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KOTOV LEADS INTERZONAL

AN INVESTMENT IN CHESS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the USCF is an investment in chess and an investment for chess. It indicates that its proud holder believes in chess as a cause worthy of support, not merely in words but also in deeds. For while chess may be a poor man's game in the sense that it does not need or require expensive equipment for playing or lavish surroundings to add enjoyment to the game, yet the promotion of organized chess for the general development of the game always requires funds. Tournaments cannot be staged without money, teams sent to international matches without funds, collegiate, scholastic and playground chess encouraged without the adequate means of supplying advice, instruction and encouragement.

In the past these funds have largely been supplied through the generosity of a few enthusiastic patrons of the game—but no game remains healthy and thriving that must rest on the patronage of a few, however generous and willing these may be.

The opportunity now arises, and for a short time will exist, for the less wealthy but equally enthusiastic believer in chess to invest in chess by becoming a Life Member of the USCF. He need not underwrite the expenses of a team tour in Europe, but may achieve the same end more modestly by becoming a Life Member and contributing his part in making chess promotion less dependent upon the generosity of a few

This investment in chess is not for an empty title that may carry a certain prestige, but is more definitely an expression of belief in chess and a belief in the program of the United States Chess Federation for promoting chess in these United States. Nor is the title empty, for it bears many prerogatives, including an absence thereafter of all membership dues and subscription fees to CHESS LIFE. Beyond that, it indicates to the chess playing world that the Life Member was willing to back his own judgment in declaring that chess was worthy of support and fulfilled a definite and creative function in this troubled world in which we live.

Montgomery Major

(Reprinted by request from CHESS LIFE, November 5, 1950.)

FIDE CONGRESS APPROVES LAWS

At long last the question of a new International Chess Code has been settled with a version, revised by a committee of FIDE President Rogard, Berman, Golombek and Wade, receiving final revision by the Assembly which adopted the modified text. A permanent committee, consisting of President Rogard, Berman, Golombek, Wade and Opocensky, has been appointed to consider all disputes that may arise from interpretation of the text, publish emendations as needed, and approve the translations into various languages from the original French text. There remains the arduous task of making an official translation into English, before the new Laws of Chess will be available for use in the USA.

Titles of International Grandmaster were awarded to E. Elis-kases (Argentina), E. Geller (USSR) and H. Pilnik (Argentina). Titles of International Master were conferred on O. Parda (Norway), R. Byrne (USA), J. H. Donner (Holland), M. Christoffel (Switzerland), L. Evans (USA), A. Fuderer (Yugoslavia), O. Kivila (Finland), Z. Milev (Bulgaria), K. Ojanen (Finland), T. Petrosian (USSR), and H. Porath (Israel).

Recognized as International Judges were Dr. J. Bajec (Yugoslavia), Dr. O. S. Bernstein (France), P. Biscay (France), R. de Monte Corto (Spain), G. Ferrantes (Italy), E. Heilimo (Finland), M. Kantardjiev (Belgium), Mme. le Bey-Tailis (France), P. Lihtonen (Finland), J. Louma (Czechoslovakia), E. Malcu (Roumania), H. Meek (England), H. Meyer (Switzerland), O. Nedeljko-vc (Yugoslavia), Sid George Thom-as (England), and V. Vukovic (Yugoslavia).

The Albanian Chess Federation was accepted as a new member of FIDE, and the offer of the Danish Chess Federation to hold the Junior World Championship in Copenhagen in July, 1953 was accepted.

Both Brazil and Argentina offered to stage the International Team Tournament in 1954, both agreeing to pay all traveling costs of the competitors from a port in Europe to South America and back. After discussion the offer of the Argentina Chess Federation was accepted and the Team Tournament is scheduled for Buenos Aires in March, 1954.

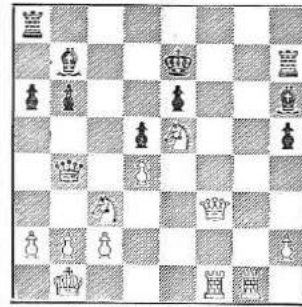
TURNER TAKES WASHINGTON OPEN

Don Turner of Portland, Ore. swept to victory in the Washington State Open at Seattle with 5½-½, drawing one game with former State Champion Leonard Sheets. Second place in the 16 player Swiss went to Russ Vellias of Seattle, while third to fifth with equal 4-2 scores on S-B. points were O.W. Manney, Ivars Dahlberg and Charles Ballantine. Vellias lost his game to Turner.

CANADA EYES RATING SYSTEM

Success of the USCF National Rating System has impressed our Northern neighbors who have played in various USCF rated events. According to "Canadian Chess Chat" the Chess Federation of Canada has appointed a committee to study the project of a Canadian Rating System. Philip G. Haley, King Edward Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta, has been appointed chairman.

Position No. 91
Euwe vs. Flohr
Caribad, 1932



f7, h2k2r, pp2p2b, 3pS2b,
1q1P4, 2S2Q2, PPP4P, HKRR1
White to play and win

Position No. 92
Kit Crittenden vs.
Wm. C. Adickes, Jr.
Asheville, 1948



rh2Q2, pp1k3, 3pb4, 3p2B1,
1q1P4, 2P, P1P2P1, 4R1K1
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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BOTH positions are solved by the same move. In Position No. 91, Black resigned after White's first move. In the second position, Black resigned after White's third move.

Solutions to Positions No. 89 and 90 were accidentally omitted from the previous issue and are now included with solutions to the positions above.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

AIRMAN SMITH WINS MAJOR OPEN

K. R. Smith, formerly of Texas and now in the AAF in England, won the British Major Open 8½-1½. Second place went to S. Milan with 8-2, while tied for third with 7½-2½ each were J. B. Goodman, K. L. Gardner, and J. Ansell.

Concurrently R. G. Wade of New Zealand won the British Championship with 8-3, while six players scored 7-4, with R. F. Boxall and A. Phillips tied for second on S-B points.

ANDERSON TOPS NO DAKOTA MEET

Gordon Anderson, 25 year old war veteran, won the North Dakota State title in the twelve player Swiss event at Grand Forks by 4½-½, drawing his final game with defending State Champion Louis Waag. Second and third on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were Leonard Graetz and George H. Hawkes, while W. H. Pico was fourth with 3-2 and former Champion Wagg fifth with 2½-2½. USCF Director D.C. Macdonald directed the event which was a 100% USCF rated tournament.

BAIN, KARFF SET FOR MOSCOW TRIP

Official invitation from the Soviet Chess Federation has been received for U.S. Women's Champion Mary Bain and former U.S. Women's Champion N. May Karff to participate in the Second Women's World Championship Tournament at Moscow, which begins on October 20th and is conducted under the auspices of FIDE. Travel expenses of the two American representatives will be borne by the Soviet Chess Federation under the terms of the tournament, but each player will be responsible for her own incidental expenses.

HYDE PARK CLUB PRINTS COLUMN

In an effort to publicize chess in the Chicago area and also to pave the way for a bonafide chess column, the Hyde Park Chess Club has been publishing a small chess column in the Chicago Daily News in the form of a paid advertisement. It was the Chicago Daily News that some thirty years ago ran a very well composed chess column as a regular feature, edited for a time by Dr. Edward Lasker. Chicago's more recent column, the well-edited feature by USCF Past President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., was short-lived—a casualty to the failure of the Chicago Sun as an independent newspaper.

ROCHESTER YMCA TEACHES CHESS

Among the courses offered in the Fall season by the Rochester (N.Y.) YMCA are two courses on chess, one for beginners and one for advanced players. Both will be taught by CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand, who conducted similar classes in chess in 1951-52. The classes will be held at the Central YMCA on Wednesday evenings.

BAUER DEFEATS POLIO HANDICAP

Richard Bauer, a polio victim since 1949, became a student of chess a year ago. Now, in his first tournament, he won the B Class event in the Buffalo City Championship by an 8-1 score, playing from an iron-lung and following the game by watching the board in a mirror.

On his 20th birthday, Bauer will receive a visit from Samuel Reshevsky, who is giving an exhibition in Buffalo, and will play the brave young chess fan a friendly game.

SOVIET PLAYERS STILL TOP FIELD

After fourteen rounds, the Soviet representatives still crowd together at the top in the Interzonal event at Saltsjobaden.

1. Alexander Kotov (Russia)	12-1
2. E. Geller (Russia)	9-3
3. T. Petrosian (Russia)	9-4
4. S. Talmanov (Russia)	9-4
5. Laszlo Szabo (Hungary)	8-4
6. Gideon Stahlberg (Sweden)	8-5
7. Y. Auerbach (Russia)	8-6
8. Svetozar Gligoric (Yugo)	7-4
9. Luděk Pachman (Czecho)	7-7
10. Zheir Elis-kases (Argentina)	6-4
11. W. Unzicker (W. Germany)	6-6
12. G. Barcza (Hungary)	6-7
13. H. Steiner (USA)	6-7
14. L. A. Sanchez (Columbia)	6-8
15. Herman Filnik (Argentina)	5-7
16. A. Matanovic (Yugoslavia)	5-8
17. Costa Stoltz (Sweden)	5-8
18. R. G. Wade (New Zealand)	4-9
19. Harry Golombek (England)	3-10
20. Fovilas Vaitonis (Canada)	3-10
21. L. Prins (Netherlands)	2-10

ALMGREN TOPS CALIFORNIA OPEN

Sven Almgren of Los Angeles won the California Open Championship at Santa Barbara 6-1 in 40 player event, drawing with runner-up Pete Velliotos and C. M. Capps.

Second to sixth on S-B points with equal 5-2 scores were Pete Velliotos, P. D. Smith, Steve Smale, March Eucher, and M. Gordon.

Almgren, who held the lead steadily from the fourth round on, clinched the title with an early draw in the final round, but the fight for second place was an exciting finish with the game between Smith and Eucher delaying the awarding of prizes. The final result of a draw gave second place to Velliotos, who had already drawn with Almgren.

Strength of the event was displayed by the names of the players who could do no better than seventh to twelfth in this strong field.

REIN OUTPLAYS WOODPUSHERS

In the Washington State Woodpushers' Tourney, visitor Sheldon Rein from Minneapolis outscored the local talent with 4-0 for first place. Second place went to Jack Nourse with 3-1. Tied for third with 3-1 and equal S-B points were Ted Warner, Ken Mulford and Floyd Hebert, while six, also with 3-1, was Craig MacPhee in the 16 player Swiss event at Seattle.

BARGIN OFFER!

On January 1st, 1953, the fee for becoming a Life Member of the USCF will be raised to \$100. Until that time you can take out a Life Membership for only \$50! As a Life Member you will be put on the mailing list to receive CHESS LIFE and will be entitled to the privileges of USCF membership for your entire lifetime. (However, until the fee is raised to \$100., it will not include free enrollment in State Association). Take advantage of this bargain offer now. Mail your check for \$50 to:—

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An Apology For Laggards

Quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus
—HORACE: De Arte Poetica

IF, as the Sabine wit suggest, even the worthy Homer sometimes nods,
we must therefore forgive the lapses of those most diligent and yet
unhonored beings—tournament directors.

Yet in forgiving them and offering an apology for their laggard
ways, we must natless rebuke them gently on behalf of the panting
contestants, whose hunger for more National Rating Points can only
be assuaged by the proper submission of detailed reports on the
tournaments these same nodding tournament directors conducted.

As the roll-call of the Labor Day events is read and checked,
we find the usual absentees failing to answer to the summons. The
list is shorter than in the past, but even if only one tournament report
were missing—that one report would be too many, for its absence de-
prives a number of players of ratings points earned honestly and
diligently through the agony that only tournament players can suffer
in the cause of chess.

As we scan the list, we find the following delinquents: California
State Open Championship, Virginia State Championship, New Jersey
Open Championship, South Carolina Open Championship, and Colorado
Open Championship. These are but five laggard from a list of sixteen
tournaments, of which the other eleven have filed prompt reports.
The increase in promptness and in number of reports filed is en-
couraging, showing indeed that Tournament Directors are becoming
aware of their responsibility to the players in the matter of ratings.
But even five absentee reports are five too many. We suggest that
players in these unreported events bend their efforts to seeing that
reports are filed before December 31st closes the filing date for events
in the latter half of 1952.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

SIMPLE CHESS. 3rd and final edition. By Weaver W. Adams. Dedham,
Mass. \$1.00.

LOG CABIN CHESS CLUB 1951 TOURNAMENT. Edited by A. N. Tow-
sen. Gamecraft Company, Box 242, GPO, N. Y. \$1.00.

THEORY AND PRACTICE?

THESE two photo-offset pieces arrived coincidentally, for the author
of Simple Chess is the winner of the 1951 Log Cabin championship.
Everybody knows Adams' theory that White should win, with best play
on both sides; and not a few famous masters have yielded to the author
if not to his idea. This final revision of his suggested lines offers 91
columns of analysis (64 for White, 27 for Black), many of them altered
from the earlier recommendations. It is a little strange to find 2. Kt-
KB3 marked ? in the Lopez, or 1. P-Q4? in the Queen's Gambit. But
within the competence of the reviewer, the lines played over look good
indeed. His opponents, however, have been grateful for Simple Chess
because Adams apparently plays his recommendations on principle. The
English (who praised him as perhaps the most pleasant American master
to visit their shores) walloped the daylight out of him, partly because,
as one of them said, they simply prepared against Adams' published
analysis.

The Log Cabiners fared otherwise. Mengarini, McCormick, Hearst,
and Burger, among others of the 11 in the 1951 tourney, saw Adams to
the top with a score of 7-3. Besides all available A section games, the
book includes a selection from previous tournaments and matches and a
history of the club under the aegis of E. Fory Laucks. The notation is
Continental, with figures of the pieces instead of symbols. Photographs
and drawings by Ted Miller enliven the text, which carries light an-
notations. The whole performance is one of the best jobs of inexpensive
publication this reviewer has seen.

THE BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE. Volume LXXI, January-December
1951. London: Isaac Pitman and Sons. 352 pages, numerous diagrams and
photographs.

THE bound-volume bargain counter is still open. Today's feature of-
fers 266 games, 158 problems, 65 endings, not to mention analytical
articles like Marchisotti's "Innovations in the Openings during 1949."

complete game scores of the Hastings and Staunton tournaments (the
latter carried in the index but omitted from the review copy), and
other chess sundries. Subscribers to the venerable BCM can attest its
coverage of English events; and for English-speaking players it is one
of the two best sources for Continental games and news. Golombek,
formerly British champion, conducts the games department; T. R.
Dawson, surely the world's foremost problem editor, handled the
problems until his retirement (February issue); his successor, S. Sedg-
wick, continues in the Dawson tradition; Richard Guy manages the
endings. News, obituaries, and brief book reviews (27 of these) appear
in each issue. Fourteen pages of index (games, openings matches and
tournaments, etc.) enhance greatly the use and pleasure of the book.

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

LAST March the New York chess
world gave a warm greeting to
Nicholas Rossolimo, French
champion and master, and happily
viewed his emigration to the U.S.
as an important factor in our fu-
ture chess strength. But now such
hopes will not be fulfilled, for the
friendly ex-Parisian, discouraged
by personal misfortune (both his
parents, Greenwich Villagers since
the 1920's, have passed away since
his arrival) and by the difficulties
here supporting his family for the
most part as a chess professional,
is leaving for his European home-
land shortly.

Rossolimo really made a great
bit with the N.Y. chess fans both
by his genial attitude and his will-
ingness to play with almost anyone.
Many are the chess acquaintances
of ours who have told us of their
games with him; it seemed that
all one had to do was to be present
at the New York Academy of Chess
on a Saturday night and a game
with the Frenchman was no trouble
at all to arrange! Just recently
Manhattan C.C. members were en-
tertained by an eight-board clock
simultaneous exhibition by Rosso-
lino—an evening which served
a double function of a farewell
party and a display of chess ability.
The Frenchman performed admir-
ably, winning seven and dropping
only one—to former U.S. Women's
Champion, Mrs. G. K. Gresser. Per-
haps that night was the occasion
of Rossolimo's last major chess
event in the U.S. for many years
to come; at any rate, "France's
regain is our loss."

IN BRIEF: Qualifiers from the
prelims to the Marshall C.C. finals
include J. Richman, E. Mendis,
P. Miller, M. DeLieto, P. Brandtis,
the five others, still undecided, will
probably be H. Eckstrom, C. Pil-
nick, J. Foster, A. Kaufman, and
either C. Hillinger or J. T. West-
brock. These ten join the seeded
players in the finals due to begin
shortly; it is doubtful if last year's
champion, E. Hearst, will be able
to defend the title due to pressure
of his college work. . . . Arthur
Feurstein (8½-1½) leads Harold
Feldheim (7½-2½) with one round
to go in the Marshall C.C. Junior
Tourney. . . . Brooklyn C.C.
has inaugurated a cumulative rapid
transit tourney where scores carry
over from week to week and peri-
odic prizes are awarded. More
about this unique event later
. . . . Mrs. Mary Bain left by
plane for Moscow Sunday, October
12, to compete in the World Wo-
men's Championship. Mrs. Bain,
present U.S. Women's titleholder
will be joined by Miss N. May
Karff there and both these Amer-
icans are well prepared to make
a valiant attempt to stem the
Russian tide!

BUFFALO CLUB LISTS PHONE

Acting on the suggestion of mem-
ber Carl E. Diesen (whose letter on
the subject was published in
CHESS LIFE), the Queen City
Chess Club of Buffalo has made
it easy for visiting chess players to
find it by listing the club phone as
"Chess Club, Queen City" in the
alphabetical section of the tele-
phone directory and again under
clubs in the classified directory as
"Chess Club, Queen City". The
cost of the listings aggregated \$1.10
in all. Other clubs might note.

RATING FEES

Effective January 1, 1953, the
charge for publication of the
semi-annual rating of players
who are not members of the
USCF will be \$1.00 for each
semi-annual listing.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Contemporary American Composers - - 2

KENNETH S. HOWARD

KENNETH S. Howard requires no introduction to anyone who has
been following American chess problem columns for any length
of time. Not only has he been a composer for nearly half a century, but
he has been prominent as editor, tourney judge, and author of books on
problem composition and solving.

Born on April 12, 1882, in LeRoy, New York, he is a graduate of
the University of Rochester and has spent a large part of his life in
advertising and sales promotional work. Quoting from Alain White's
account of him in *A Sketchbook of American Chess Problemists* (Stam-
ford, 1942), he "has made upwards of a thousand problems, and an in-
teresting thing about them is that in many one feels something of the
advertising spirit. Howard is, indeed, in the best sense, a promoter of
problems. . . . His themes are presented with the crispness of a slogan,
and insensibly one finds in his attractive positions the lure to follow his
leadership and explore more deeply the products of his skill." The four
problems below, which have been specially selected by Mr. Howard,
bear out these remarks.

Among his many activities, he has served as problem editor of the
American Chess Bulletin (1935-1949), performed similar functions for
Chess Review, and has been the author of two expository books on the
problem art, *The Enjoyment of Chess Problems* (Philadelphia, 1943, 1957)
and *How to Solve Chess Problems* (Philadelphia, 1945). Still very active
in the field at the age of 70, he is now completing the manuscript of a
new book on two-movers.

Problem No. 371
By Kenneth S. Howard
"The Western Morning News and
Mercury,"
1931
Black: 11 men



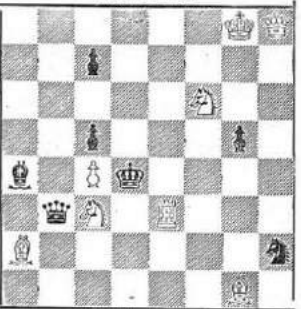
White: 9 men
B3K3, G4p, B, S34, I1P1KpP1,
R2p1P1, 2bb, 1qS33
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 373
By Kenneth S. Howard
"Grand Rapids Herald,"
1933
Black: 12 men



White: 7 men
16S2, I1P2S1, 1r1p1,
1r5p, 1n2P1p1, 1R4S1, 4pk2, 6RK
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 372
By Kenneth S. Howard
"American Chess Bulletin,"
1939
Black: 7 men



White: 8 men
6KQ, 2p5, S22, 2p3p1,
b1Pk4, 1qS1R3, 1qS6B1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 374
By Kenneth S. Howard
V., "British Chess Magazine,"
1944
Black: 11 men



White: 9 men
1B1S1Q, 4p5, 1b5p2r1,
R2Bpp2, q2k4, 2R3S5, 3P3K, 8
White mates in two moves

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

WASHINGTON STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Seattle, 1952

Player	W16	W10	D6	W2	W3	W4	5½-1	19.50
1. Don Turner (Portland, Ore.)	W12	W11	W3	L1	W6	W7	5-1	20.50
2. R. Vellias (Seattle, Wash.)	W7	W5	L2	W6	L1	W8	4-2	24.00
3. O. W. Manney (Seattle)	W9	W13	W10	W5	L1	4-2	20.50	
4. Ivars Dahlberg (Portland, Ore.)	W9	L3	W15	W12	L4	W10	4-2	17.00
5. Charles Ballantine (Seattle)	W4	W13	D1	L3	L2	W11	3½-3	23.00
6. Leonard Sheets (Seattle)	L3	W8	L12	W13	W11	L2	3-3	18.50
7. John Nourse (Port Blakely)	L10	L7	W16	W14	W12	L3	3-3	14.00
8. Dan Wade (Seattle)	L3	L4	L14	W16	W13	W15	3-3	14.00
9. Gerald Schain (Seattle)	2½-3½	(21.00)						
10. Ted Warner (Seattle)	2-4	(17.50)						
11. Oliver LaFreniere (Yakima)	2-4	(13.00)						
12. Ken Mulford (Seattle)	2-4	(13.00)						
13. William Hoge (Yakima)	2-4	(17.00)						
14. Ted Davidson (Seattle)	1-5½	(17.00)						
15. Rod Dimoff (Seattle)	1-5½	(17.00)						
16. Ken Borski (Seattle)	1-5½	(17.00)						

Chess For The Tired Business Man

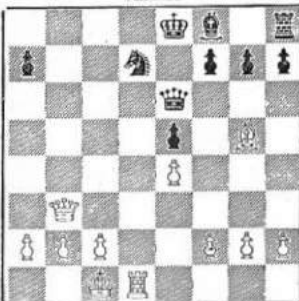
By Fred Reinfeld

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CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS

IN RECENT YEARS we have had a great many fine books on chess, dealing with almost every conceivable aspect of the game. Yet these books have neglected what is after all the primary object of a game of chess: the actual process of checkmating your opponent's King. The purpose of this book is to instruct you, the reader, in all the many ways of achieving checkmate.

Diagram 71
White moves
ALLIES



MORPHY
Paris, 1858

Diagram 72
White moves
BARDELBEN



SCHLECHTER
Prague, 1908

House during an intermission in mate. Conclusion of the famous game played at the Paris Opera 71. 1. Q-Kt8 ch, K-Kx2; 2. R-Q8 mate. Schlechter was a problem

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CHESS LIFE Advertising	9.72	
Contributions	8.00	
Rating Fees	23.00	
Miscellaneous (Tampa Open Entry Fee)*	10.00	\$ 974.90
Trust Funds:		
Contributions to Promotional Fund	\$ 335.00	
British Chess Magazine, Chess World	21.93	
Refunds due N.C.C.P. Affiliates	4.00	360.93
Total Receipts		\$1,335.83
DISBURSEMENTS		
Telephone	\$ 3.68	
Bank Service Charges	1.42	
Miscellaneous (Tampa Open Entry Fee)*	10.00	
Total Disbursement	15.10	1,320.73
Balance on Hand, September 30, 1952		\$1,536.87
Disposition of Funds:		
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October 8, 1952

W. M. BYLAND,
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Plainfield (N. J.) Chess Club title went to I. Romanenko who scored 10½-½, drawing with F. Dulicai. J. Biach was second with 9-2, losing to Romanenko and J. Krueger, while Krueger and J. Mager shared third with 8½-2½ each.

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- MONTGOMERY MAJOR,
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With The Chess Clubs

Cleveland Chess Association elected E. Mehwald president, H. Wieser first vice-president, J. L. Punol second vice-president, H. Miller treasurer, and Norda Troy secretary. The new editor of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin is John Spanur, who has conducted the problem feature for many months. Subscriptions to the Cleveland Bulletin, one of the best local chess publications is \$2 and may be sent to Joseph Bakies, 3115 Coluburn Ave., Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Germantown YMCA (Philadelphia) Chess Club bested the Lancaster Red Roses 5-4 in a hard-fought battle at Lancaster. R. Sobel, Mrs. Selensky, G. Raich, L. Divac and P. Snyder scored for Germantown while D. Kemble, T. Eckenrode, M. Fuhrman, and J. Sube tallied for the Red Roses.

Austin Chess & Checker Club (Chicago) elected Ed. Burger president, Fred Haubold vice-president in charge of chess, Dr. A.J. Hunter vice-president in charge of checkers, Charles Brokaski treasurer, and Chas. Filipsek secretary. The club meets at Austin Town Hall, Lake and Sentral Ave., on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Downtown Y Chess Club (Pittsburgh) elected Bill Wallory president, David Hamburger first vice-president, Glen Waltz second vice-president, Bill Hamilton treasurer, and Bill Byland secretary. Bernard Berger become editor of the club publication "En Passant."

Rochester (N.Y.) Chess Club Championship ended in a 6½-½ tie between defending club champion Dr. Max Herzberger and Rochester city champion Erich Marchand. The two contenders drew their encounter and plan a four-game playoff. Third place went to Vincent Weig with 5-2, while Allan Candee was fourth with 3½-3½.

Alexandria (La.) outpointed Natchitoches 8-4 with Glenn Headrick, Phil Hernandez and Clyde Calvert scoring double victories for Alexandria, while Dale Headrick and Howard Alexander tallied once each. For Natchitoches R. B. Williams scored twice, while Eugene Watson and Carroll Fernbaugh salvaged single points.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club suffered an 8½-2½ defeat in a match with the Toronto Chess Club. Scoring for Queen City were G. Mauer, V. Gable while G. Chase drew. Points for Toronto were won by F. Anderson, R. Siemms, N. Lidacis, M. Glassberg, J. Despard, C. Crompton, N. Kaldveer, H. Herbst while M. Kuttis had the draw.

Baton Rouge (La.) Chess Club bested New Orleans 9½-5½ in a recent encounter. Abbott and Small scored a double win for Baton Rouge while Claitor, Dornier, Patrick, Van Valkenburg, Hunter tallied single victories, and Lee a draw. For New Orleans Willis scored 1½, while di Paula, McAuley, Roscher and Fitzgerald salvaged single points.

Hyde Park (Chicago) Chess Club introduced the Latvian expert Eric Gutmanis to Chicago in a simultaneous exhibition in which Gutmanis won 7, drew 2 and lost 5 games. Winning against the Latvian expert were Arthur Levin, Hugh Wheeler, Benjamin Greenstein, Richard Greenbaum, Robert Bishop. Draws were obtained by Barry Herzberg and M. A. Fisher.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club scored a surprise draw at Waukegan against the supposedly stronger Waukegan (Ill.) Chess Club. For Racine, Art Domsy, H. C. Zierke, E. H. Poetschke and Walter Teubner tallied the points, while Chick Hunt, Hans Josephsen, Joe Josephsen and Bev Butts scored for Waukegan. Dan Clark of Racine split the point with Joe Henderson.

Allentown YMCA Chess Club defeated Germantown (Philadelphia) YMCA Chess Club 7½-4½ at the Jewish Community Center in Allentown. Scoring for Allentown were Ziegler, Young, Lynch, Mack, Rockel and Gebhard while Gutekunst, Sherr and Faust drew. For Germantown Arkless, Mrs. Selensky, Smith won their games, while Lubar, Long and Guilio drew.

Lithuanian Chess Club (So. Boston) defeated Fort Devers (Mass.) Army chess team 3½-1½ in a friendly match. Winning for the Lithuanians were A. Keturakis, J. Starinkas, and P. Kontautas, while Sgt. Jack Cooney salvaged

Chess Life

Monday, October 20, 1952

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groessler



Send solutions to Position No. 103 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by November 20, 1952.

Solutions to Position No. 100
This position yields to several key moves, but the nicest is the surprise stroke of 1. R-K6! played by Dobias against Podgorny in the Czechoslovakian Master Tourney. Black answered 1. R-K1; 2. BxP! and Black resigned. Obviously if 1. PxR; 2. QxP ch, K-R1; 3. Q-R6 ch, K-K1; 4. B-R7 ch and mate to follow.

However, the less spectacular 1. Kt-K6 or 1. BxP are also sufficient to win and will be accepted as valid solutions. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), J. Barry (Detroit), F. Cabot III (Sturgeon Bay), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Charleston), F. Faucher (New Haven), D. Garver (Lake George), E. Goddard (St. Louis), R. Grande (Denver), A. R. Hartwig (Peoria), W. H. James (Fox Lake), C. Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), P. Klebe (New Haven), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), H. Kurrok (Des Plaines), K. Lay (Ripon), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), M. A. Michaels (Montreal), E. F. Miller (Ft. Worth), H. C. Underwood (Washington), F. J. Valvo (Guilderland Center), J. L. Weingart (Brooklyn), W. B. White (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

the point for Fort Devers. On first boards Kazys Merkis drew with Cpl. D. Hurst.

Germantown YMCA (Philadelphia) Chess Club saw former Illinois Champion J. Shaffer score 11 wins and 2 draws in a simultaneous exhibition at the Germantown club.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Mr. Eaton
I wish to thank you for taking the time to send me a postcard about your very tantalizing problem. It was pointed out to me even before that it will not do to play 6. P-Kt8(Q), since Black gets an easy draw. I tried making it a Bishop, but in the end I can be two pawns ahead, but even then without any win which I can make out, the situation reminding me of a story I read in CHESS.

The Bishop of London and the Bishop of Zanzibar were to address a missionary meeting in London. The sexton prepared for a small audience and was much surprised when a large crowd came. He forgot that the meeting would be a great draw because of bishops of opposite colors.

Well, I shall await the solution with interest, and I congratulate you on a most interesting brain-twister.

JULIUS S. WEINGART, M.D.
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Major:
Under the present method of breaking ties in tournaments, it seems rather unfair to the man who has had an opponent drop out before the end.
Normally, I believe, for tie-breaking purposes a player totals the plus scores of all his opponents if he beats them, and adds one-half their scores if he draws with them. Obviously, if one of his opponents drops out, there are several points that he does not get. For example,

in the 1951 New England Open, Weaver Adams tied with Walter Suesman. Adams beat two men who dropped out. Under the usual way of breaking ties, Suesman had the tie-break decided in his favor. His opponents played more games and he got more points.

I suggest a slight change in the method of breaking ties which will not affect the present scoring method if all games are played, and which only need be used in the event all games are not played. The only difference will be a fairer score for the man who has had an opponent drop out.

Stated simply, it amounts to this: To break a tie, obtain a player's total points as usual, but then divide by the number of games played by his opponents.

Thus we obtain a score based on the number of games played rather than based on the number of opponents. The fairness of this basis of figuring is immediately evident, especially to the man who has seen his opponents drop out of a tournament.

I don't know if this is anything new or not, but if it is of any help to the long-suffering tournament director, then he's welcome to it.

ERVIN E. UNDERWOOD
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:
In regard to Mr. Solkoff's letter in a recent issue, it seems to be quite obvious that losses, as well

as wins and draws, should be evaluated in a tie breaking system. A player should receive more credit (or less penalty) for losing to a high scoring opponent than for losing to a tail-end.

Until recently I was not acquainted with the Solkoff System, but, realizing the shortcomings of the S-B System, we have used a similar system for the last three years in order to break Swiss System ties in the Sacramento City Championship. This entailed adding plus scores for wins, together with one-half the net scores for draws, and subtracting the minus scores for losses.

That this is an intermediate step in the derivation of the Solkoff System can be shown mathematically. Both systems will rate the players in the same order, and will differ from each other by a term which depends on the number of rounds played and is therefore constant for any one tournament.

Both are more fair than the classical S-B System, but the Solkoff System is easier to apply, and has the advantage of not resulting in minus scores for the lower half players. Neither will break ties in a round robin, but the toss of a coin is as fair as any there.

I join Mr. Solkoff in the recommendation of his system.

NEIL T. AUSTIN
Sacramento, California

Monday, October 20, 1952

INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCHES
Helsinki, 1952
USCF Team Record Preliminaries

Table with 3 columns: Round, Team, and Score. Round One: Holland vs USA, Prins vs Evans, Donner vs Byrne, Cortiover vs Bisguier.

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Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 363 (Holladay): 1. B-B1. The try of 1. R-B5 is defeated by 1., RxB.

No. 364 (Holladay): 1. Kt-B8. "Nice indeed!"—Rev. Chidley.

No. 365 (Holladay): 1. Kt-P. "Quite a feat, and not easy to solve!"—Rev. Chidley. "Beautiful composition!"—M. A. Michaels.

No. 366 (Holladay): 1. B-B8, threat: 2. R-K4. If 1., R(1)-B4; 2. B-K7 ch. If 1., R(1)-B5; 2. Q-K7 ch. If 1., R(7)-B4; 2. B-K1 ch. If 1., R(7)-B5; 2. Q-K1 ch. The try 1. Q-K3 is defeated by 1., R-R1 ch.

SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers; additional credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e., solutions not intended by the composers. This tally covers solutions to problems in the September 20 issue received up to the time we went to press, on October 12. Names of solvers whose scores include the September 20 solutions are indicated with an asterisk.)

Table of solver names and scores for the ladder.

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Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

192 Seville Drive Rochester 17, N. Y.

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Exchanges are what he wants; the sooner the forces are reduced, the quicker the end. 31. B-K12 B-K3 33. R-R6 B-Q4 32. R-Q1 R-Q1 34. BxB RxB

Individual Records Prolim. Finals Total 1. Reshevsky 5-1 42-24 99-34 2. Evans 48-23 2-5 67-24

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED International Team Tournament Helsinki, 1952

Notes by John E. Howarth White D. BRONSTEIN (USSR) R. BYRNE (USA) 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

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61. KXR Kt-K6 65. K-K4 P-R3 62. RXP Kt-Q8ch Resigns 63. K-Q4 KtXR

FRENCH DEFENSE Simultaneous Exhibition Chicago, 1952

Notes by J. Mayer White L. EVANS P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15

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Annotations: K. Crittenden, H. E. Myers, Jr., J. N. Cotter, Dr. J. Platz, Dr. M. Horzberger, A. Powers, J. E. Howarth, F. Rainfeld, O. A. Lester, Jr., Dr. B. Rozsa, J. Mayer, A. E. Santasiere

GIUOCO PIANO California State Championship San Francisco, 1952

Table with 3 columns: White, Black, and Score. E. LEVIN P-K4 8. P-Q4 H. GROSS P-K4 8. P-Q4

Table with 3 columns: White, Black, and Score. 14. B-BK4! QxB 21. Q-B2 PXP 15. Kt-Q5 Q-Q3 22. Q-K4 R-Q1

The last round game which cost Gross undisputed first place.

For The Tournament-Minded

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Solutions: Finish It the Clever Way! Position No. 89: 1. R-K8 ch, RXR; 2. QxK1 ch, KR2; 3. R-B7 ch, Q-K3; 4. R-Q4 ch, R-K2; 5. QxR mate, H. I., KxR; 2. Q-K5 ch, Q-K3; 3. QxQ ch, K moves; 4. Q-K7 mate, H. I., K-R2; 2. Q-B5 ch, etc.

Position No. 90: 1., K-Q2; 2. K-K16, P-K15; 3. PXP, K-K3; 4. PXP, P-R4; 5. P-K16, PXP; 6. P-K15, P-K16; 7. P-K16, P-K17 wins.

Position No. 91: 1. P-QR3! Resigns. If 1., Q-Q3; 2. Q-B6 ch and 3. R-K8 ch, and mates; If 1., QxQ?; 2. Q-B6 ch, K-Q3; 3. Kt-B7 ch wins Q or mates; If 1., Q-R4; 2. P-QK4, QxRP; 3. KtXP ch wins Q.

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