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What's The Best Move?

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SEND solutions to Position No. 145 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill. by August 20, 1954.

Position No. 145

The position looks equal and material is equal. But it takes White only four moves to demonstrate that this equality is altogether an illusion.

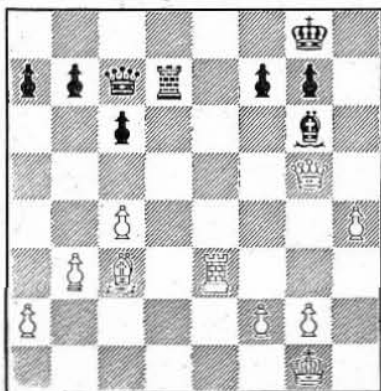
Solution in September 5 issue:

Position No. 142

This position, published in the June 5 issue, is the brilliant conclusion of a postal game, won by P. Ricciardi and published in the interesting Italian chess magazine, La Scacchiera.

For solution please turn to page twelve.

Position No. 145



White to play

NOTE: Do not place solutions to two positions on one card; be sure to indicate correct number of position being solved.

ADDISON TAKES NO. CALIF. TITLE

William Addison of San Francisco won the Norther California Championship with 8-1, nosing out Dmitry Poliakoff who led the field up to the final round. Poliakoff was second with 7½-1½ in the 19-player Swiss event and James Schmitt third with 7-2. Fourth went to R. Smook with 6½-2½, while M. Rudiansky was fifth with 6-3. As ranking players, Addison, Poliakoff, and Schmitt will represent Northern California in the California State Championship event to be held at San Francisco.

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.

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ALSO WOMAN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AND ZONAL

Two top ranking women contestants declared U. S. Representatives to the Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament in 1955.

GOOD-WILL TOUR SOVIET STYLE

The Soviet masters Igor Bondarevsky and Alexander Kotov on a two-week tour of Canada to promote good-will, began auspiciously at Ottawa by refusing to play exhibition matches against their selected opponents and electing to play simultaneous exhibitions instead. The rejected opponents were George Berner, who came from Yugoslavia two and one-half years ago, and Dr. Fedor Bohatirchuk, the one time Ukrainian Champion of the Soviet Union. With Berner and Bohatirchuk on the sidelines, the Russians had no trouble. Bondarevsky disposed of 25 Ottawa players without draw or loss while Kotov overwhelmed the three next ranking players in a three-board simul. In the meanwhile, the remainder of the Russian team has arrived in London via plane for a team match with England.

RAGAN CAPTURES ST. LOUIS TITLE

John V. Ragan gained the St. Louis District Championship with an 8½-½ score in a 10-man round robin event which contained all strong St. Louis talent with the exception of R. Steinmeyer. Ragan drew with Frederic S. Anderson, who was runner-up with 7½-1½ score, drawing also with Harry A. Lew and Marion F. Alpiser. Harold Branch placed third with 5-4, losing to Ragan, Anderson, Godbold, and Burton. Tied for fourth were Edmund Godbold and Charles M. Burton with 4½-4½ each. The tourney was sponsored by the St. Louis Chess League and held at the Downtown YMCA Chess Club.

SIEMMS WINS JUNIOR TITLE

Canadian Expert Ross Siemms Gains Title Lost On S-B at Milwaukee

By WILLIAM ROJAM

Ross E. Siemms of Toronto, Canada gained the U. S. Junior Championship title at Long Beach, California, scoring 8½-1½. Siemms lost out on the title at Milwaukee in 1950 on S-B points, although he tied James Cross on games won with 8-1. In 1951 at Philadelphia Siemms tied for second with 7½-2½, and in 1952 was second at Omaha with 7½-2½.

The new U. S. Junior Champion first played in a U. S. Junior event at Cleveland in 1947 at the age of 11, and has participated in most of the Junior events since that date.

Representative Event

Forty-four players from 10 states and Canada participated in the Junior Championship at Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach, California. Some, like John Penquite of Des Moines hitchhiked ("three days and I don't know how many rides"); others came more conventionally by bus and train; a few risked the trip in rattling jalopies.

Defending Junior Champion Saul Yarmak managed a furlough from Ft. Belvoir, Va., but arrived a day late, missing the first round of play.

Exciting Start

Gilbert Ramirez, 14, drew with Siemms in first round, while Remlinger, 12, was drawing with Peizer and Penquite, Kalme and Lyman were winning.

After four rounds, Shelby Lyman of Dorchester, Mass. led with 4-0, while Charles Kalme, Ross Siemms, and John Penquite had 3½-½. Yarmak had lost his second round game to Ben Shaeffer and seemed out of the contention with 2-2.

In the fifth round Kalme bested Lyman while Siemms defeated Penquite. Ronald Gross with 4-1 was quietly climbing into contention.

Siemms Takes Lead

In the sixth round Siemms downed Kalme to take undisputed lead and at the end of seven rounds, it was Siemms 6-1, Ronald Gross and Kalme 5½-1½, Lyman, Martin Harrow, Thomas Fries, and Saul Yarmak 5-2. Behind these were Sanford Green, John Penquite, Larry Remlinger, and Peter Meyer with 4½-2½, still in contention.

Then in the seventh round, Kalme bested Penquite, Fries downed Meyer, Harrow, Yarmak, (Please turn to page 5, col. 1)

CHESS HITS TV AT NEW ORLEANS

President David A. Walsdorf, Jr., of the New Orleans Chess Club and Founder Alfred B. Wills were interviewed over WDSU-TV of New Orleans June 23 regarding the U.S. Chess Federation Open Championship Tournament scheduled Aug. 2-14 inclusive at the Roosevelt Hotel.

The New Orleans men described plans for the Open; called attention to the New Orleans Chess Club which is open to the public at its Friday night sessions at the YMCA; and told of Wills recent simultaneous exhibition match at the "Y."

The show they appeared on was "Shadow Stumpers," a 15-minute program where half the time was spent interviewing the chess players and two ladies from a Garden club. The remainder of the time consisted of a contest between two sets of people to identify shadows projected on a screen. Bob Nelson was master of ceremonies and interviewed the four persons.

The TV station seemed much interested in the coming Chess event and promised other spots on their shows between now and August and possibly silent movies which they will make for the news coverage at that time.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Acts of the Louisiana State Legislature, which has just concluded its biennial session, will result in barring Negroes from the playing rooms in New Orleans. Since it is too late to change the locale of the U. S. Open, we can only express our regrets to any USCF members who may be discommoded by this development.

LOUISIANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

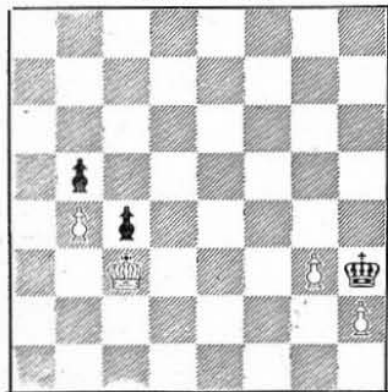
Mastering the End Game

By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

CLUES WITH FLAWS

STILL prodding along in BCE (the book has 573 pages!), we are now at p. 41 with position No. 57 which is called a draw even with White to move. Doing just a "scissors and paste" job, we can correct this statement by quoting the subsequent analysis from the Jan. 1944 Chess Review proving the position in diagram 8 to be won for White by ingenious play:

Diagram No. 8

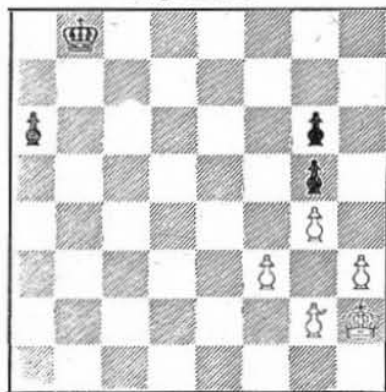


1. K-Q4, K-N5; 2. P-R4, K-R4; 3. K-K4, K-N5; 4. K-K3, K-R4; 5. K-B4, K-R3; 6. P-N4, K-N3; 7. P-R5ch, K-R3; 8. K-K4, K-N4; 9. K-K3 (or B3), K-R3; 10. K-B4, K-N2; 11. P-N5, K-R2; 12. P-N6ch, K-R3; 13. K-K4, K-N2; 14. K-K3, K-R3; 15. K-B4, K-N2; 16. K-N5, P-B6; 17. P-R6ch, K-N1; 18. K-B6, P-B7; 19. P-R7ch, K-R1; 20. K-B7, P-B8 (Q); 21. P-N7ch and mates in two.

Jumping right over to page 59 of BCE, we have there a position 79

(c) which we here translate into diagram 9:

Diagram No. 9



BCE solves this problem by Berger with 1. P-B4, P-R4; 2. PxP, P-R5; 3. K-N3, P-R6; 4. K-R4, P-R7; 5. P-N3, P-N8(R) stalemate. This alleged solution is inaccurate, after 1. P-B4, P-R4? 2. P-B5, PxP; 3. P-R4, P-R5; 4. PxP, P-R6; 5. P-N6, P-R7; 6. P-N7, P-R8 (Q); 7. P-N8(Q)ch, K any; 8. Q-B7ch, K any; 9. PxP White wins. Correct is 1. P-B4, K-B2; 2. PxP, P-R4; 3. K-N3, P-R5; 4. K-R4, P-R6; 5. P-N3, draw by stalemate.

NORTH JERSEY LEAGUE RATED

To the North Jersey Chess League goes the distinction of being the first chess association to have its complete team match play 100% USCF rated. The nine team league, playing a single round-robin team schedule, had 120 players participating in its activities and eligible for rating. As reported elsewhere in these columns, Irvington and Maroczy tied for first with 6½-1½ match score each, while Irvington-Polish was third with 6-2.

BUFFALO TOPS CLEVELAND TEAM

In a 100% USCF rated team match, the Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo scored a 7½-4½ victory over Cleveland at the Sacred Heart Ushers' Club of Erie, Pa., with the Erie Chess Club as host.

Queen City C.C.	Cleveland
1. R. Black	D. Stauvers
2. A. Vossler	I. Garais
3. R. Kekus	Ernest Somlo
4. A. Krul	Alex Komives
5. S. Frucella	A. Robboetov
6. J. Barrett	M. W. Patrick
7. Geo. Mauer	J. Gilchrist
8. Z. Stopinski	Richard Kause
9. N. Wilder	J. Cohn
10. H. Pretlag	J. L. Harkins
11. H. McGaughey	Mrs. W. Owens
12. R. LeBlanc	Ross Owens
Buffalo 7½	Cleveland 4½

FISHER TAKES INDIANA STATE

Victory in the 42-player Swiss at Logansport went to Fisher with 5-0. Second to sixth on S-B with equal 4-1 scores were Jones, Brooks, Phipps, Bersbach and Erps, while seventh to ninth with 3½-1½ were Donnelly, Oren, and Rhead. Jones lost one game to Fisher; Brooks drew with Vano and Donnelly; Phipps lost to Jones; Indianapolis Open Champion Bersbach lost to Vano, and Erps lost to Bent. 1953 Indiana State Champion Oren lost to Fisher and drew with Vano.

At the meeting of the Indiana State Association the officers were relected with Glen C. Donley of Logansport president, Fred Flandring of Portland treasurer, D. E. Rhead of Gary secretary, and Floyd B. Bolton of Hammond tournament director.

LESTER TOPS AT NORTH SHORE

The North Shore Invitational Tournament at Newburyport, Mass. resulted in a victory for former New Hampshire State Champion Orlando Lester. Lester scored 4-1 in a 6-man round robin, drawing with Harlow Daly and Bartlett Gould. Daly tied Lester in point score but was relegated to second place on S-B count. John Curdo, former Massachusetts State Champion, was the only other player to finish with a plus score.

Curiously enough, the event's highest rated player, Charles Sharp, finish next to last. Sharp, ordinarily a very consistent performer, is one of the country's most traveled chess players. Last year, for example he played in the Colorado Open, the U. S. Open at Milwaukee, and the New England Championship at Boston.

BLOOMER TAKES KENTUCKY STATE

John Bloomer, promising 19-year old Louisville player, won the Kentucky State title at Lexington in a 13-player Swiss event with 4-1, losing one game to runner-up Jackie Mayer. Second to fourth on S-B with 3½-1½ each were Jackie Mayer, George Anderson, and James Roark, while fifth and sixth with 3-2 were Dr. A. D. Roberts and L. Sveen. Mayer lost no games, but drew with Anderson, Roberts, and O. M. Maring. Anderson lost a game to Merrell Dowden, chess editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and drew with Mayer. Roark lost to Dr. Roberts and drew with W. A. Springfield. Dr. Roberts lost to Bloomer and drew with O. M. Maring and Mayer, while Sveen lost to Bloomer and Dr. Roberts. The tournament was sponsored by USCF affiliate Lexington Chess Club and directed by Leslie C. Smith.

MINNESOTA TOPS WINNIPEG TEAM

In the annual Minneapolis vs. Winnipeg international match, Minneapolis won by the close score of 11-10, helped by U. S. Master Curt Brasket's draw against International Master D. A. Yanofsky on board one and Minnesota State Champion K. N. Pederson's victory over Dr. N. Divinsky on board two. Strength was evenly divided in the two teams, as the final score demonstrates.

Minneapolis	Winnipeg
1. Curt Brasket	D. A. Yanofsky
2. K. Pederson	Dr. N. Divinsky
3. G. S. Barnes	H. Yanofsky
4. W. E. Kaiser	I. J. Dremen
5. Dr. Koelsche	M. Dessler
6. H. Fruchtman	E. Budnitsky
7. Sheldon Rein	S. Pedlar
8. L. George	J. Filkow
9. R. Gleason	J. Shebaylo
10. R. Filipovich	S. Cooper
11. J. H. Young	R. Bedard
12. C. Simmer	I. I. Hurwitz
13. R. Gove	D. Jacobson
14. E. Johnson	R. Moser
15. P. Huenert	Dr. W. Wright
16. R. C. Beito	P. Buhr
17. E. F. Freier	E. A. Canfield
18. E. J. Miller	P. Daly
19. W. MacManigal	A. Dwinsky
20. Ray Lemke	S. Kirsch
21. R. Narvesen	Miss Winterburn
Minneapolis 11	Winnipeg 10

Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

ODDS AND ENDS ON THE USA-USSR MATCH: The Russians spent a good part of the days preceding the initiation of the first round play listening to the Army-McCarthy hearings on TV in their suite of rooms at the Hotel Roosevelt. Outside of saying they "enjoyed it," no further comment was forthcoming. . . . George Koltanowski treated the Russian aggregation to a visit to Radio City Music Hall where "Executive Suite" and the usual topnotch stage show were on the program. The Soviet masters applauded and cheered profusely as the Rockette chorus line performed, and otherwise took great pleasure in the rest of the stage show, even though the movie, based as it was on a battle for control of an industry, is said to have moved them little. . . . David Bronstein was the "hero" of a couple of the best stories to be related about the international gathering. Bronstein went to see "How to Marry a Millionaire" on the first two off-days of the tourney and, after seeing it twice, came over to a group of us Americans and asked us if we knew of any other pictures starring Marilyn Monroe that were playing in New York!! Now we know what he liked best about America! . . . Bronstein's desire for lemon juice served to confuse many of the stewards at the hotel. Once he ordered a glass during his game and was queried by the steward as to whether he meant 'lemonade'—with lemons, sugar and water. "No!" said the Russian, "I want pure lemon juice." It took nine lemons to fill his glass and, after drinking it down, Bronstein swiftly developed a winning position! . . . A visitor to the tournament rooms insisted on seeing the U. S. team captain, claiming that he could supply the U. S. with a player who would surely smash his Soviet opponent to bits. Further questioning revealed that this player, who shall remain nameless, was formerly a N. Y. club member of average strength who now is confined to an insane asylum! After thanking the visitor for his patriotism, U. S. team officials expressed regrets that the team could no longer be changed and thus this unknown grandmaster would be ineligible to play. (But maybe we could have used a few crazy moves against the Russians!?) . . . Don Byrne relates that he was very nervous before the start of the match games and to alleviate his nervousness he sat home all day reading Nathaniel Hawthorne's best works rather than studying recent games. After the fine score he built up against Averthorne we might recommend Hawthorne as apt preparation for future members of the U. S. team, too! . . . When Al Bisno asked his young son, Paul Morphy Bisno, whom he wanted to win, he got an answer he least expected: "My friend Kotov," it seems the Russian grandmaster and the junior

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CHESS AS WE SEE IT

Contributions from the Pens
Of Outstanding Chess Analysts and Writers

The Intuitive Sacrifice

By U. S. Master DR. HAROLD SUSSMAN

THE following struggle is of uncommon interest, especially as both combatants are former U. S. Champions and were to have played a match recently (which was cancelled).

Initially, Black gets the upper hand when Evans errs with an over-ambitious eighth move which, unintentionally drops a pawn. White then makes the best of his attacking chances and builds up to what looks like a winning position.

At a critical point with both players under heavy time pressure, Evans elects to try an intuitive sacrifice of a piece and is rewarded for his courage when Denker fails to find the correct defense. Under the prevailing conditions, Larry could not have analyzed all the continuations over the board—the move "looked good." Apparently the means was justified by the end, but for Denker it was a hard game to lose as he seemed to have a solid position and an extra pawn to boot most of the way.

Certainly, both players did well—and the final blunder at the 38th turn was understandable in view of the difficult playing conditions which existed.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Metropolitan League Match

New York, 1954

White	Black
L. EVANS	A. S. DENKER
(Marshall C.C.)	(Manhattan C.C.)
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5
4. P-QR3

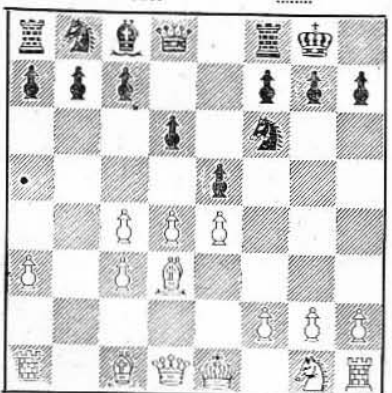
The Saemisch Variation which involves White a "two-Bishop game", a strong center and a potential K-side attack at a considerable cost in Q-side pawn structure and with some loss of time. More popular today is Rubinstein's 4. P-K3 which can frequently transpose into favorable variations of the Saemisch.

Denker's trade-mark in the Nimzo-Indian. He likes to castle early and break at the earliest moment with P-K4. Majority opinion leans to 5. P-B4 which puts White's center under immediate pressure.

The more ambitious 6. P-KB3 may be met adequately in several ways. Bronstein-Szabo, Budapest 1950 continued: 6. Kt-KR4!; 7. Kt-KR3!, P-KB4 with a most difficult game for both sides to handle. Other paths result from 6. P-Q4 or 6. P-Q3 or even 6. Kt-QB3, in which both sides have good chances.

After the more usual 6. P-Q3, White may reply 7. B-Q3, Kt-B3 (7. P-Kt3 is weaker—i.e., 8. Kt-K2, B-Kt2; 9. O-O, P-Q3; 10. P-B3, Kt-B3; 11. P-K4, Kt-K1; 12. P-B4!, P-B4; 13. P-Q5!, Kt-R4; 14. Kt-Kt3 and White is in the driver's seat); 8. Kt-K2, P-Q3; 9. P-K4, P-K4; 10. P-Q5, Kt-K2! and Black has a satisfactory, albeit cramped, position.

7. B-Q3 P-K4
8. P-K4?



An inaccurate and premature pawn advance. Development is called for via 8. Kt-K2 and if 8. P-K5; 9. B-Kt1. White would then castle early and

break with P-KB3, arriving at a strong pawn formation centrally. The text loses a pawn by force.

8. Pxp!
9. Kt-K2!

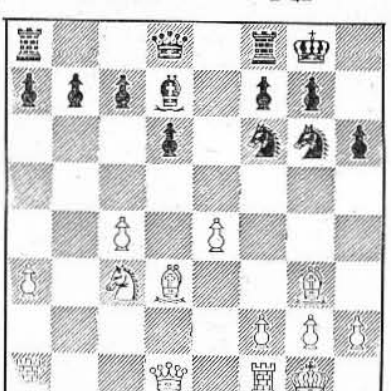
He makes the very best of a bad bargain, after much deliberation at this point. Instead 9. Pxp?, KtxP!; 10. BxKt, R-K1; 11. Q-K2, P-Q4 (good enough, of course, is 11. P-B4; 12. B-Q5 ch, K-R1; 13. B-K3, P-B5, etc.); 12. Pxp, P-KB4 winning a piece.

9. Pxp
There is a good alternative here with 9. P-QB4. After 10. Pxp, Pxp; 11. P-KB3 (if 11. KtxP, KtxP!), Kt-QB3 it is not clear that White can recover the pawn. Black threatens Q-Kt3 followed by Q-B4 with play on White's solani at QB4. This line would also afford Black considerably more mobility than the text.

10. B-Kt5! P-KR3
11. B-R4 QKt-Q2
12. O-O Kt-K4

Certainly to be seriously considered is 12. Kt-B4. However, although the QKt would reach a powerful post, Black would have considerable difficulty in releasing the pin on the Kkt. After the reply 13. KtxP, R-K1 is met by 14. P-KB4! (preventing Black's P-KKt4) while 13. B-K3 is answered by the same move and in both cases Black's game is fearfully cramped. The heroic 13. P-KKt4 is met by 14. B-Kt3, R-K1; 15. Q-B2 and Black has gained some space only at the cost of his K-side security.

13. KtxP Kt-Kt3
14. B-Kt3 B-Q2



Safe but most passive. Surely worth the try is 14. Kt-R2!, threatening P-KB4. I can see no really effective continuation for White. For example, if 15. Q-R5, Q-Kt4!, etc. or 15. Q-B2, Kt-K4! and P-KB4 will follow shortly or once more 15. P-KB4 (looks best), P-KB4; 16. Q-R5, Q-B3 (perhaps simpler is 16. Pxp; 17. Bxp, Kt-K2 with an excellent position and a pawn to boot); 17. Kt-Q5, Q-Q5 ch; 18. K-R1, P-QB3 and Black will hold up well under the complications which ensue.

15. P-B4 B-B3
16. P-KR3 Q-Q2
17. Q-B3 QR-K1

Denker is trying to batter a stone wall. White promptly proceeds to overprotect his important KP.

18. KR-K1 R-K2
19. R-R2 Kt-R2
The threat is now P-KB4 which Evans parries by retreating his Queen.

20. Q-B2 KR-K1
A little trap. Should White seize the QRP, P-QKt3 and R-QR1 will win material.

21. QR-K2 P-QR3
22. Q-Q4

Since his unfortunate eighth move, Larry has played admirably and with fine judgement and restraint. White has reached the maximum and is ready to attack.

22. Kt-B3
Denker, on the other hand, has defended solidly but too passively and lacks sufficient maneuvering space. The text threatens Kt-R4 which Evans decides to allow. His next move commits him to an all-out K-side attack, none too easy a task to perform successfully as Black's K-side is still fully intact.

23. P-B5 Kt-R4
24. B-R2 Kt(3)-B5
25. R-K3 KtxB
26. RxKt Kt-B3
27. R(3)-K3 P-QKt3

He is uneasy over an eventual P-QB5 and rushes to block this possibility once and for all.

28. B-Kt3 Kt-R2
29. B-KB4!

Evans has handled this piece skillfully. The threat of P-KB6 now induces Denker to weaken his K-side structure.

29. P-B3
30. P-KR4

Naturally, the wandering Kt must not be permitted to reach the haven of K4 via KKt4 and KB2.

30. Q-Q1
Arnold decides this Kt can reach K4 anyway, via KB1 and Q2, hence the vacating move.

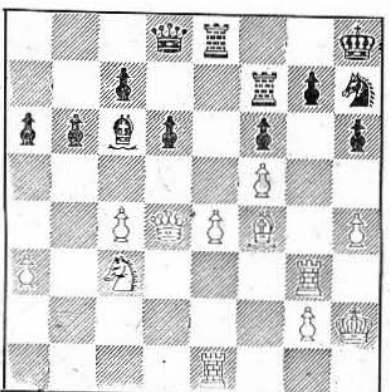
31. R-Kt3

The time pressure at this point was building and White decides to press his attack home without further ado. The immediate threat is BxRP and the final object of aggression is the Black King.

31. K-R1
32. K-R2

The purpose of this move escapes me. The King seems happier at Kt1 and more pertinent is R(1)-K3 followed by Q-Q1 and Q-R5.

32. R-B2



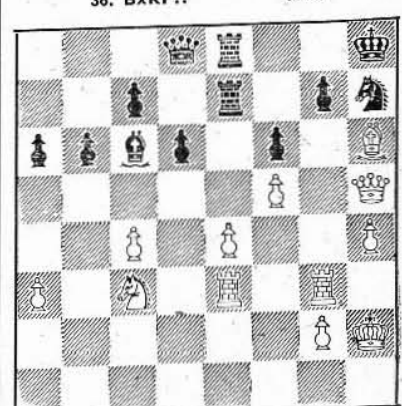
Another mystery move, probably dictated by the clock. A better choice is Q-QR1 applying pressure to the KP. The release of pressure on White's center pawn allows the other Rook to join the fracas immediately. Still another excellent try is the tricky 32. R-K4? for if 33. BxR, BpxB; 34. Queen away, QxRP ch and Black is content. After 32. R-K4?, Black threatens RxKBP.

33. R(1)-K3 Kt-B1
34. Q-Q1!

Very strong and just in time to stop the Kt from reaching K4. On 33. Kt-Q2?; 34. Q-R5, Kt-K4?; 35. BxKt wins a piece.

34. R(2)-K2
35. Q-R5 Kt-R2

His hopes for counter-attack have vanished and this anxious horseman hustles back to give his King additional cover. White's position "looks" overwhelming but Black has hidden resources. The text move leaves the "hole" at his KKt3 uncovered and stimulates Evans into the following pretty sacrifice.



36. BxRP!

Very ingenious and an excellent intuitive try, especially considering Denker's time pressure, but it has not been fully demonstrated that this sacrifice is either best or necessary. Instead, the simple 36. R-KKt6 (or even R-KKt4) would be most difficult to meet as White threatens to double Rooks. The reply 36. Kt-KB1 is met by 37. R-Kt4 and White's KP is immune because of the counter-threat BxKRP, while 36. Bxp is answered by 37. R(3)-Kt3, again threatening BxKRP. Considering the time pressure on both players, further involved discussion is academic.

36. PxB
37. Kt-K2!

This disarming "quiet" move is the real point of the B sacrifice. Larry hopes to get this piece to KKt6 with fatal effect. If instead 37. QxRP, R-KKt1! seems to actually repel the attack.

37. RxP
A very important and difficult decision, and probably the best move. If 37. Bxp; 38. Kt-B4!, Bxp; 39. RxR (if 39. QxB, RxR!; 40. Kt-Kt6 ch, K-Kt2! wins for Black), QxR; 40. QxB, R-KKt1; 41. Kt-Kt6 ch, RxKt; 42. QxR and wins.

38. Q-Q2??

This ferocious reply rattled Arnold into making a tremendous blunder, yet it may be safely said that Denker's clock and a considerable disturbance about the room initiated at the Donovan-Bernstein table contributed heavily to Black's demise.

38. QxP

Apparently Arnold can still hold the position with 38. R-KKt1! If in reply 39. RxR(K5)?, BxR; 40. Kt-B4, Bxp wins. The strongest answer is 39. Kt-B4! and after 39. RxR(K3); 40. RxR(K3)! (the continuation 40. Kt-Kt6 ch?? loses to 40. RxKt; 41. Pxr, R-K2, etc.). Then the ONLY reply is 40. B-K1 (for if 40. R-Kt2?; 41. QxR ch, KxR; 42. Kt-K6 ch wins and if 40. Q-KB1?; 41. Kt-Kt6 ch, RxKt; 42. QxR, Q-KKt1; 43. R-KKt1! wins). White can still make considerable progress with 41. Kt-Kt6 ch! (other good moves are 41. P-KKt4, 41. R-K6, and 41. P-KR5), BxKt; 42. PxB and Black is reduced to two moves to parry the mate: 42. R-Kt2 and 42. Q-Q2! After 42. Q-Q2!; 43. PxKt, QxP; 44. QxP ch, Q-Kt2; 45. QxQ ch, RxQ; 46. K-R3, White has the better ending but Black has fair drawing chances, while on the main line: 42. R-Kt2; 43. R-K6!! is a problem reply (not 43. PxKt?, RxP! with advantage) which causes Black considerable difficulties. If he replies to R-K6!! with Q-KB1?; 44. Q-K3!, R-KKt1; 45. R-K7! wins. No better is 43. K-Kt1; 44. PxKt ch, K-R1; 45. Q-R5, R-K2; 46. RxP, RxP; 47. Q-B5 with a winning attack. Finally 43. P-KB4; 44. K-R3, K-Kt1; 45. PxKt ch, KxP; 46. Q-R5 wins. The best reply to 43. R-K6!! is 43. Q-Q2!; 44. RxBP!, Q-KKt1; 45. PxKt and Q-K4 ch. Now 46. Q-B4, QxQ ch; 47. RxQ, KxP; 48. P-KKt4 and White has the better ending but a

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

Further Reflections On The USSR Match

Towering in the confidence of twenty-one.

DR. JOHNSON—Letter to Bennet Langston

HE Soviet masters are not invincible, for all the myth of their in-
vulnerability; they are merely more experienced, more trained, more
practiced, and therefore more deadly confident of their own skill than
the amateurs and semi-professional chess players they face. That these
demi-gods can nod upon occasion was shown by Yanofsky at Gronnigen,
by Alexander at Hastings, and by several of our own young masters in
New York recently. But the legend of invincibility will persist until
some nation takes their measure in a match. And it seems up to the
USA to be that nation, since it alone has nearest approached in offer-
ing resistance to their dominance of chess.

But to do this, the USA must also do other things. It must, first of
all, provide more practice for its masters so that they can match the
deadly precision of the Soviet masters in tournament play—a precision
born of long and constant practice. Second, the USA must place its re-
liance on its younger masters, for only these confident young players
have offered any marked resistance to the legend of Soviet invincibility.

We mean no disrespect to the older masters when we state their re-
cord against the Soviet players offers no encouragement for future success.
Were players like Kashdan, Denker, Dake, etc. performing in the full
glory of their prime as they performed some ten years ago, we would
be content to rest our hopes upon them. But we must recognize that
these are gifted amateurs, distracted by many business concerns, and
that their occasional practice of the art of chess in these latter days does
not prepare them for the combat.

The record shows that of our older masters, only the professional
Reshevsky is still equipped to face Soviet opposition with confidence.

But our younger masters, not yet bowed down by worries about a
livelihood, supporting a wife, building a home, remain towering pillars
of chess strength in the confidence of twenty-one. Their record shows
them ready, willing, and able to face Soviet opposition undaunted.

There is U. S. Open Champion Donald Byrne with his 3-1 score
against Soviet Champion Averbach. There is former Intercollegiate
Champion Robert Byrne who boasts 3-3 score against Soviet opposition;
1-0 against Bronstein, ½-½ against Geller, and 1½-2½ against Kotov.
There is former U. S. Champion Larry Evans with an all-over 3-3 score
against Soviet players, with 3-1 against Taimanov and 0-2 against Smyslov.
To these should be added George Kramer who has yet to meet Soviet
opposition, and other brilliant young U. S. masters like James T. Sherwin,
Hans Berliner, Eliot Hearst, and Curt Brasket.

For of the young U. S. masters only U. S. Champion Arthur Bisguier
has a minus score of 1½-4½ against Soviet opposition, with 0-1 against
Boleslavsky, ½-½ against Geller, and 1-3 against Petrosian. We are
quite confident that Bisguier can do better than this in the future—and
that he will.

So, let us put the accent on youth in future encounters with the
USSR, beginning with the International Team Matches in Buenos Aires.

Gary (Ind.) Chess Club played a 5-5
draw with Hamilton Park (Chicago) at
Gary, with Donnelly, Cox, Salisbury,
Davis and Popovich tallying for Gary;
and Rodes, Vanderstain, Racaltis, Stein,
and Mengal scoring for Hamilton Park.

Decatur (Ill.) Chess Club drew with
Peoria 3-3 with Hugh Myers, Gerald
Garver, and Dr. Max Schlosser scoring
on top boards for Decatur while Glen
Babecek, Art Shanahan and Robert
Chapin saved the points for Peoria

New Orleans Officially Recognizes

U.S. Open Championship Tournament

MAYOR deLesseps S. Morrison of New Orleans has just issued a
city proclamation on "Chess Week" Aug. 2-9 in connection with
the coming U. S. Chess Federation Open Championship Tournament
and the U. S. Women's Open to be held in New Orleans Aug. 2-14 in-
clusive.

The proclamation calls attention to the fact that New Orleans "has
added a brilliant chapter to the Chess firmament with the late Paul
Morphy of International Chess fame, generally considered world Chess
champion of his era" and that now the New Orleans Chess Club will
be host to both open national tournaments bringing approximately 200
Chess players and their families from all parts of the United States,
Canada and Latin America to New Orleans; and states "such contests
as this promote good will and understanding between cities and nations."

The proclamation, in full, is as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the ageless and royal game of Chess has contributed to
the mental stimulation and enjoyment of its followers in clean construc-
tive sport and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans has added a brilliant chapter to the Chess
firmament with the late Paul Morphy of international Chess fame, gen-
erally considered world Chess champion of his era, and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Chess Club now will be host to both the
United States Chess Federation 55th annual Open Championship Tourna-
ment and the United States Women's Open Tournament August 2-14 in-
clusive, 1954, bringing approximately 200 Chess players and their families
from all parts of the United States, Canada and Latin America to this city;
and

WHEREAS, such contests as this promote good will and understanding
between cities and nations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, de Lesseps S. Morrison, Mayor of the City of
New Orleans, do hereby proclaim the period of August 2-9, 1954, as

CHESS WEEK

in New Orleans and urge our citizens to do everything possible for the
enjoyment of our distinguished visitors.

Given under my hand and the seal
of the City of New Orleans, on this
the 23rd day of June, 1954

de LESSEPS S. MORRISON
Mayor

At the USA vs. USSR Match

(Or Three Kids and One Old Man)

By TOM WISWELL

World Unrestricted Checker Champion

- Reverse Bronstein's score (four wins) and the result is a tie: 16-16!
- Evans and D. Byrne (plus scorers) garnered 5½, nearly half of the U. S. points!
- Pavey's dramatic win over Keres in round 4 was match's "emotional highlight!"
- Bronstein was a poor loser: He didn't know how—won four straight games!
- 3 Kids and 1 Old Man (Byrne Brothers, Evans and Reshevsky) held the fort!
- All the Russians won at least one game except their ace of aces, Smyslov!
- Three Americans drew blood: D. Byrne 3 (wow!), Evans 2, and Pavey 1 (a big one)!
- All "A" players seemed jinxed: A. Horowitz, A. Denker, A. Bisguier, A. Dake and A. Kevitz could only score 2 points out of a possible 13!
- The Russians were finally halted in round 4 at 4-4. We just got started!
- A few unthinking spectators jeered the Reshevsky-Smyslov draws when they should have cheered!
- Most brilliant game: Evans' win over Taimanov in round 4—but we're apt to be prejudiced!
- The match was shifted to a different hall every day. The hotel manager said he thought chess players liked to move!
- Many checker masters (Banks, Wiswell, Loew) were present and one wit observed: "A gathering of checker experts—and expert checkers!"
- The Reshevsky-Smyslov deadlock may partly explain Botvinnik's absence!
- California got the scores daily via long distance phone and genial Abe Turner!
- Reshevsky gave Smyslov thirty-five minutes handicap one game and still drew!
- Versatile: After defeating Taimanov in round 4 Evans spoke to Europe via the Voice of America in French!
- The score of the Byrne family vs. USSR is 4½-3½, favoring the Byrnes!
- Hans Kmoch proved his right to the title of World Champion Referee!
- With the development of more young stars America is bound to catch up to and, perhaps, surpass Russia in years ahead. If the match

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AMONG THESE A JUNIOR CHAMPION

Forty-two of the forty-four contestants in the U. S. Junior Championship Tournament at Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach, California. (Reading left to right): First row: Barry Steiner, unidentified player, Larry Remlinger, Tony Gottsdanker, Shelby Lyman, Ronald Gross, defending Junior Champion Saul Yarmak, Martin Harrow, Ross Siemms, unidentified player, Ralph Sturges, Theodore Eisenstadt. Second row: Donald Burdick, Jimmy Thomason, Gilbert Ramirez, Thomas Fries, Robert Harshberger, Wesley Leekley, Arnold Altschuler, Robert Cross, unidentified player, David Peizer, John Maier, Sanford Greene, Alan Chappell, John Rinaldo, James Lazos, James McCormick, Ben Shaeffer. Third row: Ray Stiening, Charles Kalme, unidentified player, Charles Fontan, Bruce Hayworth, George Soules, Peter Meyer, Glen Jorgensen, Robert Walker, unidentified player, Fletcher Gross, Kenneth Stone, John Bloomer.

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U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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Lyman, Greene, and Remlinger won while Siemms drew with R. Gross.

In the eighth round, Yarmak beat Harrow, Fries defeated Greene, Remlinger bested Penquite, and Siemms drew with Lyman. Siemms still led with 6½-1½, but close on his heels with 6-2 each were Fries, Gross, Kalme, and Yarmak, while Meyer, Lyman, and Remlinger had 5½-2½ apiece.

In the ninth round, Siemms beat Fries, Yarmak downed Gross, Kalme bested Meyer, Remlinger defeated Lyman, while Harrow topped Bloomer.

Final Round Thrills

With the gap narrowed in the last round, Siemms defeated defending champion Yarmak and Remlinger bested Kalme. Gross drew with Harrow, Lyman won and Fries drew. This left Ross Siemms in undisputed first with 8½-1½, and Remlinger second with 7½-2½, while Yarmak and Kalme had 7-2 scores each.

Prizes Galore

Siemms received a beautiful personal trophy, as well as the custody of the Milwaukee Journal Trophy. Remlinger received a personal trophy and custody of the Hermann Dittmann Trophy for second consecutive time as ranking player under sixteen, also custody of the Independent Press-Telegram Trophy for ranking player 14 or under. Yarmak received a personal trophy, and Tony Gottsdanker the

Independent Press-Telegram Traveling Trophy for ranking player under 12 years.

Other prizes in chess sets, a chess clock, chess books and merchandize were distributed lavishly to other contenders. Details on other prizes in next issue.

Junior Lightning

Ross Siemms also won the U. S. Junior rapid transit event, with Martin Harrow second, Larry Remlinger third, and Charles Kalme fourth.

The U. S. Junior Championship was staged by the Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club of Long Beach under the auspices of the U. S. Chess Federation. The 44 players were domiciled in the Long Beach Armory, and were the guests of various Long Beach civic groups for meals. A picnic and boat-ride were among special events provided for their entertainment. Orlo M. Rolo served as tournament director, assisted by International Master Imre Konig, while John P. Looney handled the general arrangements.

USSR FLATTENS BRITISH TEAM

The USSR team which scored 20-12 over a U. S. team recently, minus Kotov but with the addition of Women's World Champion Elizabeth Bykova and Soviet Woman's Champion K. Zvorkina, smashed Great Britain 18½-1½, three draws all coming in the second round.

Great Britain	USSR
1. Alexander 0 ½	Smyslov 1 ½
2. Golombek 0 0	Bronstein 1 1
3. Wade 0 0	Keres 1 1
4. Penrose 0 0	Averbach 1 1
5. Broadbent 0 0	Geller 1 1
6. Milner-Barry 0-0	Petrosian 1 1
7. Barden 0 0	Taimanov 1 1
8. Fairhurst 0 ½	Boleslavsky 1 ½
9. Miss Tranmer 0 0	Miss Bykova 1 1
10. Miss Sunnocks 0 ½	Miss Zvorkina 1 ½
Great Britain 0 1 ½	USSR 10 8 ½

A former New Hampshire champion in Robert Hux won the Consolation section of the Dallas City Championship 6½-½, drawing with George Henderson. Owen Johnson was second with 6-1, losing only to Hux in the 8-player round robin. Henderson was third with 5½-1½, and Sam Payne fourth with 4-3. The event was marred by seven forfeits.

Bob Burger won the Individual Championship Tournament of the Central California Chess League with 4-0 in a 16-player Swiss. Mike Hailparn was second with 3½-½, drawing with J. B. Gee. Tom Fries placed third with 3-1, losing a game to Burger. Fourth and fifth on S-B with 2½-1½ each were Phil Smith and Frank Olvera. H. E. Paul and L. H. Kerfoot directed the event.

Jesse Stapp with 8-3 won the 12 player Dallas City Championship, losing a game to Joe T. Gilbert, while drawing with Robert B. Potter, C. F. Tears, Jr., Shane O'Neil, and W. T. Strange in the round robin event. Juris Jurevics was second with 7½-3½, losing to Stapp and O'Neill, while drawing with Potter, Tears, and Gustav Jurevics. Third to sixth with 7-4 each were Robert Potter, C. F. Tears, Jr., Joe T. Gilbert, and Leon Poliakov.

A four-club, eight-board team match was held at LaPorte YMCA with South Bend scoring 5½-2½, Gary 4½-3½, Hammond 4-4, and LaPorte 2-6. It was decided as a result of the match to organize a Northern Indiana Chess Association to conduct team matches.

AT THE USA vs. USSR MATCH

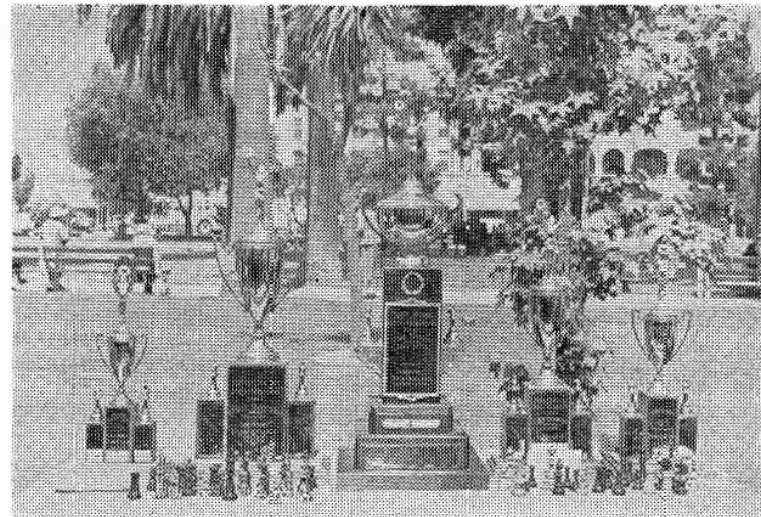
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proved nothing else it proved that in American chess "the accent is on youth."

21. Keres and Bronstein won half Russia's games: Seven!

22. The totals of five American players comes to a plus: D. Byrne 3-1, L. Evans 2½-1½, S. Reshevsky 2-2, D. Byrne 1½-2½; M. Pavay 1-2: total 10-9. Even with the other loss on Pavay's board (by Kevitz) the Russians still got no better than a tie 10-10 on these five boards. The big deficit came on the three remaining boards where they got ten out of twelve points!

23. Nicholas Rossolimo plans becoming an American citizen which will strengthen U. S. in future events. Which may lead some to ask: "How many Russians were on the 'Russian' team?"



JUNIOR TROPHIES

First prize, center; second prize, left of center; third prize, right of center. Traveling trophy for best under 14 years of age, extreme left; traveling trophy for best under 12 years of age, extreme right. Chess sets for all players ending with plus scores. The trophies were donated to this event by the Independent Press-Telegram of Long Beach.

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Toward the expenses of the U. S. Team at International Team Tournament at Buenos Aires this September.

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West Orange, 1954

Table listing chess players and their scores for the Log Cabin Eastern States Open in West Orange, 1954. Columns include player names, round scores, and cumulative points.

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New York, 1954

Table listing chess players and their scores for the Marshall Chess Club Amateur Championship in New York, 1954. Columns include player names, round scores, and cumulative points.

WISCONSIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Appleton, 1954

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Milwaukee, 1954

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SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Rapid City, 1954

Table listing chess players and their scores for the South Dakota Open Championship in Rapid City, 1954. Columns include player names, round scores, and cumulative points.

LEXINGTON CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Lexington, 1954

Table listing chess players and their scores for the Lexington Chess Club Championship in Lexington, 1954. Columns include player names, round scores, and cumulative points.

SACRAMENTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sacramento, 1954

Table listing chess players and their scores for the Sacramento City Championship in Sacramento, 1954. Columns include player names, round scores, and cumulative points.

TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

30th TRANS-MISSISSIPPI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Davenport, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	K. Nedved (Ft. Benning, Ga.)	W31 W19 W11 W2 D4 W7	5-1	20.75
2.	H. E. Myers (Decatur, Ill.)	W36 W13 W22 L1 W5 W4	5-1	17.50
3.	C. Henin (Chicago, Ill.)	W39 L4 W35 W34 W8 W11	5-1	13.00
4.	P. Tautvaisas (Chicago, Ill.)	W15 W3 W17 W21 D1 L2	4-1-1	17.25
5.	A. Sandrin, Jr. (Chicago, Ill.)	W29 D8 W28 W6 L2 W14	4-1-1	15.00
6.	Stephen Winkaitis (Chicago, Ill.)	W35 W34 D7 L5 W25 W13	4-1-1	12.00
7.	Dr. I. Schwartz (Durand, Ill.)	W37 W9 D6 D8 W17 L1	4-2	13.25
8.	J. Ragan (St. Louis, Mo.)	W18 D5 W24 D7 L3 W22	4-2	12.75
9.	Martin Ptacek (Chicago, Ill.)	W28 L7 L26 W29 W18 W17	4-2	11.00
10.	Angelo Sandrin (Chicago, Ill.)	L24 W40 W12 L13 W34 W19	4-2	10.00
11.	Edmund Godbold (St. Louis, Mo.)	W43 W14 L1 W33 W21 L3	4-2	8.50
12.	D. Roszkowski (Chicago, Ill.)	W30 L17 L5 W40 W33 W31	4-2	8.00
13.	D. Fischheimer (Chicago, Ill.)	W27 L2 W29 W10 D34 L6	3-1-2	10.75
14.	L. Frankenstein (Kansas City)	W23 L11 W18 W19 D13 L5	3-1-2	10.75
15.	Dr. M. Schlosser (Decatur, Ill.)	L4 L29 W20 D28 W27 W25	3-1-2	9.25
16.	F. Neugebauer (Chicago, Ill.)	D25 L39 W27 D24 D31 W28	3-1-2	8.75
17.	Dr. L. C. Loug (Madison, Wis.)	W12 L4 W22 L7 L9	3-3	9.50
18.	L. Maher (Moline, Ill.)	L8 W20 L14 W32 L9 W35	3-3	7.50
19.	W. Gombacher (Chicago, Ill.)	W20 L1 W39 L14 W24 L10	3-3	6.50
20.	J. G. Roecker (Peoria, Ill.)	L19 L18 L15 W30 W36 W37	3-3	6.50
21.	K. Wiegman (Rock Island, Ill.)	W40 D24 W25 L4 L11 D23	3-3	6.25
22.	R. Bery (Chicago, Ill.)	D38 W33 L2 L17 W26 L8	3-3	6.00
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TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Corpus Christi, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Blake Stevens (San Antonio)	W23 W19 W11 D2 D4 W6	5-1	18.25
2.	Owen W. Johnson (Dallas)	W21 W2 W18 D1 W11 D3	5-1	18.00
3.	H. W. Wilbur (Corpus Christi)	D18 W37 W17 W13 W12 D2	5-1	15.00
4.	Joe Gilbert (Dallas)	W15 W6 W5 D12 D1 D14	4-1-1	18.00
5.	William A. Bills (Houston)	W34 W10 L4 D8 W13 W12	4-1-1	14.50
6.	N. James (Corpus Christi)	W30 L4 W10 W20 W16 L1	4-2	12.50
7.	Arne K. P. Hermann (Houston)	W32 D13 D20 D22 D8 W18	4-2	11.75
8.	Homer V. Faber (Corpus Christi)	W33 W26 L12 D5 D7 W22	4-2	11.75
9.	George H. Smith (Houston)	W27 D17 L13 W26 D22 W19	4-2	11.00
10.	Clarke Foster (Port Arthur)	W29 L5 L6 W32 W23 W17	4-2	10.00
11.	A. G. Miller (Ft. Worth)	W35 W31 L1 W21 L2 W20	4-2	9.50
12.	Shane O'Neill (Dallas)	W16 W25 W8 D4 L3 L5	3-1-2	12.25
13.	C. F. Tears, Jr. (Dallas)	W24 D7 W9 L3 L5 W25	3-1-2	11.00
14.	Robert Wright (Midland)	L17 L20 W31 W34 W30 D4	3-1-2	7.75
15.	J. M. Moulden (Dallas)	L4 W30 D26 L19 W35 W24	3-1-2	7.25
16.	L. W. Allen (San Angelo)	L12 D24 W36 W29 L6 W32	3-1-2	6.75
17.	R. B. Potter (Dallas)	W14 D9 L3 W24 D19 L10	3-3	9.50
18.	William Browning (Pasadena)	D3 W28 L2 D23 W27 L7	3-3	9.25
19.	Louis J. Dina (Ft. Worth)	D20 L1 W25 W15 D17 L9	3-3	9.00
20.	Lee Hyder (Rockdale)	D19 W14 D7 L6 W31 L11	3-3	9.00
21.	John DeVine (Port Arthur)	L1 W27 W32 L11 L18 W31	3-3	6.50
22.	Cecil L. Parkin (Ft. Worth)	W37 L2 W34 D7 D9 L8	3-3	6.50
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Jamestown, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Axel Anderson	x x 0 0 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1 1 1 1	10-3-3	
2.	Helge Berquist	1 1 x x 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1	10-3-3	
3.	William Wilcock	0 1/2 1 1 x x 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10-3-3	
4.	P. Mortyczuk	0 1/2 0 0 1 x x 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0	6-7-2	

In a play-off H. Berquist and W. Wilcock scored 3-1 each, and A. Anderson 0-4.

CLEVELAND CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Cleveland, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Rudolf Pitschak	x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8-0	28.00
2.	Dailon Stauvers	0 x 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	5-1/2-2-1/2	15.50
3.	Lawrence Lipking	0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	5-1/2-2-1/2	15.25
4.	Dr. Emil Roethler	0 1/2 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	5-3	13.00
5.	Thomas Ellison	0 1 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4-3-3	12.25
6.	Dr. R. R. McCready	3-1/2-4-1/2 (8.00); 7. Jean Cohn 2-1/2-5-1/2 (3.25); 8. Elliot E. Stearns 1-1/2-6-1/2 (2.25); 9. Zoltan Pauer 0-8.		

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Seattle, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Charles Rosburg	x x 0 1 1 1/2 1 1 1 1 0	5-1/2-2-1/2	
2.	Dan Wade	1 0 x x 1 0 1 1 1 1 1	5-1/2-2-1/2	
3.	Russell Vellias	0 1/2 0 1 x x 0 1 1 1 1/2	4-4	
4.	Jim McCormick	0 0 0 0 1 0 x x 1 1 1/2	2-1/2-5-1/2	
5.	John S. DeWitt	0 1 1/2 0 0 1/2 0 1/2 x x	2-1/2-5-1/2	

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Raleigh, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	G. Krauss (Pope Field)	W17 D3 W9 W5 W2	4-1-1	15.50
2.	Dr. A. M. Jenkins (Raleigh)	W11 W4 W10 W3 L1	4-1	16.50
3.	C. C. Crittenden (Raleigh)	W21 D1 W13 L2 W11	3-1-1	15.17
4.	Pete Henderson (Chapel Hill)	W18 L2 W16 D6 W7	3-1-1	13.75
5.	Ivars Strals (Ft. Bragg)	W19 W16 D12 L1 W10	3-1-1	13.50
6.	Dr. Geo. Harwell (Durham)	W8 L10 W22 D4 W9	3-1-1	12.50
7.	J. S. Townsend (Smithfield)	L9 W20 W14 W12 L4	3-2	12.38
8.	Ronald Simpson (Fayetteville)	L6 W21 L15 W16 W18	3-2	10.92
9.	Hugh Trotti (Davidson)	W7 D12 L1 W13 L6	2-1-2	16.00
10.	D. A. Kahn (Charlotte)	W24 W6 L2 D11 L5	2-1-2	13.50
11.	William Crowder (Greensboro)	L2 W18 W19 D10 L3	2-1-2	13.25
12.	Dr. N. M. Hornstein (Southport)	W20 D9 D5 L7 D14	2-1-2	12.88
13.	W. Allen (Raleigh)	D14 W15 L3 L9 W17	2-1-2	12.38
14.	A. Henry Gaede (Charlotte)	D13 D17 L7 W21 D12	2-1-2	10.00
15.	Clarence Sanders (Elizabeth City)	W22 L13 W8 D17 L16	2-1-2	10.50
16.	Oliver C. Hutaff (Wilmington)	2-3 (12.50); 17. Albert Margolis (St. Pauls) 2-3 (11.38); 18. Karl Ginter (Charlotte) 2-3 (11.00); 19. J. Brown Evans (St. Pauls) 2-3 (8.25); 20. D. N. Rich (Raleigh) 2-3 (8.17); 21. Edward Scheidt (Raleigh) 1-4 (8.50); 22. William E. Cox (Southern Pines) 1-4 (10.00); 23. Robert Miller (Ft. Bragg) 1-4 (7.00); 24. Paul Newton (Raleigh) 0-5 (0.00).		

Scheidt forfeited to Gaede and Newton, Newton forfeited to Miller and Scheidt. Solkoff-Modification Points used in extended form.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Kalamazoo, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Samuel Allerton (Kalamazoo)	x x 1 1 1 1 1	5-1	
2.	Harrison Kindig (Otsego)	x x 1 1 1 1 1	4-1-1	
3.	Henry R. Meinfert (Kalamazoo)	x x 1 1 1 1 1	4-1-1	
4.	Carl Blankenburg (Kalamazoo)	0 0 1/2 x 1 1 1 1	3-1-2	
5.	Robert Walsh (Kalamazoo)	1-1/2-4-1/2; 6. Marshall Dennis (Otsego) 1-5; 7. Lincoln Green (Otsego) 1-5.		

PRELIMINARY QUALIFYING

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Robert Walsh (Kalamazoo)	W16 W17 W9	W13	4-0
2.	Carl Blankenburg (Kalamazoo)	W11 W8 W10 W14	4-0	
3.	Harrison Kindig (Otsego)	W15 W16 W13 W12	4-0	
4.	Marshall Dennis (Otsego)	W12 W18 L6 W9	3-1	
5.	Lincoln Green (Otsego)	W17 L11 W15 W10	3-1	
6.	Ojars Purins (Kalamazoo)	W14 L9 W4 D7	2-1-1	
7.	A. Klebers (Kalamazoo)	W20 L10 W8 D6	2-1-1	
8.	Harold Jones (Kalamazoo)	W21 L2 L7 W16	2-2	
9.	Bernard Smith (Kalamazoo)	W19 W6 L1 L4	2-2	
10.	Dr. R. A. MacNeill (Kalamazoo)	W18 W7 L2 L5	2-2	
11.	Guy R. Otis (Kalamazoo)	L2 W5 L11 W18	2-2	
12.	A. Fitzgerald (Kalamazoo)	L4 W2 W11 L3	2-2	
13.	R. Kaercher (Kalamazoo)	Bye W14 L3 L1	2-2	
14.	Paul Ligvoet (Kalamazoo) 1-3; 15. F. Libin (Kalamazoo) 1-3; 16. Osborne McNett (Kalamazoo) 1-3; 17. Roy Pearson (Kalamazoo) 1-3; 18. Douglas Green Jr. (Otsego) 0-4; 19. R. Ballinger (Kalamazoo) 0-4; 20. N. Daulbergs (Kalamazoo) 0-4; 21. H. Kalmis (Kalamazoo) 0-4.			

Daulbergs forfeited to Libin and Kalmis forfeited to Jones.

BUCCANEER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Corpus Christi, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Arturo Pomar (Madrid, Spain)	W15 W8 W4 D2 W9	4-1-1	14.00
2.	Roberto Trevino (Monterrey, Mex.)	W20 W9 W12 D1 D3	4-1-1	11.50
3.	George H. Smith (Houston, Tex.)	D6 W18 W5 D13 D2	3-1-1	10.25
4.	John B. Payne (San Antonio, Tex.)	W7 D11 L1 W14 W12	3-1-1	9.25
5.	Jerry Armstrong (Corpus Christi)	W16 W21 L3 D12 W11	3-1-1	7.25
6.	Norman James (Corpus Christi)	D3 D14 D15 W16 D7	3-2	7.75
7.	Arne P. Hermann (Houston, Tex.)	L4 W20 W21 D11 D6	3-2	6.25
8.	Harley D. Wilbur (Corpus Christi)	W22 L1 D11 D18 W13	3-3	5.75
9.	Blake Stevens (San Antonio, Tex.)	W23 L2 W17 W15 L1	3-2	5.50
10.	Homer V. Faber (Corpus Christi)	L11 W24 L13 W22 W19	3-3	3.00
11.	Robert S. Brieger (Houston, Tex.)	W10 D4 D8 D7 L5	2-1-2	7.75
12.	Wm. C. Browning (Pasadena, Tex.)	W19 W17 L2 D5 L4	2-1-2	5.75
13.	Charles H. Fuchsmann (Corpus Christi)	L17 W22 W10 D3 L8	2-1-2	5.75
14.	John Alexander (San Diego, Calif.)	D18 D6 D16 L4 W21	2-1-2	5.00
15.	M. R. Bedri (Harlingen, Tex.)	L1 W23 D6 L9 W18	2-1-2	4.50
16.	E. Folk Weaver (Corpus Christi, Tex.) 2-3 (4.25); 17. Allen H. Baker (San Antonio, Tex.) 2-3 (4.25); 18. William H. Janes (Leroy, Tex.) 2-3 (3.75); 19. Hans L. Weigand (Victoria, Tex.) 2-3 (3.00); 20. James Creighton (Corpus Christi, Tex.) 2-3 (1.00); 21. William A. Bills (Houston, Tex.) 1-1/2-3-1/2 (1.00); 22. Jack Moore (Robstown, Tex.) 1-4 (0.00); 23. Paul Taylor (Houston, Tex.) 1-4 (0.00); 24. Burr Meador (So. Houston, Tex.) 0-5 (0.00).			

Janes forfeited last round game to Bedri.

MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

B DIVISION CONSOLATION

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Ludwig Gelobter	x x 1 0 0 1 1 1	4-2	
2.	Maxwell L. Sokoler	0 1 x x 1 1 1 1	3-1-2	
3.	Kurt Rosenberg	1 0 1/2 0 x x 1 1	3-3	
4.	Philip H. George	0 0 1/2 1/2 0 x x	1-1/2-4-1/2	

C DIVISION

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	Randall McMurray	x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	6-1/2	
2.	Henry C. Spiewak	x 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	6-1	
3.	Paul Reif	0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1	5-2	
4.	Miss Frances Oswald	0 0 0 x 0 1 1 1	3-4	
5.	Benjamin Brown 2-5; 6. Kurt Juhn 2-5; 7. Dr. William Paul 2-5; 8. Micalas A. Calyo 1-1/2-5-1/2.			

MIAMI GAMBIT TOURNAMENT

Miami, 1954

USCF Club Event

Rank	Name	Opponent	Result	Points
1.	N. B. Church	W5 W2 W7 W4 W3 W9	9-3	35.00
2.	Murray Cohen	W5 L2 W7 L4 L3 W9	9-3	34.00
3.	Charles Wisch	W8 L1 L4 L3 W9 W7	7-5	38.00
4.	Carlton Hurst	W7 W4 W8 W2 W1 W5	7-5	37.00
5.	Arne Pederson 5-7; 6-7. Armstrong Chinn 4-8; 8. E. Scheuplair 4-8; 9. Charles Rosenfeld 3-9.			

Double round event; Solkoff points used.

TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

ALBUQUERQUE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Albuquerque, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Albuquerque City Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 22 participants.

Solkoff points used. Howerton, Morris and Huff forfeited 1st rd; Morris forfeited to Adair, Harris to Davis, Tristian to Adair, and Groesbeck to Dorbandt. Howerton withdrew after 1st rd; Jepp, M. Miller, Cole and Morris after 2nd rd; Harris and Tristian after 5th rd; and Groesbeck after 6th rd.

Shaw won playoff for 1st over Haines 1 1/2-1/2; Jones won playoff for 3rd over Wheeler 2-0.

RACINE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Racine Chess Club Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 28 participants.

Kenneth Ager 3-4 (9.00); 15. Chris Beck 3-4 (8.00); 16. Hank Brannum 3-4 (6.00); 17. Dick Freer 3-4 (5.00); 18. Walter Teubner 3-4 (4.00); 19. Dennis Smith 3-4 (4.00); 20. Bill Nelson 3-4 (2.00); 21. Vince Kaiser 2-5 (4.50); 22. Russ Kime 2-5 (4.00); 23. John Fought 2-5 (2.00); 24. Peter Theos 1-6 (3.00); 25. Ronald Green 1-6 (1.00); 26. E. Mack 1-6 (0.00); 27. Gerald Gondert 1-6 (0.00); 28. Gerald Heath 1-6 (0.00).

PORT ARTHUR CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Port Arthur, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Port Arthur Chess Club Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 10 participants.

McMaster 2-5 (4.00); 11. Neal Rader, Jr. 2-5 (3.75). McMaster forfeited to Meadows and Startz.

CLASS B TOURNAMENT

Table of chess tournament results for Class B Tournament. Lists names and scores for 13 participants.

Gilliland forfeited to Emmons.

ROCHESTER-SYRACUSE-QUEEN CITY MATCH

Rochester, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess match results between Queen City (Buffalo), Rochester, and Syracuse. Lists names and scores for 18 participants.

A triangular match, according to the pattern recommended for three teams in one simultaneous engagement, as described by the late Gene Collett.

EDISON CHESS & CHECKER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Detroit, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Edison Chess & Checker Club Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 10 participants.

INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Logansport, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Indiana State Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 42 participants.

26. Emile 2-3 (6.50); 27. Flauding 2-3 (5.50); 28. Thomas 2-3 (5.00); 29. Martinak 2-3 (5.00); 30. Trinks 2-3 (4.50); 31. McGrath 2-3 (4.00); 32. Horne 2-3 (4.00); 33. Rager 2-3 (4.00); 34. Bialawski 2-3 (3.00); 35. Hedgcock 1 1/2-3 1/2 (4.75); 36. Monahan 1 1/2-3 1/2 (3.25); 37. O'Connor 1-4 (3.50); 38. King 1-4 (2.00); 39. Elpers 1-4 (2.00); 40. Garrett 1-4 (1.00); 41. Morgan 1-4 (1.00); 42. Chalk 0-5 (0.00).

NORTH SHORE INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

Newburyport, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for North Shore Invitational Tourney, 1954. Lists names and scores for 6 participants.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Louis, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for St. Louis District Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 9 participants.

DALLAS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dallas, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Dallas City Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 11 participants.

Day forfeited to Stapp, Potter, Kenny, Strange, and Knott.

CAPITOL CITY CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Sacramento, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Capitol City Chess Club Championship, 1954. Lists names and scores for 14 participants.

Solkoff points used. Russell withdrew after 5th round.

COLUMBUS Y CHESS PRIZE TOURNAMENT

Columbus, 1954 100% USCF Rated Event

Table of chess tournament results for Columbus Y Chess Prize Tournament, 1954. Lists names and scores for 10 participants.

AMARILLO CHESS CLUB QUEEN PAWN TOURNAMENT

Amarillo, 1954 (Not 100% USCF Rated—Restricted Move Event)

Table of chess tournament results for Amarillo Chess Club Queen Pawn Tournament, 1954. Lists names and scores for 6 participants.

Columbus YMCA Chess Club (Ohio): Arturo Pomar won 27, lost 3; and drew 5 at simultaneous exhibition, losing to William Rebold, Marvin Allison, and Henry Schuer and Jim Schroeder in consultation. Those who drew with the Spanish master were William Pratt, Shen Lin, Marion Tinsley, Erich Neugebauer, and Irwin Underwood.



LARRY EVANS ON THE OPENINGS

By International Master **LARRY EVANS**

U. S. CHESS CHAMPION, 1951-53

The Nimzo-Indian Defense Concluded

AFTER 1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, B-N5; the sharpest and most crucial of White's alternatives is 4-P-QR3, the Saemisch Variation, introduced in the 1920's, abandoned, exhumed in the 1940's, and presently tapering off in popularity. Let us re-appraise its present status to determine whether this status is realistic. After 4 ... BxNch; 5 PxP, we arrive by force at Diagram 1.

Diagram 1



Position after 5 PxP

The Saemisch Variation presents something of a theoretical paradox; ultimately it issues the most crucial theoretical challenge to the validity of the Nimzo-Indian Defense. If White's strategy is sound—losing a tempo to provoke Black to do what he is prepared to do anyway—then the defense must be seriously suspect, instead of being currently endowed with theoretical impregnability. Several leading players do, however, champion the Saemisch System with fair results. The variation, in the hands of an aggressive player, lends itself to rich attacking possibilities. Let us see why. Let us see the perils which await Black in straightforward strategic exploitation of White's doubled QBP.

Black has many moves here: 5 ... O-O, or P-B4, or P-Q3, or N-B3, or P-QN3, or P-Q4. Naturally, the possibilities of transposition are abundant. All the above moves represent attempts to exploit White's doubled Pawns—all, that is, with the exception of 6 ... P-Q4, which we may just as well dispose of here and now. It permits White to immediately dissolve his doubled Pawns, and condemns Black to passivity. After 5 ... P-Q4; 6 PxP, PxP; 7 P-K3, P-B4; 8 B-Q3, O-O; 9 N-K2, P-QN3; 10 O-O, B-R3; 11 BxB with advantage, as in the key game, Botvinnik-Capablanca, Avro, 1938.

Bronstein-Szabo, Budapest, 1950, continued from Diagram 1: 5 ... O-O; 6 P-B3, N-R4! (6 ... P-Q4;

7 PxP, PxP; 8 P-K3, B-B4 is probably better); 7 N-R3 (Black was threatening Q-R5ch), P-KB4; 8 P-K4, P-B4? (Correct is 8 ... PxP; 9 B-N5, Q-K1; 10 PxP, P-K4!); 9 P-K5, N-B3; 10 P-B4+

Najdorf-Beni, Dubrovnik, 1950, continued from Diagram 1: 5. ... O-O; 6 P-B3, N-K1! 7 P-K4, P-QN3; 8 B-Q3, B-R3; 9 N-R3, N-QB3; 10 P-K5, P-B3; 11 Q-K2, N-R4; 12 R-QN1±

Geller-Smyslov, XVII USSR Chmp., continued from Diagram 1: 5. ... N-B3; 6 P-B3, P-QN3; 7 P-K4, B-R3; 8 B-N5, P-R3; 9 B-R4, N-QR4; 10 Q-R4, Q-B1; 11 N-R3±

Kotov-Keres, Budapest, 1950, continued with 8P-K5 (instead of B-N5 in the above game), N-KN1; 9 N-R3, N-R4; 10 Q-R4, N-K2; 11 B-Q3, O-O; 12 B-N5!, P-R3; 13 B-R4+

Bronstein-Taimanov, XIX USSR Chmp., 1951, continued from Diagram 1: 5. ... P-QN3; 6 P-B3, B-R3; 7 P-K4, P-Q4!; 8 P-K5, N-N1; (If 8. ... KN-Q2; 9 PxP, BxB; 10 KxB, PxP; 11 P-B4, N-B3; 12 Q-N4—Taimanov); 9 N-R3, N-K2 (Taimanov comments that if 9. ... PxP; 10 B-K2 followed by O-O gives White a strong attack. This is dubious, for then Black's KN obtains a strong outpost at Q4 via K2); 10 B-N5, BxB; 11 BxB, PxP; 12 O-O (If 12 Q-R4ch, Q-Q2; 13 QxBP, Q-B3!—Taimanov), Q-Q2; 13 BxN!, QxB; 14 P-B4, N-B3; 15 P-B5, O-O-O; 16 Q-N4, with a strong initiative in compensation for the Pawn.

Thus far all the variations have resulted in White's favor. It would seem, therefore, that indirect assaults against White's center are insufficient. The best move for Black, from Diagram 1, is 5. ... P-B4! This immediately subjects White's center to pressure, and does not permit him either to develop leisurely or determine what course the game shall take. Let us give this move a diagram.

Diagram 2



Position after 5 ... P-B4

The key game here is Botvinnik-Reshevsky, World Chmp., 1948; 6 P-K3, O-O; 7 B-Q3, N-B3; 8 N-K2, P-QN3; 9 P-K4, N-K1 (Reshevsky was the first to employ this suggestion of Capablanca's); 10 B-K3, P-Q3; 11 O-O, N-R4; 12 N-N3, B-R3; 13 Q-K2, Q-Q2; 14 P-B4, P-B4!± and White's attack comes to a standstill.

In Lillenthal-Botvinnik, Moscow, 1935, White attempted: 6 P-B3, P-Q4; 7 P-K3, O-O; 8 BPxP, NxP!; 9 B-Q2, N-QB3; 10 B-Q3, PxP; 11 BPxP, P-K4!; 12 PxP (Not 12 P-K4, N-B5; 13 BxB, PxP; 14 P-Q5, N-K4+), QNxP; 13 B-K4, N-QB5

Gligorich-Beni, Dubrovnik, 1950, continued from Diagram 2: 6 P-K3, P-QN3; 7 B-Q3, B-N2 (This move seems wasted, since the Bishop must eventually go to R3. If, however, 7. ... B-R3 immediately, 8 P-K4 is hard to meet, e.g., ... P-Q3; 9 P-K5!, PxP; 10 PxP, KN-any; 11 B-K4 wins outright); 8 P-B3, N-B3; 9 N-K2, O-O; 10 O-O, P-Q3; 11 P-K4, N-K1; and we have the typical position of Diagram 3.

Diagram 3



Position after 11 ... N-K1

Gligorich continued with 12 B-K3, N-R4; 13 N-N3, Q-Q2; 14 P-B4, P-B4 (The typical counter-maneuver); 15 Q-K2, P-N3; 16 QR-Q1, N-N2; 17 P-K5, BPxP; 18 BPxP, PxP; 19 QPxP, Q-B3±, and White had to fight for the draw.

In the Geller-Euwe game, Zurich, 1953, Black omitted 10. ... P-Q3 and played instead 10. ... N-QR4. The game continued: 11 P-K4, N-K1; 12 N-N3, PxP; 13 PxP, R-B1; 14 P-B4, NxP; 15 P-B5, P-B3 (to prevent P-B6!); 16 R-B4, P-QN4; 17 R-R4, Q-N3; and Black won beautifully.

In the game Bronstein-Najdorf, Budapest, 1950, Black continued with the less sharp 6. ... N-B3 (instead of ... P-QN3); 7 B-Q3, O-O; 8 N-K2, P-Q3; 9 P-K4, N-K1; 10 O-O, P-QN3; 11 P-B4, B-R3? (Correct is P-B4); 12 P-B5, P-K4; 13 P-B6!++

In Bronstein-Szabo, Budapest, 1950, Black attempted an early P-K4. From Diagram 2, the game continued: 6 P-K3, N-B3; 7 B-Q3, P-K4; 8 N-K2, P-Q3; 9 P-K4, N-

KR4; 10 O-O, P-KN4!; 11 B-B2, N-B5; 12 B-R4, B-Q2 = Szabo-Keres, Budapest, 1950, continued 9 O-O (instead of P-K4), Q-K2; 10 P-K4, N-Q2; 11 P-B4, P-QN3; 12 N-N3, P-KN3; 13 BPxP, QPxP; 14 P-Q5, N-R4; 15 R-R2!, N-N2; 16 QR-KB2 +

In the United States, efforts were made to vary early for Black. Thus after 6 P-K3, P-Q4 was tried; 7 BPxP, KPxP; 8 B-Q3, Q-R4! This innovation deserves a diagram.

Diagram 4



Position after 8 ... Q-R4!

Evans-Sandrin, Omaha, 1949 continued: 9 N-K2 (?), PxP! (The point. White's QBP becomes an exposed target); 10 KPxP, B-N5!; 11 P-B3, B-R4; 12 O-O, B-N3 + although White managed to draw.

Kramer-Evans, N.Y. State Chmp., 1949, continued: 9 Q-Q2 (?), O-O; 10 N-K2, P-QN3; 11 O-O, B-R3; 12 BxB, QxB; 13 N-N3, N-B3; 14 P-B3, N-QR4; 15 R-N1, KR-K1±

Probably best is 9 B-Q2, P-B5; 10 B-N1, N-K5; 11 P-B3, NxP; 12 QxB, with a viable center. This variation, however, needs more practical tests since both sides can improve along the line somewhere.

CONCLUSION:

Black can equalize against the Saemisch Variation only if he plays with great care. Its present obscure status is unrealistic. The resulting positions abound in great possibilities for both sides. The variation will probably experience a vital rebirth.

THE SACRIFICE

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Forced win isn't clear. He can try to improve with 46. K-Kt1 (not K-Kt3??, Q-Kt6 mate or K-R1??, Q-K8 ch and mate in two), Q-R8 ch; 47. R-B1, but after 47. ... Q-K2, Denker threatens R-KB2 with a playable game. Again, a forced win for White is difficult to demonstrate. One must conclude that 38. ... R-KKt1! would have given Denker fair drawing chances.

39. Kt-B4! RxR
Of course, if 39. ... RxKt; 40. RxR ch and mate on the next move.

40. Kt-Kt6ch K-Kt1
41. Kt-K7 dbl ch Resigns
If 41. ... K-B2 or K-R1; 42. Q-Kt7 mate. A harrowing finish!

Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club (Mich): Samuel Allerton repeated as Champion with 5-1 score in the 7 player finals, drawing with Harrison Kindig and Henry R. Meifert. Kindig and Meifert scored 4½-1½ for second and third; Kindig drew with Allerton, Meifert and Robert Walsh, while Meifert drew with Allerton, Kindig and Carl Blankenburg. Allerton and Meifert were seeded into the finals, and the other five players qualified in a prelim: Robert Walsh 4-0, Carl Blankenburg 4-0, Harrison Kindig 4-0, Marshall Dennis 3-1, and Lincoln Greene 3-1.

GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

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

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I. K. vs. I. K.
Isaac Kashdan and Imre Konig, both international masters, met in the annual California classic. Konig secured a theoretical advantage from the opening and then converted it into a win by steady, heady positional chess.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

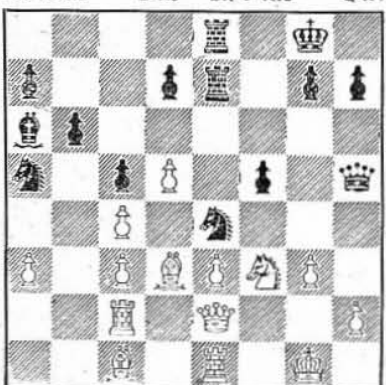
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North vs. South Team Match
San Luis, Obispo, 1954

Notes by International Master
Imre Konig

White	Black
1. KASHDAN	1. KONIG
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	4. P-K3 Kt-B3
2. P-QB4 P-K3	5. B-Q3
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5	

Here 5. P-QR3 is playable, as on 5. BxKt ch; 6. PxP, O-O; 7. B-Q3, Black continues with 7. P-K4; 8. Kt-K2, P-K5; 9. B-Kt1, P-QKt3; 10. Kt-Kt3, B-R3; 11. KtXP, KtXKt; 12. BxKt, BxP; 13. B-Q3, BxB; 14. QxB, P-Q4; and obtains about an equal game, instead of with 7. P-QR3; as in the game Smyslov-Taimanov, XX USSR Championship.

5. P-K4	6. P-QR3
6. BxKtch	14. B-Q3
7. PxP	15. O-O
8. B-B2	16. QR-B1
9. Q-K2	17. R-QB2
10. P-B3	18. P-Q5
11. PxP	19. R-K1
12. Kt-B3	20. B-B1
13. B-Kt2	21. P-Kt3



The winning maneuver. Black threatens 22. Kt-Q3; and after the text White will be unable to defend his BP with 23. Kt-Q2.

22. Q-B1	BxP	24. Kt-R4
23. BxB	KtXB	
24. Kt-Q3	28. PxP	PxP
25. R-KB2	R-B2	29. Kt-B3
26. P-R4	Kt-K4	30. RxK1
27. P-R5	R(1)-KB1	31. K-Kt2

White must surrender another Pawn, as 31. Kt-Kt4, winning the exchange, loomed.

31. KtXP	37. R-B1	Kt-K5
32. Q-B4	Kt-K5	38. R-QR1
33. R(1)-KB1	Q-Kt3	39. Q-B2
34. R-B4	Kt-Q3	40. R-R6
35. Q-Kt3	P-Kt4	41. P-Kt4
36. B-Kt2	P-Kt5	

Two prize-winners in the All Eastern States Open Championship fight it out in the end-game.

GRUNFELD DEFENSE

MCO: page 84, column 25 (m)

All Eastern States Open
Championship
West Orange, 1954

Notes by Olaf Ulvestad and
the Editor of this Department

White	Black
O. ULVESTAD	A. E. SANTASIERE
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3	

V. Smyslov's favorite—the Grunfeld Defense. Strong alternatives are 5. Q-Kt3 and 5. P-K3.

5. O-O	6. B-Kt2	PxP
7. Q-R4		
8. QxBP	Kt-Kt3	10. B-K3

Now Black cannot play P-QB4 and consequently his game is somewhat cramped.

10. B-B4	
11. Q-Kt5	P-QR3
12. Q-B5	Q-Q3

Threatening to trade off the powerful White QB with 15. Kt-B5; 16. B-B4, P-KKt4.

15. P-Kt3	QR-K1	17. Kt-B2
16. Kt-K1	B-B1	
17. Kt-K2	19. B-QB1	P-B4
18. K-Kt1	Kt-B4	20. P-K3
20. PxP	22. P-KR4	P-Q4
21. PxP	R-K3	23. B-QR3



On move 26 Black must have figured he would here play 29. RxP. If then 30. RxKt? B-B4; 31. B-K4, R-B8ch;

and the tables are completely turned. But the tricky idea has the following flaw: 30. BxP!, creating a passed BP, and allowing no effective counter-play. E.G., 30. B-B4; 31. B-K4, etc.

This Rook and Pawn Ending is an interesting problem study.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

MCO: page 203, column 11 (a)

Metropolitan League Match
New York, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master George Shainswit

White	Black
G. SHAINSWIT	DR. E. LASKER
(Manhattan C.C.)	(Marshall C.C.)

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	4. P-K3	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-QB4	5. QPxP	
3. P-B4	P-K3		

The Queen's Gambit Accepted has long been one of my favorites for Black. The text transposes so that White actually plays the Black side of QGA, but with a move plus.

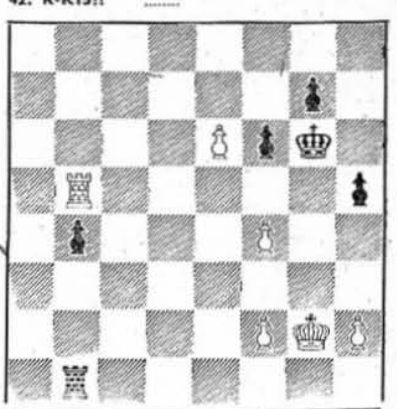
5. BxP	9. PxP	R-Q1
6. P-QR3	O-O	10. Kt-B3
7. P-QKt4	B-Q3	11. Kt-QKt5!
8. B-Kt2	Q-K2	12. KtXB

A strong alternative was the simple B-K2. If then B-Kt1 to preserve the B. QKt-Q4 with a positional edge.

12. RxKt	13. B-K2
13. P-Kt5	not QKt-R4; 14. B-B3, Q-Q1; 15. B-Kt4, R-K3; 16. Kt-Q4!
14. P-Q5!	with a winning attack. For example, 14. KtXP (PxKt, PxP is overwhelming while White's B is still on KB1), KtXKt; 15. BxKt, B-Kt5; 16. B-K2, QR-Q1! and the threat of RxKt decides the game.

The following play is very instructive. The passed KP is now a boone in Black's throat.

mite in the position. Not R-K8; 42. RxP, RxP; 43. P-B5 ch. If 42. P-B4; 43. R-K5! winning. 42. R-Kt5!!



The losing move. R-K8 was the only drawing move. If then P-B5 ch, K-Kt4! followed by P-R5.

43. P-R4!	
44. P-B5 ch	K-R2
45. R-K8!	P-Kt3
46. K-B3!	PxP
47. K-K2	R-QB8
48. P-K7!	R-B7 ch
49. K-B3	R-B6 ch

The ending is a simple win because the King and pawn ending is hopeless.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

MCO: page 4, column 15 (k)

Correspondence Game
1952-53

Notes by U. S. Master Curt Brasket

White	Black
C. J. BRASKET	J. D. DEFINE

1. P-K4	Kt-KB3	5. B-K2	P-K3
2. P-K5	Kt-Q4	6. P-B4	Kt-K2
3. P-Q4	P-Q3	7. Kt-B3	Kt-B4
4. Kt-KB3	B-Kt5	8. O-O	

An improvement over the older line 8. P-KR3, BxKt; 9. BxB, Kt-B3; 10. BxKt ch, PxP; 11. B-B4, B-K2—(Thomas-Fine, Hastings 1937-38) since Black will soon have to play BxKt anyway, even without Whites P-KR3.

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Mr. Collins will also annotate any one of your games for a fee of \$5.

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game and notes by one of the South's leading young players.

SLAV DEFENSE

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U. S. Open Championship

Milwaukee, 1953

Notes by Kit Crittenden

White H. OHMAN Black K. CRITTENDEN
1. P-QB4 Kt-KB3 5. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
2. Kt-QB3 P-Q4 6. B-B4 B-B4
3. P-Q4 P-B3 7. Q-Kt3
4. PXP PXP
Better is 7. P-K3.

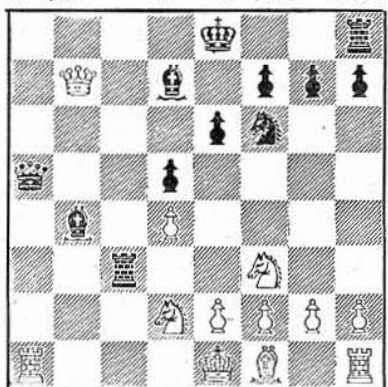
7. Kt-QR4 10. P-QR3 R-B1
8. Q-R4ch B-Q2 11. Q-Q3
9. Q-Q1 P-K3
White's previous move stopped 10. B-Kt5 followed by 11. Kt-K5, and the text prevents Kt-B5 and Kt-KtP, if 12. R-QKt1. However, surely the simple 11. P-K3 was best.

11. Q-Kt3
From here until the end of the game, it almost seems as if there is one long, unbroken combination, for White's moves follow from Black's.

12. P-QKt4 Kt-B5
Threat: 13. KtXP; 14. RxKt, QxP.
13. B-Q2 P-QR4! 15. Kt-QKt1 KtXP
14. PXP QxRP 16. QKtXPt
Any other recapture allows 16. R-B8 mate!

16. R-B6
Winning a Pawn—if I want it. But Black decides to continue the attack rather than win prosaically. Therefore, I sacrificed a Pawn to Caissa, who rewarded me.

17. Q-Kt1 BxP 18. QxKtP B-Kt5!



If now 10. R-QKt1, R-Kt6!
19. Q-R8ch QxQ 24. KtXR B-R5ch
20. RxQch K-K2 25. K-B1 B-B1ch
21. R-R1 R-R1! 26. K-Kt2 R-B7ch
22. R-QKt1 R-Kt6! 27. K-R1 B-Kt6
23. K-Q1 RxRch Resigns
Only Kt(1)-Q2, losing a piece, stops mate.

ANDERSON WINS OVERTIME MATCH

An eight game match between Canadian Co-Champion Frank R. Anderson and Ontario Champion Geza Fuster (formerly Hungarian Champion) went to ten games before a decision was reached. At end of eight games the score was tied with one victory apiece. In the ninth game after 16 moves Anderson had used five minutes and Fuster one hour and five minutes!—it was a prepared variation; but Fuster played ingeniously and drew. The final game was a victory for Anderson, leaving the score 5½-4½ with seven draws. Fuster, while playing for Hungary, scored a draw with Smyslov in a team match—a formidable antagonist:

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

MCO: page 10, column 14

Tenth Match Game

Toronto, 1954

White F. R. ANDERSON Black G. FUSTER
1. P-K4 P-QB3 23. BxB QxB
2. Kt-QB3 P-Q4 24. P-QB4 P-KB4
3. P-Q4 PXP 25. Kt-Kt5 P-R3
4. KtXP Kt-Q2 26. R-Q6 Q-K2
5. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 27. R-Q7 Q-B3
6. Kt-Kt3 P-KKt3 28. R(1)-Q6 Q-Kt4
7. B-QB4 B-Kt2 29. P-KR4 QxRP
8. O-O O-O 30. RxKKtP
9. P-B3 P-B4 31. Kt-Q6 R-KKt1
10. PXP Q-B2 32. Kt-B7ch K-R2
11. Q-K2 KtXP 33. R-QKt6 P-K5
12. R-K1 P-K3 34. KtXP Q-Kt4
13. Kt-K5 Kt-Q4 35. KtXR KxKt
14. Kt-Q3 KtKt 36. R(6)xKtP
15. BxKt(3) Kt-B5 37. Q-Q1 QxQch
16. BxKt QxB 38. RxQ B-R3
17. QR-Q1 P-K4 39. R-Q6 B-B5
18. B-B4 K-R1 40. R(6)-Q7 B-K4
19. Kt-K4 P-KR3 40. R(6)-Q7 B-K4
20. Kt-Q6 Q-B3 Black resigns
21. R-Q2 4 R-QKt1
22. R(1)-Q1 B-K3

U. S. OPEN PLANS WOMEN'S EVENT

Women chess players will compete in New Orleans Aug. 2-14 inclusive for the right to represent the United States in the international Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament to be held in 1955.

Winner of the Women's Open will hold the title of United States Open Champion for one year.

The 1954 Women's Open has been designated by the U. S. Chess Federation as the official Zonal tournament in accordance with regulations of the Federal Internationale des Echecs (World Chess Federation) which qualifies the two top ranking players to compete in the Women's world tournament.

Mrs. Ninus Aronson, of Chicago, present U. S. Women's Open Champion, is expected to defend her title at the 1954 Women's Open. Miss Mona May Karff, of New York City, and Miss Lucille Kellner, of Detroit, co-champions of the Women's Open in 1950, also are expected to compete.

The Women's Open is open to all women regardless of experience or residence tho only U. S. citizens can represent the U. S. in the women's world tourney. Membership in the U. S. Chess Federation is required of entrants and there is an entry fee of \$15.

Further information about the Women's Open may be obtained from Mrs. Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio or Mrs. C. L. Daniel, 234 Bellaire Drive, New Orleans, Southern representative in the Women's division.

N. Y. CHESS LIFE

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Bisno had become real pals during the course of the match! . . . The banquet at the conclusion of the match revealed Taimanov and Smyslov as real masters in other fields. Taimanov, a concert pianist, played several selections from Chopin and got excellent "notices" from even the most caustic of the musical cognoscenti in the audience, while Smyslov's rich baritone voice (accompanied by Taimanov) got bravos from the audience also. It is said that Smyslov would have been a professional opera singer if it didn't take so much time from his chessic endeavors! . . . Mary Bain, dining with Postnikoff, Keres and Bronstein, won plaudits from this trio for her exhibition of the knight's tour blindfolded . . . Forry Laucks of the Log Cabin C. C. arranged a banquet celebrating fellow member Don Byrne's fine score against Averbach; at the dinner Byrne was boomed for a grandmaster rating! . . . The Russian players at all times revealed themselves to be perfect gentlemen and fine sportsmen and we hope that this attitude toward their American opponents will continue in the reports of the mtach which they'll give on their return to Russia (although one doubts whether the Soviet players themselves will be the ones to discuss the match!)

IN BRIEF: Nick Rossolimo scored 21 wins, 1 draw (Clinton Curtis), and 2 losses (Fred Roa and M. Friedman) in a simultaneous at the Marshall, while substituting for Arturo Pomar whose scheduled exhibition had to be canceled due to an eye operation undergone by the former Spanish prodigy.

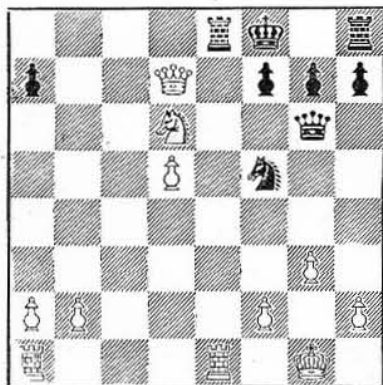
Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess League: Mt. Lebanon High won the league title 40½-9½ comfortably ahead of Taylor-Allderice which was second with 31½-18½, while South High was third with 27½-22½ in the six team league. Top individual scorers were Rae Steining (Mt. Lebanon) with 8-1, Emil Steinhardt (South) with 7½-1½ and Conrad Revak (Swissvale) with 8-2. Final standings of teams:

1. Mt. Lebanon 38 7 5 40½-9½
2. Taylor-Allderice 30 17 3 31½-18½
3. South High 25 20 5 27½-22½
4. Perry 18 27 5 20½-29½
5. Swissvale 17 30 3 18½-31½
6. Langley 10 37 3 11½-38½

Capital City (Sacramento) Chess Club: A Janushkowsky won the club title 6-1 in a 14 player Swiss, drawing with R. E. Russell and J. B. Gee. O. A. Celle was second with 5½-1½, losing to Janushkowsky and drawing with F. Clawson, while J. B. Gee placed third with 4½-2½, drawing with Janushkowsky, M. O. Meyer, and Russell and losing to Celle. Fourth to sixth on Solkoff with 4-3 each were M. O. Meyer, J. A. Celle, and N. T. Austin.

Lexington (Ky.) Chess Club: Louisville player Jackie Mayer won the club title 17-3 in a double round robin, losing one game to James Roark, drawing with Roark, and drawing twice with Dr. A. D. Roberts. James Roark was second with 16½-3½, Dr. A. D. Roberts third with 13-7, and George Anderson fourth with 11-9.

Edison Chess & Checker Club (Detroit) Former USCF Vice-President Edward I. Treend won the annual club event 9½-1½, losing one game to Abra O. Mason and drawing with Reginald M. Blachford. David Robertson was second with 9-2, Abra O. Mason third with 8½-2½, and Reginald M. Blachford fourth with 7½-3½ in the 12 player round robin.



Black is either mated or loses a Rook, after KtXKt; 25. RxR ch, KtXR; 26. R-K1, P-B3; 27. Q-K7 ch, K-Kt1; 28. QxKt ch, QxQ; 29. RxQ ch, K-B2; 30. RxR.

INDEBTED

We are indebted to the "Carolina Gambit Bulletin" for this combinate

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League: Final results show Golden Gate victorious in the A Division and Palo Alto topping the B Division, both by a half-point margin in match score. Final standings of teams were:

Division A	Match	Games
1. Golden Gate	4½-½	24½-10½
2. Castle	4-1	19½-15½
3. Mech. Institute	3-2	20-15
4. Russians	2½-2½	17-18
5. Univ. of California	1-4	13-22
6. Oakland	0-5	11-24
Division B	Match	Games
1. Palo Alto	5½-½	28½-13½
2. Golden Gate	5-1	28½-14½
3. Mech. Institute	3½-2½	22½-20½
4. Kings	3-3	19½-22½
5. Oakland	2-4	14½-27½
6. Russians	1-5	18-24
7. Alameda	1-5	16½-25½

North Jersey Chess League: Although in the final round Irvington scored a 4½-3½ victory over Maroczy, the two teams ended in a tie for first as co-champions of the league. Despite a last round defeat by Montclair 5-3, Irvington-Polish finished third and Montclair fourth. Final team standings are:

	W	L	D	Points
1-2. Irvington	6	1	1	6½-1½
1-2. Maroczy	6	1	1	6½-1½
3. Irvington-Polish	6	2	0	6-2
4. Montclair	5	2	1	5½-2½
5. Orange	5	3	0	5-3
6. Plainfield	3	4	1	3½-4½
7. Elizabeth	2	6	0	2-6
8. Northern Valley	1	7	0	1-7
9. Jersey City	0	8	0	0-8

Say You Saw It in CHESS LIFE

Boston Metropolitan League: Harvard University won the A Division with 8-0 in matches and 29½-10½ in games; Boylston was second with 5-3 and 20½-19½; while Lithuanian was third with 3-5 and 18½-21½. In the B Division Harvard was again first with 7-1, Cambridge Red second with 6-2, and Brattle third with 4-4. In the C Division Harvard again scored, with a one-two effect, with Harvard Gold first with 8-2, Harvard Black second with 7-3, and Boylston third with 6-4. Final standings:

A Division	Games
1. Harvard University	8-0
2. Boylston	5-3
3. Lithuanian	3-5
4. Cambridge	2-6
5. Newton	2-6
B Division	Games
1. Harvard University	7-1
2. Cambridge "Red"	6-2
3. Brattle	4-4
4. Wells	3½-4½
5. Lancers	3½-4½
6. Quincy	3½-4½
7. Cambridge "Blue"	2½-5½
8. Harvard Club	1-7
C Division	Games
1. Harvard "God"	8-2
2. Harvard "Black"	7-3
3. Boylston	6-4
4. Chargers	4½-5½
5. Cambridge	4½-5½

Robert Byrne Chess Club (Sugar Land, Tex.): The first rapid transit event of the club saw Leon Anhauser score 6-0 for first with David Armstrong second with 5-1. Lanny Miller and Leonard Anhauser tied for third with 4½-1½ each.

Tournament Life

Send to CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill. for application form for announcing tournament in this column.

CORRECTION

Bernard F. Freedman, FIDE Vice-President and former president of the Chess Federation of Canada corrects us on the statement that "Canada expects to send a team for the first time" to the International Team Matches at Buenos Aires. As Mr. Freedman correctly states, Canada was represented in the team matches in Argentina in 1939 with a team composed of J. S. Morrison, D. A. Yanofsky, H. Opsahl, W. Holowach, M. Helman, and Miss A. Loughead (now Mrs. B. Freedman). This team was eliminated from the championship finals by the toss of a coin, being tied with England, and tied Iceland for first place in the Consolation event.

Present plans for Buenos Aires vision a Canadian team of D. A. Yanofsky, F. R. Anderson, P. Vaitonis, Dr. F. Bohatirchuk, M. Fox and Dr. N. Divinsky with J. G. Prentice of Vancouver as team captain and M. F. Freedman as the FIDE delegate from Canada.



M. Jursevskis won the British Columbia championship with 8-2 for his third title. L. M. Duval, J. M. Taylor, and G. Zerkowitz finished in a tie for second with 7-3 each, while H. Rideout scored 6½-3½ for fifth place in the 11-player round-robin.

Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 142

This brilliant combination has been subject to more abuse than any position we have ever published in this column. Many of our experienced solvers have submitted incorrect solutions based on what must have been incorrect set-ups of the ensuing positions after their initial moves!

The actual forced win of P. Ricciardi in his postal game was the intriguing 1. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt(4)-Kt6 ch, R-Px Kt; 3. KtxP ch, PxKt; 4. RxR ch, K-R2; 5. B-Kt8 ch, K-R1; 6. B-K6! ch, K-R2; 7. QxKt! and Black resigned for mate can only be avoided by 7. Q-Q4 ch; 8. BxQ; 9. B-Kt8 ch, K-R1; 10. B-K6ch, K-R2; 11. BxB and Black's position is hopeless. We are accepting as correct all solutions that have these first six moves, although some missed the key-seventh of QxKt for less effective although also winning continuations.

Be it noted that after 4. RxR ch, K-R2; 5. B-Kt8 does not mate, as some have suggested; the Black King goes to R1! Be it also noted that after 1. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt-Kt6 ch, PxKt; 3. KtxP ch, PxKt; 4. RxR ch, K-R2; 5. Q-R3 ch, Kt-R3; 6. R-R8 ch, KxR; 7. QxB ch, K-R2; 8. Q-Kt8 is not mate because of 8. KtxQ! And White must be careful, for Black threatens now Q-K5 mate! Equally, after 1. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 2. KtxP ch, PxKt; 3. KtxP ch, PxKt; 4. RxR ch, K-R2; 5. Q-R3 ch, Kt-R3; 6. QxB, Black's answer is, of course, 6. Q-K5 ch; 7. R-B3, QxR mate! Nor does 1. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt-Kt6 ch, PxKt; 3. KtxP, PxKt; 4. Q-R3 ch, Kt-R3; 5. RxR mate, for Black can play 5. K-R2!

On the other hand 1. KtxP is answered by 1. QxB with safety. And 1. Kt-R6 ch with 1. K-R1; 2. KtxP ch, RxWt; 3. RxR, Q-K1 and no immediate win is in sight. Or 3. Kt-Q2. Or 3. B-B4, etc. An immediate 1. QxKt may be answered by 1. BxKt; 2. Kt-B3, Kt-B3. Or 1. QxKt, BxKt; 2. RxB, QxBP and Black has a precarious position but has hopes and possibilities.

Other "blind" solutions were 1. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt-Kt ch, PxKt; 3. KtxP ch, PxKt; 4. RxR ch, K-R2; 5. Q-R3 ch, Kt-R3; 6. B-Q3 ch???!! (ignoring Black's pawn on KKt3!). Or 1. Kt-K7 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt-Kt6 ch, PxKt; 3. KtxP ch, PxKt; 4. RxR ch, K-R2; 5. B-Kt8 ch, K-R1; 6. Q-R3 ch, Kt-R3; 7. QxKt ch, PxQ; 8. B-B6 ch, QxB; 9. RxQ, forgetting that after 9. KxB! Black has three minor pieces for a Rook and good chances of winning!

In all the greatest display of chess blindness since this department was inaugurated!

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Late solutions credited to: J. D. Carpenter (Pella), E. Roman (New Britain).

Amarillo (Tex.) Chess Club: The Queen Pawn tourney of the club was won by Bob Beardon 5-1, losing one game to runner-up Elmer L. Miller. Second to fifth on EC points with 3-2 each were Elmer L. Miller, Thurman Tigart, G. A. Mahler, Jr., and C. G. Kirkland in the 8-player event. Everett Coons points were used to break ties.

Columbus "Y" Chess Club (Ohio): James Schroeder won the club "prize" tournament 10½-½, drawing with Tim Anderson in the 12 player event. Harold Snyder was second with 8-3, losing to Schroeder and Anderson, while drawing with V. Voskressensky and Kurt Loening. Tim Anderson was third with 7½-3½, and Voskressensky fourth with 7-4.

August 20-22

Heart of America Open Championship, Kansas City, Mo.

Open; at Downtown YMCA Chess Club; \$150 guaranteed first prize; entry fee \$5 plus \$1 rating fee or membership in USCF; 6 rd modified Harkness; entry fees go for cash prizes; entries close 8:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 20; play starts at 9 a.m.; write to: J. R. Beiting, Sec'y, YMCA Chess Club, 404 East 10th, Kansas City 4, Mo.

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August 28-29

Panhandle Open Championship Amarillo, Tex.

Open to all; at Amarillo YMCA, 816 Van Buren St.; 5 rd Swiss; also Junior event for under 18; Trophies for Panhandle Open Champ, Panhandle Champ, Junior Champ, and four cash prizes; entry fee \$3.00 plus \$1.00 USCF rating fee from non-members of USCF; Panhandle title to ranking Panhandle resident, Open and other titles not restricted; for details, write: R. T. Price, 1907 Bonham Street, Amarillo, Tex.

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September 4-6

Southwestern Open Championship Fort Worth, Texas

Open to all; 7 rd Swiss; cash prizes; entry fee to be announced later; TCA and USCF membership required of all players; details later; for further information, write: Clarence A. Cleere, 1327 E. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, Tex.

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September 4-6

Pennsylvania State Championship Johnstown, Penna.

At Johnstown YMCA; 7 rd Swiss; open to residents of Pennsylvania or members of Penn. Chess Clubs; Friday evening Sept. 3rd Rapid Transit tourney; entry fee \$2.00 plus \$6.00 for USCF and PSCF dues; for details write: Dr. E. J. Gording, 1015 Graham Ave., Windber, Pa.

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September 4-6

Ohio State Open Championship Columbus, Ohio

Open to all; at Seneca Hotel; 7 rd. Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hours, adjudication of unfinished games after 4 hrs.; entry fee \$8, including banquet ticket plus USCF & OCA membership of \$6.00 for non-members; minimum 1st prize \$75, trophy and Ohio State, Women's and Junior titles to ranking state residents, other cash prizes; banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6; play begins Sat. Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.; for details, write: Ross Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio.

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100% USCF rated event.

November 26-28

1st Annual Wisconsin State Open Wisconsin

Open; entry fee \$7 plus \$1 rating fee for non-members USCF; \$100 minimum 1st prize guaranteed; \$250 total prizes guaranteed; 50 moves in two hours; location to be announced later; for details, write: Arpad Elo, 3935 No. Fiebrantz Dr., Rt. 12, Milwaukee 10, Wis.

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The New York State Chess Ass'n has announced the annual New York State Championship event at Binghamton with Malcolm Sim once again the tournament director. The Championship event will be a 9 round Swiss with \$10.00 entry fee and guaranteed first prize of \$100. The Experts' tournament has a \$5.00 entry fee and \$50.00 first prize. There will also be team-of-five matches for the Susquehanna Cup. Entry is open, but all entrants must be members of the NYSCA. Entries must be postmarked no later than August 20th and mailed to Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway. Inquiries should be directed to Willis Hull, 30 Circuit Drive, Binghamton, New York.

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