 2079 | 2004 | 2046
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| Michael Yatron 65-05 | 2072 | 2003* | 1974 | 1903 | 1945 |
| Leo Kupersmith 60-00 | 2050 | 2050 | 2050 | 1968 | 1968 |
| Nestor Hernandez 59-59 | 2008 | 2040 | 2040 | 2939 | 1981 |
| Pohest C Factwood 51.51 | 1782 | 1782 | 1782 | 1943 | 1943 |
| Dr C A Koolecha 6.6 | 2205 | 2183 | 2183 | 2084 | 2084 |
| Walter Grombacher 6-6 | 1879 | 1895 | 1895 | 2052 | 2052 |
| Adolph J. Fink 6 -6 | 2235 | 2235 | 2235 | 2025 | 2025 |
| Arthur R. Spiller 6-6 | 2198 | 2165 | 2165 | 2032 | 2032 |
| William A. Scott 6 -6 | 1838 | 1831 | 1831 | 1890 | 1890 |
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| John D. Mager 51-61 | 1966
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| William M. Byland 59-65 | 00/7/02/05/53 | 1974* | 1995 | 2058 | 2016 |
| James E. Barry 35-61 | ******* | 1912 | 1912 | 1919 | 1877 |
| Conden T Wester 51.61 | 1785 | 1794 | 1794 | 1944 | 1902 |
| I T Westbrook 51.61 | 2116 | 2055 | 2955 | 1987 | 1945 |
| P J Lavandero 51.61 | 2110 | 1822* | 1836 | 1891 | 1849 |
| Carl Webers 51.61 | 1969 | 1947 | 1947 | 1927 | 1855 |
| Bruce J. Sidey | 1706 | 1706 | 1706 | 1706 | 1615 |
| M. R. Robland 41-61 | 2073 | 2099 | 2099 | 1899 | 1808 |
| E. J. Van Sweden 5 -7 | 2140 | 2012 | 2012 | 1931 | 1848 |
| Charles P. Gray 5 -7 | 1899 | 1899 | 1899 | 2040 | 1947 |
| W. D. Drexler 5 -7 | bearings. | ******* | 1809 | 1892 | 1809 |
| Fred W. Borges 5 -7 | 1655 | 1716 | 1716 | 1821 | 1738 |
| Daniel Fischheimer 5-6 | ******* | 1905* | 1923 | 1986 | 1940 |
| J. M. Moulden 5 -7 | 1751 | 1705 | 1705 | 1873 | 1790 |
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| Chester A. Lyon 41-71 | 1672 | 1607 | 1607 | 1825
1796 | 1700 |
| Jack Shaw 41-71 | 1797 | 1797 | 1797 | 1996 | |
| Arthur Montano 44.74 | 1961 | 1961 | 1961 | 1936 | 1811 |
| E. P. Lebzeltern 45-75 | 1733 | 1733 | 1733 | 1887 | 1762 |
| Arthur Montano 45.75
E. P. Lebzeltern 45.75
A. L. Brown 45.75 | ****** | ***** | 1592 | 1717 | 1592 |
| Louis E. J. Marquez 42-72 | ***** | ******* | 1686 | 1811 | 1686 |
| Phil. G. Haley 4 -8 | ******* | 2012* | 1925 | 2004 | 1837 |
| Bennie F. Lopez 4 -8 | ***** | 1647* | 1622 | 1763 | 1596 |
| E. Forry Laucks 4 -8 | 1762 | 1762 | 1762 | 1810 | 1643 |
| W. F. B. Clevenger 3 -8 | ******* | 1716* | 1662 | 1835 | 1608 |
| Louis F. J. Marquez 42-13
Phill. G. Haley 4-8
Bennie F. Lopez 4-0
E. Forry Laucks 4-8
W. F. B. Clevenger 3-8
Kenneth Weberg 32-83
James B. Gibson, Jr. 22-83
B. F. Roberson 22-83 | 1545 | 1637 | 1637 | 1642 | 1434 |
| James B. Gibson, Jr 25-85 | 1661 | 1592 | 1592 | 1748 | 1475 |
| | ******** | 1595 | 1595 | 1701 | 1427 |
| Frank B. Graves 15-05 | 1684 | 1627 | 1627 | 1729 | 1379 |
| Mac Palmer 1 -8 | Sentence | SPRINGE. | 1294
1640 | 1644 | 1294
1502 |
| James A. Creighton 1 -5 | 1608 | 1640 | | 1702 | |

The table above shows how performance ratings were issued for the Open Championship. The columns of figures are explained in the text.

8. Rating Swiss System Tournaments (continued)

In the seventh article of this series we started a description of the various steps that are taken to rate a Swiss System tournament, using the U. S. Open of 1952 as an example. In the present article we continue the explanation.

4. The fourth step of the process is to issue performance ratings to the players with provisional ratings. This is done as a separate operation so that we may correct the work-sheet ratings of these

players before tackling the fully-rated contestants.

When a player has never before competed in a rated event we have to accept his performance as the only available indication of his ability; but we can do something about correcting a possible error in the figure used to represent the strength of a player who has competed in one previous tournament. What we do is to average his provisional rating and his performance rating, then substitute this new figure in the column of work-sheet ratings. We use this corrected rating when finding the competitive averages of his opponents.

We start with the provisionally-We start with the provisionally-rated player who made the low-est score and work upward. For example, to rate the players of this type in the U. S. Open we begin with W. F. B. Clevenger (No. 70) who has a provisional rating of 1716. In the usual way, we write down this player's rating of 1716 points and the rating of the player points and the ratings of his eleven opponents. The median value of 1835 is Clevenger's competitive averege. From this figure we deduct 227 points for the player's 22.7 per cent minus score in a contest of eleven rounds, producing a per-formance rating of 1608. We in-sert this figure in the column reserved for the performance ratings of all contestants. Then we aver-age his provisional rating of 1716 and his performance rating of 1608 and get the figure 1662. This halfway value is taken to represent Clevenger's current strength more accuratly than his solitary provis-ional rating of 1716. The latter is crossed out in the column of work-sheet ratings and the average 1662

is substituted. In the same way, we issue performance ratings and new work - sheet ratings to the other players in this group, working up to Ivan Romanenko whose provisional rat-ing of 1977 under-values his abili-This player made a plus score ty. Inis player made a plus score of 7½-4½ against fairly strong opponents, his competition average being 2117 points. Romanenko earns a performance rating of 2242 and his work-sheet rating is cor-rected to 2110 points — the average of his provisional rating of 1977 and

his performance rating of 2242.
5. As the final step, we issue performance ratings to the fully-rated contestants in the tournament. As a result of the work done up to this point we now have a column of work-sheet ratings that is more accurate than our original list. (The final list is column 2 of the work-sheet ratings in the table above.) We have done all that we possibly can to make sure that the performances of the players with established ratings will not be distorted by mistakes in the ratings of their less experenced opponents.

The ratings are calculated in the same way as for all other players. It does not matter where we be-gin but we usually start at the top Omissions In "Practical Chess Openings"

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W E will point out below some lines of play omitted in "Practical Chess Openings", the great book of place of Chess Openings", the great book of chess openings by Reuben Fine.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE: After 1.P-K4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-K5, Kt-Q4; ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE; After 1.P-K4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 3. P-B4, Kt-K13; 4. P-B5, Kt-Q4; 5. Kt-QB3, KtxKt; 6. QPxKt, P-Q3 Fine indicates now 7. BPxP (p.3, c. 10). We consider superior the continuation 7. Q-K131. In the game, Kramstov-Waxherg, Saratov 1938, there followed 7., PxKP (better is 7., Kt-B3); 8. B-KKt5!, Q-Q2 (if 8., P-B3; 9. B-QB4! or if 8., B-K3?; 9. QxP, Kt-Q2; 10. 0-0-0 or if 9., B-Q4; 10. B-Kt5 ch, etc.); 9. R-Q1, Q-B4; 10. B-B4, Kt-Q2; 11. Kt-B3 with a better game for White.

ENGLISH OPENING: After 1. P-QB4; P-K4; 2. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 3. Kt-B3; 4. P-Q4, P-XP; 5. KtxP, B-Kt5; 6. B-Kt5, 0-0; 7. R-B1, in place of 7., R-K1 (p. 41, c. 1) a notable improvement is 7., P-Q4!. In the game, Samarian-Dr. Balogh, Brasov 1947, there followed & KtxKt (if 8. PxP, QxP; 9. BxKt, PxB with advantage to Black), PxKt; 9. P-QR3, (if 9. BxKt, QxB; 10. PxP, PxP; 11. QxP, B-K3 etc.), B-K2;

P-QR3, (if 9. BxKt, QxB; 10. PxP, PxP; 11. QxP, B-K3 etc.), B-K2;
 P-K3, B-K3; 11. PxP, PxP; 12. B-K2, P-B4; 13. 0-0, Q-R4; 14. Q-R4, QxQ; 15. KtxQ, QR-Kti; 16. B-KB4, R-Kt6! with a better game for Black.

KING'S GAMBIT: After 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-KB4, PxP; 3. Kt-KB3, P-KK14; 4. B-B4, B-K12; 5. 0-0, P-Q3; 6. P-Q4, P-KR3; 7. P-B3, Kt-K2; P-Rt3; 4. B-B4, B-Rt2; 5. 0-0, P-Q3; 6. P-Q4, P-Rt3; 7. P-B3, Rt-R2; 8. P-KKt3 Fine suggests 8., Kt-Kt3 or 8., P-Kt5 (p. 119, n. (f), but better is 8., B-R6! In the correspondence game, Marchisotti-Dr. Dieguez 1943, there followed 9. R-Kl (if 9. R-B2, PxP!), PxP; 10. PxP, Kt-QB3 and White's compensation for the material sacrificed is insufficient.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED ((ARRASCH DEFENSE): After 1. QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED (fARRASCH DEFENSE): After 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-QB4; 4. BPxP, KPxP; 5. Kt-B3, Kt-QB3, 6. P-KKt3, P-B5; 7. P-K4, P-XP; 8. Kt-KK5 the book indicates now 8., QxP or 8., KtxP (p. 192, c. 99), preferable is8, B-K2!. In the game, Opocensky-Stoltz, Bad Nahueim 1935, there followed 9. BxP, BxKt; 10. Q-B5, P-Kt3; 11. QxB, Kt-B3; 12. 0-0 (if 12. P-Q5, P-KR3!; 13. Q-K3, Kt-Kt5; 14. B-Kt5 ch, B-Q2; 15. Q-K2, 0-0 with equality, Cortlever-Stolz, Beverwijk 1946), 0-0 with even game. SLAV DEFENSE: After 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. PxP, PxP; 4. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 6. B-B4, B-B4; 7. P-K3, Q-Kt3; 8. Q-Kt3, QxQ; 9. PxQ, R-B1; 10. Kt-K5, P-QR3; 11. KtxKt, RxKt; 12. P-QK4 Fine follows the path indicated by Purdy 12., P-QK4 and does not consider 12., P-K4! played by Dr. Trojanescu against Dr.

P-QKt4 Fine follows the path indicated by Purdy 12., P-QKt4 and does not consider 12., P-k4! played by Dr. Troianescu against Dr. Trifunovic at Belgrade 1946. There followed 13. PxP (ff 13. P-Kt5, RxKt; Txifunovic 14. PxR, PxB; 15. PxRP, PxRP, etc.), BxP; 14. B-QKt5 (if 14. PxKt, RxKt; 15. PxR, BxP eh, etc.), PxB; 15. PxB (if 15. R-R8 ch, K-Q2!; 16. RxR, Kt-K5 and wins), 0-0 with good counter-play for Black.

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT: After 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K4; 3. QPxP, P-Q5; 4. Kt-KB3, KtQB3; 5. QKt-Q2, B-KKt5; 6 P-KR3, BxKt; 7. KtxB the book indicates 7., B-B4 (p. 221, (d)), but better is 7., B-Kt5 ch!. In the correspondence game, Toth Vince-Dr. Balogh 1943-44, there followed 8. B-Q2, Q-K2 (Krenosz's brilliant innovation); 9. P-R31, RxB ch: 10. QxB, Q-Q-Q, K1 (N-P), RxP; 12. KtxRt, QxKt: 13. P-K3. BxB ch; 10. QxB, O-O-O; 11. O-O-O, KtxP; 12. KtxKt, QxKt; 13. P-K3,

P-QB4; 14. PxP, RxP; 15. B-Q3, Kt-K2; 16. KR-K1, Q-Q3 with even chances QUEEN'S PAWN GAME (WAGNER'S GAMBIT): After 1. P-Q4 QUEEN'S PAWN GAME (WAGNER'S GAMBIT): After 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. Kt-KB3, P-K3; 3. B-Kt5, P-B4; 4. P-K4, P-KR3(?); 5. BxKt, QxB Fine indicated now 6. Kt-B3 (p. 294, c. 181, n. (d)), but clearly superior is the continuation 6. P-K5! and if 6., Q-Q! (or if 6., Q-Kt3, then 7. B-Q3!, QxP; 8. R-Kt1, Q-R6; 9. PxP, Kt-R3; 10. Kt-B3!, KtxP; 11. R-Kt3, Q-R4; 12. Kt-K2 with a better game for White, Wagner-Schoenmann, match 1928); 7.P-Q5!, PxP; 8. QxP, B-K2; 9. Kt-B3, 0-0; 10. 0-0-0, Kt-B3; 11. B-B4 with clearly superiorty for White, correspondence game. Nutt. Jonkins. 1945 After 1. P-Q4 dence game, Nutt-Jenkins, 1945.

of the list and work down. Thus, we start with Larry Evans, winner of the open title. Larry's worksheet rating of 2650 points and the ratings of his twelve opponents produce a median value of 2254 as his competition average. (This is not as high as it should be and indi-cates that the rating system could be used to advantage when pair ing contestants. Larry did not play against two of the masters in the tournament — Hearst and Men-garini. Note that Sherwin, in 16th place, met the strongest competi-tion.) To Larry's competition average of 2254 we add 333 points for his 33.3 per cent plus score in a 12-round contest, producing a per-formance rating of 2587 points.

After the remaining contestants have been rated we transfer the ratings of all players to the card index, making out new cards for those with no previous records and the job is done.

In the table that heads this arti-

cle we present the statistics of the U. S. Open. The first column af-ter the net scores shows the last average ratings of players with es-tablished records. The preliminary and final work-sheet ratings are shown in the next two columns. Under the heading "work-sheet" column 1 is our original list with provisional ratings marked with an asterik and blank spaces for the unrated players. It is from this list that we find the median value of 1980 for the entire tournament. Here you can also see the effect of bringing a fully-rated player's ratup to date by including his performances in recent tourna-ments. Column 2 is the final worksheet 1st used to find the competi tion averages of the players with established records. This column includes the performances of unrated players and the corrected work-sheet ratings of contestants who have competed in one previous tournament. The two remaining columns in the table show the competition averages and performance

ratings of all players.

(This is the eighth of a series of articles by Mr. Harkness, The ninth will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE.—The Editor.)

For The Tournament-Minded

September 19-October 24

19th Annual Boston Championships Boston, Mass.

At Huntington Ave. YMCA, 316
Huntington Ave., Boston 15; 6
round Swiss "A" Class, 6 round
Swiss "B" Class, and Junior
Tourney; played on succeeding Friday evenings; open to Metro-politan Boston residents including students attending schools in area; challenge trophies and money prizes in each class; Entry fee for Class "A" \$5.00, for Class "B" \$3.00, for Junior entry free to players under 19 (held October 12 at 9:00 a.m.); for entry or details, write: George H. Hopwood, 40 Emerson Road, Watertown 42, Mass.

October 11, 12, 18, 19 Lake Erie Championship Buffalo, N.Y.

At Queen City Chess Club; six round Swiss; open to all; prizes; entry fee \$3.00; entries to be in by October 10; play begins 10:00 a.m.; 50 moves in 2 hours; for details write: Norman Wilder, 217 Elm-wood Ave., Buffalo 22, N.Y. 100% USCF Rated Event

Chess Life

Friday, September 5, 1952

Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data By A. Buschke

V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

A LEKHINE, since his third prize in the "Grandmaster Tournament" of St. Petersburg 1941 considered a "Grandmaster," was of course expected to win, and actually were without a less the "Charse ly won without a loss, the "Chess Olympics" in Moscow, 1920.

However, looking over the list of participants, which in addition to himself included only 3 other "masnimself included only 3 other "mas-ters" (Levenfish, I. Rabinovich and A. Rabinovich), his result in this tournament (9 wins and 6 draws) is not particularly convincing. The chess world got used to expecting considerably more formidable re-sults from him later, and that he himself was not satisfied with his achievements can probably be inferred from the fact that he in-cluded only one of the games playcluded only one of the games play-ed on this occasion in his "Best Games"s. In addition to this game, we know altogether four other games he played in this tournament, viz., the 3 published in "Schachleben in Sowjet - Russ-land." of which we also own the manuscripts (two draws with Lev-enfish and Ilyin - Zhenevsky, and one win against Grigoriev), as well as his win against Pavlov - Pianov (Game no. 52 in Letok Shakhmatnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkommuny

About the quality of his other 10 games in this tournament, we have only indirect ways of forming a judgment. There is, in the first place, the almost contemporary place, the almost contemporary general review, probably by S. Q. Vainshtein, in no. 3 (May 8, 1921) of "Listok Shakhmatnogo Kruzhka Petrogubkommuny" stating clear-

No doubt this almost contemporary view is somewhat nearer the truth, as regards Alekhine's games, than Levenfish's short remark:

Alekhine was then already a first-class grandmaster. His victory in the Olympics was entirely convincing. (Shakhmaty v SSSR 1950, no. 10, page 290) and the reason for Levenfish's statement might be his wish to find

an excuse for not having been able to beat Alekhine in their individual game ("This interesting drawn game was my last encounter with Alekhine," ibidem), although

Alekhine's position hung literally on a hair. But there he showed his high class (Levenfish, ibidem).

This game, which we will repro-

duce with Levenfish's as well Alekhine's own notes, was also one of the two from the Olympies which Bogoljubow included in his "Select-Bogojjubow included in his "Select-ed Games ... played between 1919 and 1925" (in Russian, Leningrad-Moscow, 1926, no. 43, p. 159; and in Part II (1920-21) of his "Klasrart II (1920-21) of his "Klassische Schachpartien aus modernen Zeiten," Berlin - Leipzig, 1926 (in German), no. 17, p. 36; providing it both times with the concluding "an instructive game remark which was played without reproach by both parties."

by both parties."

*Zubarev, in "Shakimaty v SSSR" 1945
no. 3, p. 73 ("25 Years," in Russian),
erroniously states that, in addition to
the four recognized masters Alekhine,
Levenfish, I. and A. Rabinovich, there
participated also 14 of the strongest
first-category players—there were realty only 16 players altogether, the four
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U. S. Open Championship Tampa, 1952 Notes by Anthony E. Santasier White

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9-83. P.84 11. R-81 B-83 19. O-O QK-83 The point of Black's system is now clear. By putting White's QP under pressure, he places his QBP in danger. If now B-K3, P.KKt4. B-K9 12. B-K5 13. Px8 K1xQBP 14. B-K75 13. Px8 K1xQBP His only chance for counter-play. K1-KS 14. Choosing to return the P for a lasting to return the P for a lasting to return the P for a lasting the property of the property of

accommend thus an extraordinary resource which comes very near to winning the game.

QXRP 22. Kt-K7 ch K-R1
The only move. If 22. QxKt; 23.
RXR or if 22. K-B2; 23. RxR, BxQ; 24. Kt-B5 dis.ch., etc.

23. Q-k14

After 23. Q-Kt4 SANTASIÈRE

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12. BxB

13. GxB

14. PxB

15. RxB

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ot 14. BxKt ch, z ...
R-K1, B-B6.
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should complete development and make his position secure before attacking. 14. ... Ktr3 would be in order. 15. Kt-Kt5 K-B2 16. Q-B4
White is to be commended in developing such a promising position even though Black has not played as caulously as he should have. 16. ... B-K3 17. QR-Q1 B-R6
Apparently failing to see the strength of White's threats. Through Black is cramped, there are several moves which would avoid the following combination. 18. RxP

After 18. RxP



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18. BYBNE

18. BYB

Of course not 18. PxR; 19. KtxPch, winning the Q. If Black now plays passively, he will probably lose because of his inferior position, for now the material is even. Hence the text allowing a second sacrifice may be his best chance for survival.

19. RxP ch KtxR 20. Kt-Q6 ch PxKt Not 20. K-Kt2 (or Bi or Ktl); 21. KtxQ, BxR; 22. KtxP, etc.

21. QxKtch K-Kl 23. Q-R7 ch

22. QxRch K-Q2 With this check White's winning chances drift away. Evidently White hoped to the proven to be quite defensible, More promising is 23. QxQch, etc. remaining a P ahead.

23. Kt-K2 26. K-Kt1 PxP

24. KxB Kt-K2 26. K-Kt1 PxP

24. KxB Gx-K5ch

Even in the endgame development is important. If 27. QxEP; 28. BxKt and 29. QxP.

28. R-R1 QxKP 30. QxP Q-K5

29. BxKt RxB 31. QxQ

Forced because of the threat of 31. Rx2

31. MxQ

Even membering the basic rule of end-

29, BXN | RXB | RX

This is one of those rare positions where it is not bad to block one of the

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DR. M. G. STURM M. W. LUBBERT, JR.
1. P.K4 P.K3 S. KI-KB3 G-K13
2. P.Q4 P-Q4 6. B-K2 P.P.
3. P.K5 P-Q84 7. P.P. KKI-K2?
4. P.Q63 KI-Q85 KI-Q85 E.E.
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tournaments, CCLA(USA) Special at BPCC Premier respectively. 14. 0-0 B-X2 17. PxP e.p. Bx1 15. B-Q3 B-Q2 18. P-Kf5 16. P-B4 P-B4 Decision. Black could resign now. 18. B-Q1 22. K-R1 Kf-19. Q-R5 P-R3 23. R-Kftch K-20. PxP Kr-K2 24. BxK B-K7 12. PxP KxP 17. PxB; 25. R-Kti ch 25. Q-Kf5ch K-B2 26. Q-Kf7 mate

SICILIAN DEFENSE Colorado Open Championship Denver, 1952 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

Notes by Erich W. Marchand White Black
A. LUDWIG
1, P-K4 P-QB4 5, KtxP Kt-KB3
2, Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5, Kt-QB3 P-KK13
3, P-Q4 P-XP 6, P-KB3
1n conjunction with 0-0-0 and P-KK14
this can be rather dangerous for Black
as Weaver Adams has frequently demonstrated. Another strong line is 6, P-KB4
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8. Q-Q2 Kt-QB3 16. F-RR4 28-Q2
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Had White looked deoper he might have answered with 14. BxB. It may be noted that almost invariably in the Dragon or the "modern" variations of the Sieillan, Black's KB is the cornerstone of his counier-attack,

FRENCH DEFENSE Correspondence Game 1952

Notes by O. A. Lester

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White
O. A. LESTER
C. L. IVOK
I. P.K4 P.K3 3. K1-QB3 B-KI5
2. P.Q4 P.Q4
Cecil Purdy, the Australian champion and editor of one of the world's finest chess periodicals, "Chess World," has recently been trying to rovive the Rubinstein line i3. P.XP) with the aiad of Ia Lados Steiner move, 4. B-K2!
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All Lados Steiner move, 6. B-K2!
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All Lados Black Steiner move, 6. Bl

seems almost obligatory.

11. P.KRS

Permanently paralyzing the Black KR and threatening the nasty P.Bd.

11. — P.KR3 12. Kt.B3 Kt.Bd.

12. — Q.Rd; 13. K.Q2, QxP comes for Black. The P.grabbing expedition 12. — Q.Rd; 13. K.Q2, QxP comes to grief after 14. Brkft; QxR; 15. B-B6, B.R2; 16. B-Q3!

13. Q.Bd. Q.Rd 14. K.Q2 B-Q2

The position has changed but the P is still forbidden fruit. E.g., 14. — QxP; 15. P.Ktd, KKL-K2; 16. Brkft; QxR; 17. BQ3!, QxR; 18. B-Ktd, P.RB; 19. PxP and there is no longer any doubt as to who got the best of the opening.

15. P.KM KKI-K2 16. B-R3

After 16. B-R3

16. K-B12

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White is pand the Black R and the Black R stay and see the fun.

17. KR-KK11

"Boot, saddle, to horse, and away"
What a moment for Hopalong Cassidy:
18. P-K15
PXP
19. KIXP
Land it! Why not 19. ..., Kt-B4 so I coul dsend the gallery into ecstasies by playing 20. KKBP!, KKK1: 21. RXP
ch!, K-K1 (if 21. ..., K-KR, White mates in two); 22. B-KK, P-KB; 32. P-K6, BXP; in two); 22. B-KK, P-KB; 32. P-K6, BXP; in two; 23. B-KK, P-KB; 32. P-K6, BXP; in two; 24. B-KB, BXP; in two; 25. B-KB, BXP; in two; 26. B-KB, BXP; in two; 25. B-KB, BXP; in tw KI; 24, BxP.
22, BxK; PxB 24, R-K1 Q-K13
23, P-K6 BxKP
24, R-K1 Q-K13
23, P-K6 BxKP
23, P-K6 BxKP
24, R-K1 Q-K13
25, Q-K1 Q-K14
25, Q-K1 Resigns
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Flint (Mich.) Chess Group saw LaVerne Morgan capture the 1952 club championship with 15-1 in a nine player double round robin event, drawing twice with Edward Muller. Preston Higley was sec-ond with II-5, losing twice to Morgan and once each to Edward Muller and John Davis. John Reddy placed third with 19-6.

Ingelwood (Calif.) Chess Club's championship went to Hans Zander with 12½-2½ in 16 player round robin. Zander lost to John Metzler and drew with Charles Kodil, Tom Goebel and Neal Morrison. Abe Freeman was second with 12-3, while John Metzler placed third with 11-4 on S-B points. George Laudenbach, Charles Kodil and George Junod with 11-4 each were fourth to sixth.

Solutions:

White to Play and Win White to Play and Win
Position No. 99: 1. P.Kt6!, PxP (if
1. ——, P.R3; 2. P.R3; P.R4; 3. P.R4;
2. P.R4, P.Kt1; 3. BPxP! P.B5; 4. K.B3,
P.Kt3; 5. P.R3 and wins.
Position No. 100: 1. P.K7, QxP; 2. Kt
Ktdch, K.Kt2 (otherwise Kt forks K and
Q); 3. B-Kt2ch, K.B1; 4. B-R3ch, etc. If
1. ——, Q-Q3 cch; 2. KtK5 cch and 3.
P.K3(Q).

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