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## NEW JERSEY JOINS USCF

### Larry Evans On Chess



By  
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U. S. Open Champion, 1951-52  
U. S. Team Member, 1950, 1952



**EM. LASKER**  
**BIRD**  
Match, 1892  
Black to play and win.  
BxKt followed by 12. ...., BxKtP wins outright, R-Q5 ch; 12. K-K2, RxKt (Fini la guerre!); 13. RxR, B-K5 and wins. For if 14. R-Q8ch, K-B2 (the point of having made luft on move 8!); 15. R-KR8, BxP wins.

**E**MANUEL Lasker's combinations are fresh, sound, and profound. To me they are a source of everlasting pleasure.

1. ...., P-R6! (initiating a 13 move combination!); 2. BxP (Better is 2. P-K13, P-K16!); 3. PxKtP (Not 3. PxRP, Kt-B6), R-B8ch!; 4. K-K12, RxR; 5. KxR, P-R7; 6. R-Q1, Kt-Kt5 (threatening 7. ...., Kt-B7); 7. R-R1, B-B2!; 8. K-K12, P-B3! (The point of this move does not become apparent until Black's 12th move); 8. ...., R-KR1 will be met by 9. B-R4!; 9. K-B1, B-K13; 10. K-Q2, RxP!; 11. Kt-Q1 (if 11. KtxR,

### New Jersey Becomes Sixth State To Affiliate with USCF Under NCCP

By vote of the New Jersey State Chess Federation at its annual meeting, the NJSCF becomes the sixth State Association to affiliate with the U. S. Chess Federation under the National Coordination Chess Program. New Jersey follows the example of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee and Massachusetts in coordinating its program and membership with the USCF for the betterment of chess in the USA.

Effective January 1, 1953, all New Jersey players who become members of the USCF automatically become members of the NJSCF, while all members of that body will automatically be members of the USCF. The combined dues for both organizations will be \$5.00 and all such members will receive all USCF benefits, including CHESS LIFE.

Officers of the New Jersey State Chess Federation, elected at the annual meeting, were: Morris Shulman, 397 East 27th Street, Paterson, N. J. president; Fred Borges, Montclair, N. J. vice president; John Biach, 313 High Street, Cranford, N. J. secretary; Henry Overeem, Jr., 43 Spring Street, Clifton, N. J. treasurer; and Edgar T. McCormick, East Orange, N. J. tournament director.

### START PLANNING OPEN TOURNEY

The Milwaukee Tournament Committee has jumped to an early start in laying plans for the U. S. Open Tournament this summer. The Committee has already been fully organized and is already active in raising funds for the event while studying arrangements for the comfort and benefit of the players.

Arpad E. Elo is general chairman of the Tournament Committee with Earnest Olfe as secretary, Dr. O.M.J. Wehrley as treasurer, William J. Morgan as chairman of sub-committee on industrial and business contributions, Averill Powers as chairman of the sub-committee on personal contributions, Marshall Rohland as chairman of the sub-committee on ticket sales, and Mrs. Lois Housefeld as chairman of the women's section.

### WOLFE TRIUMPHS IN CALIF. EVENT

The first California Interscholastic Championship ended in a 7½-1½ victory for J. Wolfe of ULCA. Wolfe drew with S. Klein of Fx. High and lost a game to H. Sagorsky of Fx. High. C. Marko of LA State was second with 6½-2½, losing to Wolfe and B. Peralta of USC, while drawing with A. Russo of LACO. L. Zeitlin of LACC was third with 6-3 in the 10 player round robin.

### TAIMANOV TIES WITH BOTVINNIK

In the 20th USSR Championship Taimanov tied Botvinnik at 13½-5½. A six-game play-off will decide the USSR title in January.

USSR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. M. Botvinnik	13½-5½
2. M. Taimanov	13½-5½
3. E. Geller	12-7
4. I. Botolislavsky	11½-7½
5. A. Tolush	11½-7½
6. V. Korchnoi	11-8
7. D. Bronshteyn	10½-8½
8. O. Moseyev	10½-8½
9. V. Smyslov	10½-8½
10. P. Keres	9½-9½
11. A. Suetin	9½-9½
12. L. Aronin	9-10
13. V. Byrshov	9-10
14. G. Ilivitsky	8½-10½
15. V. Simagin	8½-10½
16. A. Konstantinopolski	7½-11½
17. I. Lipnitsky	7-12
18. I. Kan	6½-12½
19. G. Kasparian	5½-13½
20. B. Goldenov	5-14

### TAUTVAISAS WINS ILLINOIS OPEN

Povilas Tautvaisas of Chicago was again victor in the 2nd annual Illinois Open Championship at Decatur, Ill. with a 5½-½ score, drawing in the final round with runner-up Angelo Sandrin. Second and third on S-B points with equal 5-1 scores were Angelo Sandrin of Chicago and Lawrence C. Young of Madison, Wis. Sandrin drew with Tautvaisas and Daniel Fischeimer of Chicago, while Young lost one game to Clyde Gray of Davenport, Ia.

Third and fourth on S-B with 4½-1½ each were Alfred Ludwig of Omaha, Neb. and R. D. Firebaugh of Robinson, Ill., while sixth to tenth with 4-2 each were John Penquite of Des Moines, Paul Adams of Chicago, Clyde Gray of Davenport, Dr. I. Schwartz of Durand, and Karl Wiegmann of Rock Island.

This second edition of the Open enjoyed a 10 player increase in entries over last year with 37 player representing 9 states in the line-up. Chicago sent 11 players to the event and 9 local Decatur players took part.

The tournament was marred by one unfortunate incident when Albert Sandrin whose falling sight forces him to rely largely upon the announcement of moves in the final round misunderstood the announced move of QxP, interpreted it as an expected PxP instead, and made a reply which lost him his Queen and the game in winning position. This blunder cost him fourth place. Later his opponent, somewhat confused at the time by the turn of events, wished to cancel the result and award the game to Sandrin; but it was then too late to adjust the scores while the legal status of such an adjustment was vague.

### RUTZ CAPTURES MILWAUKEE CITY

Two young players, Gerald Rutz a seventeen-year-old high school student, and nineteen-year-old Orville Francisco, finished first and second respectively in the 20th annual Milwaukee City Championship which drew 32 entries. Both players are products of Milwaukee's playground chess teaching program and both obtained their initial competitive experience in the Milwaukee Journal's famed all-city junior tournament in which 1914 players competed last summer.

In winning the championship Rutz, who also holds the Wisconsin Junior title, defeated William Klemp, Averill Powers, Dr. O. M. Wehrley, Francisco, Dan Clark, John Carroll, and drew with last year's winner John Grkavac who finished third. Dr. S. A. Morell gathered five out of seven possible points to finish in fourth position.

Two of Milwaukee's top performers, Arpad Elo and Mark Surgies, perennial entries in the city event, failed to compete due to heavy commitments relating to raising funds for the U. S. Chess Federation Open Tournament and Congress scheduled for Milwaukee beginning July 2nd this year.

### LYMAN GAINS BOSTON CITY

Shelbourne Lyman on S-B points outranked runner-up Sol Rubinov to win the Boston City Championship; both scored 5-1. Third place went to Robert Dundas with 4-2, while Edward Medley, Harlow B. Daly, Kazys Merkis, and Peder Stephan each scored 3½-2½ to share fourth to seventh places.

### BOHDAN TAKES CHICAGO JUNIOR

Kuthe Bohdan won the 6 player Chicago Junior Championship 5-0. In second place was Barry Herzberg with 3½-1½, losing to Bohdan and drawing with Edward Diedrich. Joel Kupperman, the former Quiz Kid now at the University of Chicago, placed third with 3-2, losing games to Bohdan and Herzberg.

### Columbia Monopolizes Honors In Intercollegiate Events

By JAMES T. SHERWIN

As reported briefly in the January 5 issue, Columbia retained its title as National Intercollegiate Team Champion by scoring 25-3 in the biennial tournament held at Columbia University. The Lions beat Pennsylvania, City College of N.Y., Toronto, Brooklyn, Western Reserve, New York University, and Stevens Tech. to finish 8½ points ahead of the second place City College of N.Y. and Toronto. Having clinched the title in the semi-final round, Columbia put in a new team which won its match with Stevens 4-0.

City College of N.Y. finished second with 16½ points. Toronto had the same score, but was placed third on S-B points. Pennsylvania recovered from a poor start to tie with Western Reserve for fourth and fifth.

Columbia won individual honors on top three boards. Eliot Hearst, team captain and first board, scored 5½-½; second board James Sherwin 6-0; and third board Karl Burger 6-0. Fourth board Philip Schwartz scored 3½-1½ for Columbia, but fourth board honors went to Martin Harrow of City College of N.Y. with 6-1. Columbia retained custody of the Harold M. Phillips trophy.

#### Columbia Tops Rapids

The Lions monopolized the Rapids which was won by James Sherwin with 11-1 score. Karl Burger (Columbia), Stuart Margulies (Brooklyn), and Edward Seher (Columbia) tied for second, but Burger won the play-off. Saul Wachs did not defend his title, but 32 players entered the event.

An unusual feature of the tournament was the absence of a director. This was remedied by appointing the team captains to make the pairings and decide disputes and by the organizational work of Rhys Hays and Al Weissman.

(Final standings were published in January 5 issue.)

### DINA CAPTURES FT. WORTH OPEN

In the 37 player Ft. Worth Open Championship, Louis J. Dina emerged victorious on S-B points with 7-1, losing one game to runner-up D. B. Martin. Martin also scored 7-1, losing a game to Grady Rice. Third and fourth on S-B with 6-2 each were Robert Powelson and Claude Freeman, while Don Bedford was fifth with 5½-2½, and Owen Burnett and Stanley Markland shared sixth, also with 5½-2½ each.

### KAUFMAN TOPS CHICAGO SOCIAL

Abraham Kaufman of the Hyde Park Chess Club won the 8 player Chicago Social Tourney conducted by the Chicago City Chess League. Kaufman scored 4½-½ drawing with runner-up Mark Surgies of Milwaukee. Surgies scored 4-1 for second place, drawing with Kaufman and Seymour Rosen, while Walter Grombacher placed third with 3-2.

### NEW EDITOR FOR BULLETIN

The Cleveland Chess Bulletin, which has celebrated its tenth birthday as one of the oldest and best club or association chess publications, announces a new editor-in-chief in Cyril Duda of the East Cleveland Chess Club who may be contacted at 1430 East 90th Street, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

**Plan Your Vacation for 1953 NOW!**  
**Attend the U.S.C.F. OPEN TOURNAMENT Milwaukee, Wis. July 27-Aug. 8, 1953**



**COLUMBIA'S WINNING TEAM**  
This formidable quartet, which swept the recent Intercollegiate Championship, is composed (left to right) of Eliot Hearst, Karl Burger, Team Captain Philip Schwartz and James T. Sherwin.  
Photo: Courtesy Camera Club of Columbia University



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### Hermann Helms

WE CANNOT let January slip by without expressing our felicitations on behalf of all American chess players to Hermann Helms, the Dean of American Chess, who this month becomes eighty-three years young. No one historic figure in our chess history has done more for the development of chess, particularly in encouraging the young and sometimes discouraged players who have so often ultimately developed into our masters.

Chess editor of the New York Times, the Brooklyn Eagle (for over fifty-five years!), and the World-Telegram and Sun, the genial and efficient Hermann Helms has done more to educate the public to chess by his efficient reporting than all the works of masters published in the past hundred years. In addition with never-failing zest, he has edited and published since early in 1903 the American Chess Bulletin (soon to be fifty years old!)—a publication that is second only to the British Magazine in longevity.

Nor is this young oldest (or old youngster, it is difficult to know which describes his vitality best) to be scoured across the chess board, for he plays as good a game as he preaches. Always a master, he retains (like Lasker and Mieses) the vital spark of genius in his play, and remains at eighty-three a determined, tricky, stubborn and formidable opponent.

Best wishes of the chess world to you, Hermann!



Photo: Bachraek  
Hermann Helms

### The Phantom Threat of Cybernetics

Man is never deceived, he deceives himself

—GOETHE

TRICKED by the flippant passage in a Sydney newspaper which stated that Dr. C. E. Shannon had invented a chess-playing machine which had "beaten all the leading masters," our eminent and persevering colleague, C. J. S. Purdy of CHESS WORLD, determined at all cost to exercise the malignant spirit of falsehood which glib and ignorant newspaper reporters had evoked in the name of Cybernetics.

So Mr. Purdy went direct to one of the acknowledged authorities on the science of such robots as master-computing machines, Dr. Claude E. Shannon of the Bell Telephone Laboratories at Murray Hill, N.J.

We quote, with Mr. Purdy's permission, from the letter which Dr. Shannon wrote to Mr. Purdy. We omit the commentary and refer readers to CHESS WORLD, September 1952 for Mr. Purdy's own conclusions on the subject.

The subject of chess-playing machines seems to be particularly prone to sensationalism and exaggerated reporting in the newspapers; 99% of what appears about them is completely unrelated to the actual facts. So far as I know, no one has set up any computer to play a complete game of chess, although a good many of us have attempted to outline general programs and strategies for doing this. I would estimate that it would take perhaps three men about six months to write a complete set of programs for any of the large scale computers which would enable it to play merely a tolerable (medium amateur) game. I would further expect another six months before it played a good amateur game. The cost, both in man power and computer expenses, seems to prohibit such a project, since even if accomplished, it would only be a tour de force for computers and of no real practical value. I have constructed a very small relay machine capable of playing simple end-games but only those for which a complete set of rules can be given in advance. This machine does not really help in the large scale problem where one must use evaluation functions and cannot describe completely a winning strategy. It was built largely for my own amusement.

It is very difficult to estimate how well a computer can be made to play with ideal programming. I tend to agree that it would be very difficult to reach the calibre of world champions or even most chess masters, but I do not regard this as unthinkable. The machines do have certain very strong advantages of accuracy, speed, etc., and our present techniques of programming are bound to improve enormously in the future.

The problem of a learning chess player is even farther in the future than a pre-programmed type. The methods which have been suggested are obviously extravagantly slow. The machine would wear out before winning a single game.

Reading Dr. Shannon's comments, one is impressed more by the difficulties of creating the master robot chess-player of the newspaper reports than by the possibilities of such a machine being created in the future. Therefore, the wise chess player when he next reads a newspaper report of a robot which has defeated all the chess masters will shrug his shoulders and consider the tale in the same genre as "Moxton's Master," only not as well done.

One must remember, what we frequently forget, that such tales are penned by weary and sardonic reporters who know little about chess and even less about cybernetics.

Montgomery Major

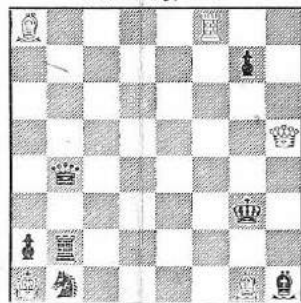
## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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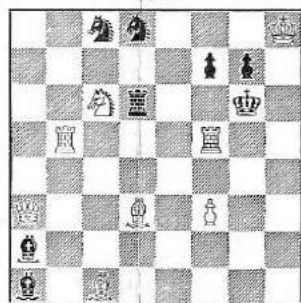
By E. Umnoff  
Shakhmaty, 1945



White mates in two moves

Problem No. 397

By J. Hartong  
1st Prize, Good Companions  
1921



White mates in two moves

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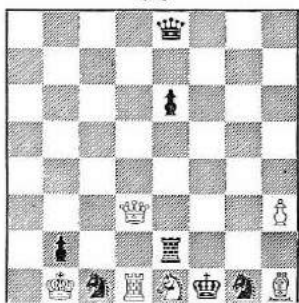
By Frederick Gamage  
Chess Review, 1939



White mates in two moves

Problem No. 398

By Godfrey Heathcote  
London Observer,  
1943



White mates in three moves

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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Balance, September 30, 1952 ..... \$1,538.87

RECEIPTS:		
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>3,123.96</b>

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Equipment Expense	33.50
Purchases for Resale	344.87
Miscellaneous	25.87
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>3,847.78</b>

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1952 ..... \$ 815.05

Allocation of Funds:		
Accounts	Pittsburgh	\$500.23
	New York	254.82
Petty Cash Funds	Erie	10.00
	Oak Park	50.00
		\$ 815.05

OUTSTANDING DEBT: \$4,848.84

The Telegraph Herald

January 3, 1953

W. M. BYLAND  
Treasurer  
United States Chess Federation

## The Kibitzer Has His Day

From the Editor's Mail Bag

### New England on the Championship

Dear Mr. Major:

Enclosed is the text of a resolution passed by the New England Chess Convention on September 1, 1952. As its mover, I was requested by the chairman to forward it. Note that it is verified.

Some explication may be in order. No criticism of the Federation is attempted. The merits of the motion were fully debated, and the alternatives considered. The idea back of the proposed change is that it is automatic and uncomplicated to administer; is fairer to New England players than a quota system; and makes our club tournaments into qualifying events for those who show enuf skill. By it the traditional biennial plan may be saved after all.

Soudakoff's detailed proposals (CHESS LIFE, Vol. VI, No. 14) illustrate the feasibility of this project.

JAMES BOLTON  
New Haven, Connecticut

Resolved, that the New England Chess Association recommend that the United States Chess Federation use its system of ratings as the means to qualify players for the Biennial United States Championship.

Attest: ORLANDO A. LESTER, JR.  
Secretary of the Convention

## Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

THERE is general agreement among the members of Columbia's champion chess team that one of the high spots of the recent Intercollegiate Championship has received none of the publicity it actually deserves, since a comparable feat in football has been the talk of the pigskin sport. Most of us recall the "stirring" finale to the Yale-Harvard game this year; the Elis sent their student manager in to snare a pass for the forty-first point against their traditional enemies and this newborn hero became the toast of the campus and a much-desired after-dinner speaker at various football functions! Perhaps Artie Gussaroff will not achieve the nationwide popularity that the Bulldog scorer obtained, but his contribution to Columbia's victory involved more than just catching a pass—it involved playing and winning an entire chess game!

For several months before the college tourney began, the "idea" had been in incubation. "Gus," as our hero is better known, had been for two years a very active member of the Columbia Chess Club, helping to arrange matches, taking complete charge of intramural events, and constantly engaging in blitz games at queen odds with the top three boards on the team. Despite the fact that he had never played a serious tournament game, we decided to put in Gus in the final round of the championship, if Columbia had a safe lead at the time. And such was the case. The Lions entered the last round six points ahead of the field (with four games left) and so our secret weapon was struttin' in to do his stuff. And not withstanding some difficulty with scoresheets and the time clock, our substitute proved a tower of strength! Employing a Queen's Indian Defense, he obtained a terrific king-side attack and, playing well-nigh perfectly, eventually mated his Stevens Tech opponent to the great delight of the Columbia team and fans. Gus was modest about his victory, but it's one triumph he'll probably never forget. Incidentally, those clubs who wish to contact Gus for places on the itinerary of his first transcontinental simultaneous exhibition tour should do so at once!

Another side on the final round contest with Stevens Tech . . . The Wu brothers, J. Wu and B. Wu, had been alternating on first and second board throughout the tourney and performing quite well, that is, until both were defeated in the Columbia finale. Karl Burger insists he saw them in a corner after that debacle, murmuring to each other, "Oh! Wu is well!?"

The Manhattan, C.C.'s 75th anniversary schedule of events recently was completed and a most unusual series of four evenings it was. George Shainwit won a knockout rapid transit the first night of festivities, defeating Don Byrne in the final round; your reporter, rushing down from the third round of the Intercollegiate tourney, arrived in time to witness that struggle and to eat up any sandwiches and other refreshments that might have been left from the buffet earlier in the evening . . . The second night was Old Timers' Night, feting the long-time members of the club, including U.S.C.F. President H. M. Phillips . . . Sammy Reshevsky, after being declared the victor over Gene Tunney in an informal chess game refereed by former Boxing Commissioner Eddie Egan, played five games blindfolded at ten seconds a move, one game at a time, and scored four wins and one loss (to I. Heitner) against strong opposition. Right after this third night exhibition, he contested five regular rapid transit games, losing none but drawing with Abe Turner (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)



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.

Position No. 97
Bronstein vs. Botvinnik
Moscow, 1952



Black to play and win

IN Position No. 97, Black made his move and White resigned. In the next position from a correspondence game, it looks like White is to lose his Bishop as his King is in check; however, a clever move saves the Bishop and wins the game, as Black has no perpetual check at his disposal.

Penetrating analysis by Yu. Zavenagin in Shakhmaty, October 1952, indicates that Bronstein was not quite accurate in instructing Botvinnik on how to play the ending in Position No. 90. The drawing continuation is: 1. K-Q2, P-Kt4; P-KK3; 3. PxP, K-K3; 4. P-Kt5, K-B3; 5. P-Kt6, KxKtP; 6. K-Q6, P-R4; 7. PxP ch, KxRP; 8. K-B7, P-Kt5; 9. KxP draws. However, Botvinnik was wrong in considering the ending won; in fact, it was lost a move earlier when the White King was on Kt5, for then Black could have won by playing K-Q2, as indicated in the solution to position No. 90.

CORRECTION: A typographical error occurred in Position No. 95. The Black Pawn on B8 should be a Rook; also the White Pawn on R2 should be removed.

For solutions please turn to Page four.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT

Table with columns for player names, scores, and results for the Moscow, 1952 Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament. Includes names like Z. Bykova, F. Heemskerk, O. Ignatieva, etc.

ILLINOIS OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Table listing results for the Illinois Open Chess Tournament held in Decatur, 1952. Lists players and their scores.

FORT WORTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing results for the Fort Worth Open Championship held in Fort Worth, 1952. Lists players like Louis Dina, D. B. Martin, Robert Powelson, etc.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Table listing results for the California Interscholastic Championship held in Los Angeles, 1952. Lists players like J. Wolfe, C. Marko, L. Zeitlin, etc.

The Editor Reads A Book

By Montgomery Major

A CHESS MANUAL for Schools and Playgrounds, Compiled by The Los Angeles County Chess League, Charles Edward Gray, author, and John Keckhut, reviewer; Los Angeles, 1952.

THIS 16 page mimeographed booklet plugs a vast hole in chess teaching equipment that hitherto was only partly filled by a similar booklet issued by the Milwaukee Board of Recreation. What it can do for the perplexed teacher of chess on the playground is accurately summed up in the introductory remarks: "This Manual, based on experience in teaching chess to youth, is devised for teachers and playground directors who are familiar with chess, but who can benefit from a systematic guide on how to present the game to youngsters, and on how to organize youth chess events."

In 16 pages concisely and lucidly the manual treats of the rules of the game, how to read game scores, rules for the opening, rules for the middle game, rules for the endgame and how to conduct chess events. Many diagrams illustrate the points; and the whole is developed in a series of short lessons which will need very little elaboration from the instructor, for the meat is all there already. Particularly valuable to the inexperienced instructor is the final section on conducting chess events which contains much useful and practical material on pairings, tournaments, team matches and club activities.

This booklet is not for sale, but a limited number of extra copies are available to city school and playground systems and to chess federations. Write Mr. Charles Edward Gray, Cosmopolitan Chess Club, 2180 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 18, Calif.

With The Chess Leagues

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE in the third round saw Tacoma Y down Seattle University 8-2, while Washington University topped Seattle Chess Club 9 1/2-1/2.

EASTERN WASHINGTON LEAGUE seems a possibility from two matches of the Yakima Chess Club with Pasco and Spokane. Yakima downed Pasco 6 1/2-3 1/2, but was crushed by Spokane 7-3. Other teams from Wenatchee, Walla Walla, Sunnyside-Proser-Grandview, and Sandpoint plan to join the Yakima-Pasco-Spokane trio for an Eastern Washington League of seven teams.

CLEVELAND CHESS LEAGUE sees Internations leading 3-0 in matches and 16-1 in games with Shaker Heights second with 2 1/2-1/2 and 11-3 but not enough matches have been played to make results indicative of final standings in the Club League.

CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE in the Eastern Division has Cleveland Twist Drill in the lead 2-0 in matches with 9-1 in games, with New York Central with 3 1/2-1/2 and 10-5, and Lubrozol with 1 1/2-1/2, followed by Cleveland Ordinance with 2-0 and 6 1/2-1 1/2, and Horizons with 3-1 and 15-6.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHESS LEAGUE sees Lansing Chess Club in the lead after the first complete round of play with 18-11 in games and 2 1/2-1/2 in match points; Grand Rapids has 16 1/2-13 1/2 and 1 1/2-1 1/2; Kalamazoo 15-15 and 1 1/2-1 1/2; and Battle Creek 9 1/2-20 1/2 and 2-2. Lansing scored 6-4 against Grand Rapids, 8-2 against Battle Creek, and drew 5-5 with Kalamazoo.

With The Chess Clubs

Hyde Park Chess Club (Chicago) has announced removal to new quarters, effective December 12, 1952. The Hyde Park club will in the future meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the K.A.M. Community House, 920 East 50th Street. The club extends unlimited visiting privileges to all chess players and conducts regular rapid transit events at the first meeting of every month.

Syracuse Chess Club (N.Y.) has moved into new full-time quarters in the Forbes Building, 116 West Washington St. Visitors are welcomed and during January the club officers will be present on Tuesday evenings after 7:45 p.m. and on Saturday afternoons to greet visitors and make them welcome to the club's facilities.

Estonian Chess Club (Seabrook, N.J.) is the newest South New Jersey chess organization, comprised of 90% Estonian newcomers with a leaven of Germans and Americans. The new club is eager for matches, and neighboring chess clubs are requested to contact Mr. Koit Tullus, 1314 State Road, Seabrook, N.J. to arrange for inter-club matches.

Golden Gate Chess Club (San Francisco) celebrated open house in its new headquarters at Hotel Cecil, 545 Post Street. George Kotelnowski played a simultaneous exhibition and played tape recordings of interviews at Helsinki with Golombek, Pilnik, Bisno, Stahlberg, Bisguier, Reshevsky, Byrne and Evans.

Chess Life

Tuesday, January 20, 1953

What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser



Position No. 109
White to play
(Finding White's fourth move is what counts.)

Send solutions to Position No. 109 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by February 20, 1953.

Solution to Position No. 106
In this position, Schlechter-Schilling, Karlsbad 1911, Black played 1... R-Kt7 and lost after 2... P-Kt7, R-Kt7; 3... K-B5 (threat of B-Kt5), R-B7 ch; 4... K-Kt6, R-Kt7 ch; 5... B-K5 and Black resigned. Note that 5... R-Kt7; 4... BxR, P-B5; 5... BxR for White. But there are two winning lines (with basically the same strategy). One is: 1... R-B5; 2... P-Kt7, R-Kt7; 3... K-B5, R-B7 ch; 4... BxR, P-B5; 5... BxR for White. The other is: 1... R-Kt7, R-Kt7; 2... K-B5, R-B7 ch; 3... K-Kt6, R-Kt7; 4... BxR, P-B5; 5... BxR for White. R-B7 ch; 9... K-Kt8, R-Q7; 10... B-B8, R-Kt7; 11... P-Kt7, K-B5 and White cannot queen the KtP.

A number of our solvers went astray. They began correctly with 1... R-Kt7; 2... P-Kt7 and then slipped by 3... KxP which transposes with 3... K-B5 into the win for White that Schlechter found. On the suggested 1... B-Qk8; 2... K-B5, R-Q1; 3... P-K7, KxP; 4... K-Kt6, K-B5; not 5... K-B7? which seems to draw, but 5... B-Q7 wins for White, for now if 5... R-Kt6; 6... B-R3 (of course, not 5... R-Kt6; 6... P-Kt6) ch., Equally not quite sufficient is 1... R-Q7 ch; 2... K-B5, P-R5; 3... P-K7, R-Q1; 4... K-Kt6, R-Kt1, for White plays 5... B-Q7 and wins (not 5... K-B7, RxP ch which would draw).

SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE of Cleveland now has its season under way with teams from 10 high schools. Eastern Division is John Adams, Benedictine, Cleveland Heights, Glenville, St. Joseph. Mixed Division is West Tech, Cathedral Latin, East Tech, East High and 14 1/2-1 1/2, followed by Cleveland Ordinance with 2-0 and 6 1/2-1 1/2, and Horizons with 3-1 and 15-6.

JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE of Salt Lake City gets under way under the direction of Sam Teitelbaum of the Salt Lake City Chess Club, with lectures on chess for the young pawnpushers.

PRELIMS END AT TORONTO U

S. Blum with 7-1 won the prelims at Toronto University with J. Forward and J. Kagetsu scoring 6-2 each for second. D. Roshtoker tallied 5 1/2-2 1/2, while T. Kothelick scored 5-3, and W. Ashcroft, A. Lavis and H. LeSueur chalked up 4 1/2-3 1/2 each. Blum, Forward and Kagetsu will play a three-man finals for the Varsity title.

Compton Junior College (Calif.) outlined Cosmo Chess Club of Los Angeles in an informal match, scoring 7 1/2-2 1/2. For Compton the victors were Wallace, Gross, Day, Promess, Lerma, Eade and Helmeick, while Southard and Gray salvaged the Cosmo points. Lott of Compton cated against Queen's University, drew with Graves.

MAROCZY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT BUDAPEST, 1952

By H. Golombek
All the 153 games of this great event (Keres, Gellor, Botvinnik, Smyslov, Stahlberg, Szabo, Pilnik, O'Kelly, ...), with annotations, round-by-round account, Maroczy's biography, indexes, etc. \$1.60 postpaid. The British Chess Magazine Ltd., 20 Chestnut Road, West Norwood, London, S. E. 27, England or CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave. Oak Park, Ill.

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Annotations: H. E. Myers, Jr., Dr. J. Platt, J. A. Santasiere, A. E. Powers, F. Reinfeld, Dr. M. Herzberger, Dr. B. Rozsa

BENONI COUNTER GAMBIT Luebbert Invitational Tournament Correspondence, 1952

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm
White: A. LUDWIG, DR. M. G. STURM (Omaha) (Trinidad)
1. P-Q4 P-QB4 2. PXP1
Perhaps best, considering the greatly improved line for Black after 2. P-Q5, P-B4! instead of the usual 2. ... P-K4.

Chessboard diagram for Ludwig vs Sturm. Position after 27. R-Q1. White to move.

After 27. R-Q1
LUDWIG
27. R-Q1 B-R5 30. Q-Q7 P-QR3
28. QxB QxB 31. Q-Q6 ch Drawn
29. RxB ch RxB

KING'S GAMBIT Rochester-Syracuse-Buffalo Team Match, 1952

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White: B. VEBORSKY 6. SERIABINE
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
2. P-KB4 PXP
This in conjunction with Black's next move is an excellent method of meeting the King's Gambit. White's attack on K7 is immediately minimized.

Chessboard diagram for Veborsky vs Seriabine. Position after 51. R-KK8.

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SERIABINE
There is no longer a win. In fact White is losing. After 51. R-KK8 White's attack on K7 is immediately minimized.

MILWAUKEE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP Milwaukee, 1952. Table with 10 columns: Player, W18, W10, D3, W2, W9, W8, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-12, 6-13, 6-14, 6-15, 6-16, 6-17, 6-18, 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22, 6-23, 6-24, 6-25, 6-26, 6-27, 6-28, 6-29, 6-30, 6-31, 6-32, 6-33, 6-34, 6-35, 6-36, 6-37, 6-38, 6-39, 6-40, 6-41, 6-42, 6-43, 6-44, 6-45, 6-46, 6-47, 6-48, 6-49, 6-50, 6-51, 6-52, 6-53, 6-54, 6-55, 6-56, 6-57, 6-58, 6-59, 6-60, 6-61, 6-62, 6-63, 6-64, 6-65, 6-66, 6-67, 6-68, 6-69, 6-70, 6-71, 6-72, 6-73, 6-74, 6-75, 6-76, 6-77, 6-78, 6-79, 6-80, 6-81, 6-82, 6-83, 6-84, 6-85, 6-86, 6-87, 6-88, 6-89, 6-90, 6-91, 6-92, 6-93, 6-94, 6-95, 6-96, 6-97, 6-98, 6-99, 6-100.

B and avoid doubled Ps. After 12. ... PXP, 13. PXP, Q-B4 ch, 14. B-Q3, QxKt, 15. R-K1 White will easily recover the P.

On this and the next move the two players suddenly appear to be insensitive to the importance of an extra P in the endgame.
17. ... O-O 18. Kt-K4?
And this, of course, is simply an oversight—however, a fortunate one in that dramatic ending is still to follow.

With proper play the game should be drawn. The text move is not best since the White K is badly placed at QR3. K-R2 (or 30. R-K2) would be better.
30. P-QR4 32. K-K2 P-B4
31. K-B1 K-K2 33. R-Q3
34. R-K4 R-K4 35. R-R3 R-K4

After 51. R-KK8
SERIABINE
This appears to lose if White plays correctly. Best is 47. ... R-QK5 since 48. R-QK5, RxB; 49. R-R3.

White: H. GROSS 1. P-K4 2. P-Q3 3. B-K15 ch
Black: A. SPILLER
1. P-K4 P-Q3 3. B-K15 ch
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After 12. ... BxKt
SPILLER
As played by Kotov against Lillenthal in the USSR Championship, 1940.
4. P-Q4 PXP 8. B-K13 Q-K13
5. QXP P-QR3 9. Q-Q1 B-K12
6. B-R4 K-R3 10. Kt-B3 Kt-B4
7. Q-Q P-QK1 11. R-K1
I was hoping that Black would take the proffered P. It could have been defended by P-K5 or B-K3 or even Kt-Q5.

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And Walter Shipman . . . . The final evening featured a powerful rapid contest, composed of 21 picked experts with prizes amounting to over \$100. Robert Byrne, high scorer on the U.S. team at Helsinki, topped the nine finalists with a 6½-1½ score followed by M. Pavey 6-2, A. Kupchik 5-3, and J. Sherwin 4½-3½. I. Horowitz, D. Byrne, G. Shainwit, W. Shipman and E. Schwartz were the other finalists. IN BRIEF: Mr. Herman Helms, Dean of American Chess, was the recipient of birthday wishes at a Marshall C. C. party on Jan. 6. Louis J. Wolff was toastmaster at the festivities and presented the 83-year-young chess personality with several gifts, not the least of which was a pair of gloves knitted by Marshall member Madame F. Von Haebler, who is herself four months older than Mr. Helms! . . . . Edmar Mednis clinched the N.Y. High School Championship with an 8½-½ score and one round to go. Dr. Kleinman is second with 7-2 . . . . Frank Howard 8-2 leads Marshall Championship. Santasiere 8-3, Collins and Pinlick 7-2, Sherwin 7-3 and Mednis 6½-3½ are other leaders . . . . A.S. Pinkus 3½-½ tops Manhattan C. C. Championship Tourney; K. Vine 3½-1½ M. Pavey and A. Turner 3-1 follow . . . . Lou Levy of the Marshall and Manhattan Clubs has been giving knight odds to one of the top junior players in the city and winning consistently, it is rumored.

ROHLAND TOURNEY

Marshal Rohland won the special Ruy Lopez Tourney conducted by the Municipal Recreation Dept. of Milwaukee with a 6½-½ score, drawing in the semifinal round with Heyman. John Grkavac was second with 6-1, losing one game to Rohland. Third place went to Heyman with 5½-1½, drawing with Rohland but losing to Grkavac.

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For The Tournament-Minded

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A MISSING MOVE

In the score of the game Guilla- Pecci in January 5 issue, we trust no reader failed to find the missing Black move of 19. . . . QxKt mate, which somehow got lost when the type was being locked into forms.

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PETROFF DEFENSE California State Championship San Francisco, 1952

Notes by N. E. Falconer from California Chess Reporter
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Solutions: Finish It the Clever Way!

Position No. 97: 1. . . . P-KK4! and White resigned; after Bishop moves, R-KB3 appears to be one of the decisive continuations.
Position No. 98: 1. P-B4! Q-B3 (If 1. . . . QxP; 2. K-B3, and the Q must return to diagonal Q1-R8, giving White time to move his King. Game continued: 2. B-B2, Q-R5; 3. B-Q1, Q-B7 ch; 4. B-K2, QxP ch; 5. K-B2, Q-R5; 6. B-R7, Q1; 7. R-B8 ch, and Black resigned.)

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