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## Larry Evans On Chess



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Once fear enters the game, he is finished.

My next several articles will be devoted to an analysis of Reshevsky, Smyslov, Keres, Bronstein, and Geller, and what their chances are to win the scheduled 15-man challengers' tournament later this year. I will stick my neck out by hazarding predictions which are based on my own personal knowledge of the players, their psychology, and past performance.

All predictions are constructed on quicksand, and I only hope I can emulate the success of USCF statistician Ken Harkness when he called the Havana Tournament in 1952. My method, however, will be intuition rather than mathematics. I will state here and now that I do not believe the other competitors have a chance; and I am concerned only with picking a winner. The other players are: Averbach, Boleslavsky, Euwe, Gligoric, Kotov, Najdorf, Petrosian, Stahlberg-Szabo, and Taimanov. My last column will be devoted to why I think Euwe and Najdorf, since they are so well known, have no chance.

Please don't bother to write telling me that I'm all wet, or that I am offending someone's sensibilities by bluntness. This column is, and has been, based solely on my own opinions. My desire is to express myself and not to foist conclusions on the reader.

(Next issue: Reshevsky's chances.)

THE evolution of chess toward a science has been so remarkable that differences of ability amongst the Grandmasters are now secondary to their psychological deportment and approach toward the game. Aside from preparing variations and tense moments in the coming challengers tournament (in which the winner will play Botvinnik a match for the world title), it will be interesting to look for a conflict of style, approach, and attitude when the big guns do battle.

Alekhine wrote somewhere that chess was a matter of vanity. Lasker, in the same vein, held that it was clash of wills. A game of iron nerve where the coward has no place, i.e., "... lies and hypocrisy do not survive long . . . the merciless fact, culminating in a checkmate, contradicts the hypocrite." I am inclined to take this stand. The chess master today must have courage, a killer instinct, stamina, and arrogance.

## CHOOSE SHERWIN FOR WORLD JUNIOR

The selection of James T. Sherwin to represent the USA at the Junior World Championship at Copenhagen this summer was announced by Frank R. Graves, Chairman of USCF Youth Division. Since it was deemed impractical to hold a qualifying event on short notice to select a representative, the choice of U.S. Intercollegiate Champion Sherwin was based upon his high ranking in the USCF Rating List.

## GEDANCE WINS NEVADA TITLE

Maurice Gedance, formerly champion of Switzerland, won the 26 player Swiss tournament at Las Vegas with 6-1 for the championship of Nevada. Gedance lost no games but drew two games. William Beneditti, the 1952 Utah Open Champion, placed second with 5½-1½. Third and fourth on S-B with 5-2 each were William F. Taber and George Kirby, while fifth to seventh with 4½-2½ each were Colorado Champion Jack Hurst, 1952 Nevada Open Champion William Adams of California, and G. W. Chase.

The tournament, lavish as all Nevada chess events have been, ended in a banquet at El Cortez Hotel where chairman of the tournament committee Fred Soly distributed 10 handsome prizes, valued at nearly one thousand dollars. Harold Lundstrom, chess columnist of the Desert News, acted as tournament director.

# NEW TIME ARRANGED

## Change Dates for U.S. Open And U.S. Junior Tournaments!

Milwaukee, a rabid baseball town in addition to being the home of the most extensive and complete municipal chess program in the USA, has been turned upside-down by the sudden acquisition of the Braves. And the confusion of convention bookings came momentarily near to chaos when the Veterans of Foreign Wars scheduled their populous convention in August, to be followed by the even larger gathering of the National Poultry Association.

The Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce has been valiantly shuffling schedules to accommodate all prospective conventions, and suggested to the sponsors of the U.S. Open Championship that the chess players would find themselves swamped by the hardy throngs that gather at the VFW conclave. On learning that the VFW was already clamoring for every available hotel room and would need in addition 5000 rooms in private homes, the Open Tournament sponsors contemplated the dismal picture of chess players walking the streets at night or sleeping in the parks, and then decided that the discretion of changing dates was to be preferred to the valor of standing pat.

Consequently, with the approval of the USCF, the dates for the U.S. Open Championship have been shifted to the two weeks immediately following the original scheduled dates, and the tournament will be held at Milwaukee from August 10th to August 21st inclusive.

Since a number of the Juniors are giuttons for punishment, the sponsors of the U.S. Junior Championship at Kansas City generously agreed to advance their scheduled dates to avoid conflict with the new U.S. Open schedule, so Juniors could attend both events. The new dates for the U.S. Junior Championship have therefore been set ahead a week and will be from August 3rd to 8th inclusive, allowing two nights and one day of traveling time.

## PENQUITE WINS AT IOWA AGAIN

The still youthful John Penquite, who cut his tournament teeth at the U. S. Open at Omaha at 14 and placed 3rd in the U. S. Junior the following year, again won the Iowa State Champion. Penquite scored 4½-½ in the 29 player Swiss at Ames, drawing with Roger Haines. Second to fifth on S-B with equal 4-1 scores were A. W. Davis, Peter Muto, Marvin Baldwin, and Chuck Rosburg. David lost to Penquite; Muto lost to Davis; Baldwin lost to Muto; and Rosburg lost to Davis. Alfred C. Ludwig directed the event, held at the Sheldon-Munn Hotel.

## KASHDAN TOPS HOLLYWOOD MEET

Showing a return to the form of earlier days after a long period of semi-inaction, Isaac Kashdan won the 20 player Hollywood Invitational Tournament at Los Angeles 18½-½, drawing with Herman Steiner. Second place went to Eugene Levin with 16-3, losing to Kashdan and Louis Spinner, and drawing with Steiner and Jerry Belzer.

Herman Steiner was third with 15½-3½, losing games to James Cross and Irving Rivise, while drawing with Kashdan and Levin. Sven Almgren placed fourth with 15-4 and former U.S. Junior Champion James Cross was fifth with 14-5.

This West Coast event was unusually strong with a field of two International Masters, three U. S. Masters, and a number of Experts, although several notable California players did not participate in the event.

**Juniors, Plan Now!**  
**Attend the U.S.C.F.**  
**JUNIOR**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**Kansas City, Mo.**  
**August 3-8, 1953**

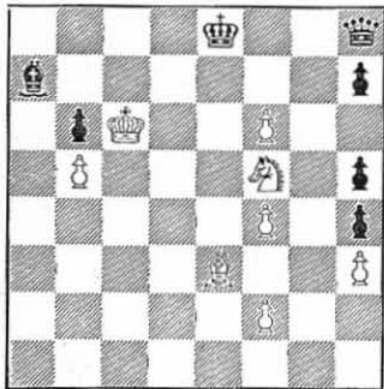
**Plan Your Vacation**  
**for 1953 NOW!**  
**Attend the U.S.C.F.**  
**OPEN**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**Milwaukee, Wis.**  
**August 10-21, 1953**

# White To Play And Win!

by William Rojram

Position No. 215

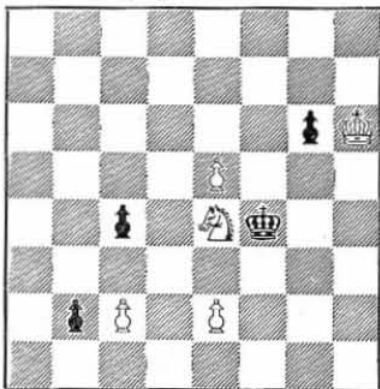
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White to play and win

Position No. 216

By Paul Monsky  
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White to play and win

POSITION No. 215 is a rather difficult study in cumulative threats, demonstrating the crippling effect that limited mobility has upon the Black pieces. Its variations are problem-like, as might be expected from noted problem composer.

Position No. 216 is interesting because White has just two moves to halt the Black Pawn from queening—and the choice is more important than appears on the surface. One move leads to a win for White—the other to a draw.

For solutions please turn to Page eight.

Alfred Ludwig of Omaha lays a rather unchallenged claim to being the champion tournament participant in the USA for 1952. He played in 1) Trans-Mississippi Open (29th), 2) U. S. Open (19th), 3) Colorado Open (10th), 4) Midwest Open (5th), 5) Wichita Open (3rd), 6) Swenson Memorial (1st), 7) Illinois Open (4th), and 8) Omaha City (tied for 1st). In addition he directed the Iowa, Colorado, Midwest, and U. S. Junior Tournaments.

The Dixie Times-Picayune States Roto Magazine of the famous New Orleans newspaper under the caption "Chess Men and Women" devoted a two page spread recently to pictures and story of the New Orleans City Championship and Reserve Tournaments. The city of Paul Morphy is again becoming very chess conscious with an active chess club gaining steadily in membership.

A Cleveland chess team scored an 11½-½ victory over Toledo with T. Ellison, Alec Selenoi, Carl Apthorp, F. Haban, E. E. Stearns, C. Garner, H. Weise, J. Owens, H. Fleming and W. Mahoney chalking up victories while Emil Rosthler held the draw with Maxwell of Toledo.

## HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED!

Ask your Club Secretary or tournament director to write for official rating forms to report the results of your next tournament or match, specifying the type of contest and the approximate number of players.

For team tournaments there is a rating fee of 50 cents per player, for team matches a fee of 15 cents per player. All other contests rated free of charge.

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:—

Montgomery Major  
123 No. Humphrey Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois

Do not write to other USCF officials for these rating forms.

USCF Vice-President Edward I. Treend scored a 15½-1½ victory in the Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) round robin championship, which was a 100% USCF rated club event. In winning the title, Treend lost one game to runner-up Richard F. Mahon and drew with Reginald M. Blachford. Mahon was second with 13-2, losing games to Abra O. Mason and Wilbur J. Pierce. Abra Mason and Marsh J. Gunnis shared third with 11-5. Top prizes were \$40.00 chess sets.

Helge Bergquist, long a contender, proved that persistence pays off by winning the Jamestown (N.Y.) City Championship 11-1 — the best score compiled by a winner in 15 years. In the double round event Bergquist conceded one draw apiece to William Wilcock and Alfred Benson. Wilcock placed second with 9½-2½, losing to Bergquist and Floyd Johnson, and drawing with Bergquist. Axel Anderson was third with 7-5, and Floyd Johnson placed fourth with 6-6.

St. Paul Chess Club (Minn.): This is the new name of the USCF Club Chapter formerly known as International Chess Club of St. Paul. The club address is Room 124, YMCA, 475 Cedar St., St. Paul. Officers of the club are: Robert C. Grove president, Harry D. Field vice-president, Laura Schaefer secretary, Axel J. Sommer treasurer, while the Executive Board is Joseph F. Serpico, A. L. Johnson, and Gene Hoeflin.

## HOLLYWOOD INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Los Angeles, 1953

1. Isaac Kashdan	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18½-3
2. E. Levin	.....	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16-3
3. H. Steiner	.....	1	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15½-3½
4. S. Almgren	.....	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15-4
5. J. Cross	.....	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14-5
6. I. Rivise	.....	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-6
7. M. Altschiller	.....	0	0	0	1	1	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-6
8. S. Mazner	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-8
9. J. Belzer	.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10-9

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Modesto, 1953

1. R. E. Burger (Pittsburg)	.....	W2	W3	W5	W4	4-0	11.50
2. R. E. Russell (Sacramento)	.....	L1	W9	W13	W6	3-1	9.50
3. P. D. Smith (Fresno)	.....	W7	L1	W16	W11	3-1	8.50
4. J. M. David-Malig (Stockton)	.....	W15	W12	W11	L1	3-1	7.00
5. A. E. Loera (Pittsburg)	.....	W13	W8	L1	D7	2½-1½	9.50
6. L. C. Woolfe (Stockton)	.....	D11	W14	W8	L2	2½-1½	7.50
7. M. Halparn (Fresno)	.....	L3	W15	W12	D5	2½-1½	7.00
8. E. L. Jeffers (Modesto)	.....	W10	L5	L6	W13	2-2	8.00
9. W. J. Reid (Stockton)	.....	L12	L2	W14	W16	2-2	5.50
10. L. C. Davis (Modesto)	.....	L8	L13	W15	W12	2-2	4.50

11. T. Fries (Fresno) 1½-2½ (9.00); 12. S. Poulsen (Fresno) 1-3 (9.50); 13. F. Olvera (Pittsburg) 1-3 (9.50); 14. R. Womack Fresno 1-3 (5.50); 15. F. Weinberg (Pittsburg) 1-3 (8.50); 16. O. A. Celle (Sacramento) 1-3 (7.50).

## MASSACHUSETTS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Cambridge, 1953

1. J. Keilson (Cambridge)	.....	W6	W4	D2	W10	W16	W17	5½-½	18.25
2. S. Rubinow (Boston)	.....	W18	W16	D1	W13	W8	W6	5½-½	14.75
3. R. Church (Cambridge)	.....	D19	L12	W17	W5	D9	W8	4-2	10.50
4. E. E. Underwood (Cambridge)	.....	W5	L1	W14	L8	W15	W12	4-2	10.50
5. Dr. L. Stumpers (Cambridge)	.....	L4	D6	W14	L3	W17	W16	3½-2½	7.75
6. J. A. Curdo (Lynn)	.....	L1	D5	bye	W20	W10	L2	3½-2½	6.75
7. Wilson Pike (Lynn)	.....	L20	W21	W15	D16	W12	L1	3½-2½	6.25
8. H. Gates (Brookline)	.....	W14	D13	D9	W4	L2	L3	3-3	9.25
9. G. F. Miller (Cambridge)	.....	W15	D19	D8	D12	D3	.....	3-3	8.25
10. H. Daly (West Roxbury)	.....	W12	W20	L13	L1	L6	W14	3-3	7.00
11. F. J. Trayers (Salem)	.....	L13	bye	L16	L15	W21	W19	3-3	2.00

12. Fred Keller (Belmont) 2½-3½ (7.50); 13. Peter Stephan (Cambridge) 2½-3½ (6.50); 14. Stanley King (Quincy) 2½-3½ (4.25); 15. Paul Travers (Lexington) 2½-3½ (4.25); 16. John Cheevers, Jr. (Cambridge) 2½-3½ (3.75); 17. Thomas Unger (Cambridge) 2½-3½ (2.75); 18. Norman Lourie (Brookline) 2½-3½ (1.25); 19. Kazys Merkis (So. Boston) 2-4 (5.50); 20. Stuart Dreyfus (Cambridge) 2-4 (3.50); 21. Serge Lorrin (Cambridge) 1-5 (0.00).

## CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP

1. E. F. Nitzsche (Burlington)	.....	W8	W5	L2	W9	W4	W10	5-1	11.00
2. A. Helzner (Salem)	.....	W6	W3	L1	W4	W9	L8	4-2	14.00
3. J. Hurvitz (Chestnut Hill)	.....	W4	L2	L9	W5	W7	W6	4-2	13.00
4. G. Nute (Boston)	.....	L3	W9	W8	W2	L1	D5	3½-2½	9.75
5. J. S. Sampson (Arlington)	.....	W7	L1	W6	L3	W10	D4	3½-2½	7.75
6. J. Bernd (Arlington)	.....	L2	W7	L5	W10	W8	L3	3-3	5.00
7. M. Marshall (Arlington)	.....	L5	L6	W10	W8	L3	W9	3-3	4.00
8. J. Egan (Watertown)	.....	2-4	(4.00); 9. Joseph Solano (Lexington) 2-4 (4.00); 10. Pierre Treuil (Cambridge) 0-6 (0.00).						

## IOWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ames, 1953

1. J. Penquite (Des Moines)	.....	W24	W17	D7	W9	W2	4½-½	11.75
2. A. W. Davis (Ames)	.....	W19	W21	W5	W3	L1	4-1	12.00
3. Peter Muto (Britt)	.....	W25	D4	W8	L2	W7	4-1	12.00
4. M. Baldwin (Des Moines)	.....	W6	L3	W19	W18	W11	4-1	10.50
5. C. Rosburg (Storm Lake)	.....	W26	W11	L2	W12	W10	4-1	10.00
6. S. Sorenson (Iowa City)	.....	L4	W15	W13	W17	D9	3½-1½	9.00
7. R. Haines (Ames)	.....	bye	W20	D1	W10	L3	3½-1½	7.25
8. W. Vanderberg (Shell Rock)	.....	W27	D9	L3	W22	W16	3½-1½	4.50
9. B. Egle (Dubuque)	.....	W15	D8	W21	L1	D6	3-2	8.00
10. J. Donath (Waterloo)	.....	W22	W12	W14	L7	L5	3-2	6.50
11. R. Lowther (Ames)	.....	W29	L5	W16	W14	L4	3-2	4.50
12. K. G. Huntress (Ames)	.....	W23	L10	W24	L5	W18	3-2	4.00
13. W. G. Wild (Storm Lake)	.....	L16	W28	L6	W26	W17	3-2	3.00
14. C. Langenhop (Ames)	.....	W20	W16	L10	L11	D15	2½-2½	5.25
15. C. H. Gray (Davenport)	.....	L9	L6	W29	W24	D14	2½-2½	2.25

16. Clarence Willing (Dubuque) 2-3 (5.00); 17. Kenneth Hartt (Iowa City) 2-3 (3.00); 18. R. G. Bullard (Des Moines) 2-3 (2.00); 19. Joe Francis (Storm Lake) 2-3 (2.00); 20. George Reynolds (Storm Lake) 2-3 (2.00); 21. R. Bullard (Maxwell) 2-3 (1.00); 22. Earl Janus (Burlington) 1-4 (2.00); 23. Don Derr (Cedar Rapids) 1-4 (0.00); 24. O. L. Ronnigen (Ames) 1-4 (0.00); 25. L. A. Saral (Ames) 1-4 (0.00); 26. W. W. Weekley (Ames) 1-4 (0.00); 27. Elmer Darmer (Des Moines) 0-5 (0.00); 28. Wayne DeMouth (Algona) 0-5 (0.00); 29. Harold Weber (Algona) 0-5 (0.00).

Darmer withdrew after second round; Derr, Saral, DeMouth, and Weber after third round; and Weekley after fourth round. There were also a number of forfeits.

## JAMESTOWN (N.Y.) CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Jamestown, 1953

1. H. Bergquist (Jamestown)	.....	x	1½	2	2	2	1½	11-1
2. W. Wilcock (Jamestown)	.....	x	x	2	1	2	2	9½-2½
3. A. Anderson (Jamestown)	.....	0	0	x	1	2	2	7-5
4. F. Johnson (Jamestown)	.....	0	1	1	x	1	1	6-6
5. Ray Paddrik (Jamestown)	.....	4-8;	6. Paul Mortynczuk (Stockton) 3-9;	7. Alfred Benson (Jamestown) 1½-10½.				

Bob Burger of Pittsburg (Calif) won the Individual Championship of the Central California Chess League with 4-0 in the 16 player event, besting the second, third, fourth and fifth place winners to make his victory a conclusive one. Second to fourth on S-B with 3-1 each were R. E. Russell, P.D. Smith, and J. M. David-Malig, all of whom lost games to Burger. The tournament was directed by Herbert Paul.

Erich F. Nitzsche won the Massachusetts Class B Championship at Cambridge with 5-1, losing one game to runner-up Albert Helzner in the 10 player Swiss. Second and third respectively on S-B with 4-2 were Albert Helzner and Joseph Hurvitz. Helzner lost games to George Nute and John Egan, while Hurvitz lost to Helzner and Joseph Solano.

Say You Saw It in CHESS LIFE



# YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM

America's Leading Young Masters Annotate  
Outstanding Games from Recent Chess Events

## Lucky Or Good?

By U. S. Master CARL PILNICK

HOW lucky is a good player? Each chess player who participates in a tournament (and doesn't take first prize) will inevitably have occasion to comment, either gracefully aloud or more bitterly to himself, that the winner seemed inordinately lucky. The comment is true, and yet so superficial as to be meaningless. For all good players, regardless of individual style, have one common characteristic, the ability to blend the mathematical precision required by the position with the gambler's speculative instinct and psychological insight. They make their own luck.



Botvinnik, in the following game, follows up an opening slip by Taimanov with murderous accuracy. In a theoretically won position he sacrifices a Bishop, which analysis shows to be dubious. Yet he won the game. Was he lucky or good?

### NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Fourth Match Game  
Moscow, 1953

White	Black
<b>BOTVINNIK</b>	<b>TAIMANOV</b>
1. P-Q4	K1-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. K1-QB3	B-K15
4. P-K3	.....

Botvinnik rarely deviates from this variation with which he has achieved great success.

4. .... K1-B3

A move infrequently seen but perfectly playable if followed by P-K4 in the near future.

5. K1-K2 P-Q4?

And here is the basic mistake of the game. From now on, Black's Queen Knight stands like a granite monument—in his own way. Best was 5. .... P-K4; 6. Pxp, KtxP; 7. P-QR3, BxK1 ch; 8. KtxB, P-Q3; 9. P-K4, slightly in White's favor.

6. P-QR3 B-K2



6. .... BxKt ch; 7. KtxB is unappetizing as Black finds himself in a variation of the QGD with his good Bishop gone and a misplaced Knight.

7. Pxp! .....

The way to exploit Black's weakness. The QP will be difficult to defend.

7. .... Pxp

No. better is 7. .... KtxP; 8. KtxKt, PxKt; 9. Kt-B4.

8. Kt-B4 O-O

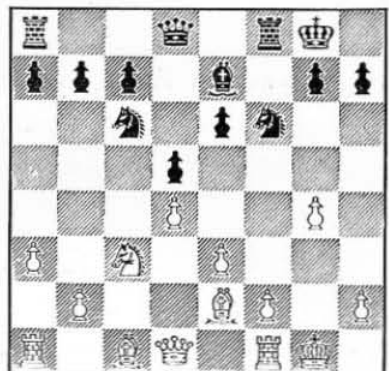
9. B-K2 .....

Again accurate, aiming at KB3.

9. .... B-B4?  
Planning upon 10. B-B3, B-K5; so that if 11. KtxB, PxKt and White must pay for the two Bishops by giving up a tempo. Better, however, were 9. .... B-K3 at once or even the abject 9. .... Kt-Kt1 so that if 10. B-B3, P-B3.

10. P-KKt4! B-K3  
10. .... B-R4; 11. P-KR4 was unpleasant to contemplate. Any other Bishop move loses the QP.

11. KtxB PxKt  
12. O-O! .....



Again the mark of accuracy. Many players are fearful of launching an attack which exposes their King and in this position would fumble pieces around in order to castle on the other wing. Botvinnik's plan flows like the river.

12. .... Q-Q2  
Unfortunately Black cannot break with 12. .... P-K4 because of 13. Pxp, Ktx KP; 14. P-Kt5.

13. P-B4 Kt-Q1  
14. B-Q3 Kt-B2  
15. P-Kt4! .....

Not so much to restrict the Queen's side as to swing the QR into action via QR2.

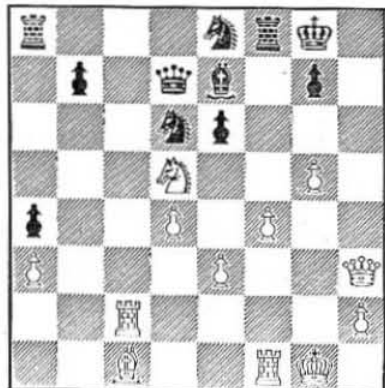
15. .... P-QR4  
16. P-QKt5 Kt-Q3  
17. Q-B3 P-R5  
18. R-R2 P-B3  
19. Pxp QxP  
20. R-QB2 Q-Q2

If 20. .... KKt-K5; 21. KtxKt, PxKt; 22. Q-Kt2, Q-Q4; 23. R-B5, Q-Kt6; 24. B-B2!

21. P-K15 Kt-K1  
22. Bxp ch!? .....

Possibly irked by the fact that 22. Q-R3 with the dual threat at KR7 and Q5 is just barely met by 22. .... Kt-B4, Botvinnik decides to cut loose. The big question is whether in this fine position the sacrifice might be delayed until all doubt is removed.

22. .... KxB  
23. Q-R3 ch K-K1  
24. KtxQP .....

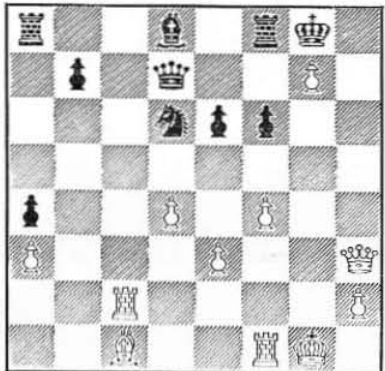


With a triple threat, Kt-Kt6 or R-B7 or P-Kt6 since Kt-B3 can be met by KtxKt ch.

24. .... B-Q1  
25. P-Kt6 Kt-B3  
26. KtxKt ch PxKt

RxKt falls against 27. Q-R7 ch, K-B1; 28. Q-R8 ch, K-K2; 29. Qxp ch, K-K1; 30. Q-R8 ch, R-B1; 31. P-K17.

27. P-Kt7 .....



27. .... R-K1?

And here Taimanov misses his one opportunity to make a fight of it. The correct move is 27. .... KxP! and White has his troubles to reach a decision. For example, 28. Q-R5, R-B2!; or 28. R-Kt2 ch, K-B2; 29. P-Q5, P-B4! (or .... Kt-B4; 30. Pxp ch, Qxp; 31. Q-R5 ch, K-K2; 32. P-K4, Qxp; 33. R-K2?, R-Kt1 ch!); 30. Q-R5 ch, K-K2; 31. B-Kt2, Kt-B2; 32. B-B6 ch!, K-K1!; 33. B-Kt7, B-Kt3 and the issue is very much in doubt.

28. Q-R8 ch K-B2  
29. Q-R5 ch! K-K1

For now KxP is too late because of 30. R-Kt2 ch, K-B1; 31. Q-R8 ch, K-K2; 32. R-Kt7 ch, Kt-B2; 33. RxKt ch!

30. R-K12 Kt-B2  
31. R-B3 .....

Here it comes and what are you going to do about it?

31. .... R-R4  
32. Q-R4 P-K4

Nothing.

33. R-R3 QxR

The rest is just mopping up, with Taimanov hanging on till adjournment in the hope of a miracle during time pressure.

34. QxQ PxBP 38. R-QB2 R-Kt6  
35. Pxp B-Kt3 39. Q-Q7 QR-K6  
36. B-Kt2 R-Kt4 40. QxRP R-K8ch  
37. K-B1 B-R4 41. K-B2 B-B2

The time pressure is finished, and so is Taimanov. Black resigned.

Downtown Y Chess Club (St. Louis): F. S. Anderson with 9 1/4-1/2 won the club championship, drawing with James Cook. Cook was second with 9-1, drawing with Anderson and Harry A. Lew. In third place was E. J. Roesch with 8-2, losing games to Anderson and Cook. Edmund Godbold was fourth in the 11 player round robin with 6-4, losing to Anderson, Cook and Roesch, while drawing with Harry Lew and Raymond Vollmar.

## COLORADO OPEN - GREAT SHINDIG

Plans for the third annual Colorado Open, called by many state champions last year the "Little America" of chess tournaments, are now completed, according to tournament director Merle W. Reese.

Sponsored by the Denver Y Chess Club and the USCF, and offering the added lure of a grand vacation in the Rockies, the date selected will in addition provide a welcome tune-up for the national tourney at Milwaukee. Play begins at 1 PM, Saturday July 18, at the Y lecture room, with a frolic for speed demons, and a banquet for all players and their families at 6 PM. This will be followed by a Calcutta Auction, and round one at 8 PM. The method of seeding by Harkness ratings, starting strong versus strong, will make it a hair-raising event from start to finish with seven rounds sufficient to decide the winner. Last year's tournament was won by Bela Roza of Tulsa, with seventeen states represented, and early reservations indicate an even larger turn-out. Share the ride rendezvous centers in twenty states have been set up and arrangements for transportations are urged to be made early.

President Ike, who will be fishing in Colorado during July, has been invited to give the welcoming address with the subject, "Chess and Better Citizenship" and according to Mr. Reese Denver players are hopeful of acceptance. Entry fees are five dollars, with 100% membership in the USCF to guarantee national ratings, or ten dollars to players not now so affiliated. All entry fees go into the "Silver Shower" prize distribution. Three rounds on Sunday July 19, and three rounds on Monday July 20, will conclude the event. Approximately \$500.00 is anticipated in the "Shower."

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## Major Topics

By  
Montgomery Major

### Falsus in Uno, Falsus in Omnibus

*Uncomely goeth he through the world. Grey is the favourite colour in which  
he wrappeth his virtue. Hath he spirit, then doth he conceal it; every one, however,  
believeth in his long ears.*

*The ass, however, here brayed Ye-A.*

NIETZSCHE—Also Sprach Zarathustra.

LET us deal gently, if we can, with the follies of the elderly, re-  
membering that Falstaff lamented for the aged: "How subject we  
old men are to this vice of lying!"

But in our gentle dealing let us remember also that the ancient  
law adage in general is a true guide—a liar caught in one falsehood  
has usually told others not yet detected—or as the lawyer phrases  
it: False in one thing, false in everything.

Dr. Edward Lasker (who is now probably too old to know better  
—if he ever did) has penned another effusion to the British magazine  
"Chess" in which he inflicts his peculiar views about chess on a long  
suffering British public. Why "Chess" is interested in wasting space  
on purely American chess problems is a question for Mr. Baruch H.  
Wood to answer, if he can. We know, however, why Dr. Lasker sub-  
mitted his views to a foreign publication—it was because he could  
not find an audience in the USA.

We would not object to Dr. Lasker airing his ideas, silly and  
egotistical as they are, if Dr. Lasker would confine his statements to  
fact and did not dress them persuasively with misleading statements  
and deliberate falsehood. We object to misrepresentation.

In the first part of his letter in "Chess" Dr. Lasker parades a  
ridiculous series of objections to Mr. Kenneth Harkness and his alleged  
views on tournament chess. We do not feel Mr. Harkness needs any  
defence—in our opinion the finest compliment he could receive is  
to incur Dr. Lasker's displeasure. And since Mr. Harkness is concen-  
trating on the business of the U.S. Chess Federation and its pro-  
motional program, his alleged opinions on tournament chess are not  
even relevant to a discussion. As Dr. Lasker knows (although in his  
letter he implies a different state of affairs), the U.S. Master Tournaments  
are controlled by a U.S. Tournament Committee, which has  
always included several recognized masters. Dr. Lasker's implications  
that our Master Tournaments are altogether planned by inexperienced  
amateurs may delude European readers; it will not deceive any Amer-  
ican player who has seen the Committee list as published in CHESS  
LIFE. We can dismiss this part of Dr. Lasker's letter gently as being  
only a lie by implication—a mere bagatelle.

Then Dr. Lasker states: "The U.S. Chess Federation, when on its  
last leg (less than 1,000 members) grasped at a plan offered by Mr.  
Harkness . . ." In stating a wild and inaccurate guess as a known  
fact, Dr. Lasker was guilty of a malicious and deliberate lie. It is a lie  
that casts dark suspicion on every other statement he has made and  
will make in the future. The membership of the U.S. Chess Federation  
is not as large as it should be, but it has been well over the thousand  
membership mark for many years. Either Dr. Lasker knew this fact  
and lied deliberately, or he did not know the total number of members  
and decided to bluff with a figure that he hoped was correct. The  
second (and most probable explanation) is just as much a deliberate  
lie as the first; and either explanation reveals Dr. Lasker as a very  
contemptible and dishonorable individual.

Dr. Lasker continues his tissue of misrepresentation with the  
comment that the USCF Board of Directors is "for all practical pur-  
poses" appointed by a "president jealously guarding his position by  
excluding qualified New Yorkers and maintaining a large preponder-  
ance of completely unqualified 'Hinterlanders' . . ." This is also a  
lie by implication, for readers of "Chess" cannot be expected to know  
that Directors are elected at the annual membership meeting on a  
state basis proportionally to number of USCF members in each state.  
But Dr. Lasker knew that he was deliberately misrepresenting the  
facts, for he was once a member of the USCF Board of Directors.

The phrase "unqualified 'Hinterlanders'" is not only amusing but  
reveals the malicious falsity which Dr. Lasker imbeds in his state-  
ments. European readers will not suspect that Dr. Lasker is dismissing  
airily in the phrase "Hinterlanders" such amateur woodpushers as  
Issac Kalshdan, Herman Steiner, Arthur Dake, George Koltanowski,  
Olaf Ulvestad, Albert Sandrin, Irving Rivise, D. H. Mugridge, Weaver  
W. Adams, M. Turiansky, Saul Wachs, Roy T. Black, Albert W. Fox,  
Herman Hahlbohm, Lewis J. Isaacs, Charles S. Jacobs, William A.  
Ruth, Atilio DiCamillo, Sydney T. Sharpe, I. S. Turover, etc., not  
to mention recent arrivals from Europe of Master status like Imrc  
Konig and Elmar Zengalis.

Finally Dr. Lasker concludes mendaciously with the statement:  
"I have been asked to head an organization which would really repre-  
sent American chess players, including New York, but I haven't the  
time." We suspect Dr. Lasker asked Dr. Lasker to head such an organi-  
zation, remembering the much tooted Association of American Masters  
which languished briefly, holding one tournament, and then crept quietly  
into a welcome oblivion.

Dr. Lasker could, however, make one great contribution to chess  
in America; he could shut up while some torn remnants of his reputa-  
tion remained to hide the ugly truth of his character as mercilessly  
revealed by his published letters.

### An Open Letter To Dr. Lasker

Under the title "U.S. Chess Erupts," there appeared in the February  
number of CHESS a laudatory editorial concerning the attempt by  
Kenneth Harkness to instill new life into the United States Chess Federa-  
tion. Mr. Harkness was described as a "Scotsman who has infused  
more life into chess in the United States during the last ten years than  
any other ten men we know."

Now there appears, in the April issue of the same magazine, an  
ugly and unprovoked attack on Mr. Harkness, by Dr. Edward Lasker  
of the Marshall Chess Club in New York City. (Dr. Edward Lasker  
is not related to the late Dr. Emanuel Lasker, the former World  
Champion).

We dislike even noticing Dr. Lasker's letter, but, as Robert Louis  
Stevenson once remarked, the biggest liar of them all is the man who  
does not speak. We feel obliged to speak in defense of Mr. Harkness.

Dr. Lasker's letter is so lacking in any sustained train of thought that  
it is difficult to be sure just what his complaints really are. He appar-  
ently: 1) objects to Mr. Harkness making any money out of chess, and  
2) considers that the only way in which chess can be promoted is by  
organizing master chess events.

Mr. Harkness has undertaken to put the United States Chess Federa-  
tion "in the black." He has been working night and day on a simply  
prodigious job of chess promotion, and there is no man, anywhere,  
better qualified to do it. Does Dr. Lasker expect him to work for nothing,  
especially when his efforts show every promise of success? Dr. Lasker,  
himself, has made money out of chess whenever the opportunity pre-  
sented itself, both through his play and through sale of his books.

No one will argue with Dr. Lasker on the point of the importance  
of master play in chess promotion, but what does he expect the USCF  
to do? Organize master tournaments all over the country? The sug-  
gestion is clearly ridiculous. With an interesting publication, and money  
for organizing tournaments at the city, state and national level, the  
USCF can be made to pay, and we venture to predict that Mr. Hark-  
ness will prove it to be so.

Dr. Lasker has lived in the United States for many years. He has  
had ample opportunity to take a hand in national chess promotion.  
So far as we are aware, he has never so much as lifted a finger in the  
attempt.

The last paragraph of Dr. Lasker's letter deserves special com-  
ment. We quote: "Until the Directors of the USCF, hitherto appointed  
(for all practical purposes) by a president jealously guarding his posi-  
tion by excluding qualified New Yorkers and maintaining a large pre-  
ponderance of completely unqualified 'Hinterlanders,' will appoint a  
committee of people who know what is needed to promote master chess  
events, there is no hope for the USCF to survive. I have been asked  
to head an organization which would really represent American chess  
players, including New York, but I haven't the time."

Dr. Lasker is not a native-born American. It is, therefore, a trifle  
unbecoming of him to refer to any American as a "Hinterlander." This  
term bears with it an aroma which is not pleasant in the nostrils of a  
native American. Where are the "Hinterlands" of the United States?  
California? Minnesota? Maine? Louisiana? When a man leaves his  
native land, and settles in another, he is well-advised to acquaint him-  
self with the customs and traditions of his adopted country. In this, Dr.  
Lasker has signally failed.

There are no "Hinterlands" in the United States, Dr. Lasker!  
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# THE ELEMENTS OF CHESS

By International Master HERMAN STEINER

## Hypothetical Game

Illustrating Principles, Rules, and Objectives

(Continued from issue of April 20)



After White plays: 4. P-Q3

Black now asks himself, "What can I do to nullify the threat and at the same time have other good reasons for making the move?" He looks at the diagrammed position, and finds it easy to prevent the move of Kt-Kt5 with P-KR3, or P-B3, or even with B-K2. Another aspect presents itself: Why prevent Kt-Kt5 from being made at all? Does not Kt-R3 protect the King-Bishop-Pawn?

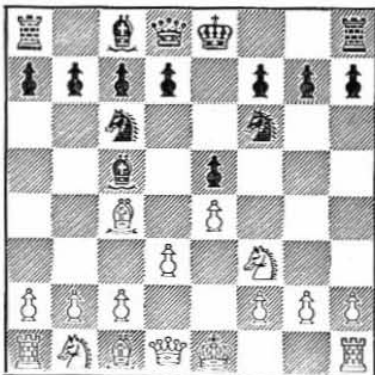
To clarify the matter, let us take each move or problem separately. First P-KR3. It is true that this move prevents White from playing his Knight to Kt5, but the move is not developing one. It does not control more Space nor does it attack. It simply prevents his opponent from making a move which was a superficial threat. In other words, with P-KR3 Black only wastes a move and weakens his position. I may say at this time that one should not play P-KR3, or P-QR3, unless forced to, or if there is no other way to meet the opponent's threat. This is the only time one should make such a preventative move. As a matter of fact, one should not make any other Pawn move in the opening except the King or Queen-Pawn, until he achieves his First and Second Objectives. This is the only time to attack.

Two more moves are possible, both weak: P-B3, which is even worse than P-KR3, for it opens one more square (KKt) to the already powerful White Bishop, and like the former P-KR3 it has only one reason, and that reason is to prevent Kt-Kt5. The other move is B-K2 which also has only one reason—preventing Kt-Kt5. This move results in a loss of Time and Space.

The skeptic may ask: "Why does not Kt-KR3 defend the threat Kt-Kt5?" The move Kt-KR3 defends the attack on the KB2 square. But the Knight at KR3 is certainly out of play, although it is a developing move but it does not control the maximum squares of the opponent's territory, also its movement is limited—another good reason for not making moves of this kind with a Knight.

When one develops the Knights, he should make certain they move to squares from which they may move to either side of the board in one move, for attacking or defending purposes, and the best places for the Knights are on their own B3 squares.

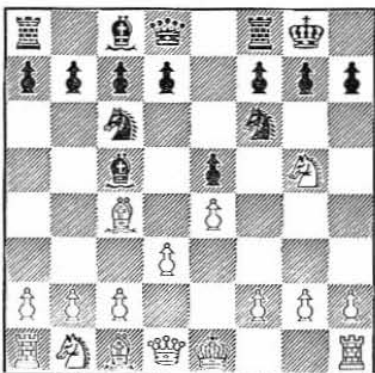
None of the four moves mentioned has these qualifications. By making the move 4. ...., Kt-B3, we find this is the correct place for the Knight, as it meets all requirements.



After Black plays: 4. ...., Kt-B3

**Developing Move**  
Controls greatest number of opponent's squares  
Nullifies threat of Third Objective of Kt-Kt5  
Threat of First Objective

How does this move nullify White's threat of Kt-Kt5? There are times when a move like Kt-Kt5 will be good and others when it is bad. With Black's defense of Kt-B3; Kt-Kt5 is a waste or loss of Time, for now the Black King can castle, protecting the Bishop-Pawn



with the Rook! Now the Knight stays at Kt5 with no purpose at all, for eventually it will have to retire. This means a loss of one more move.

Nullifying the threat of Kt-Kt5 of course, is only one phase of Black's 4. ...., Kt-B3 move. It also develops, controls two more squares of opponent's territory, and threatens his First Objective (P-Q4). Now Black begins his counter-play.

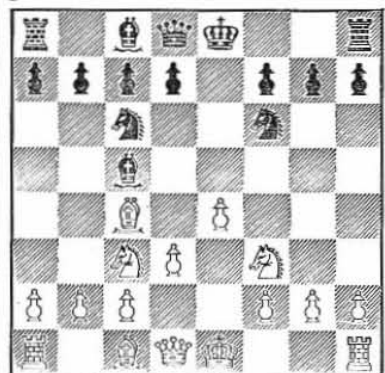
It often happens that a beginner will start with a premature attack and lose because there are not enough Forces to support the

attack. It is like an attack in war. A division wants to capture a certain height in order to control the enemy's territory and to cripple his movement. Both sides begin shooting in order to weaken the enemy's defense for the final attack. Suddenly the side responsible for the premature attack runs out of ammunition. The enemy notices this and counter-attacks, destroying the attackers because they have no defense left. This holds good in chess as well.

Before attacking you should make the following resolves: 1) Never attack a target unless you can do so with more Forces than your opponent has for defense. Therefore, when you plan to attack, you must make sure you have enough Forces to conclude what you set out to do. 2) If the attack does not work out with advantage, retire with safety.

That every attack should win is a popular misconception. Any combination is sound provided it does not lose. Of course, if you start from a winning position, miscalculate, and draw, that too, constitutes a blunder.

Now we have reached White's fifth move. We again ask, "What does our opponent threaten?" We know that Black's move threatened his First Objective (P-Q4). It is an important phase of the game. It gives the player mobility, and possibly more control of his opponent's territory. White must nullify this threat. This is only possible by controlling the square Q5 with one more Force, preventing Black from playing his Pawn to his Q4. The answer becomes obvious. It is a developing move, controls the greatest number of the opponent's squares, and last but not least, it nullifies opponent's threat of his First Objective. The move is: 5. Kt-B3, an excellent one to illustrate the correctness of the three reasons given above.



After White plays: 5. Kt-B3

**Developing move**  
Controls greatest number of opponent's squares  
Nullifies threat of First Objective  
(Continued in next issue.)

SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE (Cleveland): Cathedral Latin, winner of the Western Division, downed John Adams High, winner of Eastern Division, by 7-5 to gain the Scholastic League title.

## Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

AS these lines are written the tense contest between the champion Manhattan Chess Club team and the spirited and strong Marshall 'Junior' aggregation—which only recently tied its 'Senior' counterpart in a first-round Met League match—is still undecided with five of the eight games adjourned in difficult positions and the Juniors leading 2-1 in the three already completed. Despite the doubt which still exists as to the final outcome of the match, it can be safely said that the Junior team has given the perennial champs as good a fight (and scare!) as any other team (including the Marshall Seniors!) in the last seven or eight years!

The main contributing factor to the Junior's lead in the games already finished was fifteen-year-old Willy Lombardy's upset victory over Albert Pinkus, for many years one of the U.S.'s top masters. This game ended in a mad time scramble with Lombardy threatening immediate mate with at least ten moves left to go to the control and his flag about to fall; Pinkus had only a minute or two more! In those exciting seconds which followed the elder player managed to achieve a winning position by a series of checks (how else to stop mate on the move!) only to miss the win of a piece and then a clear draw by a pretty rook sacrifice. Lombardy's 41st move forced a mate and, even though many games were still in progress, the spectators could not be prevented from loudly applauding the youthful victor. Jim Sherwin (Juniors) played the wellknown exchange sacrifice in the Grunfeld Defense against Max Pavey and built up a very strong attack only to overlook a cute winning idea just when his attack seemed spent; thereafter the game was clearly drawn as was the Shipman (Manhattan)-Margulies struggle, a rather uneventful contest.

All the adjourned games but one favor the Manhattan players. Karl Burger (Juniors) appears to have a clearly winning position against I. A. Horowitz, but Moscowwitz, Williams, and Turner have distinct advantages over their Marshall opponents, while Karl Vine (Manhattan) is a pawn up on Al Weissman with no win in sight. So a valid prediction of the final result would be a 4½-3½ Manhattan victory but the Juniors, as their feverish adjournment analysis indicates, won't give up without a fight!

**IN BRIEF:** Tony Saidy won his second straight Junior tourney at the Marshall C. C. with a clean sweep of all games played, including a decisive victory over Willy Lombardy, his closest rival in both tournaments . . . . Columbia,

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# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS, New York State Champion, 1953

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## YOUNG MEDNIS

Edmar Mednis is only sixteen and one of our most talented and promising players. Last winter he won the New York Inter-Scholastic Championship. His style has an admirable mixture of positional play and tactics.

## DUTCH DEFENSE

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Marshall C. C. Championship  
New York, 1952

Notes by Edmar Mednis

White Black  
A. KAUFMAN E. MEDNIS  
1. P-Q4 P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3  
2. P-QB4 P-KB4 4. P-K4!

Instead of the customary 4. P-KKt3, Kaufman selects this tricky variation with which he is well acquainted.

4. B-Kt5!  
To my knowledge a new move.  
5. PXP  
Also possible is 5. P-K5.  
5. PXP 6. B-Q3 P-Q3!  
The best way to protect the KBP. 6. P-Q4 would weaken the white squares too much.  
7. Q-R4ch?  
White falls into the trap, believing that he can win a piece. 7. Kt-KB3 or 7. Kt-K2 were better.  
7. Kt-B3 8. P-Q5 B-Q2



Only now does White see that after 9. PxKt, BxKtch; 10. PxB, BxP; Queen moves, BxP followed by BxR and Black is at least an exchange and a P ahead.  
9. BxP  
The best, otherwise White has nothing for Black's edge in development.  
9. BxB 11. PxB P-QKt3!  
10. PxKt BxKtch  
White is a P ahead, but Black has more than enough compensation.  
12. Kt-K2 Q-K2  
It is important to delay White's castling for as long as possible.  
13. B-K3 Kt-Kt5 15. PxB P-QxPch  
14. O-O KtxB 16. K-R1 O-O  
The simplest, although B-Q6 was playable also.  
17. Kt-K3 B-Q6 19. QxP Q-B7  
18. RxRch RxR!  
Black threatens now B-B8, so that White's next move is forced.  
20. R-KKt1 Q-E2!  
Stronger than 20. P-R4, which gives White counterplay; e.g., 21. QxBP, P-

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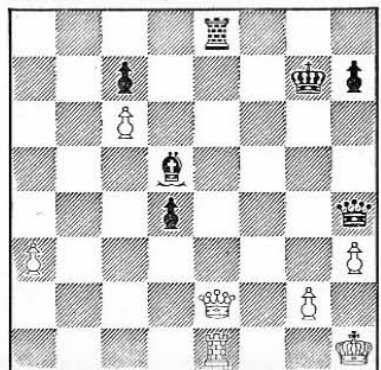
R5; 22. QxQP, BxP; 23. Q-Kt4, R-B5; 24. P-B7. However, now P-R4 is threatened.  
21. P-B5 KtPxP! 23. Q-R7  
22. Q-R4 Q-B5

The exchange of Queens would be unfavorable for White.

23. Q-B2 25. P-QR3 P-Q4!  
24. Q-R4 B-B5  
Now Black again threatens P-R4. 26. Q-Q1 would prevent it, but then 26. Q-B3 would win one of the QB pawns.  
26. P-R3? This move hastens the end.  
26. Q-B5!

The Knight is lost now, as 27. K-R2 is answered by P-R4.

27. Kt-R5 Q-R5 28. KtxP KxKt  
The rest is easy.  
29. Q-Q1 P-Q5! 32. Q-K2 R-Kt1  
30. PxP PxP Resigns  
37. R-K7 B-Q4



## ENGLISH OPENING

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Pennsylvania State Championship  
Somerset, 1952

White Black  
D. SPIRO SAUL WACHS  
1. P-QB4 P-QB4

This leads to something like an Indian complex. A Sicilian Reversed is begun with 1. P-K4; and 1. KtKB3 temporizes.

2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3  
Equality also results from 2. Kt-QB3; 3. P-KKt3, P-KKt3; 4. B-Kt2, B-Kt2; 5. P-Q3, P-Q3; 6. P-K4, P-B4; 7. Kt-K2, Kt-B3.  
3. P-KKt3

Keres-Fine, U.S.S.R.—U.S.A. Match, 1947, continued: 3. Kt-B3, P-Q4; 4. PxP, KtxP; 5. P-K3, KtxKt; 6. KtPxKt, P-KKt3; 7. Q-R4ch, Kt-Q2; 8. B-R3, Q-B2; 9. B-K2; B-Kt2; 10. O-O, O-O; 11. P-Q4. After 11. P-Kt3; the chances are even.

3. Kt-B3  
With 3. P-Q4; 4. PxP, KtxP; 5. B-Kt2, Kt-B2; 6. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 7. O-O, P-K4; Botvinnik obtained slightly the better of it against Kirillov, Leningrad, 1933.

4. B-Kt2 P-KKt3 5. P-K3  
More straight-forward is 5. Kt-B3, and if 5. P-K4; to prevent 6. P-Q4, then 6. P-Q3 with a standard pattern White Sicilian Dragon Line.

5. B-Kt2 7. O-O P-Q3  
6. Kt-K2 O-O 8. Kt-B4  
Better is 8. P-Q4.  
8. B-Kt5 9. Q-Kt3  
Exchanging QBP for QKtP is not a good deal for White. Best is 9. P-B3.  
9. Kt-QR4 13. P-B3 B-B4  
10. Q-B2 KtxP 14. P-K4 B-Q2  
11. BxP R-Kt1 15. P-Q3  
12. B-Kt2 Kt-K4

As a result of his 8th and 9th moves, White's position is inferior.  
15. Kt-B3 17. BxKt?  
16. B-K3 Kt-Q5

Thus giving a Bishop for a Knight is tantamount to sacrilege. 17. Q-B2 is right.

17. PxB 18. QKt-Q5  
Not 18. QKt-K2, P-K4; 19. Kt-R3, Q-B1; and wins.

18. Kt-Kt1!  
Threatening to win a piece with 19. P-K3.

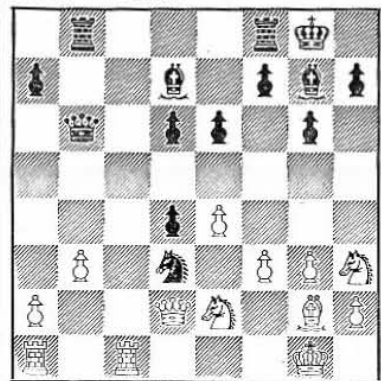
19. Kt-R3 P-K3 21. P-Kt3 Kt-B2  
20. QKt-B4 Q-Kt3

This Knight is slated for glory.

22. Kt-K2 Kt-R3 24. KR-B1?  
23. Q-Q2 Kt-B4

Not seeing Black's bright retort. 24. K-R1 was necessary.

24. KtxQP!



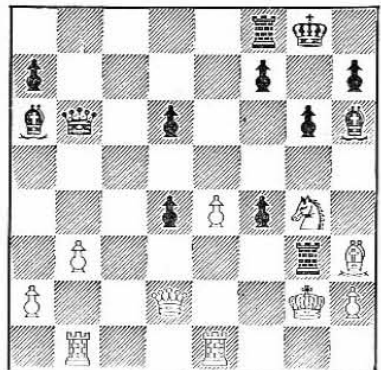
25. R-Q1  
If 25. QxKt, B-Kt4; 26. Q-Q2, (26. R-B4, P-Q4; 27. PxP, PxB; wins P-Q6dis ch; 27. K-R1, BxR; 28. RxB, PxKt; and wins.  
25. Kt-Kt5 26. K-R1

On 26. KtxP, Kt-B7; wins the exchange.  
26. P-K4 28. R-KB1? B-Kt4  
27. Kt-B2 QR-B1 29. QxKt BxKt  
Now if 30. QxQ, PxQ; and Black's Two Bishops and passed QP guarantee a won ending.

30. Q-Q2 B-QR3!  
Here and hereafter Black declines the exchange. He figures his QB can be well used for the attack and to aid in the advance of the QP.

31. B-R3 R-B4 33. K-Kt2 R-K6  
32. QR-Kt1 R-B6  
Threatening 34. R-K7; 35. Q-Q1, P-Q6 with a winning attack.

34. KR-K1 B-R3 35. P-B4  
If 35. Kt-Kt4, R-K7ch; wins the Queen.  
35. PxB 37. Resigns  
36. Kt-Kt4 RxPch!



If 37. K-R1, RxB; wins. And if 37. PxB, P-B6ch; 38. KxP, BxQ; wins. Black's 24th and 36th moves were particularly fine.

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

MCO: page 187, column 33

Trans-Mississippi Championship  
Davenport, 1932

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

White Black  
S. WINIKAITIS R. KUJOTH  
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. B-Kt5 P-B3  
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. Kt-B3 PxB  
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3

Arriving, after a somewhat unusual order of moves, at a variation made famous by world champion Botvinnik who has enjoyed fine success with the Black pieces.

6. P-K3?  
The first inexactitude. Undoubtedly correct is 6. P-K4 which is the only logical attempt at refutation.

6. P-Kt4 7. P-QR4 B-Kt5!  
The point! Black has sufficient time to simultaneously develop and maintain the extra pawn.

8. Kt-Q2  
To release the annoying pin.

8. QKt-Q2!  
The correct decision. Black will return the pawn but with gain of time. After P-QR3; 9. Q-B3! would create difficulties.

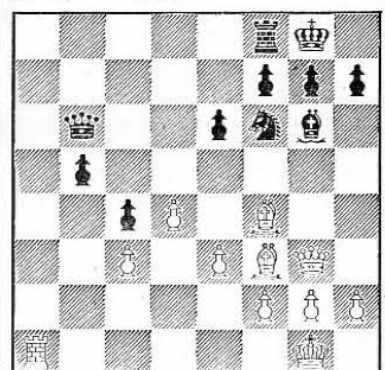
9. PxB BxKt 12. RxP Q-Kt3  
10. PxB PxB 13. R-R1 B-Kt2  
11. Q-B3 R-QKt1 14. Q-Kt3 O-O

An appraisal of the situation shows that in addition to his superior development Black operates with the only serious middle and/or end game threat, a timely P-QKt5 obtaining a dangerous outside passed pawn.

15. B-K2 Kt-K5 17. B-R6?  
16. KtxKt BxKt

Spoiling any chances of holding the game with this time consuming maneuver. White's best practical chance lay in 17. P-B3! and after completing his development play for P-K4 so as to make possible the return of the QB to the defense of the Q-side.

17. B-Kt3 20. B-B3 RxR  
18. B-B4 R-R1 21. RxR  
19. O-O Kt-B3



21. P-Kt5!  
Winning by force. White's poor Rook is completely inadequate to the task at hand.

22. B-Q6  
Or 22. PxB, QxP; 23. B-Q6, Q-Kt7; 24. R-KB1, P-B6; 25. BxR, P-B7, etc. 22. PxB, QxP; 23. P-K4 would offer the only chance of preventing the immediate debacle which follows, but the passed QBP must decide the issue in all events.

22. P-Kt6! 24. R-Kt1 R-R1  
23. P-K4 P-Kt7 Resigns

A completely logical victory by one of Wisconsin's most talented young players.

## A CLEVER EFFORT

This game is a clever and powerful effort by Herbert Seidman who is one of America's finest masters of combinative play. Dr. Sussman.

## GRUNFELD DEFENSE

MCO: page 85, column 26, (a)

Manhattan Chess Club  
Championship  
New York, 1953

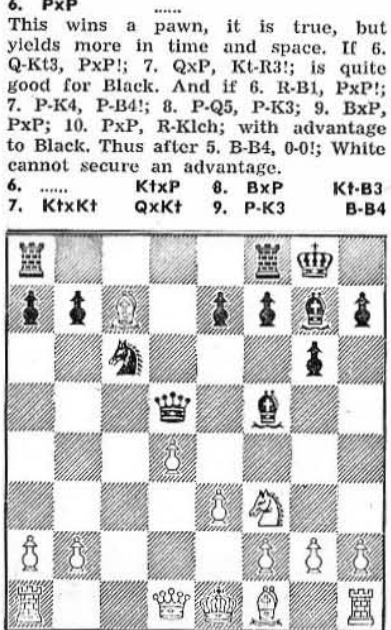
Notes by Dr. Harold Sussman

White Black  
CARL VINE HERBERT SEIDMAN  
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4  
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3

The Grunfeld Defense leads to complicated positions in which White masses imposing center pawns—at which Black promptly takes pot-shots.  
4. Kt-B3



Strong alternatives are 4. Pxp and 4. Q-Kt3.  
 4. .... B-Kt2 5. B-B4  
 This is routine and innocuous and permits instant equality. And neither do 5. P-K3 and 5. B-Kt5 provide any advantage.  
 Apparently best is 5. Q-Kt3!, increasing the pressure on Q5. But then (after 5...., Pxp; 6. QxBP, O-O; 7. P-K4) Black has such logical and absorbing lines of play as Prins Variation (7. ...., Kt-R3!), with chances for both sides, Smyslov Variation (7. ...., B-Kt5!), with even chances, and "Dr. Sussman's Line" or "Kings Highway Variation," (7. ...., Kt-Q2!). A possibility in the latter is 7. ...., Kt-Q2!; 8. B-K2, Kt-QB3; 9. B-K3, Kt-Kt3; 10. Q-Q3, B-Kt5; 11. R-Q1, BxKt; 12. BxB, (if 12. PxB, P-K4) P-K4; 13. P-Q5, Kt-Q5; with about even chances.  
 5. .... O-O  
 If 5. ...., P-B4; 6. QPXP, O-O; 7. Pxp!, Q-R4; 8. R-B1, R-Q1; 9. Q-Kt3, and Black has little or nothing to show for his pawn minus.  
 6. Pxp  
 This wins a pawn, it is true, but yields more in time and space. If 6. Q-Kt3, Pxp!; 7. Qxp, Kt-R3!; is quite good for Black. And if 6. R-B1, Pxp!; 7. P-K4, P-B4; 8. P-Q5, P-K3; 9. Bxp, Pxp; 10. Pxp, R-Ktch; with advantage to Black. Thus after 5. B-B4, O-O!; White cannot secure an advantage.  
 6. .... KtXP 8. BXP Kt-B3  
 7. KtXKt QxKt 9. P-K3 B-B4



Quite strong. So is 9. ...., B-Kt5.  
 10. Q-R4  
 White lacks a satisfactory move. Comparatively best is 10. B-K2!, (to insure

early castling) QR-B1; 11. B-Kt3, P-K4!; 12. O-O, Pxp; 13. Pxp, KtxP; 14. KtxKt; KxKt; 15. QxQ, BxQ; although Black will win a pawn. ....  
 10. .... QR-B1  
 The simplest way to secure an advantage is 10. ...., Q-Q2!; 11. B-R5!, KtxP!; 12. QxQ, KtxKtch; 13. PxKt, BxQ; 14. O-O, B-QB3; 15. B-K2, B-B3; and Black has the superior ending. But an aggressor like Seidman prefers to maintain the Queens.  
 11. B-Kt3 P-K4  
 Consistent speculation. But 11. ...., B-B7; is probably best.  
 12. Pxp  
 White errs in opening the position when he lags in development. 12. B-B4, Q-K5!; 13. O-O, Pxp; 14. Pxp, KtxP; 15. KtxKt, QxKt; 16. B-Kt3, QxQ; 17. BxQ, P-QR3; and White is entitled to some hope, although he must lose his QKtP.  
 12. .... KtxP 15. KtxB QxKt  
 13. BxKt BxB 16. Q-Kt5  
 14. R-Q1 Q-K3  
 This is the decisive error. Both 16. Q-Q4 and 16. B-Q3 offer stern resistance in comparison. But neither is sufficient in the long run.  
 16. .... R-B4 17. Q-Kt4  
 Perhaps he intended 17. Qxp, but found that 17. ...., R-Kt!; 18. Qxp, Rxp; is deadly.  
 17. .... R-B7 18. B-Q3  
 Hopeless, but there is nothing better.  
 18. .... RxKtP 22. KxR Q-R8ch  
 19. Q-R3 BxB 23. Q-B1 QxP  
 20. RxB R-Kt8ch 24. Q-Q2 Q-Kt8ch  
 21. R-Q1 RxRch 25. Q-B1 Q-Kt4  
 Neat and unmerciful. White now falls to find king-safety.  
 26. Q-B7  
 The dire threat was 26. ...., R-Q1ch.  
 26. .... Q-Q6ch 27. K-B1 Q-B4  
 Seidman continues to hammer away. The threat is 28. ...., R-B1.  
 28. R-Q1 QxP 31. K-Kt1 R-B1  
 29. QxP QxPch 32. Q-Kt2 Q-B2  
 30. K-B2 Q-B4ch 33. Resigns  
 A third pawn goes and White's King must soon perish.  
 The opening of this game is significant to Grunfeld theory.  
 Dr. Sussman's original notes are considerably longer. Space considerations, unfortunately, forbid their entire publication: JWC

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# Mate The Subtle Way!

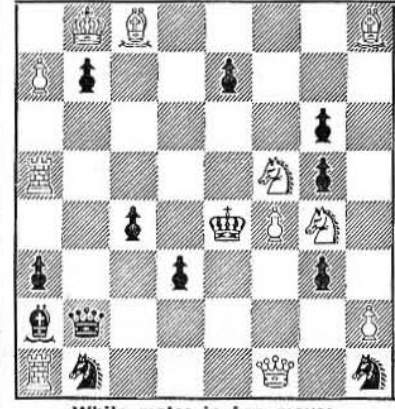
by Vincent L. Eaton

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**R**ESULTS of two of the principal British problem composing tourneys have just arrived from across the Atlantic. Hartong's first prize-winner in the **British Chess Magazine**, diagrammed below as No. 415, shows a record task of seven interferences on the Black Queen, a masterly feat that excuses the rather poor key. The third prize-winner, No. 416, has a beautiful cyclic theme. There are three basic mates: Q-K2 (which we may call Mate A), KtxP (Mate B), and Q-Q4 (Mate C). Random moves of Black's King's Rook allow Mate A, but 1...RxBt forces Mate C; random moves of the Queen's Rook permit Mate B, but 1...RxBt "corrects," and forces Mate A; while random play by the Bishop allows Mate C, but 1...B-K4 leads to Mate B.

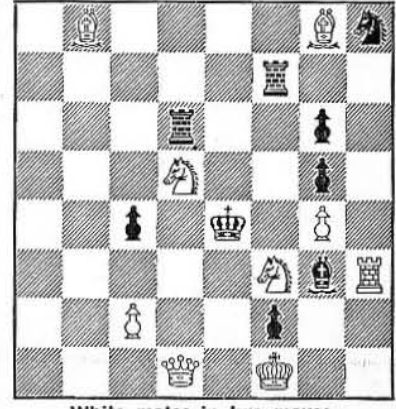
The British Chess Problem Society last year established an Alain White Memorial Cup, in memory of the great American composer, and a Godfrey Heathcote Memorial Cup, to honor their late President. They are awarded for one year, respectively, for the best two-er and the best three-er published in the Society's magazine, **The Problemist**. Mansfield's No. 417, which won the Alain White trophy, is a fine study in pinning and unpinning.

**Problem No. 415**  
 By Jan Hartong  
 1st Prize, "British Chess Magazine," 1952



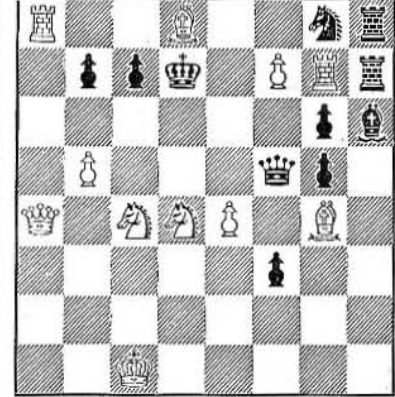
White mates in two moves

**Problems No. 416**  
 By Brian N. Lewis  
 3rd Prize, "British Chess Magazine," 1952



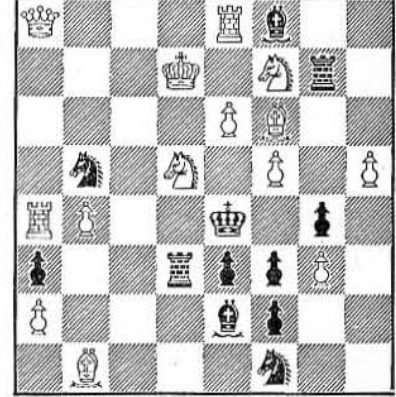
White mates in two moves

**Problem No. 417**  
 By Comins Mansfield  
 1st Prize, Two-ers  
 British Problem Society  
 1952



White mates in two moves

**Problem No. 418**  
 By Vincent L. Eaton  
 1st Prize, Three-ers  
 British Problem Society  
 1952



White mates in three moves

## AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. LASKER

(Continued from page 4, column 2)

There are 103 directors of the USCF. Eleven of these are from New York State, a figure matched only by that of California. Most states have only one or two directors. This is all in accordance with American conceptions of proportional representation. Of the 11 directors from New York, six are recognized masters, and only two have less than expert rating. Seven of these directors are residents of New York City, including Brooklyn. New York does not appear to have been neglected!

One might infer, from the paragraph quoted above, that the president of the USCF had favored the appointment of Mr. Harkness as business manager of the USCF. Quite the contrary, it was necessary to go over his head, and take a nation-wide poll of the directors of the USCF. The result of this poll was: 72 in favor of Mr. Harkness, 3 opposed. Since New York has 11 directors, it would appear that a majority of these must have voted in favor of the appointment of Mr. Harkness. Dr. Lasker is not even supported by the directors of his own state!

Dr. Lasker refers to an organization which really will represent American chess players. Dr. Lasker should be more specific. Who are the officers of this organization? How many members does it have, and where do they live? How did it happen that Dr. Lasker was asked to lead it? We challenge Dr. Lasker to give us the answers to these questions.

Dr. Lasker says that he doesn't have the time. In view of the countless scores of hours Dr. Lasker has spent playing skittles in the pleasant garden behind the Marshall Chess Club, we rather imagine that he has more time than is good for his arteries.

When a letter like Dr. Lasker's appears, one feels impelled to look for a hidden motivation. Mr. Harkness conducts a national rating system. Dr. Lasker's rating is a most modest one.

H. J. RALSTON,  
 San Francisco, Calif.

The above will appear in the April issue of the California Chess Reporter. Copies of this letter are being sent to Dr. Edward Lasker, Kenneth Harkness, B. H. Wood, Herman Helms, I. A. Horowitz and Montgomery Major.

**METROPOLITAN CHESS LEAGUE** of Boston: Harvard University made a clean sweep of all three divisions of the league. Class A and C were double round affairs, while Class B was single round robin.

**Class A Standings**

Harvard Univ.	10 -2
Quincy YMCA	8½-3½
Cambridge Rockets	7½-4½
Cambridge YCMA	7½-4½
Newton YMCA	5½-6½
Lithuanian C. C.	3 -9
Boston College	0 -12

**Class B Standings**

Harvard Univ.	12 -0
Brattle Club	9½-2½
Cambridge YMCA	9 -3
Arlington C. C.	8 -4
Harvard Club	7½-4½
Quincy YMCA	7½-4½
Huntington YMCA	6 -6
Gambiteers	4½-7½
Boylston YMCU	4 -8

C. T. Main	3½-8½
Wells Memorial	3½-8½
Commonwealth	1 -11
Boston College	1 -11

**Class C Standings**

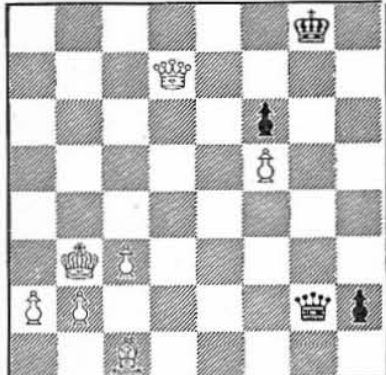
Harvard Univ.	6½-1½
Huntington YMCA	6 -2
Cambridge YMCA	4 -4
Arlington C. C.	3½-4½
Boston College	0 -8

**NORTH JERSEY CHESS LEAGUE:** After 9 rounds Orange leads 7-1, followed closely by Irvington-Polish and Plainfield with 6½-1½ each. In 9th rd Irvington topped Union 5-2; Plainfield swamped Northern Valley 6½-1½; Montclair overpowered Elizabeth 6½-½; and Jersey City outpointed Philidor 4½-3½.

# What's The Best Move?

By *Guilherme Groesser*

Position No. 116



White to move

Send solutions to Position No. 116 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by June 5, 1953.

### Solution to Position No. 113

Most of our solvers found the witty and convincing move which Janowski (that fiery and brilliant opportunist) made against Saemisch at Marienbad, 1925. Black resigned immediately after 1. Q-KR6! for there is no answer. On 1. .... P-B3 or 1. .... P-B4; 2. R-KKt3 leaves Black helpless against the threat of 3. Q-R7 ch and 4. R-KtP ch.

Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), J. Barry (Detroit), F. Cabot III (Sturgeon Bay), R. Chauvenet (Silver Spring), R. M. Church (Cambridge), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), E. Gault (Philadelphia), E. Godbold (St. Louis), R. Grande (Denver), W. H. James (Fox Lake), G. Joachim (Seattle), P. Klebe (New Haven), D. Kerr (Cranford), E. J. Korpanty (Woodside), H. Kurruck (Desplaines), C. Lyon (Peoria), D. C. McDaniel (Los Angeles), J. Melnick (Portland), J. Morgan (Tahlequah), E. F. Muller (Flint), E. Nash (Washington), G. Payne (Webster Groves), E. Roman (New Britain), I. Schwartz (Durand), A. Smith (St. Paul), W. E. Stevens (Laramie), H. C. Underwood (Washington), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), N. P. Witting (Salem).

A hearty welcome to new solvers Russell M. Church (who resides in the same college dormitory the writer occupied some thirty years ago), Derwin Kerr, and Adolf Smith; also to James Morgan, returning after a long absence.

### Solutions:

#### White to Play and Win

Position No. 215: 1. B-Q4 (threat: 2. P-B7ch). If 1.... K-B2; 2. Kt-R6 ch, K-Kt3; 3.... P-B5 ch, KxKt; 4. B-K3 mate (if 3.... K-Kt4; 4. Kt-B7 ch wins; on 2.... K-K3; 3. P-B5 mate; and on 2. K-B1; 3. B-B3, B-Kt1; 4. B-Kt4 ch, K-K1; 5. P-B7 ch, K-Q1; 6. P-B8(Q)ch wins). If 1.... K-B1; 2. P-B7, QxB; 3. Kt1; 4. Kt-K6 ch, KxP; 5. Kt-B7 wins. If 1.... Q-Kt1; 2. P-B7ch, QxP; 3. Kt-Q6 ch wins (or if 2.... KxP; 3. Kt-R6 ch wins). If 1.... Q-B1; 2. Kt-Q6 ch, K-Q1; 3. P-B3, P-R3; 4. P-B5, Q-Kt1; 5. P-B7, Q-B1; 6. B-B6 ch, Q-K2; 7. P-B8(Q) mate. If 1.... K-Q1; 2. P-B7, Q-B1; 3. B-B6 ch, K-B1; 4. B-K7 wins (4.... QxP; 5. Kt-Q6 ch, or 4.... Q-R1; 5. Kt-Q6 ch followed by 6. P-B8(Q) ch. On 2.... QxB; 3. KtxQ, K-K2; 4. K-Kt7 wins).

Position No. 216: 1. Kt-Q2, P-B6; 2. Kt-Kt1, KxP; 3. KtxP, K-Q5; 4. Kt-Kt1, K-K6; 5. Kt-R31, KxP; 6. P-B4, K-Q6; 7. P-B5, K-B6; 8. P-B6, K-Kt6; 9. Kt-Kt1, K-B7; 10. P-B7, KxKt; 11. P-B8(Q) and wins. Not, however 1. Kt-B3?!, KxP; 2. P-K3, K-B4; 3. P-K4 ch, K-K4; 4. KxP, K-Q5; 5. Kt-Kt1, KxP; 6. K-B6; 7. K-K5, K-K7; 8. K-Q4, K-Q8; 9. P-B3, K-B7; 10. Kt-R3 ch, K-Kt6; 11. KtxP!; P-Kt8 (Kt!) and draws.

# Tournament Life

May 16-17, 23-24

## Michigan Open Championship Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Open: 8 round Swiss played on consecutive weekends at Colonial Hotel; entry fee \$7.50 plus USCF membership fee (\$5.00) for non-members; highest ranking player 18 or under named Junior Champion; speed championship held May 16 at 6:00 p.m., open to all; for details write V. E. Vandenburg, 505 W. Lenawee St., Lansing.

100% U.S.C.F. rated event.

May 16-17

## Michigan Children's Tourney Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Open to boys and girls under 10th grade; entry fee \$1.00, no membership required; held at Colonial Hotel; write: V. E. Vandenburg, 505 W. Lenawee St., Lansing.

May 16-17

## Indiana State Championship Logansport, Ind.

Open to residents of state and students attending schools in state; at Barnes Hotel; begins 7:00 p.m. May 16; 5 round Swiss; please bring sets and clocks; tournament director: Floyd B. Bolton, 7431 Baring Parkway, Hammond, Ind.

May 21-23

## South Dakota Open Championship Vermillion, So. Dak.

At Union Bldg. of University, beginning 7:30 p.m. Thursday; open Swiss, state title to highest ranking resident; cash and merchandise prizes, 1st prize probably \$35.00; on modified Harkness plan pairings so please notify three weeks in advance M. F. Anderson, Box 1466, Rapid City, S.D. if planning to enter.

May 28-30

## Massachusetts Open Championship Springfield, Mass.

Open; 5 or 6 rd Swiss; begins 9:00 p.m. Friday May 28; entry fee \$5.00 to USCF members and \$7.50 to non-members; for hotel reservations and details, write: Dick Gleason, 935 Chestnut St., Springfield, Mass.

100% USCF rated event.

May 30-31

## Texas State Championship San Antonio, Tex.

For Texas residents and military personnel; at Lions Field Tourist Center, Broadway and Mulberry; trophies; Junior and Women's titles to highest ranking player qualified in class; 6 rd Swiss; entry fee \$5.00 plus membership in USCF and TCA (\$5.00) if not member; for details write J. B. Payne, 809 Garrity Road, San Antonio, Tex.

100 per cent USCF rated event.

June 12-14

## Carolina's Championship Wilmington, N.C.

Open to residents, students and servicemen in No. and So. Carolina; at Community Center; begins 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12; entry fee and membership in NCCA or SCCA; 5 round Swiss; ten prizes; for details write: Mr. Harris, Recreation Dir., Community Center.

Are You A Member?

Is Your Friend A Member?

### Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 407 (Myzel): 1. B-B4. For one who only began composing a short while ago, Mr. Myzel is making great strides. He offers the following "improved" setting: 4s3, 4Q3, 1SR2p2, 1p3P2, 3k2S1, 1r3r2, 1P2BR2, 4K3. Mate in 2 by 1. B-Q3.

No. 408 (Mathews): 1. Kt-R3. Sparkling interference and correction play.

No. 409 (Mansfield): 1. Kt-B4, a beautiful lightweight.

No. 410 (Cofman): 1. P-Kt3, threat: 2. R-Kt2. If 1. .... R-Kt6; 2. Kt-B4. If 1. .... R-Kt5; 2. P-Q3. If 1. .... R-Kt4; 2. P-Q4. If 1. .... R-Kt8; 2. KtxR.

### SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three-movers; extra credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e., solutions not intended by the composers. The following tally covers solutions received up to the time we went to press, on April 26. Late solutions will be credited on the next Ladder.)

P. H. Hunsicker	332	Kenneth Lay	238	L. M. Brown	108	Toscha Seidel	22
R. M. Collins	318	F. A. Hollway	226	Robert Grande	104	H. R. Meifert	16
E. Weatherford	306	C. J. Koch	216	A. L. Welsh	94	R. A. Skeris	14
G. Murtaugh	296	Ronald O'Neil	200	B. M. Marshall	76	E. H. Benjamin	12
J. Kaufman	282	J. B. Mulligan	192	W. H. James	64	Tom Heermann	12
Steve Myzel	248	Heimo Kurruck	186	Nicholas Yoe	64	R. G. McSorley	12
W. J. Couture	246	W. I. Lourie	154	N. Reider	30	R. E. Burry	6
J. H. France	246	E. Narroway	144	M. A. Michaels	28	J. Haliburton, Jr.	6
Rev. Chidley	240	G. M. Banker	128	G. Springbett	24	F. Athey, Jr.	4
E. J. Korpanty	238	Dr. I. Schwartz	128				

A number of inactive solvers have been dropped from this list, but they may resume their climbs at any time with their full scores restored. John Haliburton, Jr. and R. E. Burry are welcomed to the group as they begin their ascent, and Toscha Seidel reappears after a long absence.

To P. E. Hunsicker, winner of the bi-monthly Ladder award, go our heartiest congratulations.

# Tournament Life

June 5-7

## 29th Trans-Mississippi Open Championship Davenport, Iowa

(Revised). At Chamber of Commerce; open to all; 20 prizes, \$505 cash plus merchandise; \$150 first; \$60 for Classes B & C and other specials; free souvenir bulletin; entries close 6:45 p.m. June 5; play ends 7:30 p.m. Sunday; entry fee \$6.00 plus \$1.00 rating fee for non-USCF members; for details, write: Karl Wiegmann, 2610 Ninth St., Rock Island, Ill.

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June 13-14

## Oregon State Open Championship Portland, Ore.

Begins 10:00 a.m. June 13 at Portland Chess Club; open; entry fee \$3.00; Don Turner tournament director.

July 3-5

## South Florida Chess Championship Miami, Fla.

At Plaza Hotel; begins 8:00 p.m. Friday July 3; entry fee \$5.00; 5 rd Swiss; trophies for 1st to 3rd; for details, write Constantine Rasis, 1204 No. Miami Ave., Miami, Fla.

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