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Larry Evans On Chess



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1. R-KB1?
Immediately disastrous. After 1. RxR, PxR (...., QxQ??); 2. R-K8 ch); 2. QxQ, PxQ; 3. K-B2 White has an easy draw, e.g., 3., B-R3; 4. B-Q6, B-Q6; 5. B-Kt8, P-R3; 6. B-B7, P-Kt4; 7. B-R5, K-Kt2; 8. K-K3, B-Kt8; 9. KxP, BxP (or, P-Kt5; 10. K-Q2); 10. P-Kt4, KxP; 11. K-K3 and, although a Pawn down, White has a draw in view of the opposite colored Bishops.

1. QxP ch
2. K-R1 Q-B3!
White Resigns

NEW YORK, 1924
BOGOLJUBOV



MAROCZY
White should draw

2., Q-B3! was the move which Maroczy overlooked. If now 3. QxQ, PxQ! (not 3., P-Q5 ch?); 4. Q-B3 and draws, owing to the ultimate threat of mate on KB8); and White is helpless against the threat of 4., P-Q5 ch.

RUSSIAN MATCH STILL UNDECIDED

The long postponed match with the USSR in New York is still not officially scheduled, although everything now seems hopeful for the meeting, probably at an early date in June. Possibilities of the match are increased by the fact that a team of Paul Keres, David Bronstein, Mark Taimanov, Isaac Boleslavsky, Yuri Auerbach, Alexander Tolush, Igor Bondarevsky, Tigran Petrosian, Alexander Kotov and Ewfin Geller will be in Buenos Aires in March for a team match with Argentina. The South Americans will muster a line-up of Miguel Najdorf, Julio Bolbochan, Jacobo Bolbochan, Erich Eliskases, Hector Rossetto, Carl Pilnik, Carlos Maderna, Carlos Guimard, Oscar Panno, and Paul Michel for the encounter. A visit to New York seems a natural sequel when the Russian team may be strengthened by the addition of Mikhail Botvinnik and Vassily Smyslov, now engaged in a match for the World Championship title.

USCF President Harold M. Phillips has not announced as yet the plans for the U.S. team or other arrangements. But it is known that the U.S. line-up will be selected from the following group of U.S. masters: Samuel Reshevsky, Reuben Fine, Larry Evans, Robert Byrne, George Kramer, Israel Horowitz, Arnold Denker, Max Pavey, Arthur Bisguier, Arthur Dake, Donald Byrne, Isaac Kashdan, Alexander Kevitz, Hans Berliner, Herman Steiner, James T. Sherwin, and Nicholas Rosolimo, with the choice uncertain as probably some of these players will be unavailable at the date of the match.

PLATZ TRIUMPHS IN CONN VALLEY

Dr. Joseph Platz of Hartford, former Brooklyn Chess Club champion, scored 5-1 to win the Washington Birthday Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley Open at Springfield. Dr. Platz lost no games but drew with Malcolm Harris and Elliot S. Wolk, president of the Connecticut Chess Association. Second to fourth on S-B with 4½-1½ each were E. S. Wolk, William Weil, and Robert Lane. Wolk also lost no games but drew with Platz, and Joseph Hickey. Weil lost to Wolk and drew with Albert Humphrey. Lane drew with Wolk, Hickey, and Karl Kochman. It was a 26 player event.

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KEILSON REPEATS IN MASS STATE

Dr. Julian Keilson of MIT successfully defended his title, scoring 5½-½ in the 17 player Massachusetts State Championship. His one draw was with Malcolm Wiener who placed second with 4½-1½, losing one game to Latin High student Shelbourne Lyman. Third and fourth on S-B with 4-2 were Lyman and Boris Siff.

In the Class B event Jacobus Langhorst scored 5½-½ for the victory, drawing with runner-up Arthur Treeman who tallied 4½-½. Treeman lost a game to John S. Sampson. Third and fourth in the 10 player event with 3½-2½ each were Sampson and Robert Jackson. Eric Nitzsche directed both events.

At the annual meeting, Stanley W. D. King was reelected president and Joseph H. Hurvitz treasurer. Miss Lillian Alden, 23 Lawrence Avenue, Roxbury 21, Mass. was chosen as secretary. The Massachusetts State Chess Association is an USCF State Chapter.

STUDENT TOURNEY SET FOR OSLO

An international team-of-four tournament sponsored jointly by The International Union of Students of Praha, Czechoslovakia (a communist group) and the Chess Federation of Norway (non-communist) will be held in Oslo, Norway from April 11 through 19, 1954 with teams from various universities competing. Age limit of players is set at 30 years, so many adult postgraduate students may participate. Information on the event may be obtained from International Union of Students, Praha XII, Vocelova 3, Czechoslovakia.

JUNIOR EVENT OFFERS HOUSING

One of the added attractions to the U.S. Junior Championship at Long Beach, Calif. is the generous offer of the Lincoln Park Chess & Checker Club, local sponsors of the event, to provide free housing accommodations to the first forty entrants in the event to apply for such accommodations. Since there are no entrance fees for the Junior event, cost of participation is reduced to \$5.00 for a USCF membership, travel expenses and cost of food, which will be provided at inexpensive rates. Those who wish to apply before the rush should address their requests to: Mr. John Looney, Secretary Tournament Committee, Lincoln Park Chess & Checker Club, Lincoln Park, Long Beach 2, Calif.

STECKEL TAKES NO. DAKOTA TITLE

William H. Steckel of Minot, a former California and Pennsylvania champion, captured the North Dakota title 5-0 in an 18 player Swiss. Second to fourth on S-B were Kenneth W. Brown, Louis Waag, and Gordon Anderson with 4-1 each, while Melvin L. Johnson was fifth with 3½-1½: Brown lost to Steckel; Waag drew with M. Johnson and R. T. St. Clair; and Anderson lost to Steckel. Defending Champion Stanley S. Johnson placed 8th on S-B with 3-2, losing games to Steckel and John Gordon. There were four ex-champions in the contest: Gordon Anderson, Dr. Robert T. St. Clair, Louis Waag, and Stanley Johnson.

The Junior Championship was won by Jimmy Brown, 13-year old son of Kenneth W. Brown who placed second in the State event, with a perfect 5-0 score. Robert Barr and Stephen Robinson were second and third in the 7 player event with 3-2 each.

Both tournaments were conducted by the Grand Forks Chess Club with George H. Hawkes directing the senior event and USCF Director D. C. MacDonald running the junior.

Prior to the tournament, many of the players had a warm-up by facing Samuel Reshevsky who gave a simultaneous exhibition at Grand Forks. None of the players could draw or defeat the Grandmaster, but Louis Waag, Gordon Anderson, Stephen Robinson and Leonard Graetz gave him trouble.

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2-14, 1954
New Orleans, La.

Place: Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Dates: Monday, August 2 through Saturday, August 14.

Direction: Under the auspices of the Louisiana Chess Association with the New Orleans Chapter as hosts; tournament director Newton Grant;

Tournament: Swiss system, according to regulations established by USCF Tournament Plans Committee.

For Details, write: A. L. McAuley, 4225 So. Liberty St., New Orleans, La.

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

June 29-July 9, 1954
Long Beach, Calif.

Place: Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach, Calif.

Dates: Tuesday, June 29 through Friday, July 9.

Tournament: Swiss system, according to regulations established by USCF Tournament Plans Committee.

Housing: For free housing accommodations, write: John P. Looney, Secretary, Lincoln Park Chess & Checker Club, Lincoln Park, Long Beach 2, Calif.

YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM

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

Interesting Chess

By U. S. Senior Master GEORGE KRAMER

WHAT is there about a chess game which may be called entertaining? Clearly this depends on your point of view. The players, win or lose, probably derive the maximum amount of pleasure, enjoyment, and sadness possible. Next in line are the kibitzers who, well before the game is over, have lined up their pros and cons to plague the players. And finally, there are the analysts, who must coldbloodedly and objectively detail the mechanics of the game and the thoughts of the players.

Each group receives their thrills in accordance with the tide of battle. The players would be just as happy if things went smoothly from beginning to end but the kibitzers would soon lose interest. In a sense, this is what happens to the analyst, or master kibitzer when all goes well. The following game is presented as an enjoyable tidbit where all doesn't go well.



NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Hastings Christmas Tourney
Hastings, 1953

White	Black
R. G. WADE	A. TOLUSH
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5
4. Q-B2	P-B4
5. PXP	

Played to cause Black some delay in enforcing P-Q4 and some discomfort in recovering the pawn.

5. Kt-R3
Eliminating many of the threats to his K4 but Black should have no trouble equalizing with 7. P-Q4.

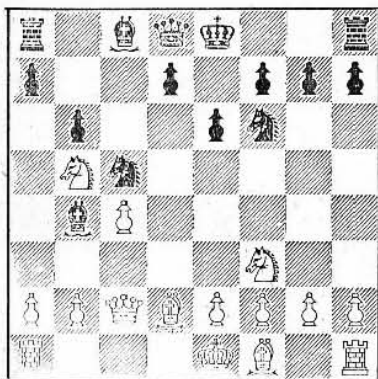
6. Kt-B3
Quietly going about his business.

6. KtXP
Black is now ready for P-Q4. He may also be thinking of launching a K-side assault with Kt-K5 and P-KB4. If 7. B-Kt5, QKt-K5 is good. If 8. BxKt, QxB; 9. QxKt, BxKt ch is too strong.

7. B-Q2
Eliminating many of the threats to his K4 but Black should have no trouble equalizing with 7. P-Q4.

7. P-Q4
Apparently Black has been lured into false security by White's timid 7th.

8. Kt-QKt5



I'm sure this aroused him.

8. BxB ch
Anxious to play P-Q4 and possibly best. 8. P-QR4 does not look especially attractive.

9. KtXB

Protecting K4.

9. P-Q4

Maybe I'll swin out?

10. P-QKt4

Hitting at Black's Achilles' heel.

10. Kt-R3

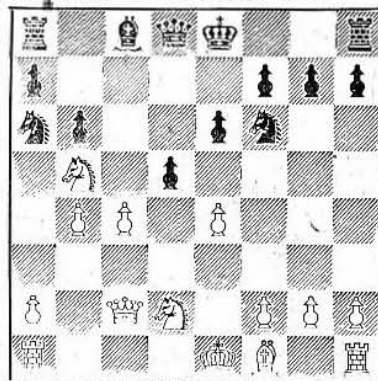
Black's QB2 must be protected against 11. PXP and 12. Kt-B7 ch. But now White threatens to open all lines with.

11. P-K4

11. KtXKtP fails because of 12. Q-R4 and center pawn captures leave White with all the lines.

11. O-O

Black has managed to safeguard his



King, but White's aggressiveness, commencing with his eighth move, has been rewarded with the formation of a strong Q-side bind.

12. P-QR3 B-Kt2

13. B-Q3

Development is the order of the day.

13. R-B1

Slight trap. If 14. KtxRP?, PXP! and White will find the unguarded weakness of his Q4 to be his undoing.

14. O-O PxBP

Black is searching for a plan to relieve his congested Q-side and maintain middle game chances. As a result his position rapidly degenerates. A general liquidation such as 14. PxKP; 15. KtxP. KtxKt; 16. BxKt, BxB; 17. QxB, Q-K2 and the patient extrication of his QKt via QKt1 is in order.

15. KtXP B-Q2

16. Kt-K5

A sharp rejoinder.

16. Q-K2

As good as forced. If 16. QxKt; 17. QxR or 16. RxQ; 17. QtxQ; winning the exchange in either case.

17. Q-K2 B-R1

Conceding the errors of his ways and a pawn? No. With this peculiar move Tolush serves notice of his intention to reenter the game with Kt-Kt1 and Kt-B3. Should White wish to prevent this he must part with one of his aggressive Knights. If I were White, I would probably have played 18. P-B4, looking forward to a K-side assault and the possible establishment of Q6 for a Knight. Wade prefers to swap Knights.

18. KtXP QxKt
19. BxKt R-B6

Black now has a good deal of counterplay.

20. B-Q3

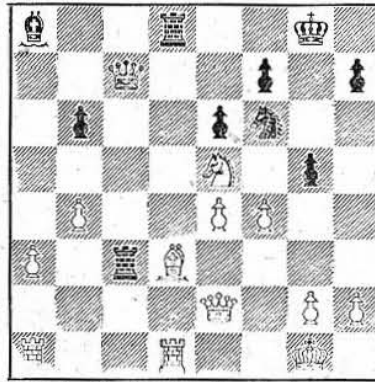
Protecting the KP.

20. Q-B2

But this is unnecessary. 20. RxRP maintains material equality and even chances.

21. P-B4
Strengthening the ramparts but not good. 21. Kt-B3 is simple, safer, and best.

21. R-Q1
22. KR-Q1 P-KKt4



Threatening to unsaddle the Knight.
23. PXP QxKt
24. PxKt

With nasty mate threats but Black has fine chances.

24. K-R1

24. QxBP is playable and 24. Q-Q5 ch; 25. K-R1, RxB; 26. Q-Kt4 ch, K-B1; 27. Q-Kt7 ch, K-K1; 28. Q-Kt8 ch, K-Q2; 29. RxR, QxR; 30. QxBP ch, K-B3; 31. QxKP ch is unclear. The text threatening the Bishop is probably best.

25. QR-B1

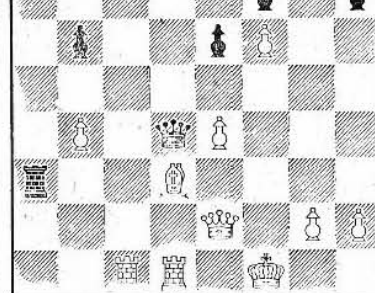
To save the Bishop. Moves like 25. B-B2 and B-Kt5 were to be considered but 25. R-KKt1 gives Black strong chances.

25. Q-Q5 ch

26. K-B1

Sad necessity but if 26. K-R1, QxB upsets the applearc.

26. RxP



Gives White a chance. 26. QxP ch was much better.

27. P-K5

Notice how White's Bishop is indirectly defended due to the threat of mate on QB8.

27. R-KKt1?

Falling into a mating net. 27. B-Q4 would probably have changed the result.

28. R-B4 Q-Q4

There's nothing else.

29. R-Kt4 R-KB1

30. R-Kt7

Just like he owns the board.

30. RxB

31. RxP ch Resigns

He does. If 31. KxR; 32. Q-R5 ch, K-Kt1; 23. Q-Kt5 ch and 34. Q-Kt7 mate.

POMAR

Youthful Arturo Pomar, former champion of Spain, will leave Central America soon and begin his U.S. exhibition tour in Texas in April with Corpus Christ as first stop, and thence proceeding north and east through Ohio and Michigan on his way to New York. Clubs desiring to arrange for exhibitions en route may contact Martin Nunez, 159 W. 80th St., New York, N.Y.

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St. Paul Chess Club
YMCA, 475 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minn.
Meets Wednesdays. Pres.: Robert C. Gove; Treas.: Eugene Hoeflin; Sec'y: John Brennan, 735 E. Nevada Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

Concerning Rated Tournaments

*When he to whom one speaks does not understand, and he who speaks himself
does not understand, this is Metaphysics.*

VOLTAIRE

APPARENTLY, we have been in the plane of Metaphysics as de-
fined by Voltaire in our discussions of the principles governing
the rating of tournaments by the USCF, because few of our readers
seemed to have grasped the implications. Each week brings in the
hopeful reports of tournaments that are not eligible for rating and
announcements of events which are eligible for rating and therefore
in most cases not eligible for announcement in Tournament Life.

Let us once again endeavor to blow away the fog of misunder-
standing and save postage and the remorseless erosion of the temper
that comes from explaining and explaining the same point over and
over in eternal reiteration.

First, only 100% USCF rated tournaments are eligible for publica-
tion in the announcement columns of Tournament Life, with the following
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are not eligible for rating) will be announced if conducted by any
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Second, all tournaments that are rateable conducted by USCF
affiliates are eligible for publication in Tournament Life and for USCF
rating, if they comply with the special provisions for each class of
event. A club tournament is 100% rated if the club is an affiliate
without fees. A city, regional or other event conducted by an affiliated
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not USCF members. Team matches between two affiliated clubs are
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may become eligible for announcement in Tournament Life and also
eligible for USCF rating, if the organization conducting such events
collects a \$1.00 rating fee from all participants who are not USCF
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Fourth, whether conducted by an affiliated organization or not, to
be recognized and rated, a tournament should be reported upon the
regular form for reporting such events; for publication of announcement
of a tournament, the details should be submitted on a form prepared
for this purpose. Both forms may be obtained by writing to Montgomery
Major, 123 No. Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. While we will not
immediately reject reports not presented on the regulation forms, in
the near future no report or announcement will be accepted which
does not comply with these regulations, so it is a very simple and wise
move to form the habit now of reporting events through the proper
procedure.

Is this too metaphysical a statement?

MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB CLASS A CONSOLATION

New York, 1954	
100% USCF Rated Event	
1. Martin Harrow (Jamaica, N. Y.)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 6 1/2
2. Reuben Klugman (New York City)	x 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 5-2
3. William J. Lombardy (New York City)	0 1 x 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 5-2
4. Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser (New York City)	0 1 1 x 0 0 1 1 1 1 3 1/2-3 1/2
5. Amos Kaminski (New York City)	0 0 0 1 x 1 1 1 1 1 3 1/2-3 1/2
6. Ivan Frank (New York City) 2 1/2-4 1/2; 7. Alan L. Brown (So. Orange, N. J.) 1-6;	
8. Daniel A. Meyers (New York City) 1-6.	

Kaminski forfeited to Klugman.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

**SECOND BOOK OF CHESS: THE NINE BAD MOVES (AND HOW TO
AVOID THEM).** By Fred Reinfeld. New York: Sterling Publishing
Co., 124 pp. \$2.50.

CAN Reinfeld be a golfer? If not, he has hit upon the title of one
of the most famous books of instruction in that unchessic pastime.
And as the authors of that book concentrate upon the nine bad shots
of golf, so Reinfeld here demonstrates the results of neglecting develop-
ment, exposing the king, moving the queen in the opening, grabbing
pawns, weakening the castled position, getting pinned, failing to guard
against captures, underestimating threats, and losing a won game. Like
the golf authors, he will have to put up with a good deal of kidding
from reviewers who regard their opportunities for error more generously.

As in all his books, Reinfeld combines his practical knowledge of
book production with his enormous chess learning. Each illustrative
game is complete on two facing pages; each example is complete on
one page. No man has done more than Reinfeld to capitalize upon the
possibilities of effective presentation, and this book is another success
in that regard. And as nearly always in Reinfeld's books, the games and
positions are both typical and realistic — the latter because they come
from actual tournament play. The apparently negative approach should
disturb no one, for a player must clear away faults before he can hope
to improve. The book should be a boon to class C and D players; even
those in the higher categories will profit from witnessing anew the
penalties of error.

USCF Rating Statistician Harkness

Discusses Local Rating Systems

In a "Letter to the Editor" published in the Cleveland Chess
Bulletin for February 1, 1954, USCF Rating Statistician Kenneth
Harkness reviews the local Cleveland Rating System and explains why
its results do not conform with the National Ratings. Since the subject
has had much discussion in various local bulletins published by chess
associations which maintain their own local rating systems, **CHESS
LIFE** feels the subject matter of the letter is of general interest and
therefore republishes this letter verbatim from the Cleveland Chess
Bulletin for the information of all. Text of the letter follows:

Dear Sir:

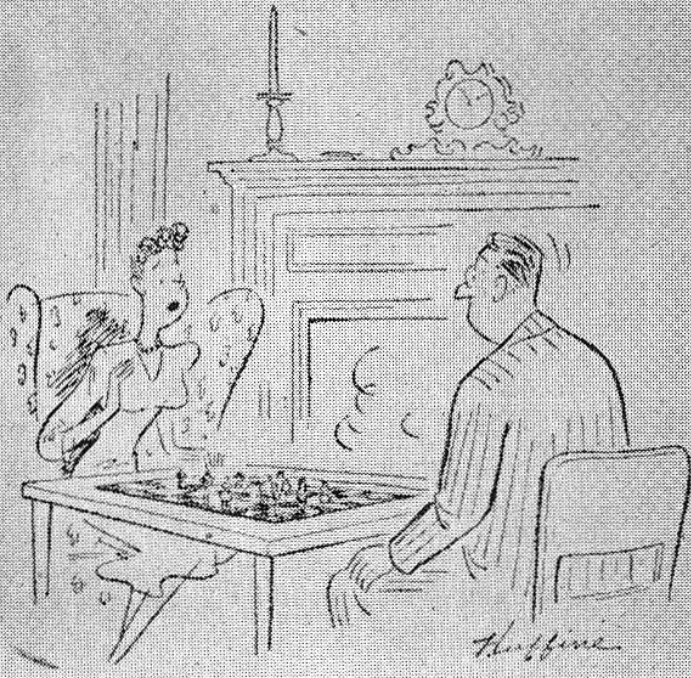
May I tell you how much I have
enjoyed reading your fine publica-
tion. It is outstanding in its field.
The chessplayers of Cleveland
should be thankful to have such a
periodical devoted to their inter-
ests.

I have just one slight protest to
make. It concerns the Cleveland
Rating System. I am flattered, of
course, that Cleveland has patterned
its ratings after the system I
developed for the U.S. Chess Fed-
eration. However, the statement in
your December 16th issue that
"these ratings are compiled in the
same manner as, and are compar-
able to, the ratings promulgated
by the USCF" is not borne out by
the ratings you publish for Cleve-
land players. Practically all your
ratings are much higher than the
USCF ratings for the same play-
ers.

I am fairly certain that the dif-
ferences can be explained logically,
for I have had the same experi-
ence in rating the performances
of players in some localities. I be-
lieve your ratings are too high,
as compared to the national rat-
ings, because the figures assigned
originally by your statistician to
Cleveland players were about 200
points higher than the USCF rat-
ings for these players. Since then,
the tournaments you rate have been
held in Cleveland. Unaffected to
any extent by the ratings of play-
ers from other sections of the coun-
try, the original differences have
not been corrected. As a result,
all your players have higher
"Cleveland" ratings than USCF
ratings.

In the development of the nation-
al rating system we have had
many opportunities to compare the
performances of players from all
sections of the country. When rat-
ings are based on competition be-
tween a group of players in one
city or State, an original error in
assigning values remains uncor-
rected and the whole group may
be over-rated or under-rated. But
when players from such a group
compete in regional and national
tournaments, their ratings are rais-
ed or lowered by their performanc-
es in these events. If there is suf-
ficient evidence to warrant it, we
have adjusted the ratings of all
players in a city or State that
seems to be over-rated or under-
rated. As a rule, however, such
drastic corrections are not neces-
sary. As players meet in regional
and national contests they correct
each other's ratings and national
uniformity is gradually achieved.

By rating the performances of
thousands of players in hundreds of
tournaments over a long period of
time, the USCF rating system now
gives us a reasonably accurate
comparison of the strength of
American players in all sections
of the United States. This is particu-
larly true of players in the Ex-
pert and Master classes for these
players have competed in enough
events to give us a true measure
of their strength. There are still
one or two sections in the United
States in which players compete
among themselves and seldom en-
ter regional or national events.
The ratings of players in these sec-
tions may be too high or too low
(Please turn to page 5, col. 3)



"The trouble with chess is that it's difficult once you catch on to it!"

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JACQUES MIESES LAST OF TITANS

The recent passing of International Grandmaster Jacques Mieses brings back memories of the era of titans in chess — of Pillsbury, Lasker, Tschigorin, and Marshall. For now only U.S. Master Emeritus Albert W. Fox, still practicing law in Washington, remains of the sixteen competitors in the famous Cambridge Springs International Tournament of 1904, won by Frank Marshall, followed by Emanuel Lasker (then World Champion), David Janowski, M. I. Tschigorin, and Harry N. Pillsbury. Mieses won seven points, defeating Pillsbury, Marco, Napier, Fox, and former U.S. Champion A. B. Hodges.

An aggressive and brilliant player, Mieses was second only to Marshall in the gift of stunning surprise and startling attack among the masters of his era, and the following game, which won First Brilliancy Prize, is a very characteristic example of his skill:

VIENNA GAME

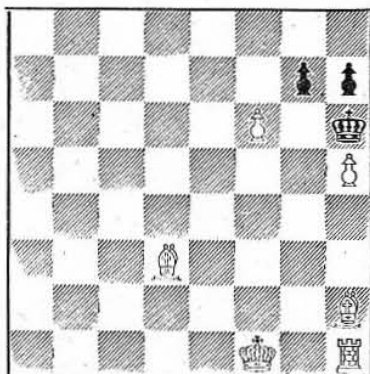
Paris Tournament, 1900

White	Black	
J. MIESES	D. JANOWSKI	
1. P-K4	20. PxP	PxP
2. Kt-QB3	21. QR-B1	K-Kt1
3. B-B4	22. Q-B7!	R-R1
4. P-Q3	23. QxP!	QR-Kt1
5. P-B4	24. Q-Kt7!!	B-B1
6. P-B5	25. Kt-B5	BxKt
7. Q-B3	26. RxB	B-Kt5
8. P-KKt4!	27. K-Kt1	BxKt
9. P-KR4	28. PxP	Kt-B1
10. B-Kt3	29. KR-KB1	
11. RPxKt		Kt-Kt3
12. PxP	30. Q-Q7	R-Q1
13. Kt-K2	31. Q-K6	Kt-B5
14. Kt-Kt3	32. BxKt	PxB
15. B-Kt5	33. R(5)xBP	Q-B4
16. P-R5	34. R-B7	Q-Kt4
17. P-Q2	35. R-B8!!	Q-QB4
18. P-R6!!	36. Q-K7	Resigns
9. O-O-O	KR-Kt1	

READER FINDS FLAW IN CODE

Scarcely was the American Translation of the new FIDE Laws of Chess released to the public before one eagle-eyed reader (who asks to remain anonymous) finds an ambiguity or error in definition. The error is not a momentous one and no games will be lost or won because it exists, for it is merely an omission in a definition of a chess term. In Supplement No. 2, Expressions in General Use, No. 5, the new code defines Double Check: "Check simultaneously obtained by moving a man which itself gives check, and which at the same time uncovers the action of a piece which also gives check."

But the framers of this definition overlooked positions like the following diagram:



On 1. B-B4 ch, P-Kt4 (forced); 2. PxP en passant ch, there is a double check from Bishop and Rook in which the Pawn has no part, although it is the piece moved to discover check.

DENKER FACES EVANS IN MATCH

Not content with being involved in a hot race for the Manhattan Chess Club Championship, Arnold S. Denker, former U.S. Champion, began a scheduled match with U.S. Champion Larry Evans on March 6. Eight of the ten games will be played at the Manhattan Club and two at the Marshall Chess Club. The match is a non-title affair and is partly intended as a warm-up for the team match with Russia if the latter materializes.

RATING SYSTEM

(Continued from page 4, col. 4)

from a national viewpoint. Eventually these exceptional inaccuracies will be corrected.

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(Signed) KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Membership Secretary and Rating Statistician

After six rounds of play, Dr. Edward Lasker leads the small international at Mexico City with 4½-½ and is expected to draw an adjourned game with Alfonso Ferriz to clinch first place even if he loses to Captain Araiza in the final round. Araiza is now tied with Ferriz at 3-2 each for second, while Isidro Vendro stands fourth with 3-3 in the eight player event.

Chess Life In New York

By Karl Burger

ALTHOUGH losing his adjourned end-game to Arthur Bisguier, Max Pavey greatly increased his chances of renewing his Manhattan Chess Club title. He did this trick by winning two consecutive games from feared rivals. The first one to fall under Pavey's hatchet was William J. Bryan, who had defeated Max in their two previous encounters. For a while the game looked hopeless for Pavey, who after weak opening play fell under a severe positional bind on the Queenside. Bryan retained his advantage



until the time pressure duel when he blundered horribly and resigned. The next round was the scene of the most important game in the tournament to date, for it was in

this round that the leaders, Pavey and Denker, met. Both players played the opening rather quickly. Pavey was the first to leave the book line which would have led to a dull draw. Denker spent about forty-five minutes on his next move and characteristically sacrificed a pawn (to weaken his opponent's King-side pawn structure). Pavey grabbed the pawn and reduced the material leading to a winning end-game which he won effortlessly in thirty-five moves. Max seemed to breeze through this one, consuming only forty minutes for the entire game. Thus the standings after eight rounds of play show Pavey in the lead at 6½-1½ over Bisguier and Denker who are tied at 6-2. Shaniswit and Turner each with 4½-½ still retain chances with two rounds left to play.

Forty players competed in the first round of the amateur championship of the Marshall Chess Club. Each of the hopefuls is attempting to gain a year's hold on the gigantic Calderon trophy. The fighting quality of the chess was demonstrated at the outset when nineteen of the twenty games ended decisively. The sole draw was recorded between S. Homer and W. Widney.

Dr. Lasker is currently engaged in an international tournament in Mexico City. After three rounds Araiza is first with 3-0 and Dr. Lasker is tied at 1-0 with General Manuel Soto Larrea for second. Lasker "common" holds material advantages in his two adjourned games.

IN BRIEF: A Campamanus leads a field of 20 ladderites at the Mid-town Chess Center . . . The City College Chess team defeated (Please turn to page 8, col. 4)



GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS, Marshall Chess Club Champion, 1954

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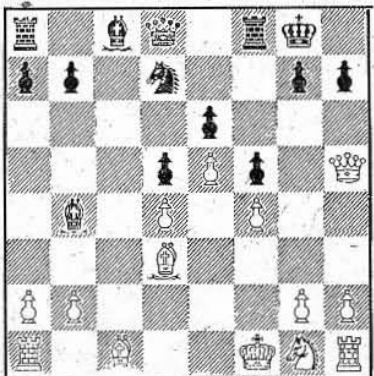
BEST PLAYED GAME

Albert Weissman of New York University, the new Intercollegiate Champion, was awarded the Best Played Game Prize for this game.

FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 53, column 41 (b:B)
U.S. Intercollegiate
Championship
New York, 1953

White
A. WEISSMAN
1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. Kt-K2 Q-K2
4. Kt-K2 Q-K2
5. Q-K2 Kt-K2
6. P-Q4 P-Q4
7. P-K4 P-K4
8. Kt-B3 P-B3
9. P-K4 P-K4
10. Q-K3 Q-K3
11. Q-R5ch
12. Q-R5ch
13. Q-R5ch
14. Q-R5ch
15. Q-R5ch
16. Q-R5ch
17. Q-R5ch
18. Q-R5ch
19. Q-R5ch
20. Q-R5ch
21. Q-R5ch
22. Q-R5ch
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39. Q-R5ch
40. Q-R5ch
41. Q-R5ch
42. Q-R5ch
43. Q-R5ch
44. Q-R5ch
45. Q-R5ch
46. Q-R5ch
47. Q-R5ch
48. Q-R5ch
49. Q-R5ch
50. Q-R5ch



As a result of this move, which weakens KK4 and leaves the KP permanently vulnerable, White secures a winning advantage. Black really has nothing better than to give his opponent the option of a perpetual check—12. P-KKt3; 13. BxP, PxP; 14. QxPch, K-R1; 15. Q-R6ch, K-K1; 16. Q-Kt6ch, etc. And this surely reflects adversely on his 6th and 8th moves.
13. Kt-B3
Idea: 14. Kt-Kt5, threatening 15. QxP

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mate or 15. KtxKP.
13. P-KKt3 15. Kt-Kt5 Q-K2
14. Q-R6 R-K1 16. P-KR4!
White prepares to open the KR-file.
16. Q-Kt2 18. P-R5 Kt-B1
17. QxQch KxQ
If 18. P-KR3; 19. Kt-B3, and Black must submit to the opening of the KR-file with 20. PxP.
19. PxP PxP 21. B-Q2 B-K2
20. K-K2 B-Q2
Black wants to retain the possibility of KBxKt sometime.
22. R-R3 P-R3 23. R(1)-R1 B-Kt4
Hoping to obtain play on the queen-side with 24. BxB? PxB; 25. P-R3, P-Kt5!
A better, even if more awkward defense is 22. BxKt; 23. PxB, Kt-R2; 24. R/1-R1, R-R1; 25. K-B3, QR-KKt1; 26. K-B4, Kt-B1!
24. R-R8!



Menacing 25. KtxPch! KtxKt; 26. R/1-R7 mate.
24. BxBch 25. KxB BxKt
Now forced.
26. PxB P-R4
The threat was 27. B-Kt4, followed by 28. BxKtch, RxB; 29. R/1-R7 mate.
27. P-QKt4!
Forcing an entry for the Bishop, for if 27. PxP; 28. BxB; if 27. P-R5; 28. P-Kt5 and 29. B-Kt4; and if 27. P-Kt3; 28. PxP, PxP; 29. B-B1 and 30. B-R3. Consequently the Knight is lost.
27. K-B2 29. B-Kt4ch K-Q2
28. PxP K-K2
If 29. K-B2; 30. BxKt, wins.
30. R-Kt8
The hapless Knight is to be hit a third time.
30. K-B3 32. RxKt
31. R(1)-R8 K-Kt4
32. BxKt leaves the Bishop pinned.
32. RxR 33. RxR RxR
Equally hopeless for Black are 33. KxB; 34. RxR; and 33. R-R3; 34. P-R3.
34. BxB KxP 36. B-K7 P-Kt4
35. K-B3 K-R5 37. B-B8 Resigns
If 37. K-R5; 38. K-Kt3, K-R3; 39. K-Kt4, K-Kt3; 40. B-K7, K-B3; 41. K-R5, and White wins. This fine positional effort was mainly responsible for Weissman's winning of the Championship.

DELICIOUS POSITIONS

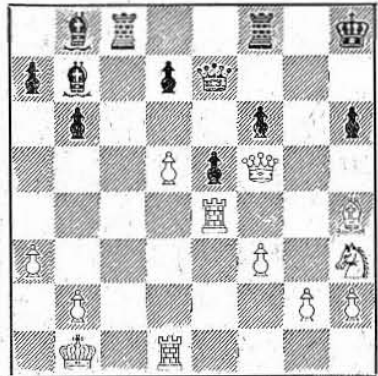
Calculated aggression by White and two or three slips by Black create some delicious positions.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 110, column 49
U.S. Candidates Tournament
Philadelphia, 1953

Notes by U. S. Master Herbert Seidman
White
P. BRANDTS
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
Black
S. RUBINOW
4. P-K3 P-QKt3
5. P-Q3 B-Kt2
6. P-B3 Kt-R4?
A time-wasting maneuver in a position where Black cannot afford it, 6. P-B4 or P-Q4 is better.

7. Q-K2
I prefer the more flexible 7. Kt-R3.
7. P-KB4 10. P-QR3 PxP
8. B-Q2 O-O 11. PxP B-Q3
9. O-O-O P-B4
Black is consistent in his enterprising play but the more routine 11. B-K2 seems preferable.
12. Kt-R3 Kt-QB3 14. K-Kt1 B-Kt1
13. Q-B2 R-B1
Threatening 15. Kt-R4 and how will White defend the QBP? (Answer: he doesn't). Black, however, overestimates his chances in withdrawing the B from the possible defense of the K-side.
15. KR-K1 Kt-R4 18. BxP P-KR3
16. B-Kt5 Kt-KB3 19. B-R4 KtxBP
17. P-Q5! P-K4 20. Kt-K4 Kt-Q3?
20. KtxKt leaves Black with some chances.
21. KtxKt ch PxKt 23. Q-Kt6 KtxB
22. Q-Kt3 ch K-R1 24. QxKt Q-K2!
24. R-B2 offer more defensive hopes (if 25. Q-Kt6, Q-B1) but the text contains a subtle defensive trap.
25. R-K4!



White, however, refuses to fall. If 25. Kt-B4?, Q-R2! If now 26. BxP ch?, RxB! and Whites Q is pinned and therefore cannot recapture.
25. R-B4 26. Kt-B4! Q-R2
Now to no avail.
27. BxP ch K-Kt1 29. QxP ch K-Kt1
28. Q-Kt4 ch K-B2 30. Q-K6 ch
In such a delicious position who can blame him for not wanting to mate with 30. Q-Kt4 ch, K-B2; 31. Q-K6 mate.
30. Q-B2 33. Kt-R5 R(1)-Q-B1
31. Q-Kt4 ch K-R2 34. R-Kt4 ch K-B1
32. Q-B5 ch K-Kt1 35. R-Kt7 QxP
A very ingenious last desperate try.
If 36. RxQ, R-B3 ch; 37. K-R2, BxR ch; 38. P-Kt3, R(1)-B7 ch winning back the Q but losing anyone, e.g., 39. QxR, RxQ ch; 40. K-Kt1, R-B2 (to prevent 41. B-K7 ch and 42. Kt-B6 mate); 41. BxP, RxR; 42. BxR ch, K-B2; 43. BxRP! and wins.
36. B-K7 ch K-K1 37. Kt-B6 mate

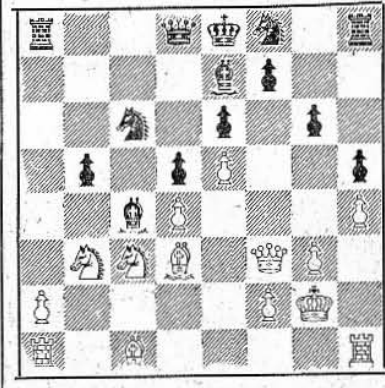
FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 63, Column 92 (h)
U.S. Open Championship
Milwaukee, 1953

Notes by U. S. Expert Povilas Tautvaisas
White
E. T. McCORMICK
1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. Kt-Q2 Kt-KB3
4. P-K5 Kt-Q2
5. B-Q3 P-QB4
Black
I. ROMANENKO
6. P-QB3 Kt-QB3
7. Kt-K2 PxP
8. PxP Q-Kt3
9. Kt-QKt3
A deviation from the book lines and—at least to say—an interesting one. After 9. Kt-KB3, B-Kt5 ch; 10. B-Q2, BxB ch; 11. QxB, Q-Kt5; 12. R-QB1, QxQ; 13. KxQ White emerges with a slightly better ending. More enterprising is the Alekhine's 10. K-B1 (after 9. Kt-KB3, B-Kt5 ch), yet as late practice shows, the complications after 10. P-B3; 11. Kt-B4, PxP keep a good promise for Black.
9. B-Kt5 ch 10. K-B1
10. B-Q2 is very playable too. The text fits into White's plan.
10. B-K2!

And here is the point of White's 9th move. 10. P-B3 is impossible now, because 11. Kt-B4! is much stronger

than in the line shown above—12. Q-R5 ch threatens immediately. With White stopped in the center, Black decides for a quick action on the Q-side.
11. B-K3
There is no time for a prophylactic 11. P-QR3, for after 11. P-QR4! White cannot go ahead with the regular development of his Q-side. 12. B-K3? would be answered with 12. P-R5 and 13. QxKtP.
11. Kt-Kt5 12. B-Kt1
To save the KB for the attack is an absolute must here.
12. P-QR4 14. Kt-Q2 P-KKt3
13. Kt-B4 P-R5
A hard decision, but a correct one. The Black Majesty will stay in the center for a long time to come. The alternative 14. O-O?; 15. Q-R5, P-B4; 16. P-Kt4! is NOT a very attractive one for Black.
15. P-QKt3 PxP 16. KtxQKtP Q-Q1
Stopped for the time being on the Q-side, Black has to take urgent defensive measures against the coming storm on the K-side. Besides the QB must go; it's the main asset for the revival of the action on the Q-side.
17. P-KR4! P-Kt3
Of course not 17. BxP; 18. P-Kt3, B-K2; 19. KtxKtP or if 18. B-K2; 19. KtxKtP!, PxKt; 20. BxP ch is good, but not so decisive after 17. BxP was 18. Q-Kt4, P-R4!; 19. QxB, P-KKt4; 20. Q-Kt3, PxKt; 21. Q-Kt7, R-B1; 22. BxP ch!
18. Q-Kt4
White is looking for an immediate tactical break-in, but the continuation shows that Black is in possession of adequate resources. Therefore White should have tried 18. P-R5, P-KKt4; 19. Kt-K2. If now 19. B-R3, then 20. P-Kt4, B-B5; 21. K-Kt2, R-R6; 22. Kt(2)-B1, Q-R1 (threatening 23. KtxKtP); 23. K-R2 followed by P-B4 with complicated play.
18. B-R3 ch 20. Q-B3
19. K-Kt1 P-R4
The mark of retreat, but after 20. Q-Kt3, Kt-B1 there is no headway in sight and the Q is placed badly.
20. Kt-B1 23. Kt-K2 R-R6
21. P-Kt3 B-B5 24. B-B1 R-R5
22. B-Q2 Kt-B3 25. B-Q3! P-QKt4
Obviously not 25. BxKt; 26. B-QKt5, Q-B2; 27. PxB!, RxR; 28. Q-B3, RxB ch; 29. KtxR, K-Q2. Or 26. Q-R1 (in place of 26. Q-B2); 27. QxB, R-QR2 (not 27. R-Kt5; 28. Q-Q3 and the Black R is trapped!); 28. B-Kt5 with a plus for White.
26. Kt-B3 R-R1 27. K-Kt2?



White was defending with great skill thus far and should have proceeded here with 27. Q-Q1. Now 27. BxNt; 28. QxB, KtxQP; 29. BxP ch would lead to nothing; and after 27. (Q-Q1), P-Kt5; 28. Kt-K2, Kt-Q2; 29. Q-B2 or 27. (Q-Q1), Q-Kt3; 28. Kt-K2, Kt-R4; 29. KtxKt White may stand the pressure. The complicated double sacrifice started with the text shows a good deal of imagination, but it is still incorrect.
27. BxKt 29. PxB RxR
28. BxQKtP Q-B2 30. KtxQP
It's a one way street now; the good looking 30. Kt-R4 (with the threat of 31. Q-B3) fails against 30. Q-Kt2!

GUEST ANNOTATORS

J. Norman Cotter
 Povilas Tautvaisas
 Herbert Seidman

30. PxBt 31. QxQP Kt-K3!
 Takes all the damp off White's attack.
 32. BxKtch K-B1 34. RxR
 33. B-R6 ch RxB
 The storm created with White's 27th move is about over and it looks as if White did not make out so badly after all; one may count 3 pawns for the Kt and the Black R is badly displaced. Yet there is one more small surprise in Black's magic box:
 34. KtXPt 36. Q-K4 K-Kt2
 35. B-Q7 Q-B4 37. R-Q1 Kt-K3
 The following dance royal of the Queens is caused by time pressure on both sides.
 38. R-Q5 Q-Kt5 41. R-R5 Q-Q5
 39. Q-B3 Q-KKt5 and Black won at the 49th move
 40. Q-K3 R-R1



ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT
 MCO: page 174, column 1 (b:c)
 California Open Championship
 San Jose, 1953

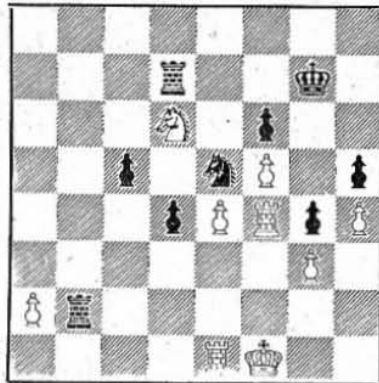
Notes by J. Norman Cotter
 White Black
 M. HAILPARN P. LAPIKEN
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 P-K4
 Favored by such aggressive players as Weaver Adams.
 3. PxKP P-Q5 4. P-K4
 Better are the more usual lines involving 4. Kt-KB3 and the fianchetto of the KB.
 4. Kt-QB3
 Naturally not PxB e.p.?; 5. QxQ ch, KxQ; 6. BxP with an extra pawn plus superior development.
 5. P-B4 P-KKt4!
 This bayonet thrust prevents White from obtaining a strangle-hold in the center.
 6. P-KB5
 Better is 6. B-Q3, PxB; 7. BxP, Kt-K2; 8. B-Kt3, Kt-Kt3 as in Burn-Schlechter, Munich, 1900, although Black is still for choice.
 6. KtXP 8. QxKt P-KR4!
 7. Kt-KB3

KtXKtch
 Beginning an interesting long-range positional scheme. Lapiken wishes to play P-KB3 without being disturbed by a Q check at R5 and then set up a blockading position with Kt-R3, -B2, -K4.
 9. B-Q3
 Had White understood the full import of the previous move he might have tried 9. P-K5? for if Q-K2; 10. B-Q3, QxP ch; 11. K-B2 and White has good prospects for the pawn. On other moves Hailparn has at least prevented his opponent from realizing his positional dream.
 9. P-KB3 12. B-B4 BxB
 10. P-KR4 P-Kt5 13. QxB Kt-R3
 11. Q-Kt3 B-Q3 14. Kt-R3?
 Throwing away his last opportunity for freedom. After 14. P-K5! White actually has better prospects, e.g. Q-K2; 15. P-K6, Q-Kt5ch; 16. Q-Q2 or Kt-B2; 15. PxB!, QxP; 16. O-O with White for choice and finally PxB; 15. QxP ch Q-K2; 16. QxQ ch, KxQ; 17. O-O, R-B1; 18. Kt-Q2 with a beautiful game.

14. Kt-B2 16. KR-Q1 P-B4
 15. O-O Kt-K4 17. Q-Q2 Q-B2
 Why not the immediate B-Q2?
 18. Q-QB2 R-KKt1 23. R-KB1 K-B2
 19. Kt-Kt5 Q-Kt1 24. QR-K1 Q-Q3
 20. P-KKt3 B-Q2 25. Kt-K1 QR-K1
 21. K-Kt2 P-R3 26. Kt-Q2 P-Kt4!
 22. Kt-R3 B-B3
 Finally breaking through and incidentally setting a little trap. White's best bet for prolonged resistance is to sit tight with possibly 27. R-QKt1.
 27. R-B4 R-K2 28. PxB
 Nibbling.
 28. PxB 29. BxP?
 Biting!
 29. BxB 30. Q-Kt3ch

This only seems to win a pawn. Actually the opening of the QKt file is quickly fatal.
 30. K-Kt2 32. Kt-B4
 31. QxB R-Kt1
 Other moves are no better.
 32. RxQ 34. K-B1
 33. KtXQ RxPch
 Or 34. R-B2, RxR ch and Kt-Q6 ch.

34. R-Q2!



Even better than Kt-Q6 as it wins a piece.
 35. Kt-B8 R-Kt1 Resigns
 This game was awarded the brilliancy prize at San Jose.

SICILIAN DEFENSE
 Manhattan C.C. Championship
 New York, 1954

White	Black
M. PAVEY	A. S. DENKER
1. P-K4 P-QB4	25. K-Q2 K-Q3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3	26. P-QR4 Kt-B3
3. P-K5 Kt-Q4	27. B-R6 Kt-K2
4. Kt-B3 KtXKt	28. B-B4 Kt-B3
5. QPxKt P-Q4	29. K-Q3 P-KKt4
6. PXP e.p. QxP	30. B-Kt5 P-B5 ch
7. QxQ PxQ	31. K-K3 PxB ch
8. B-KB4 B-Kt5	32. KxP Kt-K4
9. O-O-O BxKt	33. KxP K-Q4
10. PxB Kt-B3	34. K-B4 Kt-Kt3 ch
11. B-R3 B-K2	35. K-K3 Kt-R5
12. BxP BxB	36. B-K8 Kt-Kt7 ch
13. RxB O-O	37. K-K2 K-K4
14. R-Q7 P-QKt3	38. B-B7 K-K5
15. P-KB4 QR-Q1	39. P-B3ch K-B5
16. KR-Q1 RxR	40. BxP Kt-K4
17. RxR R-Q1	41. B-Q3 P-R4
18. R-B7 R-Q3	42. P-B4 P-R5
19. B-Kt2 Kt-Q1	43. P-Kt4 Kt-Kt7
20. RxRP P-Kt3	44. P-R5 PxB
21. B-R3 K-B1	45. PxB K-K4
22. R-Q7 RxR	46. P-R6 Kt-B5 ch
23. BxR K-K2	47. K-K3 Resigns
24. B-B8 P-B4	

SICILIAN DEFENSE
 Manhattan C.C. Championship
 New York, 1953

White	Black
E. T. McCORMICK	A. KAUFMAN
1. P-K4 P-QB4	22. KxKt Q-B1
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3	23. P-QB4 P-R4
3. P-Q4 PxB	24. P-B3 PxB
4. KtXP Kt-KB3	25. RPxB P-B4
5. Kt-QB3 P-QR3	26. K-Kt2 P-KKt3
6. P-QR4 P-K4	27. R-R1 K-Kt2
7. Kt-B3 B-K2	28. PxB QxP
8. B-KKt5 QKt-Q2	29. R-Q1 Q-Kt4 ch
9. P-R5 P-R3	30. K-B1 Q-Kt6
10. BxKt KtXB	31. QxKtP K-R3
11. B-B4 O-O	32. Q-K4 Q-R6 ch
12. O-O B-Kt5	33. K-K1 B-Kt4
13. P-R3 B-R4	34. RxP Q-R4
14. Q-Q3 R-B1	35. K-Q1 B-K2
15. P-KKt4 B-Kt3	36. RxRP B-Kt4
16. Kt-KR4 BxP	37. QxP ch QxQ
17. KtXB KtXKt	38. RxQ ch KxR
18. Kt-Kt6 RxB	39. P-B5 B-K6
19. QxR Kt-Q7	40. P-Kt4 K-B2
20. Q-Q5 KtXR	41. P-R6 Resigns
21. KtXR KxKt	

SLAV DEFENSE
 Manhattan C.C. Championship
 New York, 1954

White	Black
A. TURNER	E. T. VANO
1. P-Q4 P-Q4	22. KR-B1 Q-B4
2. P-QB4 P-QB3	23. Kt-Q4 Q-K4
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3	24. P-B4 Q-B3
4. Kt-B3 P-K3	25. R-R3 B-Q4
5. B-Kt5 B-K2	26. R(3)-B3 R-B2
6. P-K3 P-KR3	27. Q-R5 B-B5
7. B-R4 Kt-K5	28. P-B6 R-Q1
8. BxB QxB	29. Q-QB5 R-Kt1
9. B-Q3 KtXKt	30. P-Kt3 B-K3
10. PxBt O-O	31. Q-Q6 R(1)-QB1
11. O-O Kt-Q2	32. R-B5 P-Kt5
12. PxB KPXP	33. R-K5 P-Kt6
13. P-B4 PxB	34. R-Kt1 Q-Q1
14. BxP P-QKt4	35. QxQ ch RxQ
15. B-Q3 P-QR3	36. RxB PxB
16. P-QR4 B-Kt2	37. KtXP R-B1
17. Q-K2 Kt-Kt3	38. KtXR RxKt
18. P-R5 Kt-Q2	39. RxP RxP
19. B-B5 P-QB4	40. R-Kt6 R-B8 ch
20. BxKt QxB	41. K-B2 Resigns
21. PxB QR-B1	

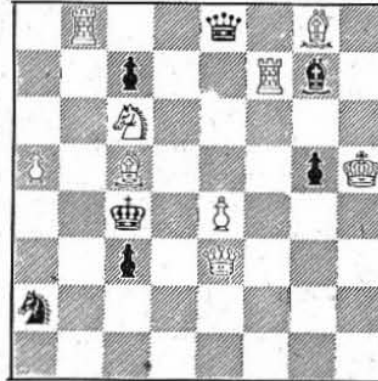
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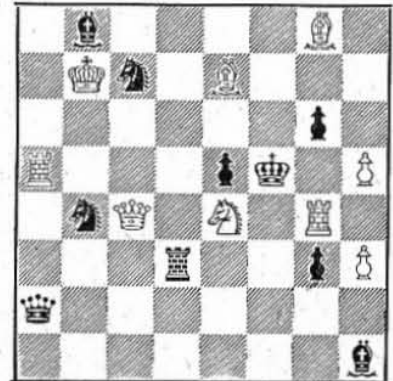
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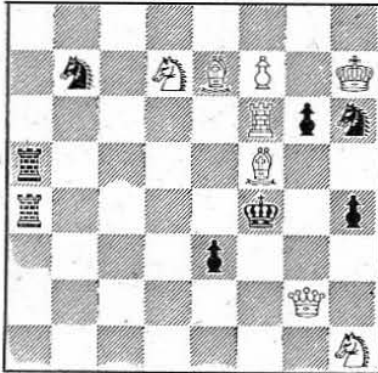
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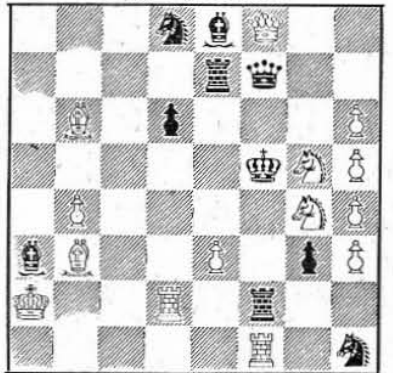
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White mates in three moves

Chess Squares

By Maurice A. Druet

Square No. 5					
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1	C				
2	H				
3	E				
4	S				
5	S				

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. A kind of thin worsted stuff | 1. CHESS |
| 2. An exclamation | 2. Boisterously playful |
| 3. To shut in | 3. Masculine proper name |
| 4. Ill will | 4. Greek philosopher |
| 5. An ecclesiastical council | 5. Auriculate |

All words used in these squares may be found in Webster's International Dictionary (Unabridged). Solution in April 5 issue.

Solution to Square No. 4
 S L O S H
 M A C L E
 O T T A R
 C H E S S
 K Y T H E

University of Toronto won a triangular intercollegiate match with 10-6. McGill University was second with 9½-6½, and Laval University third with 4½-11½. The University of Montreal did not compete, due to nearness of its examination period but played an exhibition match with McGill, which the latter won 6½-1½.



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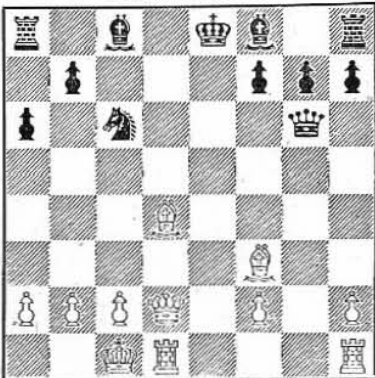
Tournament Life

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What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 137



Send solutions to Position No. 137 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill., by April 20, 1954

Solution to Position No. 134

Almost all of our solvers found the brilliant and conclusive move for Black in this very complicated position, Dr. Sigmund-Eret, Correspondence, 1951. Black Plays 1. KtXkT and White resigns. If 2. either PxB, RXP ch; 3. PxB, Q-K7 mate. Or if 2. BxQ, Kt-K5 ch; 3. K-R1, KtXBP ch; 4. RxB, RxB ch; 5. R-B1, RxB mate. On 2. P-B3, KtXR ch; 3. KxKt, QxPch; 4. K-K1, R-Kt8 mate. The threat of an immediate 2. Q-R8 mate paralyzes White's defenses.

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The Class A Consolation tourney ended in the victory of Martin Harrow of Jamaica with 6½-1½, drawing one game with Reuben Klugman. Klugman and William J. Lombardy shared second with 5-2 each. Former U.S. Women's Champion Gisela K. Gresser and Amos Kaminski shared fourth with 3½-3½ in the eight player event.

Greater Miami (Fla.) Chess Club
finished its Gambit Tournament with N. B. Church first and Murray Cohen second with 9-3 each. Third and fourth on S-B with 7-5 each in this eight player double round event were Charles Wisch and Carlton Hurst.

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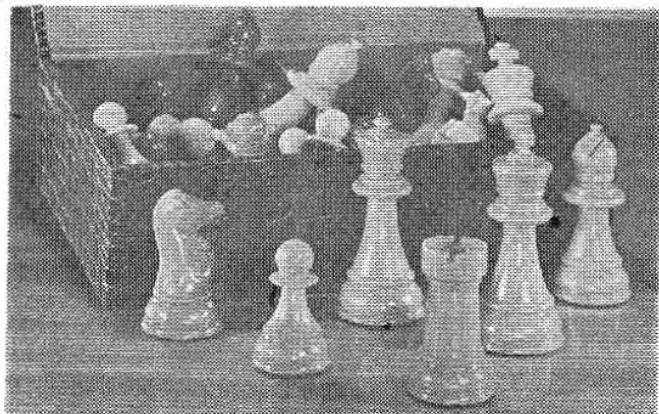
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In the 13 player Class B event, Alfred Williams scored 5½-1½ for first, drawing with runner-up Raymond McCoubrey who tallied 5-1. McCoubrey also drew with Carl Baumann who placed third with 4½-1½. The Class C event of 12 players was won by Bernard Southworth on S-B points with 4-2. Second and third, also with 4-2, were John Ducharme Jr. and Donn Robinson. James Slattery, president of the Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley Chess Ass'n, directed the events.

N. Y. CHESS LIFE

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