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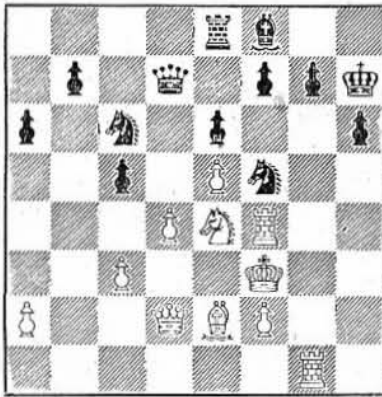
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## What's The Best Move?

Conducted by  
GUILHERME GROESSER

Position No. 146



White to play

mate. In five moves Black conceded the validity of the idea.

For solution please turn to page eight.

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

### Position No. 146

How does White proceed with the K-side assault that is obviously his intention? It takes two sacrifices and three moves for White to demonstrate the finality of his conception, although Black struggled a bit longer thereafter.

Solution in September 20 issue.

### Position No. 143

In this position, published in June 20 issue, Kozma as White made the spectacular move of 1. Q-R6! This quiet sacrifice of the White Queen, which Black cannot refuse, is based on the far-sighted concept that after the Black Bishop is destroyed, the Black Knight will eventually be pinned, permitting

## AVRAM SCORES IN DISTRICT

The victory of Herbert M. Avram of Arlington, Va. in the District of Columbia Open foiled for the third time the bid of Martin C. Stark to retire the I.S. Turover Trophy by winning it three times in succession. Since it was placed in competition in 1930, the trophy has led a charmed life; a generation of fine players has failed to produce a master able to retire the silver emblem, although Stark has won twice in a row upon three separate occasions.

Avram in winning scored 8-1, losing only to Morton Seidelman, Stark and Hans Berliner tied for second with 7-2 each, and I. Romanenko was fourth with 5-4, followed by Chess Life columnist Edmund Nash and Morton Seidelman with 4-5 each. Stark lost to Avram and drew with Romanenko and Nash, while drawing with Stark and John R. Rice, Jr.

## WHAT! NO MATCH AT BUENOS AIRES

According to a cablegram received from the Argentina Chess Federation, the International Team Matches at Buenos Aires this September have been cancelled, due to "unforeseen circumstances". Whether FIDE can relocate the 1954 Assembly and International Team Matches on such short notice remains dubious, and it is possible that the Team Tournament will have to be postponed until 1955.

## SHAPIRO WINS IN NEW MEXICO

Gene Shapiro took the New Mexico State Championship at Albuquerque with 6½-½, drawing with runner-up Jack Shaw in semi-final round. Shaw scored 5½-1½ for second, losing one game to Warren Miller. Third and fourth in the 25 player Swiss on S-B points with 5-2 each were Warren Miller and Gordon Charlton, while fifth to seventh on S-B with 4½-2½ each were Hall Jones, W. A. Muff, and E. D. Wilson. Miller lost games to Shapiro and Jones while Charlton lost to Shaw and Jones. There were only three forfeits and only three players withdrew without completing their schedules. Warren Miller, 16-year old high school player, won the Junior title, but as he gained the 3rd place trophy, the junior trophy was awarded to Donald Dye with 3-4, as runner-up for junior title.

## WOMEN'S OPEN DRAWS POWER

While advance entry (as usual) lags in the U. S. Open, the ladies have responded eagerly for their event by prompt registrations. Advance entries include Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson in her first national U. S. event (considered by many second only to the late Vera Menchik among women players), U. S. Women's Champion M. May Karff, former U. S. Women's Champion Gisela K. Gresser, U. S. Women's Open Champion Eva Aronson, and other well-known women players.

## Bisguier Wins Pan-American Open, Evans 2nd, Rossolimo and Steiner 3rd

U. S. Champion Arthur Bisguier scored 11½-2½ to win the 74-player Pan-American Tournament at Hollywood, while former U. S. Champion Larry Evans placed second with 11-3. Nicolas Rossolimo and promoter Herman Steiner shared third with 10½-3½, while Spanish master Arturo Pomar and James T. Sherwin shared fifth with 10-4. Veteran Isaac Kashdan was seventh with 9½-4½, while Jack Moskowitz and Peter Lapiken shared eighth place with 9-5.

It was an exciting event with the lead fluctuating from round to round. At the end of four rounds, Bisguier, Evans, Steiner and Rossolimo were tied at 4-0 each. In the fifth round Rossolimo took the lead 5-0 by defeating Steiner while Bisguier and Evans drew.

## KRAUSS TAKES SOUTHERN OPEN

George Krauss scored 5½-1½ to win the 49-player Southern Chess Ass'n Championship at Atlanta, Ga. on S-B points. Kit Crittenden placed second with 5½-1½ and Jerry Sullivan third, also with 5½-1½, while R. B. Hayes was fourth with the same score. Fifth to ninth on S-B with 5-2 each were Dr. A. M. Jenkins, Dr. R. A. Carlyle, Kimball Nedved, Charles W. Rider, and J. L. Cabe. A representative field from ten States contended in the event, and several Southern and State champions of former years were well down the line this year, showing the all-over strength of the event.

In winning Krauss lost one game to R. B. Hayes and drew with Sandy Miller. Crittenden lost to Ben Fishbach and drew with Dr. Jenkins. Sullivan lost to Krauss and drew with Dr. Jenkins. Hayes lost to D. B. Wade and drew with Robert Brieger. The tournament was directed by Robert C. Eastwood.

After ten rounds, it was again a tie at 8-2 between Bisguier, Evans, Rossolimo and Pomar who had been climbing steadily.

Then Evans and Pomar surged ahead with 9-2 in the eleventh round, but could not hold the lead.

Victory in the Rapid Transit event went to Larry Evans, 19-2, losing one game to Louis Spinner who placed second with 18½-2½. Sherwin was third with 18-3.

## OWNS CHESS SET OF PAUL MORPHY

The original chess board and chessmen Paul Morphy learned to play on when he was 10 years old is now the most highly cherished possession of C. G. Fleming, 806 Wilson Drive, New Orleans, a chess player and an avid Morphy fan. Fleming, who has had the Morphy chess articles about a year and a half, says "next to my wife and children, I value them most."

The board is of leather (with black and white squares) about 24 inches square and has, of course, faded with age. The wooden chess men, of club size Staunton pattern, are in excellent condition. Fleming restored their original lustre by first washing them with Ivory flakes with lukewarm water, rinsing with cold water, and polishing with a dry woolen rag. Then he put on liquid wax to give them a sheen.

Fleming purchased the Morphy chess set and chess men from a descendant of the lady who first owned the board and men after Morphy's death. While the lady owned it, it was one of her most prized possessions.

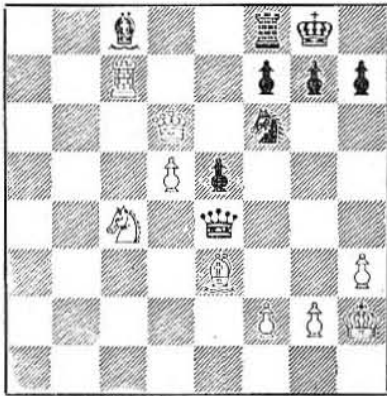
Morphy played chess on the board with his father and grandfather.

## BATES SCORES IN ALABAMA MEET

G. C. Bates of Birmingham tallied 5½-½ to win the 28 player Alabama State Championship at Birmingham, drawing with runner-up H. B. Gambrell of Birmingham in semi-final round. Gambrell scored 5-1, drawing also with Jack Mallory. Tied for third on games and S-B with 4½-1½ each were C. Wingard of Birmingham and Tony L. Janes of Demopolis. Wingard drew with Janes and lost to Gambrell, while Janes lost a game to Bates.

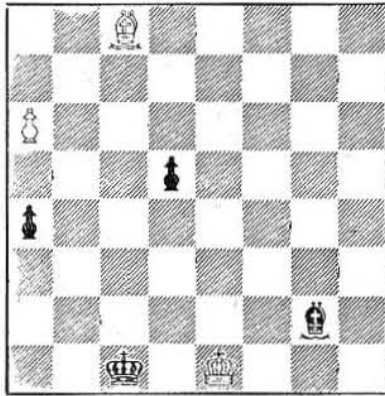
Fifth to eighth with 4-2 each were J. H. Oliver, E. M. Cockrell, F. W. Kemp and F. J. Shippen in the 6 rd Swiss event.

Position No. 133  
Henry R. Meifert vs.  
C. Blankenburg  
Kalamazoo, Michigan



White to play and win

Position No. 134  
By Gregory R. Sheridan  
New York, N. Y.  
First Publication



White to play and win

**I**N Position No. 133, White forces mate in four. There are two possible variations; in the game continuation, White achieved that rarity—a pure mate (when each square about the King is controlled in only one way).

Position No. 134 is a clever original composition. The "obvious" key 1. B-K17 leads only to a draw, after P-R6!; 2. P-R7, P-R7!; 3. P-R8(Q), K-K18!!

For solutions, please turn to Page three.

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



In a challenge match at Dallas, Juris Jurevics and W. T. Strange scored 5½-5½ each, with three wins apiece and five draws to leave the issue of superiority undecided.



Possibilities of the creation of an Industrial Chess League in Buffalo grew bright as Bell Aeronautical Corp. bested Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory 7-5 at the Queen City Chess Club rooms. The match is planned as first in an annual series for the "Little Dark Knight" trophy. Other potential members of an Industrial Chess League are Bethlehem Steel Corp. and Buffalo Forge Co.

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Lt. (jg) E. K. Dille, USN, of the USS Des Moines, won the Tidewater (Va.) City title with a 20½-2½ score in a 24-player round robin conducted by the Tidewater Chess Club. Second place went to C. W. Rider of Norfolk with 19-4, while C. B. Spencer of Portsmouth finished third with 17½-5½. Tied for fourth were H. Rekonty of Norfolk and H. B. Wobus of Norfolk with 17-6 each, while R. Elliott of Norfolk finished sixth with 16-7. In winning Dille lost games to Spencer and Rider, while drawing with Elliott. The club meets every Tuesday night at the Central YMCA, and visiting servicemen are especially invited to attend.



Chairman William M. Byland of the USCF International Affairs Committee announces that Arnold S. Denker has accepted a place on the committee. Mr. Denker is a former U.S. Champion and an International Master, and will join U. S. Master Max Pavey in representing the master group in the International Affairs Committee.



Chess problemist William J. Couture injured his back in an abortive attempt to escape from Norfolk Prison Colony, Mass. He is now hospitalized and limited to one letter per month. This will explain his inability to continue with his numerous correspondence chess games.



The Sarasota (Fla.) City title went to R. E. Resler, with G. N. Spofford second. Mrs. Kama Martin was third.



**CHAMPION AND TROPHIES**

The smiling youth is Marshall Chess Club Junior Champion William (Bill) Lombardy regarding his victory medal. Lombardy is team captain of the Marshall Junior team in the Metropolitan League. The large and beautiful trophy is the Calderon Cup, donated by Jose M. Calderon to the Marshall Amateur Championship and now in custody of Amateur Champion Myron Fleischer.

**ANDERSON TAKES HIS REVENGE**

At Toronto while Alexander Kotov was defeating Paul Vaitonis in one exhibition match, Frank R. Anderson gained his revenge for a recent radio defeat by besting Igor Bondarevsky in a 44-move Ruy Lopez.

Before the Toronto date, the two Russian grandmasters were at Winnipeg, where Alexander Kotov defeated Dan Abe Yanofsky in a 60-move exhibition game, while Bondarevsky was scoring 38 wins and 2 draws in a simultaneous exhibition.

**RUY LOPEZ**

MCO: page 231, column 16  
Exhibition Match Game  
Toronto, 1954

White	F. ANDERSON	1. BONDAREVSKY	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4	23. P-QR4	B-B1
2. K1-KB3	K1-QB3	24. P-R5	BxK1
3. B-K15	P-QR3	25. QxB	Q-R3
4. B-R4	P-Q3	26. R-QB1	R-QB1
5. BxK1 ch	PxB	27. Q-Q6	K-K12
6. P-Q4	P-B3	28. P-QK14	P-R3
7. P-B4	K1-K2	29. K1-R2	P-R4
8. K1-B3	P-K13	30. K1-B1	P-R5
9. P-B5	B-KK12	31. K1-R2	K1-B1
10. PxQP	BPxP	32. K1-K14	K1-R2
11. O-O	B-K15	33. B-K16	Q-R1
12. PxB	QPxP	34. R-B3	P-QB4
13. Q-K2	O-O	35. RxP	RxR
14. P-KR3	B-K3	36. BxR	QxP
15. K1-QR4	Q-R4	37. B-K3	Q-Q4
16. Q-B2	P-K14	38. Q-K7	Q-B3
17. K1-B5	B-B2	39. K1-R6	KxK1
18. B-K3	Q-Q2	40. QxB	Q-QB6
19. KR-Q1	KR-Q1	41. Q-K7	Q-Q6
20. RxR ch	RxR	42. Q-K6	Q-Q1
21. K1xRP	Q-B1	43. P-R6	K1-B1
22. K1-B5	K1-K13	44. Q-B6	Resigns

Broward County (Fla.) Chess Club dealt a 6½-2½ upset defeat to the Greater Miami Chess Club with F. Borges, A. Finn, Roman, J. W. Hutchinson, R. E. Burry and Dr. Brunner scoring for Broward, while F. Stoppel and D. Richardson saved points for Miami. Vander Roest (Broward) drew with N. B. Church.

New Orleans (La.) Chess Club scored a 9-7 victory over Baton Rouge. E. Borsodi and D. Walsdorf contributed two wins apiece, while single tallies for New Orleans were compiled by A. L. McAuley, Frank Chavez, B. Naser, B. Cloud, and Gary Erdal. George Patrick scored twice for aBton Rouge, and W. F. Gladney, Lawson, E. Hunter and Lowy scored single points.

In the exhibition at Toronto by Kotov, the Russian tallied 25 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. One of the losses was against Jack T. Kagetsu who has frequently contended in U. S. Junior Championship events.

**NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE**

MCO: page 107, column 33  
From Simultaneous Play  
Toronto, 1954

White	A. KOTOV	Black	J. KAGETSU
1. P-Q4	K1-KB3	18. PxB	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-K3	19. B-Q2	O-O-O
3. K1-QB3	B-K15	20. BxK1 ch	RxB
4. P-K3	P-Q4	21. P-QR4	R-K12
5. P-QR3	BxK1 ch	22. P-R5	KR-K11
6. PxB	PxB	23. R-B2	P-R5
7. BxP	P-QK13	24. PxB	PxB
8. K1-K2	B-K12	25. R-R7	P-B4
9. O-O	Q-Q3	26. Q-R1	PxK1
10. P-B3	P-B4	27. PxB	P-R6
11. P-K4	Q-B3	28. P-K13	RxP ch
12. B-Q3	P-B5	29. K-R1	R-K17
13. B-B2	QK1-Q2	30. R-R8 ch	BxR
14. K1-K13	P-KR4	31. Q-B7 ch	K-Q2
15. P-K5	K1-Q4	32. R-B7 ch	K1-K2
16. K1-K4	P-B3	33. Q-R4 ch	K-Q1
17. B-R4	Q-B2	34. Q-R8 ch	K1-B1
			Resigns

Omaha scored 6½-3½ over Lincoln to take four out of five intercity matches in the past three years. Victors for Omaha were E. Ireland, J. Spence, J. Belzer, H. Ohman, D. Scheffer, G. Halsey, while for Lincoln H. Temperley, J. Sobolevskis, and A. Friebergs tallied. On board one Lee Magee of Omaha drew with Alex Liepnicks.

In an intercity match, Los Alamos, New Mexico, defeated Albuquerque by 15-8.

The New Jersey State Chess Federation at a recent meeting elected Dr. E. Baker of Montclair president, William Walbrecht, 6 Webster Ave., Jersey City, N. J. secretary, Charles A. Keyser of Bloomfield treasurer, and Robert McCallister vice-president.

# YOUNG MASTERS' FORUM

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

## CHESS INFORMATION PLEASE

By U. S. Master ELIOT HEARST

**M**OST chess quizzes involve diagrammed positions with directions to "find the best move," but this time we're just out to check on your knowledge of "chessiana"—that aspect of the Royal Game which is separate from the actual strategy and tactics of the game itself. Your national chess rating shouldn't make much difference here; rather your reading experience with chess literature ought to be the crucial factor!

There are 25 questions, counting 4% each; give yourself partial credit on the appropriate questions. A score of 70-100 is excellent, 55-69 very good, 40-54 good, 25-39 fair, and a score under 20 indicates that a visit to your chess library is in order! (Of several N. Y. experts who took the quiz, the highest score attained was 82).

### QUESTIONS:

- The following are four of the strongest tourneys in chess history. Who was the winner of each?
  - Hastings 1895
  - San Remo 1930
  - AVRO 1938
  - Groningen 1946
- From the following data can you identify the masters described?
  - Born 1877, died 1944; greatest victory at Cambridge Springs 1904
  - Born 1818, died 1879; won first prize at the first international tournament ever held (London 1851)
  - Born 1882; defeated Lasker, Capablanca, and Alekhine the first time he played each of them.
  - Born 1924; last one to play a match for Botvinnik's crown.
- What chessmaster popularized each of the following terms:
  - "mysterious rook move"
  - "left and right oblique"
  - "swindle"
  - "fighting king"
- What country did each of the following masters play for in the recent team tourney at Helsinki?
  - Szabo
  - Eliskases
  - Prins
  - Geller
- What chessmaster, famed for his attacking play, made the following statement?

"I can comprehend Alekhine's combinations well enough; but where he gets his attacking chances from and how he infuses such life into the very openings—that is beyond me. Give me the positions he obtains and I would seldom falter. Yet I continually get drawn games, even out of the King's Gambit!"
- At the St. Petersburg Tourney of 1914 the Czar of Russia conferred the title of "Grandmaster of Chess" on the five finalists. Who were these first grandmasters of the Royal Game?
- Who should be placed next in order in the following chronological sequence? Steinitz, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine,.....
- What famed American champion has been the subject of several articles in psychological periodicals? The refusal of a renowned English master to play Mr. X above is said to have precipitated his neurosis and eventual psychosis.
- Pick the authors of the following books from the possibilities given:
  - The Adventure of Chess
  - Masters of the Chessboard
  - My Fifty Years of Chess
  - If You Must Play ChessFine, Reinfeld, Denker, Spielman, Lasker, Evans, Staunton, Keres, Marshall, Capablanca, Reti.
- Who is the current U. S. Champ? U. S. Open Champ?
- What is the record total number of games played in a simultaneous exhibition: a. 88; b. 400; c. 105; d. 236?
- What top-ranking U. S. chessmaster is described by each of the following:
  - clinical psychologist
  - a graduate student in philosophy
  - a fish wholesaler
  - an elementary school teacher
- In 1945 chess fans looked forward to an exciting radio match between the USSR and USA. the two top chess teams in the world. What was the final score of this match (20 games played)?
- At approximately what date was chess introduced into Persia (the Western world?) from India? Choose from the following:
  - 250 A.D.; b. 830 A.D.; c. 550 A.D.; d. 150 B.C.; e. 1066 A.D.
- Name four major DEFENSES which bear the names of chessmasters.
- What murder mystery by S. S. Van Dine has chess as a central theme, including an actual finale based on one of Troitsky's best-known chess problems?
- Only one woman has ever achieved a chess status comparable to that of the leading male chessmasters of her day. Among others she defeated Reshevsky, Euwe, and Colle in individual encounters. Who was she?
- What are the first names of the following renowned masters?
  - Stahlberg
  - Petrosian
  - Gligorich
  - Rossolimo
- The following quote is from the essay on "Morals of Chess." Who wrote it?

"The game of chess is so interesting in itself, as not to need the view of gain to induce engaging in it; and thence it is never played for money. Those, therefore, who have leisure for such diversions, cannot find one that is more innocent."
- Five players participated in the 1948 match-tourney to decide the new world champion. Botvinnik of course emerged as champion, but who were the other four competitors and in what order did they finish?
- Under what major opening are each of the following subvariations classified?
  - The Dilworth Variation
  - The Staunton Gambit
  - Moeller Attack
  - Alekhine-Chatard Attack
- "The Royal Game," the best-known novelle about chess, is an allegory of the Hall of Europe and has one of its major characters a "low-brow" who became world champion. Can you name the author of this work?
- A scene from one of Shakespeare's plays involves the hero and heroine engaging in a game of chess. What is the title of that play?
- The U. S. Rapid Transit Championship is played at which of the following speeds:
  - 5 seconds a move
  - 10 seconds a move
  - 5 minutes for the entire game
  - as quickly as possible
- What famous chess master is responsible for the following quote, perhaps the most popular of all quotations about chess (judging by its frequency of inclusion in chess anthologies!):

"I have always a slight feeling of pity for the man who has no knowledge of chess, just as I would pity the man who has remained ignorant of love. Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy."

(Answers on page 7, col. 4)

In terrific heat which dampened expected attendance Arturo Pomar scored 10½-1½ in an exhibition at Cleveland, losing one game to George Miller and drawing with Bob Komenda. On the following night at the Atlantic Chess Club, Pomar played nine clock games, winning seven and drawing with Dr. R. McCready and R. Kause.

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## Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

**L**ONG about this time of the summer your reporter has in past years been out of the city—off at the U. S. Open Championship or travelling about on a modified "chess vacation". This year professional duties force me to remain here in New York and for the first time in a long time CHESS LIFE IN NEW YORK, Aug. 5th issue, is being written from New York rather than from Tampa, Milwaukee, or even New Orleans!

With more than a few of New York's top players out of town at the moment, serious competition is at a relative standstill here. The Marshall Chess Club preliminaries have begun with more than forty players vieing for the right to be finalists in the club championship to start in the fall; previous champions and last year's prizewinners are already assured of a place in the finals. A summer tournament is in progress at the Manhattan Chess Club with almost the entire junior membership participating; interest in its non-master players has certainly picked up at the Manhattan Club in the last couple of years!

Your reporter's chess activity had been confined recently to off-hand games and chess talk with personal friends up at Columbia University—until I made the mistake of showing an old chess puzzle for the group to solve. From then on, until the solution was finally discovered by one of them (a span of some days!) no one would play chess or talk chess and my spare time was spent watching them attempt to discover the solution! A word to the wise is sufficient: don't show your chess partners a problem, if you want to play a game with them in the near future!

The actual problem has no doubt been published in some American magazine in recent years, but yours truly first saw it in a British periodical some seven or eight years ago. Here's the puzzle in case any readers are lacking summer chess opponents and need a brainteaser to occupy themselves for a couple of hours (or days, depending on how quick you are!): You are given white's side of the scoresheet and thus know that his first four moves were 1. P-KB3, 2. K-B2, 3. K-N3, and 4. K-R4 (from the original position). You also know that black's fourth move (after white's

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## Major Topics

By  
Montgomery Major

## A Time Of Opportunity

*When Fair occasion calls, 'tis fatal to delay.*

LUCAN—Pharsalia

AS we go to press, the ardent followers of chess are gathered in the  
noble city of New Orleans to enjoy that annual chess festival known  
as the U.S. Open Championship.

The Open as practiced in the United States is a democratic insti-  
tution dedicated to the concept that master, expert, amateur and begin-  
ner should meet occasionally, match wits and talents, and enjoy in  
greater measure the common friendship and fellowship of chess.

The Open is also dedicated to the unexpected, and therefore in it  
more than one unknown player has entered it unheralded and left it  
well known in the realms of chess. All this is as it should be. For the  
Open is the tournament of the amateur player, to which the master is  
indeed welcome and invited, but not made, for once, the pivot. The  
Open is for Mr. John Q. Public of chess.

CHESS LIFE sends its greetings to New Orleans. May the games be  
exciting, the fun unlimited, and may everybody be happy!

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

FIVE HUNDRED MASTER GAMES OF CHESS. Edited by Dr. S. Tarkta-  
kower and J. du Mont. New York: David McKay, 1954. 665 pp., hun-  
dreds of diags. \$10.

THIS is the famous two-volume collection published in England two  
or three years ago and now issued in this country in one enormous  
book. Part I treats open games like the Evans and the Four Knights,  
fifteen openings and 237 games, not counting the many given in the  
notes; part II, semi-open games like the French, the Sicilian, the Centre  
Counter—113 games; part III closed games, ten queen side openings  
chiefly, in 148 games. In addition there are 26 games at odds, blind-  
fold, etc., plus the aforementioned full-game variations given in the  
annotations.

Experts like B. H. Wood have found some fault with the notes;  
but to club players like the reviewer the volume will be a treasure house  
of great games, opening by opening, variation by variation, chronological-  
ly arranged so that one can see the development of strategy and tech-  
nique over the past century of master play. There is no formal pre-  
sentation of theory, as in say Richter's books, with illustrative games.  
There are rather the games themselves with theory worked in at the  
side. Many of these are familiar to us from other anthologies, and some  
of the brilliancy prize-winners are missing, and some of the games  
from Pinkus' analysis of the Two Knights Defense are omitted—but one  
can scarcely complain of short measure. Recent headlines are perforce  
absent; among these are Bronstein, Bisguier, Evans, Pomar, Smyslov,  
and Gligoric; indeed, it appears that the collection stops with the great  
games of the 1930s. But what is here will keep a man by the fire for  
many a long winter evening. And it is admirably suited for dipping into,  
the way one feels like Brahms and so listens to some; feels like some

Sibelius, and plays that. One night a string of Alekhine games attracts;  
the next, Rubinstein; another, Lasker or Marshall. This mammoth col-  
lection is surely a golden treasury of chess.

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## U. S. Junior Championship Tournament

By International Master IMRE KONIG

FROM the first round to the close of the last, the tournament was  
stimulating and exciting.

The last round pairings were the most interesting. It brought to-  
gether the 1953 U.S. Junior Chess Champion, Saul Yarmak, and the  
Canadian Junior Chess Champion, Ross Siemms. It also brought to-  
gether the two candidates I consider the outstanding ones of the tour-  
nament, because of their talent and youth, Larry Remlinger, 1953 win-  
ner of the Dittman Trophy, of Long Beach, California, and Charles  
Kalme of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 12 and 14 years of age respec-  
tively.

At the end of the next to last  
round of play, the score was:

Ross Siemms 7 1/2
Saul Yarmak 7
Charles Kalme 7
Larry Remlinger 6 1/2

Private Yarmak got off to a bad  
start. He was unable to get to  
Long Beach until Wednesday, June  
30th, so failed to score a point the  
first round. He lost to Shaeffer of  
San Bernardino in the second  
round. From this point on Yarmak  
played like a true champion. En-  
tering the last round with a 7  
point score, Yarmak had the Uni-  
ted States Junior Championship be-  
tween his sights and his finger on  
the trigger.

Yarmak started his final game  
with confidence, choosing his fa-  
vorite opening, Fianchetto of the  
King's Bishop, once the pride of  
the late Grandmaster Nimzovich.  
Yarmak staked his fortune on a  
fierce Kingside attack. Siemms,  
however, was unperturbed with its  
violence. His careful and sound de-  
fense proved more than adequate  
to withstand it. After a long strug-  
gle, the same swung definitely to  
Siemms' side. For more than an  
hour the end was settled; it was  
only a question of whether Yar-  
mak would resign or hang on until  
mated.

The struggle between Kalme and  
Remlinger was no less intense.

Charles Kalme proved himself  
a courageous fighter and a sports-  
man. Early in his game he learned  
that Yarmak was in difficulties.

Realizing that if Yarmak drew and  
he defeated Remlinger, he had a  
tie for the U. S. Junior Champion-  
ship, Kalme scorned playing for  
a draw and second place. He  
slammed on an attack that, for a  
time, looked as though it would  
carry everything before it. And  
it might have done so, had Kalme  
been playing a less determined and  
talented player. Remlinger, playing  
with skill and determination, han-  
dled Kalme's assault in a master-  
ful style. During the third hour  
Kalme's attack wavered and came  
to a dead stop. Within a very brief  
time, it became evident that the  
favorable balance had moved over  
to Remlinger. Remlinger steadily  
increased his advantage, until  
Kalme resigned.

Larry Remlinger's achievement  
is more significant because he did  
not start the tournament well. His  
first four games were not above  
average. By winning his last five  
games, particularly the skill he  
displayed in handling the end  
games, he certainly gives promise  
of becoming a great player.

Other players of note were the  
following: Ronald Gross of Comp-  
ton, California; Martin Harrow of  
New York; Thomas Fries of Fresno,  
California; and Shelby Lyman of  
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The tournament was very well  
run. I attribute its success to the  
indefatigable work of John P. Looney  
and the executive committee.

Mr. Orlo M. Rolo, the tourna-  
ment director, was superb.

# LARRY EVANS ON THE OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

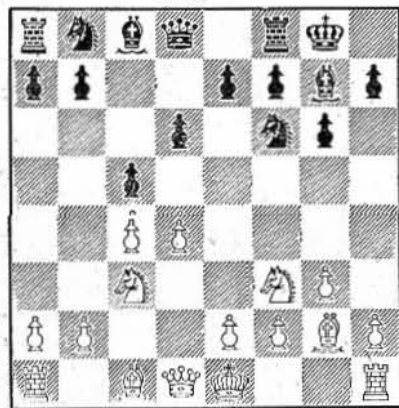
U. S. CHESS CHAMPION, 1951-53



## The King's Indian Defense (Yugoslav Variation)

**A** WRINKLE in the K's Indian Defense, P-QB4 instead of the thematic P-K4 for Black, leads to what has become known as the Yugoslav Variation, because first introduced and explored in that country. It has been championed by Gligorich, Najdorf, and Boleslavsky, among others. The characteristic moves are: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. P-KN3, B-N2; 4. B-N2, O-O; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3; 6. N-B3, P-B4.

Diagram 1



Position after 6. ...., P-B4

This position resembles a delayed Sicilian Defense, where White has fianchettoed his KB and deferred P-K4. At present, no way has been found for White to get more than a minimal advantage in any continuation. He has three moves: (A) 7. PxP; (B) 7. O-O; (C) 7. P-Q5. A and B may transpose into each other, while C leads to a distinctive game where Black cannot develop his Knight at QB3.

Another alternative for White from the diagram, is the waiting move 7. P-KR3. This system was tried in the game Stahlberg-Gligorich, Zurich, 1953, and has no particular effect. The game continued: 7. ...., N-B3; 8. O-O, B-Q2; 9. PxP, PxP; 10. B-K3, Q-B1; 11. K-R2, R-Q1; 12. Q-B1, N-Q5; 13. R-Q1, B-B3; 14. N-K1, P-N3, with a much better game for Black because of his strong Knight posted at Q5.

(A) 7. PxP. This move permits Black to equalize easily: 7. ...., PxP; 8. O-O, N-B3. The game has now reached a symmetrical position, with White to move. But he is in zugzwang! Evans-Taimanov Match USA-USSR, 1954, continued: 9. B-K3, Q-R4! and White has no good move on the whole board! Let's give this a diagram:

Diagram 2



Position after 9. ...., Q-R4!

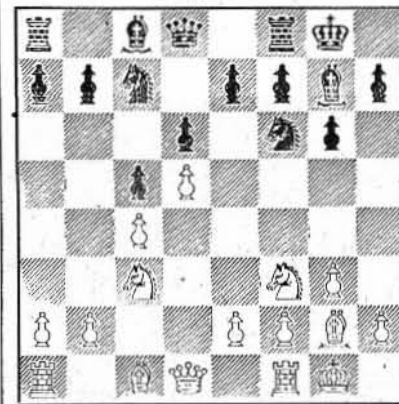
White's best move here is probably just to retreat 10. B-Q2, and lose a move. The game continued, however: 10. Q-R4 (If 10. N-Q2, R-Q1 and White is cramped), QxQ; 11. NxQ, P-N3; 12. N-N5 (Not 12. N-K5??, NxN; 13. BxR, B-Q2! winning two pieces for a Rook), B-Q2 (Forced. Not 12. ...., B-N2; 13. BxP! and wins); 13. QR-Q1, QR-B1; 14. N-QB3 (Superficially White's position looks good, but actually he is cramped and his pieces must regroup with loss of time), KR-Q1; 15. P-KR3, P-KR3; 16. N-B3, N-K1!; 17. R-B1, N-Q3; 18. P-N3, N-B4; 19. B-Q2, N-N5; 20. P-K4! (The only move to equalize. If 20. P-R3, N-B3; and Black has a target in White's weak Q-side Pawns), B-B3 (If 20. ...., N-Q3; 21. N-Q5!, N-B3; 22. KR-K1 =); 21. PxN (If 21. N-Q5, BxN; 22. BPxB, N-Q3 gives Black a marked advantage, despite the opposite colored Bishops after 23. BxN, PxN); 22. BxB, RxB; 23. PxP, PxP; 24. N-Q5, equalizing with careful play. This game is a model illustration of how White's grip relaxes after he relieves the central tension by an early exchange of Pawns.

(B) 7. O-O leads to very much the same thing, unless White determines not to exchange in the center and release all his pressure. After 7. ...., N-B3; 8. P-Q5, N-QR4!; 9. Q-Q3, P-QR3; there are two systems for White, neither of which gives him much. The first is from Evans-Rossolimo, Milwaukee, 1953: 10. P-K4, N-Q2; 11. R-N1, P-QN4!; 12. PxP, PxP; 13. NxP, B-QR3; 14. P-QR4, P-B5; 15. Q-B2, BxN; 16. PxN, R-N1; 17. B-Q2, RxP; 18. BxN, QxB; 19. QxP, RxP; 20. RxR, BxR; 21. R-N1, N-B4; 22. Q-B2—Draw.

The second system, the attempt to maintain a strongpoint at QB4 for White, is from Kotov-Boleslavsky, Zurich, 1953: 10. N-Q2, R-N1; 11. P-N3, P-QN4; 12. R-N1, PxP; 13. NxP, NxN; 14. QxN, N-K1; 15. B-N2, N-B2; 16. N-Q1, R-N5; 17. Q-B2, BxB; 18. NxB (RxB is better), B-B4!; 19. P-K4, B-Q2; 20. N-Q3, R-Q5 and Black has a plus because he controls the dark squares.

(C) 7. P-Q5. This is the sharpest move and leads to thematic play where Black strives for P-QN4 and White tries to prevent it. After 7. ...., N-R3; 8. O-O, N-B2; a standard position is reached.

Diagram 3



Position after 8. ...., N-B2

Averbach-Najdorf, Zurich, 1953 continued: 9. P-K4, P-QR3; 10. P-QR4, R-N1; 11. R-K1, P-QN4; 12. RPxB, PxP; 13. P-K5, N-N5; 14. PxQP, KPxB; 15. B-N5, N-B3; 16. N-K4, PxP; 17. KN-Q2, R-N5 (Not 17. ...., RxP; 18. NxP, followed by NxQP); 18. R-QB1—DRAW

Reshevsky-Boleslavsky, Zurich, 1953, continued: 9. N-Q2, R-N1; 10. P-QR4, P-K3! (Either 10. ...., P-QR3; 11. P-R5, P-QN4; or 10. ...., P-QN3, followed by the thematic P-QR3, and B-Q2 are sound alternatives); 11. PxP, BxP; 12. KN-K4, NxN; 13. NxN, BxP; 14. B-N5, Q-Q2 (Not 14. ...., P-B3; 15. B-B4 with advantage); 15. QxP, QxQ; 16. NxQ, BxKP; 17. KR-K1, B-Q6; 18. B-K7, BxP; 19. R-R2, B-N2 (Stronger is B-Q5); 20. B-B1, BxB; with compensation for the exchange.

Najdorf-Pilnick, Budapest, 1953, continued: 9. P-KR3 (a waiting move), B-Q2; 10. P-QR4, P-N3; 11. P-K4, P-QR3; 12. P-K5, N-K1; 13. R-K1, PxP; 14. NxP, N-Q3; 15. B-B4, R-N1; 16. Q-K2, R-K1; 17. P-N4 (to prevent ...., N-B4 and N-Q5), P-QN4; 18. RPxB, PxP; 19. N-K4!, NxN; 20. BxN, with the edge.

Reshevsky-Sherwin, Practice Game, N.Y., 1954, continued: 9. Q-Q3, P-QR3; 10. P-QR4, R-N1; 11. P-R5, P-QN4; 12. PxP, RxP; with approximately equal chances.

Incidentally, it should be noted that after 7. P-Q5, P-K3 (instead of N-R3) is inferior, e.g., 8. O-O, PxP; 9. PxP, B-B4; 10. N-Q2, Q-Q2; 11. Q-N3, N-R3; 12. P-K4, B-R6; 13. Q-N5, BxB; 14. KxB, with a minimal advantage, as in Gruenfeld-Vukovic, Belgrade, 1952.

One of the original games with the variation, proceeded from diagram 3: 9. P-K4, B-N5; 10. P-KR3, BxN; 11. QxB, P-QR3; 12. Q-K2, N-Q2; 13. R-Q1, P-QN4!; with equal play. (Kotov-Gligorich, Saltsjombaden, 1952.)

After 7. P-Q5, N-R3, White can try to delay castling, as in Euwe-Szabo, Zurich, 1953: 8. N-Q2, N-B2; 9. Q-B2, R-N1; 10. P-N3, P-K3; 11. B-N2, PxP; 12. PxP, P-QN4; 13. O-O, R-K1, and Black has the initiative.

The same attempt was made in the game Reshevsky-Gligorich, Zurich, 1953: 8. N-Q2, N-B2; 9. Q-B2, R-N1; 10. P-N3, P-QN4 (instead of P-K3); 11. B-N2, PxP (Black does better to maintain the tension); 12. NxP, B-QR3; 13. N-K3, R-N5; 14. O-O, with advantage since Black can never force the thematic ...., P-QB5.

Finally, lest we be accused of incompleteness, White does have one other move besides those mentioned at his seventh turn, e.g.; 7. P-QN3?, P-Q4!; 8. PxQP, NxP; 9. B-N2, NxN; 10. BxN, N-B3; 11. P-K3, B-N5 with a splendid game for Black, as in Puc-Fuderer, Belgrade, 1952.

The system can also be played against an early P-K4, e.g. 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-K4, O-O; 5. P-KN3, P-Q3; 6. B-N2, P-B4; 7. KN-K2, N-B3; 8. P-Q5, N-QR4; 9. P-N3, P-QR3; 10. B-Q2, B-Q2; 11. P-QR4, P-QN4!; 12. RPxB, PxP; 13. NxP, BxN; 14. PxN, Q-N3; 15. N-B3, N-K1!; = Pomor-Evans, Hollywood, 1954.

### CONCLUSION:

The Yugoslav Variation (6. ...., P-B4) offers Black promising chances, and thus far White has not demonstrated any method for preventing him from obtaining strict equality or better. Unless a more convincing continuation is found for White, his entire opening system (up to now considered "natural") must be considered insufficient. One can expect to see decisive tournament tests to decide the fate of the Yugoslav Variation in the near future. Up to now, it is sound, safe, and reliable.

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(Continued from page 3, col. 4)

K-R4) was checkmate. All you have to do is to reconstruct what black's first four moves must have been so that he checkmated white on his last move.

"Simple!" you say? Well, try it! The solvers usually fall into two groups, those who discover the answer within five minutes and those who need several hours or days before they give up! We'll print the solution in the next issue of Chess Life in case all our readers haven't solved it by then! Incidentally, we don't recommend white's opening system for tournament play, except perhaps in a Kriegspiel match!

King's Men Chess Club (Detroit) invaded Ann Arbor to defeat the University of Michigan 7-1. Scoring for the King's Men were Leon Stolzenberg, George Eastman, Palmer, Widenbaum, Dr. Henkins, and Duken, while A. Gaba and Schecter drew.

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# GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

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

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## BISQUIER TITLEHOLDER

Arthur B. Bisquier took the U. S. Title by winning seven games, drawing six, and losing none in the Championship which was held at the Marshall Chess Club. Not yet twenty-five years old, he is a student at Pace College, has done his hitch in Europe for the Army, has twice been a member of U. S. International Teams, and has held the U. S. Open and Manhattan Chess Club Championships. The following game is a specimen of his original, courageous, combinative style.

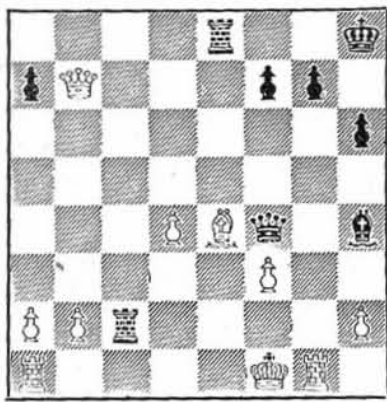
## BUDAPEST COUNTER GAMBIT

MCO: page 205

U. S. Championship  
New York, 1954

White  
**P. BRANDTS**  
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-K4  
A Bisquier favorite — the Budapest Counter Gambit. It is not quite sound, but it is surprising, lively, and trappy.  
3. Kt-KB3  
This is altogether too passive. White must attempt refutation with 3. PxP. And against that Bisquier is wanting to play 3. .... Kt-K5; the Fajarowicz Variation.  
3. .... P-K5!  
Black can equalize with 3. .... PxP;  
4. KtP, P-Q4; but is justified in seeking more.  
4. Kt-K2 P-B3!  
To support Q4 to support K5.  
5. P-K3 P-Q4 7. P-B3  
6. Kt-QB3 B-K2  
This move, which weakens the pawns, is necessary to obtain freedom.  
7. .... KPXP 9. B-Q3 B-K3  
8. KtBP O-O  
Threatening 10. .... PxP; and inviting White's pseudo-attacking reply.  
10. Kt-KK5 11. Q-B2

Better is 11. B-K2.  
11. .... P-KR3 12. Kt-B3 P-B4!  
Threatening 13. .... QXP; 14. BxP, BxKt; 15. PxP, PxP. 16. PxP, QxP. Black's attack is real, against vulnerable targets.  
13. Kt-K2 BxKt  
This means trouble for White on his Q4 and on his Kt-R4 diagonal.  
14. PxP Kt-B3 16. KPXP PxP  
15. B-Q2 PxQP 17. QxP R-B1  
Threatening 18. .... Kt-K4; 19. Q-Kt3, KtXPeh; 20. K-Q1, KtXB; 21. KxKt, Kt-Q4; and wins.  
18. Q-R4 Kt-Q4 20. K-B1 QKt-Kt5  
19. R-KKt1 B-R5ch 21. B-K4  
If 21. BxP, KtXB; 22. RxPeh (22. BxP, Kt-K6 mate) K-R1 (threatening 23. .... Q-B3) and Black wins.  
21. .... Q-Q3 23. Kt-B4  
22. Q-Kt3 K-R1  
White has a "busted" position in any case, but he can put up a better fight with 23. Kt-Kt3. After the text, Black secures a mating attack which is only repelled at the expense of a Rook.  
23. .... KtXKt 24. BxKt  
If 24. BxQKt, Q-R3ch; 25. B-Q3, KtXB; leaves Black with a winning attack. And if 24. QxKt% Q-R3ch; and Black mates in two.  
24. .... QxB 25. QxKt KR-K1  
Threatening 26. .... RxB. Not at once 25. .... R-B7%%; 26. QxR mate.  
26. QxP R-B7!



Menacing 27. .... R-B7ch; 28. K-K1, Q-Q7 mate.  
27. BxR  
Or 27. R-Kt2, R-B3ch; 28. RxR, QxRch; 29. K-K2, Q-B7ch; 30. K-B1, Q-Q8 mate.  
27. .... Q-Q7 28. R-Kt3  
Or 28. R-Kt2 (to prevent 28. .... Q-B7 mate) R-KBch; 29. RxR, QxR mate.  
28. .... BxR 30. QxBP  
29. PxP QxB  
If 30. R-K1, Q-Q6ch; 31. K-B2, Q-Q7ch; and Black wins the Rook.  
30. .... R-K7  
Threatening 30. .... R-B7ch; and mate in three. There's no answer.  
31. Q-R5 R-R7 33. Q-K4ch  
32. Q-K8ch K-R2  
It's this or be mated.  
33. .... QxQ 35. K-K2 RxR  
34. PxQ R-R8ch 36. K-Q3 K-Kt3  
The King and Rook easily handle the two passed-pawns.  
37. K-B4 K-B3 38. P-R3 P-KR4  
Resigns

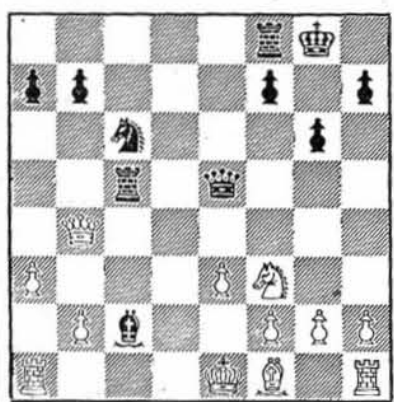
**PAVEY'S BEST**  
Max Pavey, seventh ranking U. S. Master, considers this is one of the best games he has ever played.

## GRUNFELD DEFENSE

MCO: page 85, column 26 (a)  
Manhattan C.C. Championship  
New York, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master Curt Brasket  
White  
**E. T. VANO**  
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. P-K3 O-O  
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 6. PxP KtXP  
3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4 7. KtXKt QxKt  
4. B-B4 B-Kt2 8. BxP Kt-B3  
The alternative 8. .... Kt-R3; 9. BxKt, QxKtP; 10. Q-B3, QxQ; 11. KtXQ, PxP; 12. R-QB1, P-QR4; 13. BxP, B-Kt2; 14. K-K2, B-R3 ch; 15. K-K1, B-Kt2—cannot appeal to a player who is trying to win  
9. Kt-B3  
..... and yet I am curious as to where Pavey would vary from book in the line 9. Kt-K2, B-Kt5; 10. P-B3, BxBP; 11. PxP, QxBP; 12. R-KKt1, QxP; 13. B-B4, Q-K5; 14. B-Kt2, Q-B4; 15. BxKt1, PxP; 16. Q-Q2 which has been analyzed in White's favor. 9. .... B-B4 is insufficient, and 10. .... QR-B1; 11. Kt-B3, Q-K3; 12. B-KB4, Kt(or) BxP is also speculative.  
9. .... B-B4 10. P-QR3  
Practically forced in order to keep out Black's Kt and also to move his QR without allowing .... QxRP.  
10. .... QR-B1 11. B-KB4 B-B7!  
This move ties White's game into knots, for if now 12. QxB7, then KtXP (threatening .... Kt-B7 ch) wins easily.  
12. Q-K2 Kt-R4  
Not .... Q-Kt6?; 13. Q-Kt5. But now 13. Q-Kt5 loses to .... QxQ; 14. BxQ, Kt-Kt6; 15. R-R2?, B-Kt8 winning the R. Similarly, if 13. R-B1, Q-Kt6; 14. Q-Kt5, QxQ; 15. BxQ, Kt-Kt6 winning the exchange. Hence White's next move.  
13. Kt-Q2 P-K4!  
Pavey gives his opponent no rest. In-

stead 13. .... Kt-Kt6?; 14. KtXKt, QxKt; 15. Q-Kt5 again gives Black nothing.  
14. PxP BxP 16. Q-K15  
15. BxB QxB  
What else? 16. R-R2 loses at once to .... B-Kt8; 17. KtXB, R-B8 ch; 18. K-Q2, Kt-Kt6 ch; 19. K-Q3, Q-Q4 mate.  
16. .... R-B4 18. Kt-B3  
17. Q-Kt4 Kt-B3



18. .... Q-B3!  
Beautiful! White's QKtP finally falls, and with it his whole game.  
19. QxR QxP 21. Kt-Q4  
20. R-Q1 BxR  
Or 21. KxB, R-Q1 ch; 22. Kt-Q4, KtXKt and White must give up his Q to prevent mate.  
21. .... B-R5 24. P-B3 Q-Q8 ch  
22. KtXKt Q-Kt8 ch 25. K-B3 Q-B7 ch  
23. K-Q2 PxKt Resigns  
An artistic little game.

**YOUTH WILL BE SERVED**  
Sixteen year old Warren Miller defeats the "grand old man" of Albuquerque chess circles, and incidentally cops his second straight New Mexico Junior State Chess Championship!

## CENTER GAME

MCO: page 20  
New Mexico State Championship  
Albuquerque, 1954

Notes by J. Norman Cotter  
White  
**W. MILLER**  
1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3  
Standard is .... PxP when White has the option of 3. P-QB3 (the Danish Gambit) or 3. QxP (the Center Game).  
3. B-QB4  
Probably best in view of the wild complications that could arise from 3. PxP, KtXP; 4. B-QB4 (playing for 5. Q-Q5), Q-R5; 5. Q-B3 (on 5. P-KKt3, KtXKtP!; 6. BPxKt, Q-K5 ch, etc.), B-QB4!; 6. QxP ch?, K-Q1; 7. Kt-KR3, R-B1 with a splendid attack.  
3. .... P-Q3  
Much too passive. Instead .... KtXP offers a possibility of transposition back to the above quoted variation, and if 4. Q-B3, P-Q4 is sufficient.  
4. Kt-QB3  
Too easy going. Best is 4. PxP, PxP (not .... KtXP; 5. Q-Q5!); 5. QxQ ch. KxQ; 6. B-KKt5, K-K1; 7. Kt-QB3 with a beautiful position.  
4. .... B-Kt5?  
Missing his last chance. Instead .... PxP; 5. QxP, Kt-QB3 offers chances for a reasonable game.  
5. P-B3 B-R4 6. B-K3 P-B3  
A better try is .... PxP and .... Kt-B3.  
7. Q-Q2 B-K2 8. Kt-K2 P-KR3  
A dangerous and unnecessary weakening move (in view of Black's desire to O-O).  
9. P-Q5 O-O?  
Now I know where your King lives!  
10. O-O O P-B4 12. P-KR4  
11. P-KKt4 B-Kt3  
Threatening to open the Rook's file with 13. P-Kt5, hence Black's reply.  
12. .... Kt-K2 13. Kt-Kt3  
Objectively best may be 13. QR-Kt1 so as to counter .... BxRP with 14. P-Kt5!  
13. .... P-R3?

There's no salvation over here, so Cole might just as well try .... BxRP, the idea being a quick .... B-Kt4 to try to hold the fort. e.g. 14. Kt-B5, BxKt; 15. KtXP, B-Kt4 and if 16. QR-Kt1, P-B3 or 16. BxB, QxB and the Queens go off. The merit of this variation is that sacrifices at KR6 fall because of checks on the diagonal of the White King.  
14. Kt-B5 P-QKt4



15. BxRP!  
PxB(R3)  
This loses, as does also .... PxB(5); 16. BxKtP with 17. Q-R6 as the killer. Less clear is 15. .... BxKt; 16. KtXP, K-R2! and now the sacrifice 17. BxKtP seems to fall short, .... KxB; 18. QR-Kt1 ch, K-R2; 19. Q-Kt2, R-Kt1, etc.  
16. QxP B-B3 17. P-Kt5 PxB  
.... B-R1 holds out longer.  
18. PxB BxKt?  
.... QxP is forced.  
19. Q-Kt7 mate.

## FRENCH DEFENSE

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Eastern States Open  
West Orange, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master A. E. Santasiere  
White  
**A. E. SANTASIERE**  
1. P-K4 P-K3 5. P-Q3R B-R4  
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. P-QKt4 PxQP  
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 7. Q-Kt4  
4. P-K5 P-QB4  
As in Smyslov-Botvinnik, but Black now finds an improvement on the latter (who played Kt-K2).  
7. .... K-B1 10. P-B4 P-R4  
8. PxP PxKt 11. Q-R3 QxP  
9. B-Q3 Kt-QB3  
He grabs everything—but everything in sight—and almost makes me look like Santa Claus—but almost! Nevertheless, though I proceed boldly, it was only in "fear and trembling" (Kierkegaard).  
12. Kt-B3 Kt-Kt5 14. O-O Q-R5  
13. PxKt! QxR 15. P-Kt4 QxKtP  
With action on the rank (Kt5). This White succeeds in erasing.  
16. B-K3 P-R4  
Q.E.D. Another Queen will help.  
17. Kt-Q4 Kt-K2 19. PxBP P-QR5  
18. P-B5 KPXP 20. Q-R4  
The threat of Kt-K6 ch appears and reappears.  
20. .... Kt-B3 21. B-QKt5



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## Solution To What's The Best Move?

### Position No. 143

This little gem from the Czechoslovakian Master Tourney has a very startling and brilliant key-move: 1. Q-R6! Thus played Kozma against Alster, who replied unwillingly with 1. .... BxQ (what else?); 2. RxB, P-K4 (to provide an escape square); 3. R-R3 ch, K-Kt2; 4. R(1)-R7 ch, K-Kt3; 5. B-Q3 ch, Resigns (If 5 ..... Q-K5; 6. BxQ ch, KtxB; 7. R-R6 mate).

We are proud of our solving group for submitting as many correct solutions to this position—more than we anticipated, for the Queen sacrifice is not obvious.

Solutions that do not solve are 1. R-R8 ch, BxR; 2. Q-R6, B-Kt2! (not Kt-R2 as suggested). Or 1. Q-R4, Kt-R4; 2. BxB (if 2. PxKt, BxB; 3. PxB, BxR), KxB; 3. PxB, R-R1! and Black has much play. Or 1. BxKt, PxB; 2. Q-R4, K-B1! and Black's King escapes. Or 1. R-R7, KtXR; 2. BxB overlooks Black reply of 2 ..... KtXQ!! Or 1. B-Q3, Q-B4! with threat of 2 ..... QxRP ch.

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### Solution:

#### Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 133: 1. QxR ch!, KxQ; 2. B-B5 ch, K-K1 (if ..... K-Kt1; 3. RxB ch, Kt-K1; 4. RxKt mate); 3. RxB ch, K-Q2; 4. Kt-Kt6 mate.

Position No. 134: 1. K-B2, B-R8; 2. K-Kt1, B-B6; 3. B-K4, B-K5; 4. B-B5, B-B6; 5. K-B2, B-R8; 6. B-K4, BxB; 7. K-K3! wins. Solvers may figure out other variations.

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