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TRI-STATE ENDS IN DRAW

FELL CAPTURES LAKE ERIE OPEN

Chester T. Fell, Jr. of Buffalo became the first local winner of the Lake Erie Open (Glenn Hartleb of Erie in 1950, and Erich Marchand of Rochester in 1951) when he scored 5-1 in the 14 player Swiss, losing one game to James J. Barrett, local chess columnist. CHESS LIFE Games Editor Erich W. Marchand was second with 4½-1½, losing to Fell and drawing with Dr. Max Herzberger. Dr. Herzberger placed third with 4-2, losing to Fell and drawing with Marchand and Roy T. Black, Sr. Fourth to seventh on Solkoff points with 3½-2½ each were Albert E. Vossler, James J. Barrett, and Arthur Damon. The event was 100 per cent USCF rated.

Fell received custody of the new Richard E. Boyer Memorial Trophy, and the three top players all received permanent trophies. Formation of the Lake Erie Chess Ass'n, to perpetuate this event, came during the course of the tournament. Roy T. Black, Sr. became president, Dr. Max Herzberger vice-president, T. William Wilcock secretary, and Norman C. Wilder, Jr. treasurer.

The Lake Erie Speed Championship, held as the final feature of the meet, was won by Dr. S. Robert Frucella with 7¼-½, drawing with Erich W. Marchand who placed second with 6½-1½. Dr. Herzberger was third with 5-3.

WILLIAMS TOPS QUEBEC PROVINCE

Montreal City Champion J. Noel Williams added the Quebec Provincial title to his distinctions in a 22 player event at Montreal. Williams scored 5-1 and edged out runner-up Lionel Joyner on S-B points, although he lost the first round game to M. Baikovitz. Joyner lost no games but drew twice for a 5-1 score. Third to seventh on S-B points with equal 4-2 scores were Dr. J. Rauch, M. Baikovitz, P. Brunet, D. LeDain and I. Zalys with the last three tied in S-B points also.

WIENER TAKES SO. CAR. OPEN

M. Wiener of Washington, D. C. traveled to Columbia to take the South Carolina Open with 4½-½, drawing with runner-up R. Eastwood in semi-final round. Second to fourth on Solkoff points with equal 4-1 scores were R. Eastwood of Florida, A. Edelsburg of Columbia and former State Champion H. Mouzon of Charleston. Eastwood drew with Wiener and Mouzon, Edelsburg lost a game to R. Murphy, and Mouzon drew with Eastwood and T. E. Makens. The South Carolina title went to A. Edelsburg as ranking Carolinian with Mouzon as runner-up.

Twenty five players participated in the event which was quite representative of the South with players from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and the District of Columbia in addition to the local state talent.

WASHINGTON TOPS PHILADELPHIA

In a return intercity match at Aberdeen, Md., the Washington team again topped Philadelphia, by 27½-17½ with the top board left to adjudication and thus retained the Turover Trophy. Washington proved particularly strong on top boards, gaining 7 points on the first ten boards, even with the Avram-Sobel game undecided at board one. Stark, Mugridge, Wiener, Hesse, Mott, and Scheffer of Washington downed respectively Gutekunst, Young, Sherr, Simsak, Mordell, and Brickman. Romanenko and Whitaker drew with Sklaroff and Nowakiowski. Only Campomanes on board nine bowed to Lubar of Philadelphia. For the remainder of the boards the victories were more evenly divided, but the top board margin in itself was sufficient.

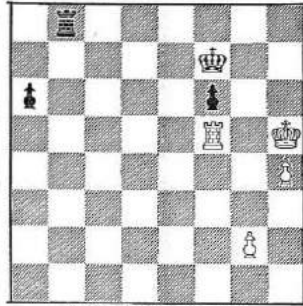
AVRAM VICTOR IN VIRGINIA

H. Avram won the Virginia State Open on S-B points with a 5½-1½ score, losing a game to C. B. Spencer and drawing with Wiener. M. Wiener, who placed second on S-B points with 5½-1½, lost no games but drew three games. C. B. Spencer was third with 5-2, losing one game to Chauvenet. Fourth and fifth on S-B points with 4½-2½ each in the 20 player Swiss were L. R. Chauvenet and A. Trahan, Jr.

NEWELL BANKS ROVING AGAIN

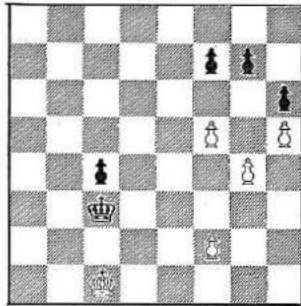
Most tireless among the performers in simultaneous exhibitions is Newell W. Banks of Detroit, who is ambidextrous, playing chess with one hand and checkers with the other. Returned recently from a tour of the West, Banks plans to depart Eastward through Pennsylvania, New York, and the New England states, touching on Canada in his return. The tour begins late in November, and interested clubs may contact Mr. Banks by writing him at 5076 Coplin Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.

Position No. 93
Nimzovitch vs. Tarrasch
San Sebastian, 1911



Black to play and win

Position No. 94
Ed. Lasker vs. Moll
1912



White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

Send all contributions for this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E., Washington 20, D. C.

THE two positions above are taken from the delightful "Fireside Book of Chess" by Irving Chernev and Fred Reinfeld. I am using this occasion to recommend this book as an ideal gift for the chessplayer, in case you are in doubt during the Christmas season, or subsequently. Here we see chess clearly as a cultural force producing wit, esthetic delight, and a certain nostalgic charm.

In Position No. 93, a four move combination decides. In the next position, White actually lost the game, but pointed out the win after the game was over.

For solutions please turn to Page two.

With The Chess Clubs

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club won its third straight intercity match (others were vs. Omaha 10-6 and Denver 7½-5½) by besting Wichita 8½-1½. Alexander Liepnieski of Lincoln drew with former Kansas Champion Jasper Stull on Bd. 1, Victor Pupils of Lincoln drew with John E. Brunet, and Robert Kalnins of Lincoln drew with John J. Albright. Lincoln victors were Joe Warner, Dr. Edgar Hinman, Julian Sobolevskis, Ernest Adminis, Peter Tumeck, Jim Weber, and David Moorman.

The Orange (N. J.) Chess Club defeated Elizabeth Chess Club 4-3 with E. McCormick, Fenichell and Edison scoring for Orange and Wolfson tallying for Elizabeth A. Wilner and A. Brown of Orange drew against Ault and E. Haug. One game was adjourned.

The Orange (N.J.) Chess Club tallied a 5½-2½ victory over Plainfield with C. Parmelee, E. T. McCormick, A. Wilner, A. Brown and Kusnetzkow scoring for Orange while Jackson and Dulicai salvaged points for Plainfield. Grodeck of Orange drew with Hauck.

Kansas University Chess Club met the Kansas City Chess Club in a 9 board match, scoring a 7½-1½ victory. KU winners were Jim Callis, Hugo Teufel, Don Johnson, Henry Georgi, Frank Tarr and Richard Brack, while Henry Horak, Leonard Brester and Edgar Marighugh drew.

Chess Club of the Oranges (N.J.) saw C. Parmelee capture the finals of the strong club championship 6-0, while Edgar T. McCormick placed second with 5-1 in a 7 player round robin which saw New Jersey State Champion E. Baker well down the list of also-rans.

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club elected W. S. Jones president, David T. Mitchell vice-president, and Mrs. Turner Nearing secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Nearing (who shares chess and stamps as hobbies) is becoming quite famous in philatelic circles for her "Chess Stamp" collection, which has collected many blue ribbons.

Chicago City Chess League Social Section, where chess is played for fun rather than blood, is under way with teams from Cabrini Chess Club, Muntz TV Chess Club, Stag Chess Club and Hyde Park Social Team.

Alexandria (La.) Chess Club played a 6-6 draw with Natchitoches in a double-round event. Alexander scored the double victory for Alexandria while Watson and Williams tallied twice for Natchitoches. Parker and Headrick won and drew for Alexandria, while Calvert of Alexandria broke even with Kenner of Natchitoches. Fernbaugh and Duffly salvaged half-points for Natchitoches.

Queen City Chess Club (Buffalo) has inaugurated a 3 page bulletin, edited by James J. Barrett, with Carl Diesen for problems, N. Wilder for games, and Nick Di Paolo as printer of the monthly issues.

GUZE IS SPEEDY IN MONTREAL

Max Guze displayed speed in the Montreal Speed Championship, winning the event 7-1 in a strong field, drawing with J. N. Williams and E. Viire, a newcomer from Estonia. Second place went to A. Garelick on S-B with 6-2, while H. Lidsky was third, also with 6-2.

ARCHIPOFF TIES DR. WERTHAMMER

The annual Tri-State encounter between champions and runners-up in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia this year ended in a tie between Ohio State Champion Tony Archipoff and West Virginia State Champion Dr. Siegfried Werthammer at 3½-1½ each. David Hamburger of Pittsburgh placed third with 3-2, while Pennsylvania State Champion D. McClellan and R. R. McCready of Cleveland shared fourth with 2½-2½.

In the 6 player round-robin at the Downtown Y Chess Club of Pittsburgh, Archipoff lost a game to Hamburger and drew with McClellan. Werthammer lost to Archipoff and drew with McCready.

The Junior Tri-State title went to Harold White of Avon Lake 6-0, while second place went to William Kiraly of Harrisburg. The new Junior Tri-State champion is son of Mrs. Willa White Owens, Ohio State Women's titlist.

In the Tri-State Open event which drew 32 players L. Lipking of Cleveland was first on S-B points with 4-1, drawing with S. Wachs and P. K. Dietz. Second and third on S-B, also with 4-1 scores, were R. Kause of Cleveland and P. Roth of Pittsburgh. Fourth to seventh on S-B with equal 3½-1½ scores were Saul Wachs, Mrs. S. R. Owens, P. L. Dietz, and D. Stauvers.

RUSSIANS LEAD WOMEN'S EVENT

At the twelfth round of the Women's World Championship Candidates' Tournament the Soviet players held grimly to the lead, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Bykova, 9½-1½, and Mrs. Valentina Bielova, 9-2. A third Soviet player, Olga Ignatievna held third with 7½-2½.

Still in striking distance was Edith Keller of East Germany with 7-4, Fannie Heemskerk of Holland with 6½-2½, and Olga Rubtsova of the USSR with 6½-3½.

Standings at the end of 12 rounds, with several adjourned games, were:

Elizabeth Bykova (USSR)	9½-1½
Valentina Bielova (USSR)	9-2
Olga Ignatievna (USSR)	7½-2½
Edith Keller (East Germany)	7-4
Fannie Heemskerk (Holland)	6½-2½
Olga Rubtsova (USSR)	6½-3½
Eileen Tranmer (England)	6-4
Katrina Zvorkina (USSR)	6-4
Jozse Laszros (Hungary)	6-6
Chau de Silans (France)	5½-6½
N. May Karff (United States)	5-7
Nina Beliska (Czechoslovakia)	3½-8
Rowena Bruce (England)	3-9
de Montero (Argentina)	3-9
Mary Bain (United States)	2½-9½
Salome Reischer (Austria)	1½-8½

Victor in the event will play a match with Ludmila Rudenko, titleholder, for the Woman's World Championship.

SANTASIERE PLANS EUROPEAN JAUNT

Volatile Tony Santasiere, chess player, painter, poet and musician, looks longingly to Italy in his plans for a European excursion on his sabbatical leave, beginning in February. The paint box will accompany the artist abroad, but Tony declares that art will be abandoned for chess (also an art in Tony's definition) whenever opportunity offers.

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The Press On Chess

READERS of Time Magazine were probably both surprised and gratified to discover in the October 20th issue a full page article about Samuel Reshevsky.

New York players were probably equally surprised, although possibly not altogether gratified, to read in the New York Times of November 2nd a commentary on the recent Interzonal Tournament at Salzburg-Jobaden entitled "Soviet Chess Feat."

The article on Reshevsky is not critical of chess conditions in the USA but contents itself with commenting on the fact that "the leading masters come from all walks of life and include a psychologist, a wholesale meat merchant, a chemist, an editor, a college student, a pharmacist and a soldier" continuing with the reflection that "when the police pounced on Willie Sutton, (one of the ten most wanted men by the FBI) they found in his hideout a recently published book How To Think Ahead In Chess. In this way some 8,000,000 U.S. Chess players learned that bank robber Sutton was a member of their fraternity."

The item in the Times is not as complacent on the subject but rather scores the apathy of American players, stating flatly: "As for the United States, we can only recognize that the inadequacy of our representation in Sweden recently (we had only one entrant when entitled to two—Editor) was the direct reflection of the fact that the interest in chess is infinitesimal compared with its status in the Soviet Union . . . The United States will make a better showing in international chess when our citizens realize more fully the importance of such competition in the struggle for international prestige and goodwill now going on throughout the world."

When even the general press begins to recognize our short-comings, it becomes high time for American chess players to stir out of their complacent inertia. 8,000,000 players should be able to do something constructive for chess, if they will only awake to their responsibilities and opportunities. But chess needs united action, not the inept and indolent slogan of "let George do it" that has become traditional in American chess circles.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

THE MIDDLE GAME IN CHESS. By Dr. Reuben Fine. New York: David McKay, vi. 442 pp.; 378 diags. \$7.50.

OWNERS of PCO and Basic Chess Endings may now step up and cough up. Seven-fifty is a stiff price for any book short of the unabridged dictionary, but the reviewer cannot imagine a serious chess-player by-passing this third element in a trilogy from one of the great chess minds of our time. The middle game cannot be so exquisitely codified as the endings, but the same hand at work in the earlier books appears here in the effort to standardize modes of analysis. There are 14 chapters, including 36 complete games and hundreds of positions. In addition to the 378 regular diagrams are the many fragments illustrating model situations.

Dr. Fine begins by pointing out that, in distinction to what may be done with theory in the openings and precise calculation in the endings, the approach to the middle game must be "through the analysis of positions as they occur." He describes and illustrates the elements of combinations, the mating attack, the combinative art. Then comes a breather in theory, consolidating the preceding examples: how to analyze a position. Next, how to proceed with a material advantage in the middle game and how to compensate for disadvantage. The chapters on superior pawn structures and superior mobility offer opportunity for the kind of breakdown learners like to see: double pawns, the minority attack, the open file, weak squares, the bad bishop. Others on attack and defense, on equal positions, on continuing the opening and on entering the end-game complete the text, which is rounded off by the usual and most welcome indexes.

The book demonstrates what its author asserts on the first page: "In the middle game our main concern must be with the ideas that are used to understand what goes on." His formula of questions in chapter five for analyzing a position becomes the framework for this kind of thinking.

In a given position we must ask about material, pawn formation, mobility, king safety, and threats or combinations. The rest of the book implements these questions in setting after setting, the great majority from actual games, some of them well-worn by now but still instructive. Underlying the whole book is the admitted truth of Teichman's (?) remark that chess is 99 per cent tactics. The several examples of Dr. Fine's own play interspersed here (losses as well as wins) will be especially welcome to admirers of his style. The price is very nearly prohibitive and without, it seems to this reviewer, much necessity; other chess books of about the same number of pages and diagrams are cheaper. A good book, even a great book, can be priced out of business. But those who do buy will not be disappointed in the contents, for with this Dr. Fine rounds out a most admirable survey of the game. He now has books on the fundamentals, the openings, the middle game, the ending; he has published collections and treasuries. The only omission in Grandmaster Fine's complete course at chess is a definitive edition of his own games, which the reviewer hopes is his next project.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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Contemporary American Composers—3

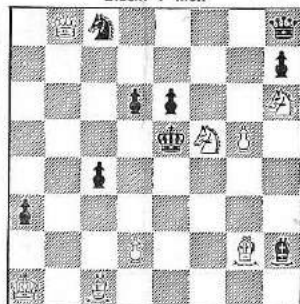
BURNEY M. MARSHALL

BORN on August 9, 1886, Burney M. Marshall, of Shreveport, La., began composing when he was eleven years old and has published about seven hundred problems. Throughout his life he has been a two-mover specialist, stressing clear-cut strategy with attractive mates and pointed keys. Nos. 379-81 are samples of some of his best work.

By profession Marshall has been a telegraph operator for the Kansas City Railway Company most of his life. Quoting from Alain White's description of him in *A Sketchbook of American Chess Problemists* (Stamford, Conn., 1942): "His job is to receive and deliver orders affecting the movements of trains, 'once a fascinating occupation,' he explains, 'but now reduced to mere routine by the devices of a machine age.' His hobbies, other than chess, are the movies and the radio. One can imagine what the coming of the radio must have meant to this telegraph-minded enthusiast. When the Westinghouse Electric Company put out their first 'peanut' sets in 1921, Marshall was swept off his feet by the new invention and for ten years he could think of nothing else in his leisure time except trying to keep up with every new development in the industry. Then in the depression he took up composition again . . . and the Marshall chess problem fans were delighted by his new and improved vintage of problems."

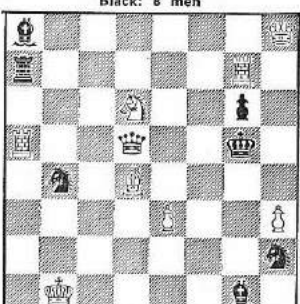
Marshall is a collector of problems and of problem lore as well, and furnished much of the background material that Alain White used in the *Sketchbook*.

Problem No. 379
By Burney M. Marshall
"British Chess Magazine,"
1918
Black: 9 men



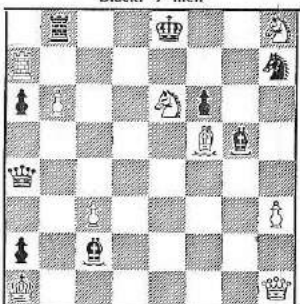
White: 8 men
1Qe4, 7p, 3pp2s, 4KSP1, 2p5, p7,
3P2b, K1B5
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 381
By Burney M. Marshall
"Atlanta Journal,"
1937
Black: 8 men



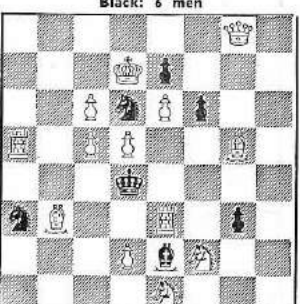
White: 8 men
d6Q, f5R1, 3S2p1, R2d2k1, 1s1B4,
4P2P, 7s, 1K4D1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 380
By Burney M. Marshall
"American Chess Bulletin,"
1918
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men
1r2k5, R6s, p125p2, 5B1b, q7, 2P4P,
p1h5, R6Q
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 382
By Z. M. Burnov
"Trud,"
1950
Black: 6 men



White: 13 men
6Q1, 3Kp3, 2P2P2, R1P2P1, 3k4,
sB2R1p1, 3P2S2, 4S3
White mates in three moves

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

Chess Paradox

Reti studies mathematics although he is not a dry mathematician; represents Vienna without being Viennese; was born in old Hungary yet he does not know Hungarian; speaks uncommonly rapidly only in order to act all the more maturely and deliberately; and will yet become the best chessplayer without, however, becoming world champion.

SAVIELLY TARTAKOVER: Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THE usual period of chess inactivity between the conclusion of the summer tournament schedule and the initiation of the metropolitan clubs' fall tourneys has ended and once again chess life in New York is building up momentum. One major club championship has already begun, with the other top contest set to start in a few weeks; there are numerous smaller club competitions under way and other secondary (only because the regular championship is held concurrently) events on tap at the two major clubs themselves.

The Manhattan C. C.'s "new administration" under secretary Hans Knoch has not only scheduled a sixteen-man club championship, but title events for B and C players as well — the first time in many years that powerful club has set up competition for its lesser luminaries; previously the Marshall C. C. was the only major club in town where the average player could get a chance to compete with his peers in serious contests. The opportunities now often speak well for the development of more experts in the future of New York chess!

Last year's club titlist George Kramer, who was inducted into the armed forces during the summer, will of course be unable to defend, as is similarly the case with the previous year's runner-up, Donald Byrne, who is continuing his studies at Michigan University. But it is expected that Arnold Denker, Max Pavey, Sidney Bernstein, Jack Moscovitz, Abe Turner, Albert Pinkus, Jack Soudakoff, and Joseph Platz will enter and these names, plus whatever other fine players the Manhattan Club will seed into the finals or qualify from preliminary groups, make for a formidable tournament. More about the competitors and their respective chances for the title shortly.

The Marshall C. C. tourney, embracing sixteen competitors also, is now two rounds old with A. E. Santasiere leading the way as a result of two straight victories, although his third round game with Carl Pilnick (played ahead of schedule) is considered hopeless at the adjournment. Pilnick, Jim Sherwin, and Edmar Mednis are in the group with 1-0 scores, while A. Kaufman and P. Brandts have totals of 1½-½. Obviously there are no indications as yet of the eventual winner and such players as J. Collins, J. F. Donovan, and F. Howard, previous prize-winners off to bad starts, may assert themselves shortly.

IN BRIEF: Carmine Nigro, 4-0, leads the Brooklyn C. C.'s annual championship . . . A Marshall "B" team defeated a Bronx-Westchester aggregation, 8-4 . . . Accompanying the popular Russian motion picture "The Grand Concert" at N. Y.'s Stanley Theater was a Soviet newsreel which included shots of the recent Budapest tourney in which world champ Botvinnik participated. Incidentally, are those rumors about the Russian star's health true? . . . It's been noted that it's the first time in a long time that both the metropolitan major club titlists are unable to defend their titles this year — George Kramer of Manhattan and E. Hearst of Marshall . . . Marshall C. C. Consolation Tourney, the winner of which gets seeded into next year's regular championship, and the annual club Junior tourney are under way.

Solutions:— Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 53: 1. . . . R-K4; 2. K-K4; R-R3; 3. K-R3, P-R4; 4. K-K4, P-B4 ch! and wins.
Position No. 94: 1. P-B6, P-P; 2. P-B4, K-Q5; 3. P-K5, B-P; 4. P-P, K-B3; 5. K-K2, P-B6; 7. K-P and wins, as Black is in zugzwang.

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BIRD-BENONI GAMBIT

Correspondence, 1952

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White Black
DR. M. G. STURM J. GIROD
(Trinidad) (Madrid)



GIROD

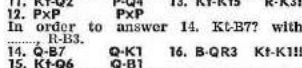
13. Kt-B6 ch BxB. Decisive. Next comes 14. BxB.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Interzonal Tournament, Saltsjodalen, 1952

Notes by J. N. Cotter

White Black
G. STOLZ A. KOTOV
(USDen) (USDen)



STOLZ

A problem-like finish to a hard-fought game. Mate can only be prevented by giving up the Q.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Interzonal Tournament, Saltsjodalen, 1952

Notes by Hugh Myers

White Black
H. STEINER E. ELISKASES
(USA) (Argentina)

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.)

In order to be able to continue the big push with 28. P-KR4. Now on 27. P-KR4? White wins a P with BxN and QxRP.

White is faced with an unpleasant decision. 29. BxKt? would weaken his light squares fatally while a temporizing move such as 29. Kt-Q2 would permit 29. P-K5 followed by either 30. P-KtP or 30. P-K5 with a terrible bind.

The first of a wonderful two-move combination which saves the day for Stolz. If instead 36. Q-Kt3 ch? simply K-R1 and White can resign in view of the impending K-RKt1.

Practically his only move, since BxP loses quickly to Kt-B5.

A very pretty conclusion to one of Steiner's best games. Black is forced either to give up his B by R-KKt5 or to allow 45. R-R6 ch! and the KtP will Queen.

It is clear now that White has the initiative. His pieces exert considerable pressure on both the Q-wing and center. The Black's pieces cannot find satisfactory squares.

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Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

5. Kt-K1. Black will set a better P center by P-KB3 and possibly P-Q3.

White and is therefore inferior. 20. Kt-B6 ch PxKt. A nice trap - if 21. QxKt7, Q-K4; 22. R-Q2, BxP1; 23. R-K1, B-B6!! and Black has the better of it.

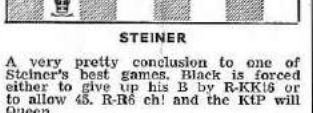
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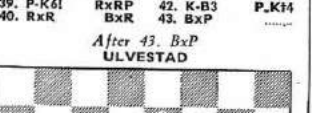
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42. KtB3; 43. PxB1, P-B6; 44. K-B4, P-B7; 45. R-B7, RXP ch; 46. K-K3, RxB1; 47. RxB1, P-K4 seems to win for Black.

White misses the chance his energetic defence has earned him. 46. K-B4! (suggested by A. J. Pink) draws. If 46. P-Q5; 47. K-K5, P-Q6; 48. K-B6, K-K4; 49. P-K6, K-Q1, 50. R-Q7 - and wins! But if 46. RXP ch; 47. K-Q3, R-B5; 49. RxB, PxB; 49. K-Q2, P-B7; 50. KXP draws.

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Solution to Position No. 102 In a position of this sort, White's problem is not how to win the game for he would have to handle badly to lose), but how to win quickly and neatly. In the game, Lunguuss-Skrbek, Correspondence, 1952 White solved this artistically with 1. P-B4 and Black resigned, for if 1. QxP! 2. Q-Q5 wins a piece.

Our solvers missed this gentle win by endeavoring to find something deep and dramatic in the position; and no one found the simple 1. P-B4. However, interestingly 1. Q-Kt2, 1. P-Q5, 1. KtR5, and 1. RxBt all win. With more difficulty the rude 1. RXP wins as well. All these solutions will be accorded equal scores, as our experiment was aimed seeing if any solver would find the quiet win. The solution offered by a few of 1. Q-B4, is one of the few that does not demand an immediate win for Black answers, not with 1. P-KR4, but with 1. KtXP, getting two Ps for the Kt and a much improved fighting position.

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