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## What's The Best Move?

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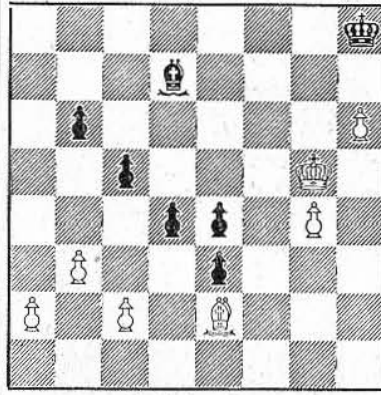
### Position No. 150

With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice as "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 150 will appear in the January 20 issue.

NOTE: Do not place solutions to two positions on one card; be sure to indicate correct number of position being solved, and give the full name and address of the solver to assist in proper crediting of solution.

Position No. 150



Black to play

## Steinmeyer Wins Missouri Open Ahead of Nedved, Anderson, Ragan

By JACK SPENCE

Robert Steinmeyer, U.S. Master, won the Missouri Open which included the state championship from a field of twenty entrants in a six round Swiss System tournament at the Downtown YMCA in St. Louis over the Thanksgiving weekend. His main opposition was furnished by Kimball Nedved, former Illinois champion and recent winner of the Trans-Mississippi Open at Davenport, Ia. in June, and John Ragan, St. Louis, victor in the last two Heart of America championships in Kansas City and defending state champion.

Nedved forged an early 3-0 lead while Steinmeyer and Ragan battled to a draw in the second round. The crucial Steinmeyer-Nedved meeting in round four. The game ended in a draw in 30 moves with Nedved a pawn ahead with good chances for a possible win had he desired to play on. Opposite-colored bishops no doubt influenced his decision to accept a draw. At this point Ragan earned a tie at 3½-½ with Nedved. The fifth round saw Nedved dissolve this tie in convincing fashion as he defeated Ragan rather easily after the latter failed to attain equality in a Sicilian Defense. In the meantime Steinmeyer kept his chances alive by besting Jack Spence, Omaha, in another Sicilian Defense.

As the last round opened, Nedved faced F. S. Anderson needing only a draw to win the title as his Solkoff points (the method used to break any existing ties) were far superior to those of Steinmeyer. The latter scored handily against a King's Indian essayed by D. B. Wade, Georgia champion, to complete his schedule with 5-1. Anderson, a prominent St. Louis player, played cautiously against Nedved's Pirc Defense to emerge with a superior position. Eventually he won a pawn on the king-side and used it to force a favorable exchange of rooks and ultimate concession in 52 moves!

Thus Steinmeyer finished first with a 5-1 aggregate, Nedved was second ahead of John Ragan and

F. S. Anderson, all 4½-1½, on Solkoff points, being respectively 25, 18¼, 18. Bruno Fajfar, St. Louis, earned 4-2 for fifth spot, Jack Spence and D. B. Wade finished ahead of a group of players with 3½-2½.

A total of \$250 in prizes was distributed among the players. Spence received a special prize as ranking Class A player and Fajfar a special prize as ranking Class B player. The tournament was dedicated to the memory of the late Charles Graham of Kansas City, president of the Missouri Chess Association, and was directed by M. W. Gilbert and Charles Burton.

## UNDERWOOD WINS CENTRAL OHIO

Ervin Underwood, former Massachusetts champion, won the Central Ohio Championship at Columbus by scoring in a play-off match 2-0 against Walter Mann. Underwood and Mann tallied equal 4½-½ scores in the regular tournament, drawing their individual encounter. Third to sixth with 3-2 scores were Rex Naylor, Tim Anderson, Kurt Loening, and William Rebold in the 2-player Swiss. James A. Schroeder directed the event which was held at the Columbus YMCA.

## Bisguier Tops Eastern States Open In Fifty Player Log Cabin Event

U.S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier swept to victory in the Thanksgiving Eastern States Open at the Log Cabin Chess Club, West Orange, scoring 6½-½ with a 16 move draw against James Sherwin in the final round. After two comparatively easy rounds, the champion faced in succession Herbert Avram, Anthony Santasiere, Weaver Adams, Eliot Hearst and James Sherwin, scoring 4½-½ against this formidable quintet.

Herbert Avram, Eliot Hearst, Robert Sobel, and James Sherwin each scored 5½-1½ in a tie for second place. Avram drew with N. T. Whitaker, and Hearst with Santasiere, while Sherwin lost no games but drew with Whitaker and William Lombardy. Tied with 5-2 each were Weaver W. Adams, Charles Kalme, William Lombardy, Anthony Saidy, and Norman T. Whitaker. Anthony E. Santasiere placed eleventh with 4½-2½, followed by nine players with 4-3; Theodore Bullockus, Stanley B. Winters, Robert Doble, William Jones, Gustav Krauhs, Nicholas Cafarelli, Boris Siff, Attilio DiCamillo, and Hans Berliner. The event was directed by International Judge Hans Knoch and promoted by the tireless Forry Laucks of the Log Cabin Chess Club.

The strength of the field was indicated by the fact that there were 10 masters and 8 experts in the group of 50 players. Geographically, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia were represented, with 22 from New Jersey, 12 from New York, and 6 from Pennsylvania.

The event was a four-day battle held over the Thanksgiving weekend.

## CHESS BY MAIL FOR GOOD WILL

A trans-Oceanic chess match by airmail is being planned between the Northern Valley Chess Club of Hackensack, N.J. and the Town of Passau, Germany with eight players on each side playing two games simultaneously.

The chess match is a part of a program in connection with a campaign called "The Town Affiliation Program" for encouragement of international amity by which the City of Hackensack has affiliated with the Town of Passau. Recently Dr. Stefan Billinger, the Mayor of Passau, with a delegation of his citizens paid a visit to Hackensack in support of the project.

In the chess portion of the program, Ernest W. Tyler, president of the Northern Valley Chess Club, is working out the arrangements for the match. Hackensack will be represented by Theodore Bullockus, Walter Dill, Ernest W. Tyler, Sydney Wooldridge, Frank K. Ouchi, Robert McCallister, Dr. Francis Condon and Edward Malan. Passau has named Oskar Korzer, Peter Beltermann, Alois Auer, Heinz Pallor, Reinbern Merterns, Josef Poxrucker, Kurt Pfefferkorn, and Alfred Weidinger.

## DOMSKY TAKES RACINE COUNTY

Arthur Domsy tallied 5½-1½ to win the Racine (Wis.) County Championship in a 24-player Swiss event held at the Douglas Park Community Center in Racine. Domsy lost no games but drew with Andy Mike, Rudy Kunz, and R. E. Rigg. Second and third on S-B with 5-2 each were Jim Weidner and Andy Mike, while fourth to sixth with 4½-2½ were H. C. Zierke, John Weamter and Walt Teubner. H. C. Zierke directed the tournament.

## U. S. INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

December 26-30, 1954

New York City

Location: John Jay Hall, Columbia University.

Eligible: Four-man teams from accredited colleges with unlimited number of substitutes possible.

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per team, representing USCF Affiliated chess clubs (Affiliation fee \$10.00 per year).

Prize: Harold M. Phillips Trophy (held by Columbia for past four years).

Registration: At John Jay Hall, closing at 10:00 a.m., December 26, 1954.

Tourney: Seven round Swiss team tournament; 50 moves in 2½ hours.

Accommodations: Write Thomas Hennessy, 2463 Valentine Ave. Bronx 58, N.Y.

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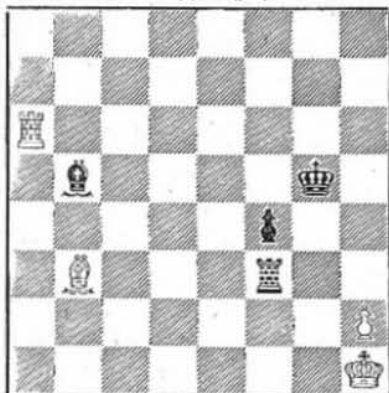
# Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 141  
Foltys vs. Gligoric  
Europe, 1948



White to play and win

Position No. 142  
By G. Kasparian  
Shakhmaty, Sept., 1954



White to play and draw

**I**N Position No. 141, a four-move combination brought about Black's resignation. (The colors have been reversed for the reader's convenience in solving from the diagram.)

In Position No. 142, the forces are even, but White has two pieces under attack; to lose either one is to lose the game. How can White get out of this predicament? I enjoyed solving this, and am presenting my own solution (the published solution will not be available for another six months).

For solutions, please turn to Page Eight.

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



Added to the list of new chess columns is "Chess Notebook" edited by Harry Lyman in the Boston (Mass.) Sunday Globe—a much needed column as Boston has been without one since the column edited by Waldo Waters died on his departure from Boston. Further chess publicity activity in New England is publication of the "Chessboard," an unofficial record of New England chess activity edited by Bartlett Gould and O. A. Lester. It will be a bi-monthly at 20 cents per copy or \$1.00 per year. Further details may be obtained from Bartlett Gould, 15 Walnut Street, Newburyport, Mass.



Chess and checker expert Newell W. Banks left for St. Petersburg, Fla. this month to conduct his annual city-financed chess and checker program from January 1st to March 31st. Mr. Banks teaches beginners, instructs more advanced players and directs various chess and checker activities in the most complete chess program in Florida during the winter vacation season. This year the St. Petersburg tournaments will be enriched by one splendid chess trophy donated by Mr. Russell A. Shields of Detroit and two fine checker trophies donated by Mr. Moses P. Stiles of Portland, Me. as permanent trophies. Particular attention is given to the teaching of both games to boys and girls as a part of the school program.



The New Orleans City Qualifying Tournament for the Championship finals ended with Al Wills, 7-0, and Jack Lively, 5½-1½ in Section A; A. L. McAuley, 8-0, and Frank Chavez, 7-1, in Section B; Irene Vines, 7-0, in Section C; David Walsdorf, 6-1, and E. H. Williams, 5½-1½ in Section D; Ken Vines, 6-1, in Section E all qualified for the finals. Two more will qualify as results of play-off matches between H. Emerson and John Marks with 5-2 in Section C, and Gary Erdal and Al Fitzgerald with 5½-1½ in Section E.



A. Scheel won the Alberta Championship, edging out former champion W. Holowach by S-B points with 7½-½ each. Third and fourth on S-B with 5-3 each were P. Connell and G. Raletich.

## BISGUIER PENS NEW FEATURE

Beginning with the issue of December 20, 1954, CHESS LIFE will present a monthly feature article by U.S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier on "Behind the Scenes" in which the U.S. Champion will discuss chess, chess personalities, game and incidents in tournament and match play.

Beginning modestly with third place in the Bronx-Empire Chess Club Championship of 1944, Bisguier rose rapidly into chess prominence. In 1948 he won the U.S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, in 1949 the Manhattan Chess Club Championship and the U.S. Junior Championship at Fort Worth, in 1950 the U.S. Open Championship at Detroit. In 1954 he gained the coveted U.S. Championship in New York and as a hors d'oeuvre to the title won the Pan-American in Hollywood.

## MARCHARD WRITES BEGINNER COLUMN

Returning to the staff of CHESS LIFE after a vacation of some twenty months, Dr. Erich W. Marchand will conduct a feature page for beginners entitled "Chess Tactics for Beginners". The feature will be inaugurated in the December 20th issue, and will appear once a month thereafter, alternating with "Evans on the Openings".

Many readers will remember Dr. Marchand as conductor of "Tournament Life"—the page of annotated games in CHESS LIFE, of which he was the original editor and of which he remained in charge continuously from the birth of CHESS LIFE until the feature was discontinued with the issue of February 20, 1953 to make room for "Games by USCF Members". Because of the strenuous nature of his work as annotator and editor of the games department for seven years and six months, it was felt Dr. Marchand was entitled to a brief respite before undertaking new tasks for CHESS LIFE.

Completely rested from his arduous as games editor, Dr. Marchand will now undertake the task of explaining the tactics and strategy of the game of chess to those who have just begun to realize its infinite possibilities. For such a task Dr. Marchand is unusually well-qualified, being not only a player of great skill and an annotator of deep perception, but also gifted with the ability of explaining the difficult in terms that may be understood readily by all—a talent less common than might be supposed. Mr. Marchand will also answer in his feature questions submitted by beginners and amateurs on specific points in the game.



**Boeing Chess Club (Kans.):** The first club tournament in this newly organized club in the Boeing Airplane Works at Wichita resulted in a 5-0 victory for Bercil Martin, with Floyd Frazier and Robert Ebricht tied for second with 2-1, the tie being solved by a playoff game won by Frazier. As the new club is growing rapidly another tournament is planned in the new future. A USCF Club Affiliate.

## Chess Life In New York By Allen Kaufman

**S**ITUATED a dozen stories above the street, and furnished attractively in a modern manner, is the London Terrace Chess Club, the only chess club in the world that meets in a penthouse. For many years this group has participated in New York's Metropolitan Chess League, competing against other local teams, including the powerful Marshall and Hanhattan clubs. Among its members are Harold M. Phillips, past president of the USCF and former New York State Champion; Marcel Duchamp, well-known artist; Louis Persinger, the famous violinist; Milton Finkelstein, the first author of this column; and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew DeLieto, the present club co-champion (along with Phillips and Duchamp) and she the designer of a modern set of chessmen now becoming popular in this city. Fourteen of the London Terrace's members are engaged in a tournament for the club championship.

**IN BRIEF** City College and Columbia College played a match, which ended in a 3-3 tie. On first board Harrow and Dale drew... Apparently headed for victory in the Interscholastic Championship of New York's high schools is Edmar Mednis, whose 7-0 score leads the field. Lombardy, with 6-1, follows...The Women's Chess Club of New York, which meets weekly at the York Club, started its championship tourney this week...A glance at the preliminaries of the Manhattan C.C. tournament finds Benedicto, 4-0, leading in Group I, Klugman ahead with 3-1 in Group II, and Einhorn setting the pace in Group III with 4-0...The Marshall C.C. Championship is six rounds old, and is being led by Lombardy, 5-1, with Howard breathing down his neck at 4½-½...The Marshall "B" team defeated a visiting Queens aggregation in a practice match...The Manhattan C.C. is starting its own chess magazine; the title is still in doubt...The Marshall C.C. is playing a double-round correspondence match with London. Heading the New York team is captain Jack Collins, with U.S. Champ. Arthur Bisguier playing first board.

**Racine Chess Club (Wis.):** Newly elected club officers are Frank Bottenhoff, president; Chris Beck, vice-president; Arthur Domsky, secretary-treasurer; H. C. Zierke, tournament director. The club defeated the visiting Beloit Chess Club 6-2 in a recent match. A USCF Club Affiliate.

**Corpus Christi (Tex.) Chess Club:** Victory in the club "Class B" tournament went to Jack Moore with 5-0. Second and third on S-B with 3½-½ each were David Kight and E. Folk Weaver, while John Berry tallied 3-2 for fourth in the 8-player event. A USCF Club Affiliate.

**Central California Chess League:** Second round results saw Pittsburg best Stockton 7½-½, Fresno defeated Oakdale 7-1, and Sacramento down Modesto 7-1. These leaves Pittsburg in the lead with 2-0 in matches and 12-4 in games, Sacramento second with 2-0 and 11½-4½, while Fresno is third with 1-1 and

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A FABULOUS SET IN IVORY

This ancient Indian chess set, valued at \$3,000.00, is well over one hundred years old, with each piece hand-carved from ivory. Left to right, the pieces displayed are King, Queen, Bishop, Knight and Rook. The Pawns are shown in front. Equally handsome is the teakwood box for the set on which the pieces stand with its intricate design formed by inlaid ivory.

Photo: Courtesy Deseret News

## Beautiful Indian Ivory Chess Set Becomes Show Piece in Utah Chess

A hand-carved set, purchased by a U. S. airforce pilot during the war at Calcutta, India for \$3,000.00 has become the proud possession of Ramon Child, Salt Lake City attorney, and will be on display at the Utah State Championship Tournament.

The set consists of 33 pounds of carved ivory, delicately carved to represent the Indian scene, with howdahs, elephants and turbaned soldiers. Since all the pieces are white ivory, the "white" and "black" pieces are distinguished by the pink edging around the bases, while the pawns are distinguished by different head-gear—turbans for one group, flat hats for the other, similar to the cleric's mortar-board.

Reference to the monumental "History of Chess" by Murray reveals on page 88 photographs of an ivory set identical to the one purchased by Mr. Child. Murray identifies the set he reproduces as being "Indian Chessmen, 18th Century, From Mr. Charles Platt of Farrow (England) collection." So it is safe to assume that this set was made sometime during the 1700s. The family from whom the airforce pilot purchased it originally stated that it had been in the family for more than one hundred years.

The delicate intricacy of the carving cannot be reproduced in a photograph. The King is 5½ inches high, about four inches in length and 2½ inches across. Other pieces are proportional in size. The teakwood box is also a work of art with its handsome ivory inlay. Each piece fits into a separate satin-lined slot to protect the delicate carving of the pieces from damage.



William C. Adickes, Jr. won the Asheville Open Championship 18-0 with Phil C. Knox (of Deland, Fla.) second with 14-4, losing two games to Adickes in the double-round event and one each to McIlhin and Tarasov. Dr. Paul Jacobs was third with 12-6, and Tom Zicky, playing in his first tournament, scored 11½-6½ for fourth. In a Polish Opening Tourney, held during the same period, William Adickes scored 17-1 for first, losing one game to Phil C. Knox, who placed second with 13-5. Tom Zicky was third in this event with 12-6.



Rudy Kunz repeated as Racine City Speed Champion with a 7-0 score. Tied for second in the event were Joe Zemek, Jim Weidner, Art Domsy, and Frank Buttenhoff with 5-2 scores each.



Andrew Efron, well-known player of New Haven, will consider bids for matches, exhibitions and lectures. Address: 200 York Road.

Shreveport, La. has a growing chess program for boys, begun a year ago at the Optomist Club with the purpose of keeping the kids off the streets. Now instructor George R. Caterer has his hands full with some 30 active young players engaged in their 2nd annual championship event. Moving to Monroe, La., instructor Carterer expects to have equal success with a similar program in cooperation with the Monroe YM-CA.



The beautiful Lessing J. Rosenwald Trophy, which will be the reward of the victor in the six-master double round invitational tournament to be held at the Manhattan and Marshall Chess Clubs, beginning December 19th, 1954. Joining with Mr. Rosenwald in promotion of the event are Alexander Bisno, Maurice Kasper, and Jose M. Calderon. Participants in the tourney are Samuel Reshevsky, Arthur B. Bisguier, Larry Evans, George Kramer, and Donald and Robert Byrne.

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Minor Topics

By  
Hipponax

On The Forgotten Art Of Courtesy

GOOD manners in chess are reputed to have reached their highest  
perfection in Japan, where players of GO traditionally observe the  
polite gesture of requesting opponents to retract bad moves (a safe  
courtesy, since the etiquette of the game demands that these opponents  
as politely decline the offer).

Unfortunately in the Western World more primitive and brutally  
frank methods of discourtesy are frequently too prevalent. We have  
heard of players crowning their successful opponents with chess boards  
in the more militant medieval times. In more modern days, we have  
the adventurous example of Nimzovich clambering on a table and shout-  
ing: "Why must I lose to this idiot!"

It must therefore be recorded that occasional courtesy still exists  
in chess, for some chess players manage to remain gentlemen. And it  
is worthy of reporting that such courtesy sometimes pays dividends un-  
expectedly.

At the recent Lake Erie Open Championship at Buffalo, player  
George Mauer overslept one morning and arrived for his 4th round  
match one hour and ten minutes late. His opponent, Dr. Erich W.  
Marchand, declined to profit by a technical win and insisted on play-  
ing the game, winning in a thrilling time-limit finish. Fitting reward  
to Dr. Marchand for this courtesy came at the end of the tournament  
when he was tied in games won with Povilas Vaitonis of Canada. If he  
had accepted the forfeit, he would have been second in tie-breaking  
points. By playing the game, he gained the necessary points to tie  
Vaitonis in weighted score as well as games won, and became co-champ-  
ion. Courtesy is not always the wasted indulgence of the foolish, as  
some chess players seem to believe.

LAKE ERIE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffalo, 1954  
100% USCF Rated Event

1. Erich Marchand (Rochester, N.Y.)	W10	W18	D2	W3	W5	4½-½	11.00						
2. P. Vaitonis (Hamilton, Ont.)	W14	W5	D1	W6	W4	4½-½	11.00						
3. George Mauer (Buffalo, N.Y.)	W4	W6	W11	L1	W9	4-1	16.00						
4. R. Mekus (Buffalo, N.Y.)	L3	W15	W16	W7	L2	3-2	15.00						
5. Carl E. Diesen (Tonawanda, N.Y.)	W17	L2	W14	W13	L1	3-2	14.50						
6. Dr. Bruno Schmidt (Homer, N.Y.)	W12	L3	W17	L2	W13	3-2	14.50						
7. Albert Vossler (Buffalo, N.Y.)	D16	W9	D13	L4	W11	3-2	12.00						
8. Harlow B. Daly (Sanford, Me.)	D9	L16	W12	D17	W14	3-2	10.00						
9. Charles Sharp (West Arbor, Me.)	D8	L7	W18	W10	L3	2½-2½	14.00						
10. Louis Persinger (New York, N.Y.)	L1	D12	W15	L9	W17	2½-2½	13.00						
11. Alex Suchobeck (Albany, N.Y.)	W15	D13	L3	W16	L7	2½-2½	12.50						
12. H. McCaughey (Cheektowaga, N.Y.)	L6	D10	L8	W19	bye	2½-2½	10.00						
13. S. R. Frucella (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2-3 (13.00);	14. William Rusch (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2-3 (12.00);	15. Henry L. Freitag (Buffalo, N.Y.)	2-3 (9.50);	16. Michael Hart (New York, N.Y.)	1½-3½ (13.50);	17. Donald Haney (Kenmore, N.Y.)	1½-3½ (13.00);	18. Dr. Max Schlosser (Decatur, Ill.)	1½-3½ (10.50);	19. Martin Bilik (NNew York, N.Y.)	1½-3½ (7.50).

CORPUS CHRISTI CLASS B CLUB TOURNEY

Corpus Christi, 1954  
100% USCF Rated Event

1. Jack Moore	W7	W2	W3	W4	W5	5-0	13.00
2. David Kight	W4	L1	W6	W7	D3	3½-1½	7.75
3. E. Folk Weaver	W5	W6	L1	W8	D2	3½-1½	5.75
4. John Berry	L2	W5	W7	L1	W8	3-2	3.00
5. James A. Creighton	2-3 (2.00);	6. Chester Morgan	2-3 (1.00);	7. Aaron Wester	1-4 (0.00);	8. Jack Randolph	0-5 (0.00).

Randolph forfeited to Creighton, and Wester to Morgan. Harley D. Willbur tournament director.

Excursions In Correspondence Chess

Dr. M. G. Sturm of Trinidad, peren-  
nial champion of the British West Indies  
until he deserted tournament play for  
correspondence chess, is one of the notable  
exponents of mail chess, being particu-  
larly known for his exploitation of new and  
novel ideas in the openings and his devo-  
tion to complicated mid-game positions,  
such as are usually and wisely avoided in  
over-board play because of limited time  
for analysis.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

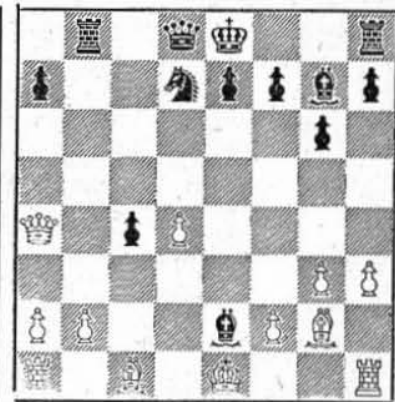
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ICCF World Individual Champion-  
ship, Correspondence, 1946

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White DR. M. G. STURM (Trinidad)	Black G. Mathot (Belgium)
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	8. B-Q3 P-KR3
2. P-QB4 P-K3	9. B-R4 Kt-K1
3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4	10. B-Kt3 PxP
4. B-Kt5 B-K2	11. BxP Kt-Q3
5. P-K3 Qk1-Q2	12. B-Q3 P-KB4
6. Kt-KB3 O-O	13. Kt-K5
7. R-B1 P-B3	

Not 13. Q-Kt3, K-R1; 14. QxP, Kt-B4 wins a piece.  
13. KtxKt 17. P-B4 B-Q2  
14. PxKt Kt-K1 18. P-K4 KtxKt  
15. O-O Kt-B2 19. RxBt P-KKt3!  
16. Q-K2 Kt-Q4 20. P-KR3  
Preferable to 20. PxP, KtPxP, opening the KKt-file to Black's advantage.  
20. R-B1 23. P-KKt4 K-R2  
21. K-R2 R-QB2 24. KPxP KPxP  
22. B-KB2 P-Kt3  
Better 24. KtPxP vacating KKt3 for the QB.  
25. R-Q1  
Threat 26. PxP.  
25. Q-B1 26. P-K6! B-K1  
Not 26. BxP; 27. B-R6 wins a piece.  
27. B-R6 Q-Kt1 29. B-K5 BxB  
28. B-Q4 B-Q3 30. QxB  
Threat P-K7 and R-Q8.  
30. PxP 31. PxP R-Kt1?  
Stronger is 31. P-QQKt4; 32. BxP! Q-Kt3; 33. R-Q2, Q-R4; 34. P-R3 with a proable win, but not 32. P-K7, R-B2; 33. R-Q8, Q-Kt3; 34. RxB, Q-B7 ch, draws.  
32. R-KR3 P-QKt4 33. RxB ch!!



The "unexpected turn." Much stronger than 13. ...., B-K3; 14. P-Q5, or 13. ...., B-B4; 14. P-K4, etc.  
14. KxB O-O 18. K-B1 P-B3  
15. R-Q1 Kt-Kt3 19. B-R6 KR-Q1  
16. QxRP BxP 20. P-QR4 Kt-R1!  
17. B-Kt5 Q-Q3  
If 20. ...., Kt-B1?; 21. B-Q5 ch.  
21. RxB  
Practically forced, but White has compensation for the exchange.  
21. QxR 26. B-K3 Q-Q6ch  
22. QxP R-Q2 27. K-Kt1 K-Kt2  
23. Q-K6 ch K-R1 28. B-K4 Q-Q3  
24. R-K1 Kt-B2 29. QxP  
25. Q-QB6 RxP  
White has one P for the exchange, but, as Tarrasch has indicated, two Bs and one R may be as strong as, or even stronger than two Rs and one Kt. I agree, especially with Qs still on the board. In this case, however, the balance may be tipped in Black's favor by his R on the "seventh."  
29. Kt-K3 31. Q-KKt4  
30. B-Kt2 R-QB2  
Perhaps best is 31. Q-R4, Kt-Kt4!  
31. Q-Kt5  
Regrettably the death of my opponent terminated this game, but its publication might serve as some slight temporal memorial.



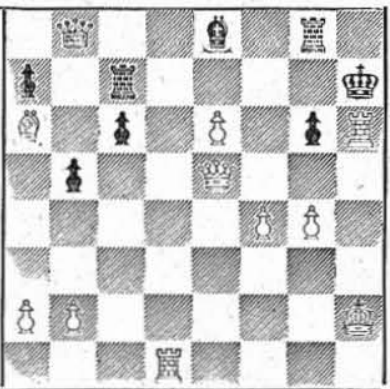
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

MCO: page 164, column 52 (dB)  
CCLA Tournament  
Correspondence, 1951

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White DR. M. G. STURM (Trinidad)	Black L. GASPER (USA)
1. P-Q4 P-Q4	4. B-Kt5 P-B4!?
2. P-QB4 P-K3	5. Kt-B3
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3	

With the Semi-Tarrasch Defence, or 5. BPxP, BPxP; 6. QxP, B-K2; 7. P-K4, Kt-B3; 8. B-Kt5, O-O (Stahlberg-Kott-  
nauer, Trencans Teplice 1949). Better is 8. Q-Q2 ("Chess Correspondent") or 8. Q-K3 (Richter-Pachman).  
5. B-K2?!!  
Forced is 5. ...., BPxP (Euwe).  
6. P-K3 Q-Kt3 16. PxB P-QKt4  
7. BxKt BxB 17. Kt-Q2 B-Q2  
8. BPxP QxP 18. B-K2 P-B3  
9. Kt-QKt5 Kt-R3 19. O-O! PxP  
10. R-QKt1 QxRP 20. P-B4 P-K5  
11. Kt-Q6ch K-K2 21. P-B5! PxP  
12. Kt-B4 Kt-Kt5 22. KtxP Q-Kt3  
13. R-Kt2 Q-R3 23. R-Kt!! PxR  
14. P-Q6ch K-B1 24. Q-Q5! QxPch  
15. Kt(3)-K5 BxKt 25. K-R1



White announces mate in five with 33. ...., KxR; 34. R-Q3 (or K-Kt3, K-Kt2, R-KR1), P-Kt4; 35. R-R3 ch, B-R3 ch, B-R4; 36. RxB ch, K-Kt3; 37. P-B5 mate (or QxP mate).

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

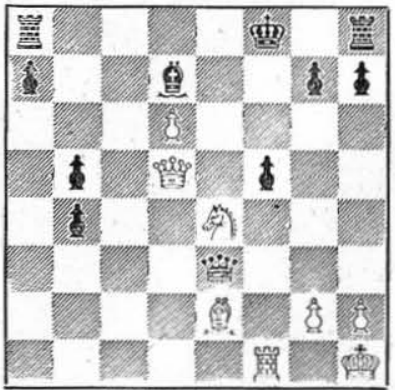
MCO: page 92, column 64

Correspondence, 1952-3

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White WERNER VLK (Germany)	Black DR. M. G. STURM (Trinidad)
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3	4. B-Kt2 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3	5. Kt-QB3
3. P-KKt3 P-QB3	

Better perhaps 5. Kt-KB3, B-Kt2; 6. O-O, O-O; 7. QKt-Q2 (Mathot-Sturm, Correspondence).  
5. B-Kt2 8. KtxKt BxKt  
6. Kt-B3 PxP 9. Q-R4 P-QKt4  
7. Kt-K5 Kt-Kt5 10. KtxP!?!  
10. PxKt 12. P-KR3!  
11. QxP ch Kt-Q2  
Not 12. BxR, QxB; 13. P-B3, BxP!; 14. PxP, QxP; 15. R-B1, Q-K5 ch; 16. K-Q1, QxP ch, and Black, with a certain draw in hand, has winning chances.  
12. R-QKt1 13. Q-R4 BxKPI



25. .... R-QKt1?  
(Please turn to page 8, col. 3)



# LARRY EVANS ON THE OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954



## Spotlight on the Philidor: Hanham Variation

WHAT is the best defense to 1 P-K4? We know that we do not know. We have seen Bronstein reflect fifteen minutes before replying. We have seen Botvinnik champion the French and the Sicilian, only to abandon and adopt (and abandon?) them again. We have seen Najdorf swear by the Sicilian, only to take dreadful punishment from his peers. We have seen Reshevsky and Smyslov, after all else, submitting to the Ruy Lopez. We have seen Kevitz vouch for the Nimzovitch Defense. We have seen Flohr exhaust the Caro-Kann. We have seen Mikenas adhere loyally to his beloved Alekhine's. And finally we have seen Pirc invent a defense of his own (P-Q3). But does this reflect truth, or temperament? So the search continues.

After all, what does the master desire in an ideal defense? Soundness, yes. Resiliency, yes. Aggressiveness, yes. Surprise, yes. But by what miracle can a defense combine all of these diverse elements? He must sacrifice one or the other, whichever his style deems the lesser evil. Thus the French, though sound, is cramped, and requires infinite patience. The Sicilian, though sharp, is risky. The Ruy Lopez, though rock-bound, is uneventful. The Nimzovitch, though tricky, is inferior. The Caro-Kann, though safe, is stodgy. And both Alekhine's and Pirc's Defense resign the initiative. And so on.

But hold on! What of the Philidor? Can it have disappeared? Why does MCO<sup>8</sup> list it as an "irregular" defense, relegating only two precious columns to the vital Hanham (also known as the Nimzovitch) Variation? Has it been refuted? If not, is it indeed so unpalatable that no modern master will "brave" it?

Closer examination yields the striking conclusion that the reverse is true. Not only has it not been refuted, but it has never been demonstrated even to be inferior! Alekhine wrote: "... a difficult game for both players." Why has this defense (which may be considered the KP counterpart of the K's Indian—Black! Pawns on QB3, K4, Q3) disappeared from the repertory of the modern master? Superficially, it is true, Black is cramped; but in reality his pieces are poised behind the lines await-

ing the least provocation. So gnash your teeth! What in the H... is wrong with this defense!

The answer is, so far: **nothing**. Then why do masters shun it like a leper? Alas! The poor Philidor has suffered an historical fate known as "out of fashion." Fashion—that serpent of the times—is responsible for its untimely demise. It has only to be pointed out that a "new look" at the Philidor is in order... And watch that ole serpent crawl!

The characteristic moves are: **1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, P-Q3.**

Diagram 1



Position after 2 ..... P-Q3

Black's major theoretical weaknesses are the imprisonment of his KB and the vulnerability of his KB2. His cramped position is compensated by his solid Pawn Phalanx. For was it not Philidor himself who said that "the Pawn is the soul of the game"?

**3. P-Q4 N-Q2**  
This constitutes the Hanham Variation. A good alternative is 3. .... N-KB3; and if 4 PxP, NxP; 5 B-QB4 (QN-Q2 is Sokolsky's move, but it leads to nothing), P-QB3! = 3. .... PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-KN3 is a possibility which

deserves testing, although it weakens Black on the dark colored squares. White, however, can vary with an alternative which MCO<sup>8</sup> gives as leading to a plus: 4. QxP, N-QB3; 5. B-N5, B-Q2; 6. BxN, BxB; 7. N-B3, N-B3; 8. B-K3, P-KN3 (The ? is mine); 9. N-Q5, B-N2; 10. B-N5, BxN; 11. PxB, O-O; 12. O-O. This is, for your information Mlotovsky's analysis. The editor of MCO has a habit of retaining obsolescent variations, in which the analysis assigns ridiculous moves to the defense. Here it is obvious that 6. .... PxP! (instead of BxB?) gives Black a beautiful game with two Bishops free and clear. Hence, 6. BxN must be wrong.

Many of Morphy's brilliancies stemmed from the Philidor Counter Gambit: 3. .... P-KB4! A simple, but strong reply is 4. N-B3, N-KB3; 5. PxKP, NxKP; 6. NxN, PxN; 7. N-N5, P-Q4; 8. P-K6, B-B4; 9. NxKP+ Sozin recommends 4. QxP (instead of N-B3), BPxP; 5. N-N5, P-Q4; 6. P-K6, N-KR3; 7. N-QB3, P-B3; 8. KNxP, N-B4 (8. .... PxN; 9. Q-R5ch, P-N3; 10. Q-K5, R-KN1; 11. NxP, B-N2; 12. N-Q6ch, K-B1; 13. BxN, BxB; 14. B-B4 or R-Q1++); 9. N-KN5, Q-B3; 10. B-Q3, P-KR3; 11. Q-B3, P-KN3; 12. P-KN4++

**4. B-QB4 P-QB3**  
Forced, sooner or later.

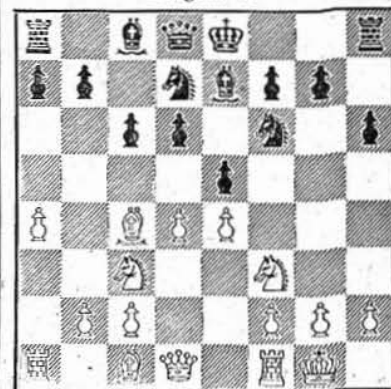
**5. P-QR4** .....  
No cause for alarm on 5. PxP, PxP; 6. BxPch!?, KxB; 7. NxPch, K-K1; 8. Q-R5ch, P-N3; 9. NxNP, KN-B3; 10. Q-R4, R-KN1++

5 N-B3 is a strong alternative to the text, while 5. N-N5, N-R3; 6. O-O, P-QN4; 7. B-N3, B-K2; 8. N-B3, N-N5; 9. PxP± (Goldwater-Evans, Marshall Club, 1947) needs more tests.

**5. .... B-K2**  
After 5. .... KN-B3; 6. N-N5, P-Q4; 7. PxP, N-N3, the prospects are unclear, though in White's favor.

**6. O-O** .....  
If White had played 5. N-B3 (instead of P-QR4) as in a game Schlechter-Alekhine, then 7. N-N5!, BxN; 8. Q-R5, winning the two Bishops would be strong. In this position it fails because of 8. .... Q-R4ch!

**6. .... P-KR3**  
Not only a precaution, but in many cases also a preliminary to the expansion P-QN4, Q-B2, P-KN4, N-B1, N-N3, R-Q1, etc., which is the classic model from Yates-Marco, Hague, 1921. Most often this advance is premature (see Tylor-Tartakower, Nottingham, 1936). 6. .... KN-B3 is playable, but Black must be on guard against the BxPch combination, followed by N-N5ch and N-K6. With reasonable care, however, Black can avoid these pitfalls in this and similar positions. Possibly one of the reasons for the philidor's unpopu-



7. N-B3 KN-B3  
Position after 7. .... KN-B3

This may be considered the normal position. Here White must get an idea, and here consequently his trouble begins. 7. PxP, PxP (NxP is more drawish); 8. N-KR4, P-KN3 is plausible, as in Siemms-Evans, US Junior Chmp., 1947. 8. PxP (the compulsion to exchange is overwhelming), PxP; 9. P-R5, B-N5; 10. N-KR4, O-O; 11. N-B5, P-QN4; 12. PxP ep., NxP; 13. B-N3, QxQ; 14. NxQ, NxP+ (Horowitz-Evans, simultaneous exhibition, NY, 1947) illustrates Black's dynamic potentialities against an over-anxious opponent. 8. Q-K2, O-O; 9. P-KR3, K-R1; 10. PxP, QNxP; 11. NxN, PxN; 12. B-K3, B-QN5; 13. B-KN5, N-K1= is Evans-Whitaker, US Open, 1948.

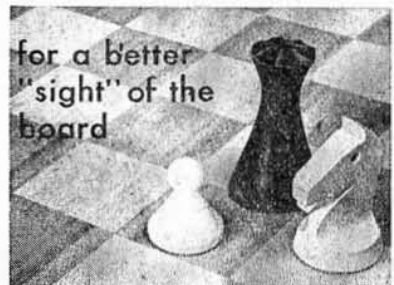
Another idea is 8 P-QN3, Q-B2; 9. B-N2, O-O; 10. Q-Q2 (Kmoeh), but this is innocuous.

This position is difficult to evaluate. Black is cramped, but not seriously. White has a slight attack, but what can he do with it? For those who are interested in pursuing this variation further, the following bibliography may prove helpful:

1. Napier vs. Pillsbury, Cambridge Springs, 1904.
2. Evenssohn vs. Alekhine, "My Best Games of Chess" (Pt. 1) (game 47).
3. Blumenfeld vs. Alekhine "My Best Game of Chess" (Pt. 1) (game 36).
4. Spielmann vs. S. Borovsky, St. Petersburg, 1909.
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6. Kieninger vs. Stoltz, Munich, 1941.
7. Kupchik vs. D. Byrne, U.S. Open, 1946.
8. Sibbett vs. D. Byrne, U.S. Open, 1946 (3. .... N-QB3)
9. Aleman vs. R. Byrne, U.S. Open, 1946.
10. Fajans vs. Ulvestad U.S. Open, 1946.
11. Seidman vs. Ulvestad U.S. Open, 1946.
12. Yerhof vs. Ulvestad, U.S. Open, 1946.
13. Alekhine vs. Marco, My Best Games of Chess (Pt. 1) (game 9.)
14. Yates vs. Marco, Hague, 1921.
15. Ed. Lasker vs. Bogoljubow, NY, 1924.
16. Bird vs. Morphy, Golden Treasury of Chess (3. .... P-KB4)
17. Barnes vs. Morphy, Golden Treasury of Chess (3. .... P-KB4)
18. Kashdan vs. Agsierrson, Folkstone, 1933 (3. .... PxP)
19. Schlechter vs. Delmar, Cambridge Springs, 1904 (3. .... PxP)
20. Napier vs. Delmar, Cambridge Springs, 1904 (3. .... PxP).

(Where reference is given to a tmt., the game may be found in the tournament book.)

Conclusion: Playable,



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## TWO FIRSTS

This was Richard Baker's first win in his first tournament.

### DUTCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 27, column 18  
New Jersey Open  
Orange, 1954

White: R. A. BAKER  
Black: H. DODKEWITZ

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3  
2. P-QB4 P-K3  
3. Kt-KB3 B-Kt5 ch

The Bogoljubov Variation.

4. Kt-B3  
This transposes into the Nimzo-Indian Defense or the Dutch Defense. 4. B-Q2 continues the Bogoljubov Variation.

5. Q-B2 Kt-K5  
6. P-KK13 P-KB4

Now it is a Dutch Defense.

7. P-Q2 Kt-B3 10. P-K3 P-Q3  
8. QxKt Q-B3 11. O-O P-KK4  
9. B-Kt2 Kt-B3

Better is 6. O-O and 7. P-Q4.

11. P-K4

The strongest, and thematic, move is 11. P-K4!

12. KR-Q1 PxP?

This gives White too much play on the queen-file. Either 12. P-K4 or 12. O-O should be played.

13. KtxQP! KtxKt  
14. KtxKt and 14. Kt4-Kt5.

15. QxKt QxQ  
16. RxQ BxKt?

This loses a Pawn by force. After 15. K-K2; White has the advantage, but it is still a game.

16. PxB K-K2 18. P-B5 P-Q4  
17. QR-Q1 R-Q1 19. P-QB4

Doubled Pawns are not so bad—if they can be undoubled.

19. P-K4  
20. RxP RxR  
21. PxB

With a pawn-plus, one passed, and more mobility, White now has a winning end-game.

21. P-K5  
22. B-B1 B-Q2

If 22. P-K13; 23. P-Q6 ch, K-Q2; 24. B-Kt5 ch and 25. P-B6 wins.

23. P-Q6 ch K-B3  
24. R-Kt1 B-B3

If 24. P-Q6, R-QKt1; 25. B-Kt5, is still the answer.

25. B-Kt5 R-QB1

Better is 25. B-Q4.

26. BxB RxB 28. RxP RxP  
27. P-Q7 K-K2 29. RxP

29. K-Q1  
30. K-B1 R-Q4  
31. K-K2 P-R4

Of course after 31. RxB; 32. RxB ch, KxR; 33. K-Q2, the Queen Rook Pawn is a winner.

32. P-B3 PxB ch  
33. KxP R-Q7  
34. P-KR4

Forcing a king-entry.

34. PxB 37. K-B4 R-R7  
35. PxB R-R7 38. K-Kt5

36. K-Kt3 R-K7

With the King at work, the win is simple.

38. R-K7 42. P-R4 R-K4  
39. KxBP RxKP 43. P-R5 R-Q4  
40. K-Kt5 R-K4ch 44. P-R6

Threatening 45. R-Kt7, 46. P-R7, 47. R-Kt8 ch, and 48. P-R8-Q, and wins.

44. R-R4  
45. K-B6 R-R5  
46. K-K5 RxKRP

If 46. R-R8 (46. R-R5 ch; 47. K-Q6) 47. K-K6, R-K8 ch; 48. K-B7, R-QR8 (48. R-B8 ch; 49. K-Kt6 and 50. KxP wins) 49. R-R8 ch!, KxP; 50. P-R7, R-R5; 51. R-K8! and White wins. And 46. R-R8; 47. R-R8 ch!, KxP; 48. P-R7, followed by R-R8, is another way for White to win.

47. R-Kt7 R-R8  
48. P-R7 R-K8 ch

As soon as the checks run out it will be all over.

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Even with two Pawns ahead there are some technical winning problems.

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30. K-B1 R-Q4  
31. K-K2 P-R4

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Development is more important than saving the exchange. Black should now castle.

12. B-K3 14. QxB Q-K6ch

13. KtXP BxKt

Black, at least, now gets the exchange.

15. K-R1 Kt-B7ch 17. B-Kt5!

16. RxKt QxR

... suddenly his King is exposed in the middle of the board with no help in sight.

17. R-Q1 19. B-B4 Resigns

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If instead 12. Kt-K2, then Kt-B4 recovering the pawns favorably. Not 13. Kt-Kt3, KtXP; 14. KtxP?, R-K1, etc.



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P-R5?, QxKtP or if 22. KR-Kt1, P-QR3;  
23. P-R5?, QxKtP, etc.

19. QxQ PxQ 21. P-QR4  
20. KR-Q1 K-B1

There is nothing to be gained by 21. R-Q7, B-Q4; 22. B-B4, BxB; 23. RxR, R-Q; 24. RxR ch, RxR; 25. K-B1, P-B4; 26. K-K2, K-K2; 27. R-B2, R-Q4; 28. Kt-Q2, KtXk; 29. RxKt, K-Q3 threatening 30. .... P-QB5.

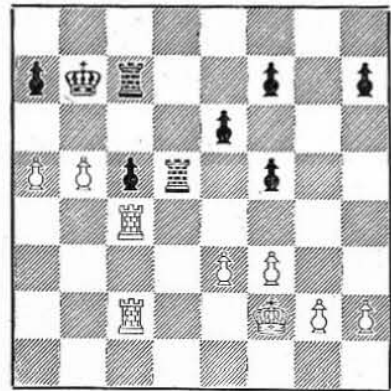
21. .... K-K2 22. Kt-Q2 KtXkKt  
The White Kt must not be permitted to reach QB4.

23. RxKt R-B2 27. B-B4 R-Q1  
24. R(2)-B2 QR-QB1 28. BxB RxB  
25. P-B3 P-B4 29. K-K2 R(2)-Q2  
26. K-B2 B-Q4 30. R-Kt2

Not 30. RxP, R-Q7 ch; 31. K-B1, R-R7; winning back the P by the threat of doubling Rs on the 7th rank.

30. .... K-Q3 33. R(2)-B2 R-B2  
31. R-B4 K-B2 34. K-B2

32. P-R5 K-Kt2  
Not 34. R-KR4, P-QB5!



34. .... K-B1

Drifting. 34. .... P-K4 is refuted by 35. P-Kt4 and White's K penetrates via K4. The only way to combat the growing paralysis was by 34. .... P-QR3. After 35. P-Kt6, R-B1 it is not clear how White can win. If 36. R-KR4, P-QB5; 37. R(4)x BP, RxR; 38. RxR, RxP; 39. R-B7 ch, KxP; 40. RxP, R?R7 ch; 41. K-Kt3, R-K7 draws. Or 36. K-Kt3, K-B3; 37. K-B4, P-B3. Black will maneuver his R to Qk2 via Qk1 and White's Rs will be pretty well tied to the Q-side by the possibilities. .... K-Kt4 and/or .... P-QB5.

35. K-Kt3 P-B3 38. PxP R-R4  
36. K-B4 K-Q2 39. P-Kt4 R-K4  
37. P-K4 PxP

He had probably intended 39. .... R-R6 menacing mate in 2 by .... P-K4 followed by .... R-B6. Now he realizes that 39. .... R-R6 would be met by 40. P-K5, PxP ch; 41. KxP, R-K6 ch; 42. K-B6, R-Qk6; 43. P-Kt6, PxP; 44. PxP, R-Kt2; 45. RxP, RxP; 46. R-B7 ch, K-Q3; 47. RxP, R-B6 ch; 48. K-Kt6 and wins.

40. P-R4 K-Q3  
Loses a vital tempo. He fears 41. P-Kt5, but 40. .... P-KR3 was playable: 41. P-Kt6, PxP; 42. PxP, R-Kt2; 43. RxP, RxR; 44. RxR, RxP; 45. R-KR5, R-Kt6; 46. RxP, P-K4 ch; 47. K-B5, R-B6 ch; 48. K-Kt6, R-B5 and draws (49. R-R5, K-Kt2).

41. R-Q2ch K-K2 43. R-Qk2  
42. P-R6 P-R3  
Missing the winning line beginning with 43. R-R4 which his opponent obligingly permits a few moves later.

43. .... K-Q2 44. R-Q2ch K-K2?  
It was necessary to bring the K to the menaced Q-side. Correct was 44. .... K-B1 and if 45. R-Q6, R-Q2; 46. R-B6 ch, R-B2.

45. R-R4 R-B1  
Or 45. .... P-B5; 46. P-Kt6, P-B6; 47. R-QB2, R-B1; 48. P-Kt7, etc.

46. P-Kt6 PxP 48. R-Qk2 P-B5  
47. P-R7 R-QR1

White has very cleverly exploited the absence of the Black monarch. If 48. .... K-Q3; 49. RxP ch, K-B2; 50. R-Kt5 zugzwang (50. .... P-R4?; 51. P-Kt5). Black should now resign.

49. RxKtP P-B6 52. K-K3 P-B7  
50. R-Kt7ch K-Q3 53. K-Q2 P-B4  
51. R-R6ch K-B4 54. KtPxP PxP

55. R-Kt8 PxP 58. R-R5ch K-Q5  
56. RxR P-K6ch 59. RxR KxR  
57. KxP P-K7 60. R-K8ch Resigns

## Collegians Note

USCF Vice-President Rhys Hays, formerly custodian of collegiate chess information, has sailed for London and an extended stay in England.

All information regarding collegiate chess activities or requests for information on the Intercollegiate Chess League program should therefore be addressed either to Mr. Eliot Hearst, president of the Intercollegiate Chess League, 300 West 108th St., New York City, N.Y. or to Thomas Hennessy, secretary, 2463 Valentine Ave., Bronx 58, N.Y.

**Puget Sound League:** First round results were Olympia over McNeil Island 7½-2½; Seattle YMCA over Kitsap 7½-2½; Latvian over Tacoma 7-3; and University of Washington over Seattle 6-3. Highlight of 1st round encounters was the double draw of T. Warner against O. Ulvestad on bd one of the Washington encounter.

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## BILLS TRIUMPHS IN WASHINGTON

William A. Bills, formerly of Houston, won the Washington State Championship at Seattle 4½-½, drawing with Ted Warner. Bills, who distinguished himself in the U.S. Open by besting U.S. Champion Arthur Bisguier, recently won the Southwestern Open title.

Second place with 3-2 went to Olaf Ulvestad, now returned from Italy, who lost a game to Bills and forfeited the opening round to Robert Edburg. Russell Vellias, Viktors Pupols, and Robert Edburg shared third with 2-3 each, while Ted Warner scored 1½-3½.

The consolation event was won by Alan Clark with 4½-1½, while George Bishop placed second with 3½-2½, and Jim Amidon was third with 3-3.

In the qualifying preliminaries Ulvestad scored 5-0 in Section A, followed by Bills and Pupols 3-2; Ted Warner was first in B with 3½-1½, with Vellias 3-2, and Edburg 2½-2½.

## RACINE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

	W19	D21	W2	D3	W5	D7	W8	5½-1½	.....
1. Art Domsy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5½-2	30.00
2. Jim Weidner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5-2	29.50
3. Andy Mike	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-2½	26.00
4. H. C. Zierke	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-2½	23.50
5. John Weamter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-1½	20.00
6. Walt Teubner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-3	28.50
7. Rudy Kunz	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-3	22.50
8. Jack Byrd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-3	18.50
9. Tom Schulz	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-3	15.50
10. Russ Kime	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3½-3½	.....
11. Bernard Gill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	24.00
12. Frank Bottenhoff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
13. Erwin Poetschke	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
14. Louis Larsen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
15. Ronald Greene	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
16. Sam Miakes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
17. Roger Falberg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
18. John Fought	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
19. Chris Beck	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
20. Rod Schrader	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
21. R. E. Rigg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
22. Charles Brehm	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
23. John Baird	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00
24. Bill Nelson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-4	17.00

Schulz forfeited to Mike; Nelson to Larsen; Nelson to Beck; Beck to Greene; Schrader to Miakes. Rigg and Nelson withdrew after 3rd round, Baird after 4th round; Beck withdrew after 6th round account of accident. Solkoff points used. H. C. Zierke tournament director.

## CENTRAL OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP

Columbus, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

	W3	W7	D2	W6	W5	4½-½	15.50
1. Ervin Underwood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-½	15.50
2. Walter Mann	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-½	15.50
3. Rex Naylor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	15.00
4. Tim Anderson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	13.50
5. Kurt Loening	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	13.00
6. William Rebold	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	13.00
7. John Biddle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	12.50
8. Selden Trumbull	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	12.00
9. William Pratt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	12.00
10. Paul Thompson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	9.00
11. Carey Frederick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	9.00
12. Gerard Platau	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	11.00
13. James A. Schroeder	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	11.00

Underwood won the title playoff match 2-0.

## TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wheeling, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

### TRI-STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

	x	1	1	1	1	4½-½
1. Frank Ferryman (Middletown, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-½
2. J. L. Harkins, Jr. (Cleveland, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3½-1½
3. D. H. McClellan (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3
4. Charles Morgan (Charleston, W.Va.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3
5. Dr. S. Werthammer (Huntington, W.Va.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3
6. J. Glenn Waltz (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1-4

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

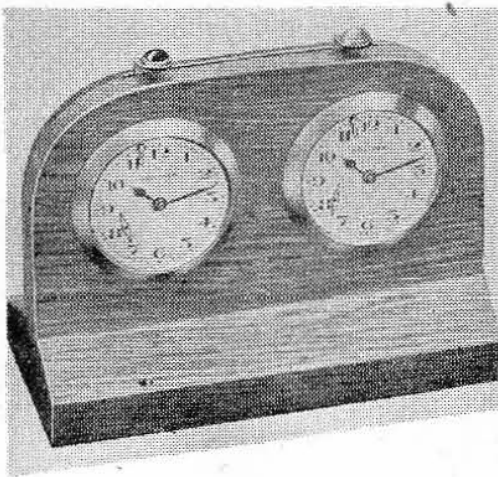
	x	x	½	1	1	1	5½-½
1. Jud Webb (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5½-½
2. Phil Rothman (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-1½
3. Howard Cartee (Huntington, W. Va.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-6

### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

	W11	W3	W5	W6	D2	4½-½	33.00
1. James Schroeder (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½-½	33.00
2. Tim Anderson (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-1	24.00
3. A. Nasvytis (Cleveland, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4-1	22.40
4. S. Ross Owens (Avon Lake, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3½-1½	23.75
5. Budd T. Neel (Huntington, W.V.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3½-1½	21.65
6. D. Stauvers (Cleveland, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3½-1½	19.90
7. K. L. Loening (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3-2	22.30
8. Walter Mann (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½-2½	21.15
9. E. E. Stearns (Cleveland, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½-2½	20.75
10. T. O. Bergquist (Huntington, W.V.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½-2½	17.00
11. G. O. Platau (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½-2½	16.35
12. R. MacKenzie (Cincinnati, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½-2½	13.75
13. W. Rebold (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3	18.40
14. C. L. Ritter (Wheeling, W. Va.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3	15.20
15. S. S. Keeney (Cleveland, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3	15.20
16. Dr. H. McClellan (Zenia, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2-3	15.20
17. Dr. V. S. Hayward (Huntington, W. Va.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1-4	18.80
18. A. W. Paull (Wheeling, W. Va.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1-4	14.60
19. M. H. Allison (1-4)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.40	13.40
20. James Brown (Columbus, O.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1-4	10.40

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### Solution to No. 147

Gotti v Carlos, Munich, 1936, continued 1. Q-N8 ch, K-N2; 2. B-R6 ch, KxB; 3. Q-B8 ch, K-R4; 4. P-N4 ch, KxR; 5. Q-R6 mate. Of course, 1. Q-B8 ch is an equally good first move, while the interposition of the Black queen is naturally useless.

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As we went to press CL solvers had defeated No. 147 by 94-5. Congratulations! Late solutions, postmarked before Dec. 5, will be credited on the Ladder but not separately acknowledged. My thanks to the many who sent me encouraging words, and to the shade of the lamented Guilherme Groesser, whose "Last Position" No. 147 really was. A particularly enjoyable comment on No. 147 came from Dr. H. B. Gaba, who wrote, "The type of game where I'm generally Black! A familiar pattern."

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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Losing. Correct is 25. ...., QxB and White must take a certain or probable draw, e.g. 26. RXP ch! (not 26. QXR ch, K-B2!), BxR; 27. QxB ch, K-K1; 28. Q-K6 ch, K-B1; 29. Q-K7 ch, K-Kt1; 30. Kt-B6 ch, PxBt; 27. QxQ.  
26. RXP ch! K-K1  
For 26. ...., BxR, see previous note.  
27. Q-B7ch K-Q1 31. Q-B6ch R-Kt2  
28. Q-K7ch K-B1 32. RXP R-QKt1  
29. R-B5ch K-Kt2 33. P-Q7! .....  
30. QxBch K-R1  
Threatening mate in three by 34. QxR ch, etc.  
33. .... Q-Q5 34. P-Q8(Q)!  
Resigns  
For if 34. ...., QxQ; 35. RxR, RxR; 36. Kt-Q6, Q-Q2; 37. B-B3, etc.

O. C. Dupree won the Shreveport Championship 10½-3½ in an 8-player double round event. James S. Noel placed second with 10-4, A. Wyatt Jones was third with 8-6, and Woodrow W. Crew fourth with 7-7. Dupree received an inlaid chessboard.

**Solutions:**  
Finish It the Clever Way  
Position No. 141: 1. RxKt(KKt6), PxR; 2. B-B4 ch, K-R1; 3. BxR, KtxB; 4. Q-K5, and Black resigned.  
Position No. 142: 1. P-R4 ch, KxP; 2. R-R6 ch, K-Kt4; 3. R-R5 ch, KxR; 4. B-Q1, K-Kt5; 5. K-Kt2, B-B3; 6. B-K2 draws.

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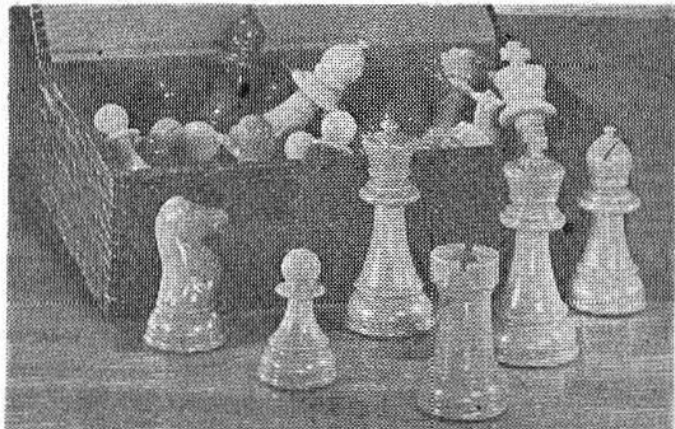
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