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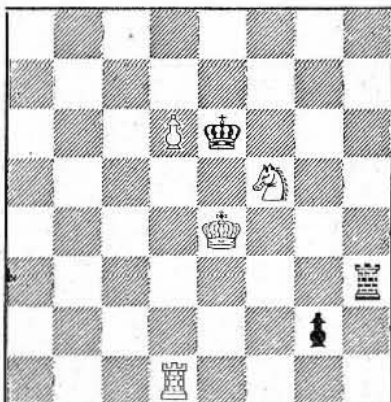
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Position No. 151



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Position No. 151

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

Solution to Position No. 151 will appear in the February 5 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.

Brasket Wins North Central Open In Seventy-Two Player Swiss Event

Curt Brasket, Minnesota master, tallied 6-1 (no losses and two draws) to win the strong North Central Open Championship at Milwaukee—a 72-player Swiss event which was exceptionally notable in the amazing fact that no player withdrew or forfeited a single game in the three days and seven rounds of the event.

Success of the tournament and the eagerness of response to it by the players has encouraged the co-sponsoring Milwaukee Chess Foundation and Wisconsin State Chess Federation to study the possibilities of making this Thanksgiving week-end tourney an annual event of importance.

In winning, Brasket conceded draws to former Illinois Champion Povilas Tautvaisas and former Wisconsin Champion Richard Kujoth. He bested Valdemars Liepaskalns, John Penquite, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Arpad E. Elo, and Svend Olesen, the runner-up, in the course of taking the title.

Second to six on S-B points with 5½-1½ each were Svend Olesen of Chicago, Leonids Dreiberger of Saginaw, Leslie Boyette of San Francisco, Charles Henin of Chicago, and Richard Kujoth of Milwaukee.

Scoring 5-2 for seventh to tenth were John Penquite of Des Moines, Arpad E. Elo of Milwaukee, John B. Grkavac of Milwaukee, and Daniel L. Clark of Milwaukee.

Eleventh to nineteenth with 4½-2½ were Povilas Tautvaisas of Chicago, Nikolajs Kampars of Milwaukee, Alfred F. Krumins of Chicago, John Sweeney of Milton, David Arganian of Racine, Dr. Lawrence C. Young of Madison, Norman V. Marggraff of Milwaukee, Orville Francisco of Milwaukee, and Marshall Rohland of Milwaukee.

Ten states were represented with players from California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, and South Dakota. The event was directed by Ernest Olfe and held at the Wisconsin Hotel, Milwaukee.

WEE WIZARDS IN CHESS CLUB

Mrs. Margaret McLeod, vice-president of the North Vancouver Chess Club (B.C.) has organized a "Wee Wizards Chess Club" of twenty-three members, ranging in age from three to thirteen with weekly meetings on Fridays in which the game is taught and the wee wizards gain practice.

Highly approving the idea of chess for children, the Vancouver Province has devoted a five column spread to pictures of the club with news story in a recent issue. Similar programs have been very successful in Milwaukee, Cleveland and elsewhere.

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.

Advance Entries: Address all advance entries to:

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New York 14, N.Y.

STEINER TOPS IN CALIFORNIA

Herman Steiner, already California Open Champion, added the State Championship title to his trophies with a 7½-1½ score in the California State Championship Finals at San Francisco.

Second and third with 6½-2½ each were Dmitri Poliakov of San Francisco and Eugene Levin of Los Angeles. Irving Rivise of Los Angeles was fourth with 5½-3½. In fifth place was Ray Martin of Santa Monica with 5-4, while James Semitt of San Francisco was sixth with 4½-4½.

Other contestants were: William Addison of San Francisco 4-5; Milton O. Meyer of Sacramento and Robert Cross of Los Angeles 2-7; and Sven Almgren of Los Angeles with 1½-7½. All contenders survived qualifying preliminaries.

PAN-AMERICAN LEAGUE FORMED

Following close on the recent ten board team match between the Greater Miami Chess Club and the Capablanca Chess Club of Havana, there has been organized at Miami as headquarters a Pan-American Chess League to further friendly relationships in chess between the USA and its more immediate Latin American neighbors. Plans of the League are still in process of study, but the primal purpose of the organization will be to promote friendly Pan-American chess matches and attend to the needs in chess of the many Pan-American transients who visit Miami and other parts of the USA. President of the new Pan-American League is the Honorable Mario Figueredo, president of the Club de Ajedrez Capablanca in Havana, while the League secretary is Murray G. Cohen of the Greater Miami Chess Club. Other Central American chess groups will be invited to join the nucleus formed by the American and Cuban clubs.

CLEVELAND PLANS GALA CHESS WEEK

The Cleveland Chess Association has announced plans for a lavish week of chess from January 9th to 16th, 1955. Intended to stimulate interest in chess, the Association expects to gain newspaper, radio and television coverage of the special events which will include lectures, blindfold and simultaneous exhibitions by International Master George Koltanowsky and former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe, as well as team matches with the Industrial League pitted against the Club League and the East Division of Junior League against the West Division.

NAME GIANGIULIO USCF TREASURER

D. A. Giangiulio of Lansdowne, Pa. has been appointed USCF Treasurer to succeed William M. Byland who has resigned under doctor's orders to take life easier. Mr. Byland will, however, retain his post as member of the USCF Ways & Means Committee.

The new treasurer, Mr. Giangiulio, is executive vice-president of the Pennsylvania Chess Federation, a USCF State Chapter, and has been active in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania chess circles for many years.

BYLAND RESIGNS USCF OFFICES

Bowing to the stern admonition of his physician, William M. Byland, long a key figure in USCF administrative work, has resigned as USCF Treasurer and as Chairman of the USCF International Affairs Committee.

He will, however, remain in the important post of member of the USCF Ways & Means Committee.

D. A. Giangiulio will succeed him as USCF Treasurer, but his successor as Chairman of the International Affairs Committee has not yet been determined.



U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
August 8-20, 1955
Long Beach, California

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

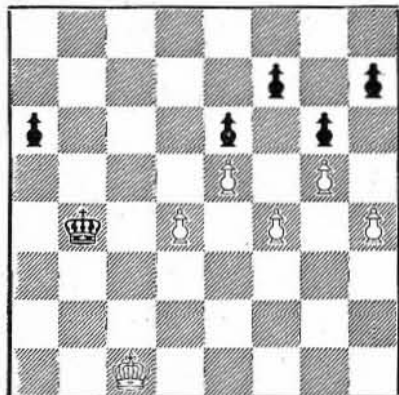
Mastering the End Game

By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

Three Centuries later . . .

Diagram 13 in last month's column has great similarity with a position by Salvioli, given as No. 7 in Tattersalls "A 1000 End-Games." However, the premise is different, and so is the conclusion. Our diagram 14 gives the position which is supposed to win by

Diagram No. 14



Var. I

1. P-Q5, PxP; 2. P-B5, K-B4 (2., PxP; 3. P-K6); 3. P-K6, K-Q3; 4. PxBP, K-K2; 5. P-B6 ch, KxP; 6. K-B2, P-QR4; 7. K-N3, K-K3; 8. K-R4, P-Q5; 9. K-N3, K-B2; 10. K-B4, P-R5; 11. KxP, P-R6; 12. K-B3, etc.,

just to give the main line. However, Black plays better

Var. II

1. P-Q5, K-B4!; 2. P-Q6, K-B3; 3. K-B2, K-N3; 4. K-N3, K-B3; 5. K-R4, K-N3; 6. K-N4, K-B3; 7. K-R5, K-N2; 8. P-Q7, K-B2; 9. KxP, KxP; 10. K-N7, K-Q1; 11. K-B6, K-B1; 12. K-Q6, K-Q1; draw.

It is interesting to note that if we were to accept Salvioli's "win" in variation I as correct, it would contain a "dual," an alternative win which "cooks" the study. Namely, instead of 3. P-K6, White also would win, and more quickly, by 3. P-B6!. Therefore the ideal configuration in diagram 14 should rather be with the Black King not on QN5 but on QN4 (or algebraically and more precisely, on "b5" instead of on "b4"), and now we can look upon Variation I as a technically faultless "false lead," and Var. II is the correct proposed solution.



Heinz Matthai, winner of the recent Montreal City Championship and a new-comer to chess in Montreal, also won the Quebec Provincial title with 5-1, losing to R. LeBel in the first round of the 18-player Swiss. Second and third on S-B points with 4½-1½ each were former Provincial champion J. N. Williams and Lionel Joyner (who was the only undefeated player in the event with three draws). Williams lost one game to I. Zalys. Fourth to sixth on S-B with 4-2 each were M. Szczerbak, C. Podlone, and A. Shilov, while sixth and seventh were I. Zalys and G. Aleksis with 3½-2½ each.



Prior engagements in New York in the Rosenwald Tournament prevented the participation of any of our young American masters at the Hastings Christmas Tournament this year, but the USA will not be completely unrepresented for Lt. John Hudson, U.S. Expert, who won the 1953 Texas State title 5½-½ at San Antonio and the 1952 Louisiana State title at New Orleans 5-1, while stationed at Biloxi, Miss., will compete in the Premier Reserves at Hastings this year.



The first issue of Log Cabin Chess Divertives from the Log Cabin Chess Club, 30 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, N.J. is an attractive mimeographed, staple-bound booklet containing an interesting account of the Log Cabin Vacation chess expedition to the West Coast, well illustrated with photographs and containing complete score-tables of all the encounters along the route. It ends with a commentary on a new variation in the Vienna Game by Weaver W. Adams. The title-page states it is an irregular bulletin, but readers will hope that this does not mean too long a wait between issues.



Lionel Joyner won the second Montreal Open Championship 7½-1½. Second place went to H. Kemper 6-2, with C. Poduone third with 5½-2½ in the Swiss event. The first Montreal Open was held in 1947 and was won by Dr. J. Rauch. W. Hornung directed the event.

GABOR TO EDIT PROBLEM CORNER

January will see a change in editors of CHESS LIFE's problem section "Mate the Subtle Way!" when problemist Vincent L. Eaton, one of America's foremost composers, retires. Editing the feature since the retirement of Dr. P. G. Keeney, the feature's first editor, Mr. Eaton has at last found the pressure of his personal affairs too great to continue with the task.

Succeeding Mr. Eaton will be Nicholas Gabor, Hungarian-born problem composer, who came to the USA in 1923 and has made his home in Cincinnati. Mr. Gabor began composing problems in 1927 and has to his credit over 300 compositions, published throughout the world, of which 38 have won honors in various problem tournaments. Readers may remember four excellent examples of his skill quoted in CHESS LIFE for February 20, 1953 in the series "Contemporary American Composers." Mr. Gabor is also a player of skill, having finished second in the Ohio State Championship of 1946 in a field of 48 contestants, although more recently he has seldom been found in tournament play.

Professionally, like many other chess problem enthusiasts, Mr. Gabor is a musician. For 28 years he has played with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra as violinist and for 18 of these years in addition conducted two amateur symphony orchestras composed of gifted amateurs who wished to play and study symphonic music.



Former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe will be a visitor to the USA in January, giving a limited series of Exhibitions around New York City and then traveling westward to conclude the gala celebration of Chess Week in Cleveland. Dr. Euwe's visit will be of too short duration for any extended tour such as he conducted on his last visit to these shores. On the West Coast another noted Dutch master paid a visit, when Lodewijk Prins arrived in Los Angeles and San Francisco for exhibitions after a stay in Curacao, Dutch Antilles.



Latest from the private press of tournament publisher Jack Spence is NEW YORK, 1951, a book of 66 games from the U.S. Championship Finals, won by Larry Evans ahead of Reshevsky. The 14 games from the Evans-Steiner title match of 1952 have also been included. Edition limited to 115 copies, mimeographed and plastic binding \$2.00 pp. Order from Jack Spence, 203 South 25th Ave., Omaha 2, Neb.



CORRECTION

The "Chess Notebook" column in the Boston Sunday Globe, announced in last issue, is edited by Lyman Burgess (J. A. Burgess and Harry Lyman), not by Harry Lyman alone.

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

ONCE again the National Intercollegiate Team Tournament will be held in New York City, and Columbia, the defending champions, will be host team. Always an exciting event, this year's tournament is expected to be even more so, since no single team is considered to be sufficiently strong to snow under the opposition, as in 1952. In that year, it will be remembered, Columbia, with Hearst, Sherwin, and Burger on the top three boards was able to clinch the tourney in the semi-final round. Then, in the last round, Columbia Captain Hearst fielded his second team, and they too scored a 4-0 victory!

Main contenders for this year's title include City College, Western Reserve, and the University of Pennsylvania, in addition to the defending champions; but, with the many master collegiate players of the last five years no longer at school, it is anybody's tournament.

IN BRIEF: Edmar Mednis is the new Interscholastic Champion of New York's High Schools. He mowed down all opposition to finish with an 8-0 sweep. Bill Lombardy was second with 7-1 . . . Former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe arrives in New York for a tour in a few days. He will begin with an exhibition at the Metropolitan Chess Club on January 9 . . . C.C.N.Y. and Columbia played a practice match recently, and it ended in a 3-3 tie. . . Lombardy, with 6-1, has a comfortable lead in the Marshall Championship. . . In another practice match, C.C.N.Y. was downed by the Manhattan C.C., 6½-3½. When the college team showed up a player short, the Manhattan C.C. graciously lent them Sandy Greene, one of its own players, who plans to attend C.C. N.Y. Unfortunately, playing against his own team had a demoralizing effect on young Sandy, and he lost . . . A surprising upset occurred in the first round of the Manhattan Championship, when Arnold Denker, present champion, was defeated by Reuben Klugman. It is said that just before Denker made his losing blunder he was offered a draw by Klugman, but replied, "Sorry, this one's for the money!" Whereupon he left his money en prise. . . Jose Calderon, captain of last year's winning Marshall "B" team, recently organized another "B" group, the Raiders. It, too, will compete in New York's Met League. . . Harold M. Phillips, former president of the USCF, celebrated his eightieth birthday recently, and invited members of this city's chess clubs to help him celebrate his ninetieth. Happy birthday, Mr. Phillips; we'll be there.



An anonymous friend has presented copies of "British Chess" by Kenneth Mathews to each of the 26 players on the Marshall correspondence team.



BEHIND THE SCENES

THE STORIES BEHIND THE GAMES

By International Master **ARTHUR B. BISQUIER**
U. S. CHAMPION, 1954

No. 1: Psychological Chess

DR. ARIEL Mengarini is a psychiatrist, as his friends know very well, and he often enjoys applying his vocational practices to his favorite avocation. On the day previous to our meeting he enjoyed a singular success playing against Walter Shipman, triumphing in twenty-odd moves. Walter does not like to concede the point but it was common belief that his play was somewhat affected by Dr. Mengarini's odd behavior during the contest. It seems the worthy doctor hardly bothered to glance at the board to make his moves; he seemed wholly preoccupied by a popular magazine which he read assiduously throughout the very brief encounter.

At the time, I gave the incident no more of my attention than that required to emit an amused chuckle. However, the following day, when the whims of the playing schedule dictated that I meet Mengarini, I gave the matter more serious consideration. I did not know what new tactics the doctor might pursue but I resolved to meet fire with fire and not to yield an inch.

Now for the game. The scene is Baltimore, 1948, the U. S. Open Chess Championship tourney, and Dr. Mengarini has the white men.

QUEENS GAMBIT ACCEPTED

White		Black	
DR. A. A. MENGARINI		A. B. BISQUIER	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	7. Q-K2	N-B3
2. P-QB4	PxP	8. R-Q1	P-QN4
3. N-KB3	P-QR3	9. B-N3	P-B5
4. P-K3	N-KB3	10. B-B2	N-QN5
5. BxP	P-K3	11. P-QR4
6. O-O	P-B4		

Up to this point I have passed over the moves without comment for two reasons: The first is that the game followed well-worn paths (Reshevsky-Floyer, Nottingham 1936, for instance). The second reason is that the moves were played with lightning-like rapidity. Mengarini had not paused for so much as an instant to consider his moves, and true to my vow, I played "blitz" right along with him.

Actually, 8. N-B3 is more promising than the line chosen, and here 11. P-QR4 seems based on an improper appraisal of the position. It seems to me that White should strive to mobilize his Pawn majority in the center in an effort to combat Black's Queen-side majority and his Bishop-pair. To this end, 11. N-B3, striving for P-K4 and/or P-Q5, seems in order.

11.	NxB
12. QxN	B-N2
13. P-QN3



I won the psychological battle. This is the first move for which any "real" time was taken on the clock. The move is consistent with White's plan which, however, proves to be insufficient.

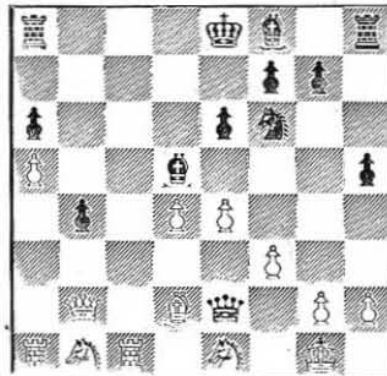
13.	BPxP
14. QxNP	B-Q4
15. Q-N2	P-N5

This Pawn is destined to be a thorn in White's side for the remainder of the game. Meanwhile, it restricts normal White development by its control of the vital Q3 square.

16. P-R5
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Still consistent, White artificially isolates the passed Pawn, hoping that it may become weak.

16.	Q-B2
The first move in a remarkable Queen tour.	
17. B-Q2	Q-N2
18. N-K1	Q-N4
19. P-B3	Q-K7
20. R-B1	P-R4!!
21. P-K4



Now the crisis is reached. If White succeeded in driving back the black pieces by this center push he would indeed obtain the superior position, but Black refutes this plan by highly imaginative tactical play. The whole play, particularly from the 17th through the 21st moves, makes a pleasing impression.

21. N-N5!!
Black threatens mate in 2 with Q-B7 and Q-B8.

22. PxN
22. B-B3 is impossible because of Q-K6 ch.

22. PxP
23. Q-B2

Of course 23. PxP is met by 23. B-Q3, and 23. P-K5 is met very strongly by the simple 23. B-K2. A possible line in the latter variation is 23. P-K5, B-K2; 24. Q-B2, B-R5; 25. Q-A3, Q-B7 ch; 26. K-R1, B-KN6 etc.

23. P-QN6
This Pawn still plagues White. Now P-N7 is in the offing.

24. Q-Q3
If 24. Q-Q1, then 24. QxKP is very strong.

24. QxQ
In a game full of surprising moves, this obvious exchange is perhaps the most surprising. It is axiomatic in chess that the player with the attack should avoid the exchange of pieces (particularly, of Queens). This exception to the general rule lends a piquant quality to the game. Incidentally, 24. P-N7 is in White's favor after 25. QxQ, PxQR(Q); 26. N-B3, followed by 27. PxP.

25. NxQ	BxP
26. N-N2	B-Q3
27. P-N3

If 27. N-B3, Black wins by the sharp 27. BxP (better than BxP ch when White has counterplay); 28. KxB, RxPch, followed by 28. RxB with 4 Pawns and a winning position for the piece.



27. K-Q2
28. N-B3 B-B6

29. N(3)-R4
Allowing Black a cute finish, but the game was lost, as the following lines show quite clearly:
29. B-B4, BxB; 30. PxP, R-R6; 31. R-B1, QR-R1; 32. R-B2, P-N6; 33. RxB, PxP ch; 34. K-N2, P-R8(Q)ch; 35. RxQ, RxR.

Or 29. B-K3, R-R6; 30. R-B1, QR-R1; 31. R-B2, BxP.

29. RxP
30. N-N6 ch K-K2
31. B-N5 ch
Neither Rook can be captured. If 31. NxR, then 31. BxP; if 31. KxR, R-R1 ch; 32. K-N1, BxP etc.

31. P-B3
32. KxR R-R1 ch
33. K-N1 BxP
34. R-B7 ch

If White wishes to continue the game, this move is necessary.

34. BxR
35. K-B2 R-R7 ch
36. K-K3 RxN

The rest is easy to comprehend.
37. B-R4 R-K7 ch
38. K-Q3 P-N7
39. R-QN1 B-K5 ch
40. KxR BxR
41. N-B4 B-Q6 ch

Resigns

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I am often asked the question, "Which of your games is your favorite?" Like the mother who is asked which of her children she prefers, the answer is not an easy one. Yet, if I were forced to make some decision, I suspect I would choose this precocious offspring of my youthful endeavors.

An interesting final remark about the game: Towards the close, Dr. Mengarini was sorely pressed for time while I had almost a full hour left on my clock. Rather than have him overstep the time limit and spoil what I considered to be an exceptionally fine game, I intentionally refrained from punching the clock. This makes an amusing contrast to the frenzied "blitz" play of the first portion of the game.

Newest in Club Bulletins is the Manhattan Chess Club Bulletin, first issue dated January 1, 1955. It consists of four clear mimeographed sheets, detailing the program of the club for events in the immediate future, and is primarily intended for club members. The first issue also includes a game score and a chess swindle.



A LOG CABIN POSTMORTEM
At the recent Eastern States Thanksgiving Open Championship at the Log Cabin Chess Club, West-Orange, N.J., top contenders indulge in a studious autopsy of a game. Standing (left to right) Norman T. Whitaker, Herbert Avram, Weaver W. Adams, Arthur B. Bisguier, and Hans Berliner. Seated: Robert Sobel, Attilio DiCamillo, Anthony E. Santasiere, and Eliot Hearst. Photo: Champion Studio

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The magic in a game of chess—
Delight of pin and check and mate,
The subtle thrill of playing fate—
To all such favored wards of Heaven
To whom this matchless gift was given,
May Christmas find you rich in all
The blessings that may man befall;
Blessed what you give and what you take,
Blessed be the joy your gifts will make!
May each at Christmas find some part
Of Christmas living in your heart!

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

A SELECTION OF GAMES FROM THE 55TH UNITED STATES OPEN
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, 1954.
Spence Limited Editions Vol. X, American Tournament Series. 40
pp. Mimeo. \$2. Order from Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Ave.,
Omaha, Neb.

THE late appearance of this review should not obscure the fact that
Jack Spence had the book on the market two months after the
tournament concluded. It contains 188 games, round-by-round com-
mentary, score-tables, and indexes in the style we have come to expect
from Spence. The mimeographing is clear, the selection is varied, the



coverage is excellent, marred only by the failure
of some players to keep complete scores. The level
of competition was high; Evans won only on Sonnen-
born points over Pomar, and eight of the 109 en-
trants are masters, including the champions of
Spain, France, and the United States. Among the
oddities are Rossolimo's ten-move defeat of Angelo
Sandrin in round one (by trapping a bishop) and
Marvin Palmer's 125-move win over J. B. Holt in
the last round. Typical of the variety offered here is
Angelo Sandrin's piquant under-promotion in a QGD
in his third round game with J. Barnes.

1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. N-KB3, N-KB3; 4. N-B3, PxP; 5. P-K4, P-K3;
6. BxP, B-N5; 7. Q-K2, QN-Q2; 8. O-O, BxN; 9. PxB, P-KR3; 10. B-R3, P-QN3; 11.
- P-Q5, N-B4; 12. KR-Q1, O-O; 13. PxKP, Q-B2; 14. Pxp ch, K-R1; 15. N-R4, N-N5;
16. N-N6 ch, K-R2; 17. NxR ch, K-R1; 18. N-N6 ch, K-R2; 19. P-B/N mate.

North Jersey Chess League: Third
round results saw Phillidor down North-
ern Valley 7½-½; Orange best Plain-
field 5-3; Irvington beat Jersey City
4-2; Irvington-Polish defeat Montclair
4½-2½; and Maroczy best Elizabeth 4½-
2½. Club of the Oranges leads 3-0, fol-
lowed by Maroczy 2½-½, and a tie be-
tween Northern Valley, Irvington, and
Irvington-Polish at 2-1 each.

Marshall Chess Club (N.Y.) was host
to a chess team from West Point, over-
whelming the cadets 6½-1½ in the en-
counter. For Marshall W. Lombardy, C.
Hillinger, R. Vogel, J. M. Calderon and
A. Murphy scored full points while R.
Q. Martin, M. deLiecto, and M. Nunez
drew. For West Point the draws went
to M. S. Higgins, J. P. Rickey, and J.
C. Toole. A USCF Affiliated Club,

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The Kibitzer Has His Day

Re Veteran Chess

An exchange of letters from Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns and USCF President Frank R. Graves on the important subject of chess in VA Hospitals.

Dear Mr. Graves:

At a recent meeting in Washington, officials of the Vet. Adm'n. and medical executives of the Amer. Psychiatric Ass'n. agreed to request the U.S. Chess Fed. to develop a chess program at all of the Veterans Hospitals.

It is my suggestion that the Sec'y of the USCF secure a list of these hospitals from the Vet. Adm'n. in Wash. and then request the Chess Club nearest each hospital to develop such a program.

RALPH H. KUHN, M.D.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Kuhns:

I have your letter of December 5th and I greatly appreciate the action of the Veterans Admin. and Medical Executives of the Amer. Psychiatric Association. The United States Chess Federation will take steps immediately to cooperate in that laudible program.

Several years ago the Federation implemented a program of chess for the Veterans and for a few years were very active in furnishing instructors and players to carry chess to the Veterans in the various Hospitals, and it was a source of unlimited pleasure for those who participated in the program. Personally, I am able to testify to that fact from my own experience in visiting the Vet. Hospital at regular intervals. I regret very much that the program was allowed to drag until now very few of the clubs in the U.S. are carrying through and we are indeed glad that the action was taken recently as outlined in your letter.

I am writing today to the Veterans Administration for a list of all the hospitals in the U.S. and will act upon your suggestion of asking clubs near each hospital to volunteer their services to visit the hospitals regularly and revive the program formerly adopted.

FRANK R. GRAVES
USCF President
Fort Worth, Texas

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CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS

By U. S. Expert DR. ERICH W. MARCHAND

Dr. Marchand will answer beginners' questions on this page, if of sufficient general interest. Those wishing a personal reply should enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope. Address: Dr. Erich W. Marchand, 192 Seville Drive, Rochester 17, N.Y.

1. Psychological Problems

A person learning to play chess has a number of psychological hurdles to overcome. The first of these is the problem of having courage enough to try the game in the first place in the face of the common belief that it is a very difficult game, which only brilliant minds can master. Once the moves of the men are learned, however, it is seen how very simple the game really is—much more so, in fact, than bridge, canasta, or any of a hundred other games.

A second hurdle involves the decision to stay with the game. Though few people who learn the elements of chess fail to be fascinated by it, frequently a few sound trouncings by experienced players suffice to give a beginner the idea that he has no talent for the game.

A third psychological hurdle presents itself in the decision as to whether or not to devote systematic study to the game. It is true there are some strong chess players who have never looked at a chess book. But such players are the rare exception, and almost every club player who considers the game more than an idle pastime has at least gone to the trouble of studying a book on openings. The reading of chess books and periodicals involves a minor hurdle, that of learning the chess notation. Here again the facts to be learned are extremely simple. It might be added, however, that the average beginner requires a good deal of practice playing through games from printed scores before he can get through an entire game without getting mixed up. A later hurdle comes when he tries to keep his own score during the course of a game.

As a player progresses in learning chess, it is important to play with a variety of opponents. Some of these should be of equal or inferior grade so that not only can one feed the ego with a few victories but also one can learn the technique of handling superior rather than inferior positions. At the same time it is most important to play also with better players. It takes courage, but it pays off in chess skill. The player who is always afraid of being embarrassed at his poor play will never have the character to become a top-notch player, and one who hesitates to ask a stronger player for a game for fear of boring him forgets that even a strong player gets a kick out of winning and will usually be quite willing to give a free "lesson" in doing so.

2. Opening Principles

In his famous book, "The Game of Chess," Dr. S. Tarrasch treats first the end-game, then the middle-game, and finally the opening. What is more, he recommends that the reader should digest the entire content of the book before playing a single game of chess. Truly a remarkable suggestion and quite logical from the point of view of efficiency in learning chess properly the first time. However, we are all human beings, and we owe ourselves the pleasures of the actual over-the-board conflict (with or without mistakes) to whet our appetite for some of the pure theory which Dr. Tarrasch preaches. Furthermore, the scene on the chess-board which the beginner actually faces for the first time is the one with all the men on their original squares. His first practical problem is the opening.

There are several practical ways to learn to handle the opening. One can memorize some variations from a book; one can work out opening ideas by trial and error (a slow, painful procedure); one can get over-the-board advice and instruction on openings. All of these methods are helpful, but to them must be added another important method: that of learning certain basic guiding principles for good opening play. Frequently these rules alone will suffice to lead a player successfully through the early stages of the game. In any case, flagrant disregard of these principles almost always leads to unfortunate results.

The most important of these principles may be described in brief as follows:

- (1) The pieces must be brought into action quickly. This rule has a number of minor ramifications. For example, one must not waste time with extraneous pawn moves, such as P-KR3 or P-QR3, which do not directly contribute to the rapid development of the pieces. One must not make moves which allow the opponent to develop and drive one's pieces back at the same time. Conversely, a player should develop and also threaten something, if this is possible, so as to gain a measure of time (tempo). A piece should normally not be moved twice in the opening. It is important to develop all the pieces before beginning middle-game maneuvers. Rule (1) applies at first to the Kt's and B's and only later to the R's and Q (the "heavy" pieces).
- (2) Avoid loss of material in the opening. This principle is self-evident, but is a common

source of failure on the part of beginners. Keep a sharp eye out for traps such as checks, pins on the K-file, double-attacks, etc.

- (3) Control the center with pawns and pieces. In the opening as in the entire game it is well-known that the central squares of the board have great theoretical importance for a number of reasons. For instance, if your center pawns are well forward, you have more room for maneuvering your own pieces behind them, and conversely the opponent has less room behind his center pawns. What is more, controlling the central squares means that one can use those squares for movement of pieces across the center and the preventing of such movement by the opposing side. Pieces placed in the center have more probability of being useful; they control more territory. Rule (3) is the reason why the most common opening move for either side is either P-K4 or P-Q4.
 - (4) Keep the King safe. This means watch out for early attacks against the King before you have castled; castle early to get the King away from the center (where open lines are likely to arise); and after castling do not make weakening pawn moves on the K-side. Also keep an adequate number of protective pieces on the K-side. Incidentally castling on the K-side is usually preferable.
 - (5) Modify any rule or principle when circumstances seem to advise it. This rule is one which must be applied, at times, to every part of the game. Conditions alter circumstances, and that is one of the good things about chess. There is no simple formula which will always produce the right move. In the opening neither side can play an ideal opening since each is restricted by the other's movements. Thus compromise is the order of the day. And this is where playing by rules and principles has its limitations. It is most helpful to consult a book on openings (for example, Reuben Fine's "Ideas Behind the Chess Openings") to see how the masters have worked out compromises in certain situations.
- ### 3. A Typical Opening
- And now for a sample opening.
1. P-K4
- This is in line with rapid development since it opens a line for the KB and one for the Q. In addition it attempts to control the center.

1., P-K4
Black has the same ideas in mind.
2. Kt-KB3
This develops a piece and threatens Black's KP.
2., Kt-QB3
Developing a piece and defending the KP.
3. B-B4

Continuing his rapid development. This is a good square for the KB since it helps to control the center and also is aimed at the general area of Black's K. One reason White selected this B to move is that he now can move P-Q3, whenever he pleases, order to free his other B without locking his KB in. With only two pawn moves White can complete all of the basic part of his opening development.

3., Kt-B3
Black decides to develop and attack White's KP. A good alternative is 3., B-B4. The move played constitutes the so-called "Two Knights Defense."
4. Kt-Kt5

With this move White disobeys one of the basic opening principles and moves a piece twice in the opening. For this reason Dr. Tarrasch condemned the move, but nowadays it is considered sound since it initiates a dangerous attack which keeps Black too busy to take advantage of the slow development of White's other pieces.

4., P-Q4
The only way to prevent loss of material by White's capture of the KBP.
5. PxP KtxP

Here most masters playing Black prefer to sacrifice a P by 5., Kt-R4; 6. B-Kt5 ch, P-B3 with a good attack to follow. With 6. KtxP White can sacrifice a piece for a pawn in order to prevent Black from castling and in order to start a lasting attack. The theorists feel that the chances are roughly equal in this variation but the game is very wild and out of control.

The moral of the above variation is that it sometimes helps to have some authoritative help (book or tutor) to guide one through extremely complex openings where principles are only a partial help and years of experience and analysis are of more value.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The Editor of this Department extends Holiday Greetings to all USCF Members! We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Guest Annotators for their splendid cooperation and fine work during the past year. We thank the Members who submitted their best games and we wish we could have published them all! And we appreciate the many letters we received. Thanks!

All Good Wishes to Everyone for Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Five!

JOHN W. COLLINS



SHORT AND ENTERTAINING

Here is a short and entertaining game by the new editor of "What's the Best Move?"

DUTCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 24

Team Match

Washington, D.C., 1954

White N. W. GUINARD (Bald Eagle) Black R. CHAUVENET (Navcom.)

1. P-Q4 P-KB4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
3. B-B4
3. P-KKt3 and 3. P-B4 are the regular moves.

3. P-K3 P-K3
4. P-B4 P-Q4
5. Kt-B3 P-B3
Threatening 6. Pxp; 7. P-K3, P-QKt4; holding the extra Pawn.

6. P-K3 P-Kt5
Deserving of consideration are 6. B-Q3; 6. B-K2; and 6. QKt-Q2.
7. Q-Kt3 B-R4
8. Pxp

This is the wrong approach, White should develop with 8. B-Q3.

8. KtxP
More according to general principles is 8. KPxp; holding the center, getting rid of the weak KP, obtaining an open king-file, and freeing the QB.

9. B-K5 O-O
10. B-QB4

10. B-K2 is more precise.
10. Kt-Q2
11. B-Q6 R-K1

Threatening to win a Bishop for a Knight with 12. Kt/2-Kt3.

12. B-R3
Deep in left-field. 12. B-Kt3!
12. B-B2
13. KtxKt

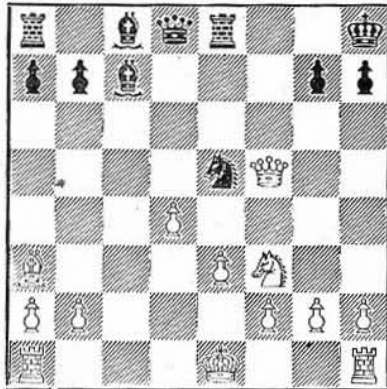
Black definitely gets the superior position after this. White should be thinking of putting his King in safety. 13. O-O would be more or less "castling into it," but 13. O-O is feasible. Soundest of all, however, may be the modest 13. B-K2.
13. KPxKt
14. Bxp ch?

This is unsound. White gets enough Pawns for his Bishop, but he falls behind in development, his Queen becomes an object of attack, and his King never does manage to castle. Best is 14. B-Q3.
14. PxB
15. Qxp ch K-R1
16. QxBP Kt-K4!

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The Queen chase begins.

17. KtxKt!
If 17. Q-Kt5, KtxKt ch; wins the Queen, and if 17. Q-B4, Kt-Q6 ch; does likewise. On 17. Q-K4, KtxKt ch; 18. QxKt, QxP; leaves Black with a won game.

17. BxKt
Stronger than 17. BxQ; 18. Kt-B7 ch, K-Kt1; 19. KtxQ, QRxQ; although that wins too.

18. Q-B7 B-K3
19. QxP BxQP!
20. R-Q1

If 20. O-O, B-Q4; 21. Q-Kt5, Q-Kt4; 22. P-KKt3, RxP!; wins. If 20. PxB, B-Q4 ch; wins the Queen.

20. B-B5!
Making sure the White Monarch remains in the center.

21. RxB
If 21. Q-Kt4, Q-Q4; 22. P-QKt3, QxP; 23. QxB, QxR ch; 24. K-K2, RxP ch; 25. PxR, QxP ch; 26. K-Q3, B-B3; and Black has a won game. The text combination loses the Queen or allows mate. The Bishop sacrifices has failed.

21. QxR QxR!
22. QxR! Q-Q2!
Not 22. RxQ?? 23. PxB, and Black loses.

23. Q-B3 R-Q1
24. B-Kt4 Q-Q6!
Resigns

The threat of 25. Q-Kt8 ch; cannot be defended.

A sharp encounter between the two Team Captains on Board No. 1.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

MCO: page 302, column 18

Pan-American Tournament

Hollywood, 1954

Notes by U. S. Master

George Shainswit

White H. STEINER Black A. POMAR
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. P-Q4 Pxp
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. O-O KtxP
3. B-B4 Kt-B3 6. R-K1

Herman has played this opening on innumerable occasions. His great strength is in combinative play and any opening which leads to a wild melee is an opening where he is at home.
6. P-Q4 8. Kt-B3 Q-QR4
7. Bxp QxB

Q-Q1 is worth a try. A peculiar line of play would be RxKt ch, B-K2; 10. KtxP, P-B4!; 11. R-B4 (B-Ru is unsound, Pxr); 12. Bxp, KtxKt; 13. Q-R5 ch, K-Q2 holds with a winning advantage in material, O-O; 12. KtxKt, QxQ ch; 13. KtxQ, PxKt; 14. R-B4, R-K1; 15. B-B4, B-R3; 16. RxP, B-Kt2! with fine counter-chances because of the threat on the King-file.
9. KtxKt B-K3 11. KtxB PxKt
10. QKt-Kt5 O-O 12. RxP B-Q3
If Q-KB4; 13. Q-K2! (P-Q6 is now met by 13. Pxp, QxP; 14. B-Kt5! with a winning position.), P-KR3; 14. B-Q2 with a fine game. QxP allows R-QB1, QxP, KRxKt!, Pxr, Q-K6 ch, K-Kt1, Q-K4 with a powerful attack.
13. B-Kt5 QR-B1

Black has developed simply but power-

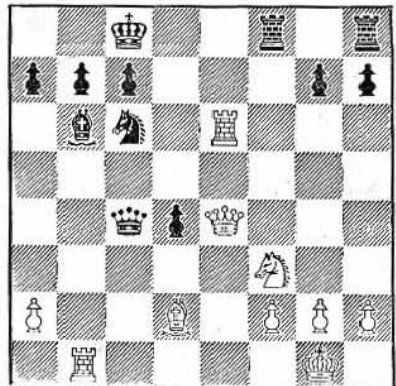
fully. He has avoided the many pitfalls in this opening.

14. Q-K1
It is difficult to suggest a plausible alternative. Black's immediate threat was RxKt. Personally, I would have preferred B-R4, with the possibility of B-Kt3 removing the powerful Bishop and maintaining a possible threat against the QP, as well as the Kt maneuver to Q2 and QB4 or K4.

14. Q-Kt4! 15. P-B3 QxP
Do or die! RxKt is unsound because of R-K8 ch.
16. B-Q2 B-B4 17. P-B4 Q-B7
Insatiable. But why not?
18. R-Kt1

Herman quietly keeps on developing, looking for a haymaker.

18. QxBP
Besides capturing another pawn, the Queen observes his important K3 square, thus forestalling possibilities such as RxKt followed by Q-K6 ch and a Kt-K5.
19. Q-K4 B-Kt3



Defense is always a ticklish proposition. In positions such as these active defense is usually the best; White can blunder as well as Black. The text while blocking the QKt-file removes a key piece from observing the white K7 square. I would prefer Kt-Q1 at once; 20. R-K5 (forced), B-Q3; 21. R-Q5 (appears good—R-QR5 would be met by Kt-B3), QxP (still hungary!); 22. RxQP, Q-K3; 23. Q-Q3 or Q-B2, Q-Kt3! (threatening RxKt), etc. The point is that in positions of this type the easiest way to lose the defensive side is to lapse into a completely passive game. Psychologically White feels that he has the attack to compensate for material minus. Therefore, it is good counter psychology also to try to set White as many problems as possible.
20. R-QB1 Q-Kt4 22. R-K1 Q-B2
21. R-Kt1 Q-KR4
Not Q-B4, R-K3 ch!, etc.
23. P-KR3 Q-Q2 24. P-QR4 R-B3
Losing patience. Time pressure may have been a factor from here on in. P-QR4 was worth a try. Despite the note after Black's 19th, he has managed to keep his head above water (Probably because of the note!).
25. RxR Pxr 26. Q-B4!
The weakness of the K-side plus the congestion on the Q-side spells disaster.
26. Q-Kt2?
The final blunder. A piece goes and the game. The rest is slaughter.
27. P-R5 R-Kt1 33. QxP Q-Kt3
28. P-Kt3 KtxP 34. Q-R8ch K-Q2
29. BxKt BxB 35. QxP Q-B4
30. Q-B5ch Q-Q2 36. KtxP Q-B4
31. QxB QxP 37. R-Q1 Q-Q3
32. Q-R2 Q-Kt5 38. Q-Kt3 Resigns

CORRECTION

In the November 5th issue in the game McKinnon-Morgan from the Intercollegiate Tourney, it was erroneously stated that Mr. Morgan was from "Washington" College, whereas he was a student, and is a graduate of Marshall College. Our apologies for this error.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

(Kemer Variation)

MCO: page 93, column 70 (o)

U. S. Open Championship
New Orleans, 1954

Notes by U. S. Expert

Dr. Max Herzberger

White Black

A. F. SAIDY R. H. STEINMEYER

1. P-Q4 P-KB3 5. P-K4 Kt-Kt3

2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 6. B-Kt2 B-Kt2

3. P-KKt3 P-Q4 7. Kt-K2 O-O

4. Pxp KtxP 8. O-O Kt-R3

The MCO variation recommends harassing the White center by P-K4 and P-QB3; Steinmeyer does the same job more effectively by P-QB4 and P-K3.

9. QKt-B3

In the light of the following sequence it might be better to essay here 9. P-Kt3, P-QB4, for instance 10. P-B5, Kt-Q2.

9. P-QB4 11. P-Kt3

10. P-Q5 P-K3

This weakens the long diagonal even more but it is not easy to suggest an improvement. Black already has the better game.

11. Pxp 12. Pxp B-Kt5

The next series of moves, coupled with attacks on the isolated pawn, provokes White to weaken the pawn position on both sides of the board.

13. B-Kt2 Kt-Kt3 19. Kt-Kt3 Q-Q2

14. P-KR3 B-B4 20. KtxB RxKt

15. P-Kt4 B-B1 21. QR-K1 R-Q1

16. Q-Q2 P-B4 22. P-KR4 R-R4

17. P-R3 Kt-R3 23. Q-B4 R-KB1

18. Pxp Bxp

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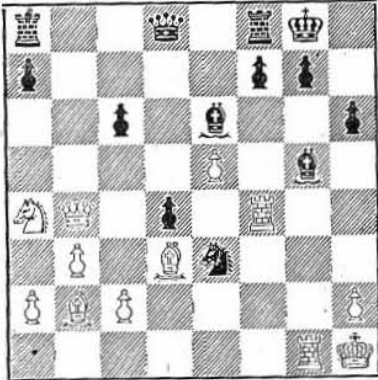
ence that the White KB is placed at Q3 here, contrary to the usual K2. The last one plays into Black's hand, particularly if White is intending to play P-KB4 later on—his KKT4 is open for Black's minor pieces now.

8. O-O B-K2 10. B-K12 P-Q4
9. P-QKt3 O-O 11. P-B4? White is not willing to recognize the plain fact that he is on the defending side already. The move weakens the diagonal KKT1-QR7 fatally.

11. PxBP He misses his first one. 11. Kt-Kt5! would have exposed White's unwarranted activity as a mistake. Along with 12. Kt-K6, Black's main threat is 12. B-B4 ch; 13. K-R1, KtXP. E.G.: 12. Q-B3?, B-B4 ch; 13. K-R1, KtXP! and wins. So White would be forced to play 12. Q-K1, PxBP; 13. PXP, PXP. This line is in Black's favor, who threatens B-R5 followed by Q-Kt3 ch and Kt-B7 ch, while 14. RxP falls against 14. Q-B3.

12. P-K5? Shaking the lion's tail once too often. 12. RxP, B-Q3; 13. R-R4, P-Q5; 14. Kt-K2 (not 14. P-K5, BxP; 15. BxP ch, KtXB; 16. Q-R5, QxR!; 17. QxQ, PxBK; B-K4 gives Black a slight advantage too. White's best is the simple 12. PXP. Here Black may clinch the exchange again, and in a couple of ways, continuing 12. Kt-K5, but not before paying a proper price for it: 12. PXP, Kt-Kt5; 13. RxP, B-B4 ch; 14. K-R1, Q-R5; 15. P-KR3, Kt-B7 ch; 16. RxKt, BxR; 17. Q-B3. White has Kt and pawn for the exchange while keeping a superior position with good prospects for an attack. One the other hand, after the recapture 12. PXP, White plays 13. RxP, emerging with a good game again: 13. Q-B3; 14. R-R4!, Q-Kt3 ch; 15. K-B1 (or 15. K-R1, Q-B7; 16. Q-K1), P-KR3 (forced because of the threat BxP, e.g.: 15. B-K4; 16. KtXP!, Q-K3; 17. BxP ch, KtXB; 18. Q-R5); 16. Q-B3 or 13. Q-Kt3 ch; 14. K-R1, Q-K6; 15. Q-KB1. 12. Q-Kt3ch

And here 12. Kt-K5 brings an exchange—and this time a sound one—in lines that are similar to those shown above. With the text, Black maintains strong pressure.
13. K-R1 Kt-K15 15. R-B2
14. Q-B3 Kt-K6
15. QxBP, KtXR; 16. RxKt would put up a stiffer resistance.
15. B-K14 18. Q-K2 B-K15
16. Kt-R4 Q-Q1 19. Q-Q2
17. Q-R5 P-KR3
It is not quite a safe place for the Q, but White has not much choice. 19. Q-K1, B-R5.
19. KtXP! 20. Q-K14
20. RxKt, P-B6 was a sad alternative indeed.
20. Kt-K6 22. RxP P-Q5!
21. R-KKt1 B-K3



The donations are not accepted, but taken! Beginning with the 13th move, Black was leading the attack with a sure hand and now he goes on to a neat conclusion.
23. RxQP B-Q4ch 24. B-K4
24. RxB was the lesser evil.
24. KtXP 25. BxB
Desperation. 25. Q-B3, KtXR; 26. QxKt, BxB ch; 27. QxB, Q-Q4 leads to a lost ending anyway.
25. KtXQ 28. P-K6 R-B7
26. BxPch RxB 29. B-K5
27. RxQch RxR
On 29. P-R4, R-Q6.
29. K-B1 32. BxB PxB
30. Kt-B5 R-K7 33. RxPch K-Kt1
31. R-B1ch B-B3 Resigns

Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club (Mich.) scored an impressive victory over Holloway Chess Club of Grand Rapids by a score of 7-3. Scoring for Kalamazoo were H. R. Meifert, H. Kindig, M. Dennis, R. Walsh, G. Otis, and E. Vander-Roest. R. Hanke and O. Jungwirth tallied for Grand Rapids. H. Kalnins and E. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids) drew with S. Allerton and R. Ballenger (Kalamazoo) respectively.

Tulane University Chess Club (New Orleans) boasts thirty entries in the newly organized club's championship. Kenneth Vines, vice-president of the New Orleans Chess Club, is faculty adviser of the club.

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West Orange, 1954

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1. A. Bisguier (New York, N.Y.)	W36	W39	W2	W11	W6	W3	D4	6½-1																												
2. H. Avram (Arlington, Va.)	W38	W31	L1	W29	W9	W18	D10	5½-1½																												
3. Eliot Hearst (New York, N.Y.)	W34	D11	W26	W5	W8	L1	W12	5½-1½																												
4. J. Sherwin (New York, N.Y.)	W28	W37	D10	D8	W33	W6	D1	5½-1½																												
5. R. Sobel (Philadelphia, Pa.)	D22	W48	W40	L3	W21	W11	W19	5½-1½																												
6. W. W. Adams (W. Orange, N.J.)	W13	W18	W19	W12	L1	L4	W21	5-2																												
7. C. Kalme (Philadelphia, Pa.)	D17	W45	D9	D19	D15	W33	W13	5-2																												
8. W. Lombardy (New York, N.Y.)	W41	D40	W42	D4	L3	W24	W14	5-2																												
9. A. Saily (Douglaston, N.Y.)	D42	W17	D7	W37	L2	W23	W18	5-2																												
10. N. Whitaker (Shady Side, Md.)	D26	W30	D4	D15	W19	W12	D2	5-2																												
11. A. Santasiere (New York, N.Y.)	W32	D3	W24	L1	W20	L5	W26	4½-2½																												
12. H. Berliner (Washington, D.C.)	W25	W15	W46	L6	W22	L10	L3	4-3																												
13. T. Bullock (Hackensack, N.J.)	L6	L14	W44	W27	W25	W26	L7	4-3																												
14. N. Cafarelli (Bogota, N.J.)	L37	W13	W25	W38	L18	W17	L8	4-3																												
15. A. DiCamillo (Philadelphia, Pa.)	W21	L12	W31	D10	D7	W36	L5	4-3																												
16. R. Dohley (Berkeley Heights)	L46	W49	L45	W31	L17	W32	W33	4-3																												
17. W. Jones (Jersey City, N.J.)	D7	L9	W30	D24	W16	L14	W36	4-3																												
18. G. Krauhs (Trenton, N.J.)	W50	L6	W23	W45	W14	L2	L9	4-3																												
19. Boris Siff (Boston, Mass.)	W29	W33	L6	D7	L10	W22	D20	4-3																												
20. S. Winters (Newark, N.J.)	L43	D21	W49	W40	D11	W42	D19	4-3																												
21. V. Altmann (Staten Island, N.Y.)	L15	D20	W35	W42	L5	W38	L6	3½-3½																												
22. F. Campomanes (New York, N.Y.)	D5	L24	W48	W26	L12	L19	W39	3½-3½																												
23. D. Gladstone (Woodside, N.Y.)	L39	W32	L18	W28	W37	L9	D27	3½-3½																												
24. M. Hart (New York, N.Y.)	D48	W22	L11	D17	W32	L8	D25	3½-3½																												
25. S. Hauck (Plainfield, N.J.)	L12	W47	L14	W39	L13	W41	D24	3½-3½																												
26. O. Popovych (Newark, N.J.)	D10	W35	L3	L22	W30	W37	L11	3½-3½																												
27. M. Rappaport (Philadelphia, Pa.)	L31	W36	L38	L13	W45	W46	D23	3½-3½																												
28. M. Seidelman (Kensington, Md.)	L4	L34	W50	L23	D31	W44	W38	3½-3½																												
29. H. Weiner (Philadelphia, Pa.)	L19	W50	W26	L2	DD38	D39	D35	3½-3½																												
30. B. Winkler (Fair Lawn, N.J.)	D35	L10	L17	W48	L26	W47	W40	3½-3½																												
31. W. Wolff (Verona, N.J.)	W47	L2	L15	L16	D28	W45	W42	3½-3½																												
32. F. E. Condon (Bogota, N.J.)	3-4	33. John Pamiljens (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	3-4	34. Carl Pennington (Westfield, N. J.)	3-4	35. Anthony Rainko (Newark, N.J.)	3-4	36. Michael Tilles (Baltimore, Md.)	3-4	37. Christian Clemens (Upper Montclair, N.J.)	2½-4½	38. Boris Garfinkel (Aberdeen, Md.)	2½-4½	39. Phillip George (Verona, N.J.)	2½-4½	40. Norman Hurtlein (Union, N.J.)	2½-4½	41. Scott Lilly (E. Orange, N.J.)	2½-4½	42. Edmund Nash (Washington, D.C.)	2½-4½	43. Alan Brown (So. Orange, N.J.)	2-5	44. Jerry Halpern (So. Orange, N.J.)	2-5	45. E. Forry Laucks (W. Orange, N.J.)	2-5	46. A. R. Mastour (Philadelphia, Pa.)	47. George Putnam (New London, Conn.)	2-5	48. Edwin Faust (Plainfield, N.J.)	1½-5½	49. Charles Keyser (Bloomfield, N.J.)	1-6	50. Frank De Sola (New York, N.Y.)	0-7.

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St. Louis, 1954

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5. B. Fajfar (Overland, Mo.)	D11	L3	D14	W13	W10	W8	4-2	18.00												
6. J. Spence (Omaha, Neb.)	W10	W17	L2	D3	L1	W14	3½-2½	21.00												
7. D. B. Wade (Lagrange, Ga.)	L2	W20	D3	W15	W8	L1	3½-2½	19.50												
8. Mrs. D. Williams (Richmond Hts.)	W18	W15	L1	W9	L7	L5	3-3	20.00												
9. J. S. Blanning (Yonkers, N.Y.)	W12	L2	W16	L8	W15	L4	3-3	20.00												
10. H. A. Lew (St. Louis, Mo.)	L6	W19	W12	L4	L5	W17	3-3	18.50												
11. H. Vollmar (St. Louis, Mo.)	D5	L13	W19	W17	L3	D15	3-3	17.00												
12. Gordon Bennett (St. Louis, Mo.)	L9	W18	L10	L14	W19	W13	3-3	14.50												
13. Hunter Weak (Memphis, Tenn.)	2½-3½	(21.50);	14. Murvin W. Gilbert (University City, Mo.)	2½-3½	(19.50);	15. David Edwards (St. Louis, Mo.)	2½-3½	(15.50);	16. Dr. L. G. Stephens (E. Alton, Ill.)	2½-3½	(12.00);	17. Gordon Winrod (Springfield, Ill.)	2-4	(12.00);	19. Edward Jahn (St. Louis, Mo.)	1½-4½	(16.00);	20. William Clark (St. Louis, Mo.)	0-6	(14.00).

Solkoff points used. Charles M. Burton and M. W. Gilbert tournament directors.

Ontario Association: Fourteen clubs are competing in the Ontario matches for the flag trophy with St. Catharines Chess Club as the defending champions.

Natchitoches (La.) Chess Club: Mrs. Lasie Bennett, reelected as secretary-treasurer of the club is the third woman to hold office in Louisiana chess circles. The other two are Miss Anola Springer, president of the Beauregard High School Chess Club of New Orleans, and Mrs. C. L. Daniels, publicity chairman of the New Orleans Chess Club.

Salinas (Calif.) Chess Club: Victory in the Salinas Qualifying tournament went to Jerald Slavich with 6½-½, drawing with Alan Chappell. Second and third were Chappell and Rex Wilcox with 5-2 each, while fourth and fifth in the 18-player event with 4½-2½ each were Foster Clark and George Oakes. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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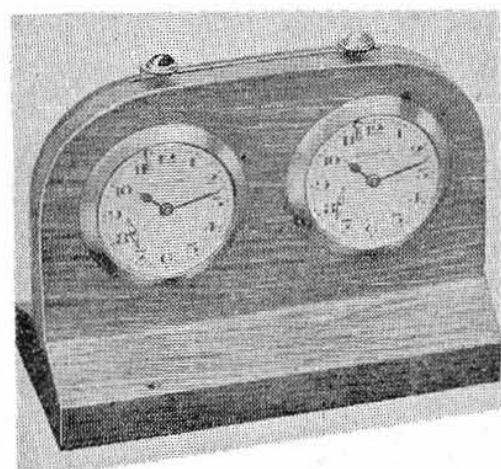
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Solution to No. 148

V. Simagin vs. E. Zagoryansky, Ivanovo 1944, continued 1. R-R8 ch, K-Q2; 2. B-B6 ch, K-K3; 3. R-R6 ch, R-B3; 4. B-Q7 ch! and wins, a line of play for which Simagin was awarded a special brilliancy prize. The alternative defence by 1. R-B is strategically hopeless, and either 2. R8-R7, R-QB2; 3. B-B6 ch, paralyzing the Black forces, or 2. R-R6, forcing an immediate gain of the QP, is sufficient to win.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from Heino Kurruk, Howard Murray, Irwin Sigmund, Paul J. Sommer, W. E. Stevens, David A. Walsdorf, Jr., and William B. Wilson. Since less than 10 correct solutions were received, the successful solvers are being awarded 2 points. Congratulations!

Half points for solutions correctly showing the win against only one of Black's two defenses go to Murray Burn, Jerrell D. Carpenter, Edwin Gault, J. Kaufman, F. S. Klein, George V. Putnam, Paul H. Smith, Neil P. Witting, and M. M. Woodson.

No. 148 defeated our solvers by 16½-11½. The most popular wrong answer was 1. B-N6 ch, NxB; 2. RxN forcing the win of the QP. However Black can draw by 2. K-Q2; 3. R/1-R6, R/1-KB1 4. RxP ch, K-B2; 5. R/Q-K6, RxP; 6. R-K7 ch, K-N; 7. R/R-R7, R-B7 ch; 8. K-N3, R/7-B6 ch; 9. K-N4, R/1-B5 ch and if White takes the KNP a draw by perpetual check ensues; if the White King does not take the KNP, Black exchanges off one Rook and draws easily.

Another try was 1. R/1-R7, RxR; 2. RxR, K-B; 3. R-R7, R-B2; 4. K-N3 but Black can free himself with 4. P-Q4! 5. PxP, NxB and no win is in sight. The direct attempt by 1. RxR, KxR; 2. R-R7 ch is parried by K-K3; 3. R-R6 ch, K-Q2; 4. R-R7, K-K3 and White can make no headway. Finally, the variation 1. R-R8 ch, K-Q2; 2. B-B5 ch? is based on an oversight since RxB follows.



Castle Chess Club (Calif.): H. Gross and G. McClain tied at 6-2 for the club title, with V. Zemitis placing third with 5½-2½. Gross lost games to Dr. R. Hultgren and P. Traum; McClain drew with Zemitis and N. Hultgren and lost the final round encounter with Gross.

Central Michigan Chess League: At the end of the first half of the season, the Lansing Chess Club, defending champions, retain the lead as yet undefeated. In the final match of the first half, Lansing bested Battle Creek Chess Club 8-2, with E. Sneders, E. Leininger, W. Morris, J. Kelly, J. Strelzoff, V. Vandenburg, E. Johnson and R. Jones scoring for Lansing, while Gen. Hopkins and M. Pelton tallied for Battle Creek.

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February 26-27

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Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club (Mich.) chalked up an impressive victory over Battle Creek Chess Club by 8½-1½ in the Central Michigan Chess League. Scoring for Kalamazoo were Henry R. Meifert, Reuben Ballenger, Bob Walsk, Ojar Purins, Louis Hubert, Guy Otis, Evert Vandercoest, and Dr. R. A. MacNeill. M. Pelto saved the point for Battle Creek, and L. Armour of Battle Creek drew with Sam Allerton, a USCF Club Affiliate.

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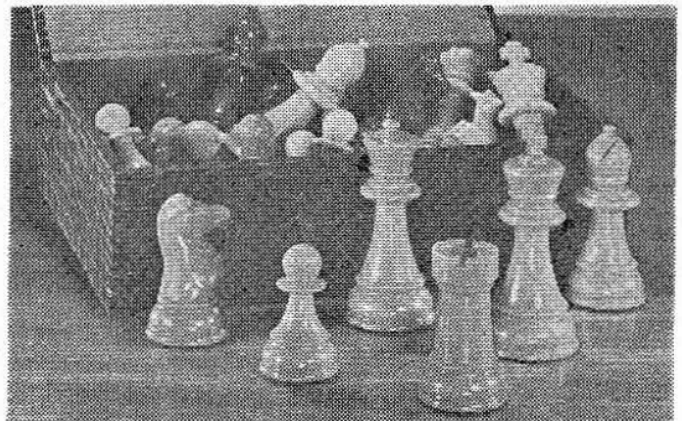
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Central Michigan Chess League: Standings at mid-season are Lansing with 3-0 in matches and 22-8 in games; Kalamazoo 2-1 and 17-13; Grand Rapids 1-2 and 17½-12½; and Battle Creek 0-3 and 3½-26½.

Toronto Chess Club (Ont.): Roy E. Orlando scored 8½-1½ to win the club title, losing a game to E. T. Jewitt. Second was Jewitt with 7-3, while Fuchs and Gorodi tied for third with 6½-3½ each.

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