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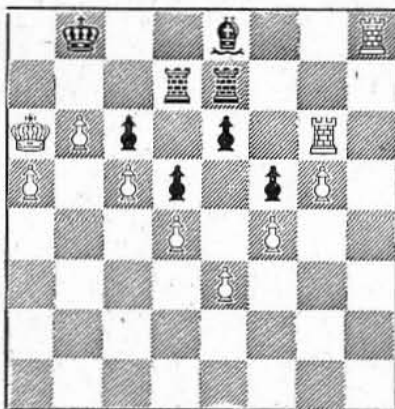
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## What's The Best Move?

Conducted by

RUSSELL CHAUVENET

Position No. 152



White to play

SEND solutions to Position No. 152 to Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland, by January 20, 1955.

Position No. 152

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

Solution to Position No. 152 will appear in the February 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.

## OHMAN TAKES WICHITA OPEN

Howard E. Ohman of Omaha, Neb., a former Nebraska Champion, won the fifth annual Wichita Open Championship with 5½-½, drawing with James W. Callis in the final round. Second place went to Lee T. Magee of Omaha with 5-1, losing a game to Ohman. Third and fourth on S-B with 4½-1½ were James W. Callis of Wichita, and R. B. Potter of Dallas, Tex. Fifth to tenth with 4-2 each were Bert Brice-Nash of Wichita, Carl A. Weberg of Salina, Max B. Wilkerson of Denver, Hugo Teufel, Jr. of Wichita, Maury N. Klein of Denver, and Edward E. Ireland of Omaha.

The event drew 34 players from Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Colorado, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Missouri. It was directed by James H. Maguire of the Wichita Chess Club. Forfeits were exceptionally low with only two players forfeiting two games apiece.

## SHERWIN SUBS FOR ROBT BYRNE

Last minute difficulties prevented Robert Byrne, now striving for a fellowship at the University of Indiana, from competing in the Rosenwald Trophy Tournament in New York, as planned. James T. Sherwin, 1951 New York State Champion, consented to fill the vacancy and the tournament is under way with Samuel Reshevsky, Donald Byrne, Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, George Kramer, and James T. Sherwin as the competitors.

## RESHEVSKY LEADS ROSENWALD EVENT

At mid-point in the Rosenwald Trophy event in New York, Samuel Reshevsky holds a clear lead of 4½-½, conceding one draw to Donald Byrne. Sherwin, the last minute substitute for Robert Byrne, has justified his selection by a 3-2 score, tied with Larry Evans for second place.

### MIDWAY STANDINGS

Reshevsky	4½-½	D. Byrne	2-3
Sherwin	3-2	Bisguier	1½-3½
Evans	3-2	Kramer	1-4

## Dr. Rozsa Squeaks By Newcomer To Retain Oklahoma State Title

By MORTON W. LUEBBERT, JR.

A newcomer to Oklahoma chess circles made his presence felt solidly at the Oklahoma State Championship tournament at Norman, holding Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa to a draw in the final round, this newcomer is Loyn L. Richardson, formerly of South Bend, Ind., who has recently been residing in Oklahoma City.

Both Dr. Rozsa and Richardson had 4-0 scores going into the last stanza for the state title and most players felt that Rozsa would score easily because of his tournament experience, but newcomer Richardson held his rival to a draw.

Dr. Rozsa was fairly confident that Sonneborn-Berger points would give him an edge, but after computation of these points, it was found that both Richardson and Dr. Rozsa had 14.25 S-B points!! The tie was finally resolved in favor of Rozsa when the S-B points of opponents of both players were computed and the Tulsa Professor of Music squeaked by for first prize, with Richardson second.

Dr. A. M. de la Torre of Norman was third with 4-1, losing only to Dr. Rozsa. Fourth through seventh, all with 3½-1½, but in order of tie-breaking methods, were: Commander Duane J. Bellinger of Norman, Morton W. Luebbert, Jr. of Kansas City, Mo., Carl R. Freeman, Jr. of Shawnee, and Charles McLaughlin of Duncan. Completing

## Fordham Takes Intercollegiate In Eight Team Contest at Columbia

Foranum University tallied 21-7 to capture the Harold M. Phillips Trophy, so long in the custody of Columbia University that it seemed to be a permanent possession. Second was City College of New York with 19½-8½ while Columbia University (bereft of her master team of Hearst, Sherwin, and Burger) could only place third with 17-11. The University of Michigan was fourth with 15½-12½, and the University of Chicago fifth with 14½-13½ to complete the tally of teams with plus scores.

In winning the team championship, Fordham lost one match to City College of New York by 1-3, but rallied to win all other matches and finish with a one and one-half point margin over CCNY, the runner-up. The team tournament was held at John Jay Hall of Columbia University where most of the Intercollegiate events have been held in the past, and was directed by Eliot Hearst, former Columbia team star and president of the Intercollegiate Chess League, a USCF Affiliate.

Individual top scorers in the team by board were: Saily of Fordham on board one, Hennessey of Fordham on board two, Reiter of CCNY on board three, and Orenstein of Columbia on board four. Saily and Hennessey scored 6-1 each, Reiter 5½-½, and Orenstein 5-2. Rudy of CCNY scored 5½-1½ with no losses but three draws.

Saily won the Rapid Transit event with 10-0 score.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Fordham University	21 - 7
City College of N.Y.	19½ - 8½
Columbia University	17 - 11
Univ. of Michigan	15½ - 12½
Univ. of Chicago	14½ - 13½
Swarthmore College	11 - 17
Univ. of Bridgeport	9 - 19
Pace Institute	4½ - 23½

## GALA CHESS WEEK AT CLEVELAND

Plans of the Cleveland Chess Association (a USCF affiliate) for its gala Chess Week from January 9th to 16th have been completed and the following program has been announced in the December 15th Cleveland Chess Bulletin:

**SUNDAY, January 9:** From 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cleveland Twist Drill Cafeteria—Club League vs. Industrial League match (30 or more boards); and East vs. West Junior Match.

**MONDAY, January 10:** At the University Club, an eight board blindfold simultaneous exhibition by blindfold wizard, International Master George Koltanowski.

**TUESDAY, January 11:** At Central YMCA, Lecture, two boards of simultaneous rapid transit blindfold exhibitions, and 30-board regular simultaneous exhibition by International Master George Koltanowski.

**WEDNESDAY, January 12:** Simultaneous exhibitions by International Grandmaster Dr. Max Euwe at various clubs.

**THURSDAY, January 13:** Same as Wednesday.

**FRIDAY, January 14:** As many regular Industrial and Club League team matches as can be held at the same time in the Cleveland Twist Drill Cafeteria.

**SATURDAY, January 15:** At Main Public Library, Lecture and simultaneous exhibition by International Grandmaster Dr. Max Euwe for the Juniors.

**SUNDAY, January 16:** At Central YMCA, simultaneous exhibition for all by International Grandmaster Dr. Max Euwe.

While some of these locations are tentative, the general schedule given will be followed in what promises to be one of the most entertaining and exciting chess weeks ever staged in any community. Press, radio and T-V coverage is expected for the more outstanding parts of the program.

the prize winners circle were those players with 3-2 each in S-B order: Arthur Bernhart of Norman, Ernest F. Chace of Oklahoma City, CPO John E. McAuley of Norman, Eugene Amburn of Tulsa, and William N. Bragg of Norman.

Twenty-seven players participated, of which 25 were from Oklahoma and two from other states. Dr. de la Torre doubled as administrator and competitor, as did Dr. Rozsa who was also the tournament director. Mr. Charles Ames of Oklahoma City was elected as Oklahoma State Chess Association President for the coming year and the tournament was awarded to Oklahoma City for 1955. It will be an open event by vote of the board of directors, as was this year's Swiss tournament.

### U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

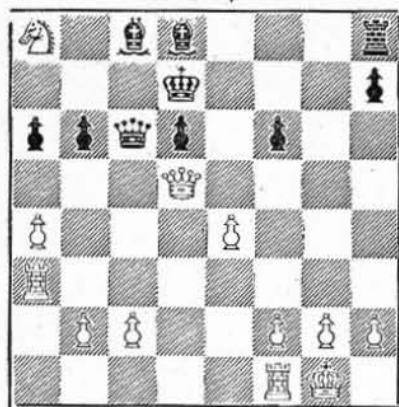
August 8-20, 1955  
Long Beach, California

### U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 15-24, 1955  
Lincoln, Nebraska

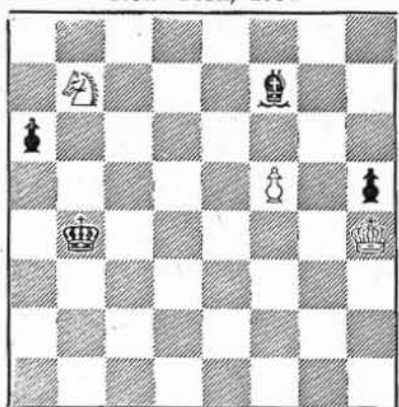
# Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 143  
P. Keres vs. J. Sajtar  
Amsterdam, 1954



White to play and win

Position No. 144  
A. Kotov vs. R. Byrne  
New York, 1954



White to play and draw

**POSITION** No. 144 could have occurred in the second round game of the USA vs. USSR team match had Black played 103. ...., K(B4)-Kt5, instead of ....., K-Kt3 which resulted in a draw, as follows: 104. Kt-Q6, B-Q4; 105. P-B6, P-R4; 106. P-B7, BxP; 107. KtxB, P-R5; 108. Kt-K5, K-Kt4. Drawn. When the game score was printed in CHESS LIFE (July 5, 1954), it was claimed that 103. ...., K-Kt5 would have won for Black; however, Kotov gives the "only one way to draw" in the Russian-language Shakhmaty for October, 1954. His demonstration appears convincing (if any solver finds a flaw, please let me know).

In Position No. 143, White made one move and Black resigned.

For solution, please turn to Page Eight.

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

Ray Kooyman of Salt Lake City, whose system for cross-reference filing of games was described in CHESS LIFE (November 20, 1953) has published an improved and revised version of the Kooyman System in a copyrighted booklet "Chess by Index Card." The system has been somewhat simplified throughout, and special provisions have been made for classifying both chess problems and end-games under the same system. The booklet and information on the Kooyman system may be obtained by writing Ray Kooyman, P.O. Box 103, Salt Lake City 10, Utah.

Marvin Sills, 17 year old Coral Gables senior, won the Dade County Interscholastic title at Coral Gables, Fla. with a 6-0 score. Butch Ferrar, South Dade freshman, was second with 5-1, while third and fourth on E.M. points with 4½-1½ each were Jeremy Jordan, South Dade junior who won the Florida Interscholastic title last spring; and Pete Comanor of Coral Gables. Tom Moore won the B Class title on E.M. points with 5-1, while the junior high title went to 8th grader Joseph Sokoloff, also with 5-1 in the B Class event. Forty players participated in the two sections which were directed by Bob Eastwood, with C. Q. Drummond as assistant.

A new American chess magazine in Latvian has been issued, Sacha Pasaule, in English "Chess World." It will carry news of Latvian chess activity throughout the world and is jointly edited by Alexander Liepnicks and J. Danenfelds, both of Lincoln, Neb. Those interested may obtain complete information on Sacha Pasaule by writing A. Liepnicks, 135 No. 14th Street, Lincoln, Neb.

USCF members Eugene Warner and William A. Bills have recently completed a formal match, which will be USCF rated, with Warner the Winner by 6-4 with no draws and one forfeit by Bills. Bills is the newly-crowned Washington State Champion.

Capital City Chess Club (Sacramento): International Master Imre Konig in a simultaneous exhibition proved too strong for the club membership, winning nine and drawing with Janushkowsky and Austin.

## GREENWALD TOPS IN UTAH STATE

Ben Greenwald, Brigham Young University student, scored a perfect 6-0 to win the Utah State Championship at the Salt Lake YMCA. Greenwald has yet to lose in a western chess event since he began participating last April in the Nevada State Championship at Carson City, which he won 5½-½. Second place went to Major C. A. Williamson of Herlong, Calif. with 4½-1½ on S-B points, while LaVerl Kimpton of Twin Falls, Ida. was third, also with 4½-1½. Fourth to sixth on S-B with 4-2 each were Richard Durham of Farmington, Utah, William F. Taber of Reno, Nev., and Louis N. Page of Salt Lake City, Utah.

In placing second, Major Williamson lost a game to Greenwald and drew with William Taber, while Kimpton lost to Greenwald and drew with Nick Nickolakakis. Durham, a former Utah boy wonder at chess, who was playing in his first tournament in 12 years, lost games to Greenwald and Williamson. Taber lost a game to Greenwald and drew with Williamson and Phillip R. Heilbut. Page lost games to Williamson and Durham.

The 24-player Swiss was the largest chess tournament held in Utah to date and was sponsored by the Salt Lake City Chess Club with chess editor Harold Lundstrom of the Desert News serving as tournament director. The event drew players from Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming and California in addition to the local talent of Utah. Of the visiting players, Mrs. R. G. Davis of Evanston, Wyo., had the dual distinction of being the first woman to participate in a Utah event as well as the first player in such an event from Wyoming.

The tournament was followed by the annual banquet at which the prizes were awarded and the newly elected officers of the Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club installed. These were Martin Capell, president; Maurice Woffinden, vice-president; C. C. McDaniel, secretary; Gaston Chappuis, treasurer; and Harold Lundstrom, corresponding secretary.

USCF Members Alfred P. Coles and Major E. B. Edmonson, both of El Paso contested a six game formal match for rating, due to a lack of USCF rated events in the area. Coles scored a 4-2 victory with three wins and two draws. Major Edmonson started strong with a win and two draws in the first three rounds but lost the last three games.

Chappell (Neb.) Chess Club: Among the newest chess clubs is that of Chappell, a town of 1,300 population, with 26 members in the club. First meeting was on October 31st at the Fireman's Hall, and qualifying events are already in progress to sort the members into A, B and C classes of players.

Student Center, Brandeis University (Boston): U. S. Champion Arthur Bisguier gave a simultaneous exhibition racking up 24 wins and three losses. The happy victors were Bartlett Gould, co-editor of "Chessboard," Arthur Freeman, and Harry Lyman, co-editor of "Chess Notebook" in the Boston Globe.

## Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

**W**ITH so many important chess events now taking place in this city, one might think it difficult to isolate one activity and treat it almost exclusively in this column. Yet, because of the great strength of the participating players and the immense interest it has provoked, the Lessing J. Rosenwald Trophy Tournament must be considered that one. With Reshevsky, Don Byrne, Bisguier, Evans, Kramer, and Sherwin (the last a substitute for Bob Byrne who could not leave his school work) engaged in chess combat, the tourney, held at the Manhattan and Marshall clubs, is the main topic of conversation and speculation among the city's chess players.

As of this writing, Reshevsky is leading, as was expected. However, regardless of the outcome, an interesting sidelight of the tournament, concerning the trophy itself will surely remain in the memories of some of the spectators and players.

When originally designed, the trophy was to bear the motto **Labore Praetium Honoris** (Labor is the price of honor). Unfortunately, when delivered to the tournament room, it read **Lavore Praetium Honoris** (approximately: Washing is the price of honor). This provoked much comment; one spectator was heard to ask, "I wonder if first prize is a thousand cakes of soap?" One participant asked Hans Kmoch, the tournament director, if the motto implied the necessity for absolute cleanliness on the part of all six contestants, and, if so, whether two baths a day would suffice.

**IN BRIEF:** The Latvian C.C. of New York defeated the Lithuanian C.C. of this city 4-2. Winners for the Latvians were E. Mednis, A. Rankis, and F. Pamiljens. . . . Congratulations to Jim Sherwin, who recently announced his engagement to Miss Judy Johnson. Mate is a strong move. . . . A victory party to celebrate the triumphs of Manhattan C.C. members in tournaments during 1954 was held at the club. Among those honored were Mrs. Giesela Gresser, Sammy Reshevsky, Arnold Denker, Mario Schroeder, Arthur Bisguier, William Lombardy, Walter Shipman, and Jim Sherwin. . . . When last seen, the four members of the Fordham chess team were arguing with a subway employee concerning the feasibility of carrying a huge trophy through the turnstile.

**North Jersey Chess League:** Fourth round results saw Elizabeth swamp Montclair 7-1; Morocz down Irvington 6-2; Northern Valley best Orange 5-3; Philidor defeated Irvington-Polish 5-2; and Plainfield top Jersey City 4½-1½. This leaves Maroczy in the lead with 3½-½ in match points, while Chess Club of the Oranges is tied for second with Northern Valley at 3-1 each. Philidor and Plainfield share fourth with 2½-1½ each.

# LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master **LARRY EVANS**

U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954

## Sicilian Defense

(Najdorf Variation)

**T**his system, presently tapering in popularity, has been championed at one time or another by Najdorf, Reshevsky, Gligorich, Geller, the writer, and many others. It is generally adopted by players desiring to win, with minimum risk. The characteristic moves are: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-QR3.

Diagram 1



Position after 5. ...., P-QR3

Black's last move is temporizing, since he may transpose into a Scheveningen (P-K3) or P-K4 (The Najdorf Variation) which forms the basis of our discussion. Incidentally, it should be noted that the immediate 5. ...., P-K4 is inferior because of 6. B-N5 ch; QN-Q2; 7. N-B5, P-QR3; 8. BxN ch, QxB; 9. B-N5, NxP; 10. NxP ch ++.

The rough idea is to mobilize Black's Queen's wing by P-QN4, Q-B2, B-N2 (or K3), QN-Q2, R-B1, etc., with a ready-made base of operations on the QB file. Experience has shown that White does best not to take prophylactic measures on that wing, but to attack on the opposite flank—the K-side. Indeed, as we shall see, this initiative may be formidable enough to constitute a theoretical refutation of the Najdorf Variation.

White has several important alternatives: (A) P-QR4; (B) B-K2; (C) P-KR3; (D) P-KN3; (E) P-B4.

Diagram 2



Position after 6. P-QR4

This restraining maneuver generally results in loss of time, since it is not imperative for Black to play P-QN4; moreover, White weakens

his Q-side and presents Black with a precious tempo.

6. ...., N-B3; 7. B-K2, P-K4; 8. N-N3, B-K3; 9. B-K3, P-Q4; 10. PxP, NxP; 11. NxN, BxN; with a slight edge: Sandrin-Evans, U. S. Chmp. prelim., 1951.

**B**

Diagram 3



Position after 6. B-K2

This "natural" developing move is, in my opinion, too natural! It has the immediate drawback of depriving the Kt of the K2 retreat, so that when driven it must run to the Q-side (QN3) or KB3 (where it blocks the advance of the KBP). Moreover, there is no role for this Bishop to play where it now stands.

6. ...., P-K4; 7. N-N3 (or 7. N-B3, B-K2; 8. O-O; 9. B-KN5, QN-Q2; 10. Q-Q2, P-R3± Isaacs-Evans, US Open, 1952), B-K2 (more committal is 7. ...., B-K3; 8. O-O, QN-Q2; 9. P-B4, Q-B2; 10. P-B5, B-B5; 11. P-QR4 = Geller-Najdorf, Zurich, 1953. It is best for Black to delay the development of his QB since he does not know whether it belongs on QN2 or K3—an embarrassment of riches!); 8. B-K3, O-O (8. ...., B-K3; 9. O-O, QN-Q2; 10. P-B4, R-QB1; 11. K-R1, B-B5; 12. N-Q2, BxB; 13. NxB, O-O; 14. N-N3, P-Q4! = Keres-Szabo, Zurich, 1953); 9. O-O, QN-Q2; 10. P-B3, Q-B2; 11. Q-K1, P-QN4; 12. P-QR3, N-N3; 13. Q-B2, R-N1; 14. R-N1, B-K3; 15. K-R1, N-B5; 16. BxN, PxP± White's play has been too passive: Smyslov-Kotov, Zurich, 1953.

**C**

To reinforce P-KN4. This interesting idea of Weaver Adams' unashamedly hands Black the Q-side.

Unfortunately, this variation has been given few practical tests. 6. ...., P-QN4; 7. P-KN4, B-N2; 8. R-N2, P-K3 (8. ...., P-K4; 9. N-B5, P-N5; 10. N-O5, NxN is an alternative); 9. Q-K2 (P-N5 is stronger—

Diagram 4

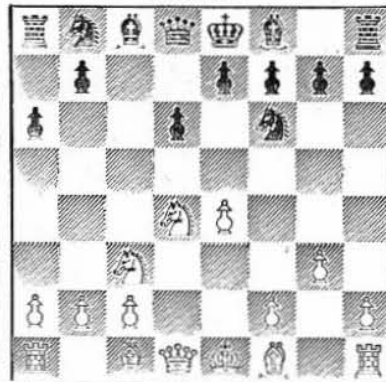


Position after 6. P-KR3

the Queen is misplaced on K2), Q-B2 (P-Q4 equalizes easily, but Black is trying for better than mere equality); 10. P-B4 (again, P-N5 was imperative), P-N5; 11. N-Q1, P-Q4± and Black dominates the board: Adams-Evans, NY Met. League, 1951.

**D**

Diagram 5



Position after 6. P-KN3

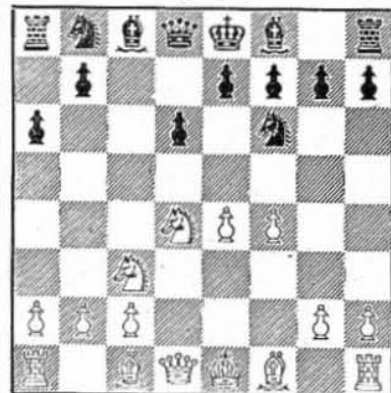
To exert pressure on Q5—the "hole." The immediate drawback is the weakening of the K-side white squares.

6. ...., P-K4 (also good is 6. ...., P-QR4; 7. B-N2, B-N2; 8. O-O, P-K3; 9. R-K1, Q-B2; 10. P-QR4, PxP; 11. NxRP, QN-Q2 = Seidman-Evans, US Chmp. prelim., 1951); 7. KN-K2, B-K3 (less committal is 7. ...., P-QN4; 8. B-N2, B-N2; 9. O-O, QN-Q2; 10. P-B3?, B-K2; 11. B-K3, O-O; 12. Q-Q2, R-B1, with the ideal bind: Gross-Evans, Hollywood, 1954); 8. B-N2, P-QN4; 9. O-O (9. P-QR4, P-N5; 10. N-Q5, NxN; 11. PxN, B-B4 = Gligorich-Najdorf, Zurich, 1953), QN-Q2; 10. P-N3, R-B1; 11. P-KR3, B-K2; 12. B-K3, O-O; 13. P-B4, PxP; 14. PxP, N-B4; 15. P-B5, B-Q2; 16. P-N4, N-R5 (forced, else P-K5); 17. NxN, PxN; 18. N-Q4, R-K1; 19. Q-Q3, Q-B2; 20. QR-B1 (or QxP, Q-B6); 21. Q-B5; 21. P-R3, B-Q1; 22. KR-K1, P-Q4, with an edge: Seidman-Evans, US Chmp., 1951.

**E**

The counterpoise. Now, when the Kt is kicked, it can safely retreat to KB3 without blocking this important Pawn. This writer's deplorable habit of omitting the best

Diagram 6

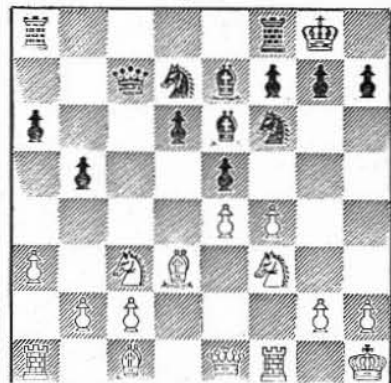


Position after 6. P-B4 (1)

move till last is justified in the name of "Suspense."

6. ...., Q-B2 (....., P-K4 is equally good, but more committal); 7. B-Q3!, P-K4 (Rossolimo-Evans, US Open, 1954, featured an unsuccessful attempt to exploit the awkward position of this White Bishop by transporting into a belated Dragon: 7. ...., P-KN3; 8. N-B3, B-N2; 9. O-O, O-O; 10. Q-K1!, QN-Q2; 11. K-R1, P-K3; 12. Q-R4, P-QN4; 13. P-B5+); 8. N-B3, B-K2 (8. ...., P-QN4; 9. Q-K2(?), B-N2; 10. O-O, QN-Q2; 11. P-QR3, P-N3; 12. K-R1, B-N2; 13. PxP, PxP; 14. Q-B2, O-O; 15. Q-R4, N-R4 = is an interesting defensive try for Black: Hearst-Evans, US Chmp., 1954); 9. O-O (9. Q-K2 is a wasted move, e.g., O-O; 10. P-KR3(?), P-QN4; 11. P-KN4, B-N2; 12. P-R3, QN-Q2, with an edge: Kagetsu-Evans, Hollywood, 1954), O-O; 10. K-R1, P-QN4; 11. P-QR3, B-K3; 12. Q-K1, QN-Q2; and we have a position reached often in the Najdorf-Reshevsky match: Diagram 7:

Diagram 7



Position after 12. ...., QN-Q2

This position is both "typical" and crucial, and arises from approximately best play. White has the initiative; Black has the Q-side initiative and has succeeded in artificially isolating White's KP. Nevertheless, White must be conceded an edge due to the weakness of Black's white squares, namely Q5 and KB5.

Popovych-Evans, US Open, 1954, continued: 13. N-KR4!, PxP (better may be KR-K1 followed by B-B1); 14. BxBP, KR-K1; 15. P-R3, R-B1 (Black has a dearth of good plans); 16. B-N5 +.

**CONCLUSION:** 6. P-B4 offers White the best hope since other alternatives seem to permit easy equality or better. Diagram 7 is a typical position difficult fully to evaluate, but considered in White's favor. In the last analysis, temperament is the deciding factor.



# Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

Solutions to the problems appearing in this column, problems for publication (two and threemover direct mates) as well as any other communication pertaining to this column are to be addressed to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

## ALAIN C. WHITE MEMORIAL TOURNEYS 1952-1953

Problem No. 523

By Arnoldo Ellerman  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Specially dedicated to the memory of Alain C. White and to the contributors of the White Memorial Tourney.



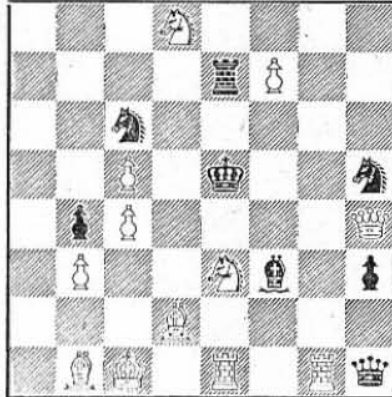
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 524

By Ferenc Fleck  
Budapest, Hungary

First Prize

Open Section (No given theme)

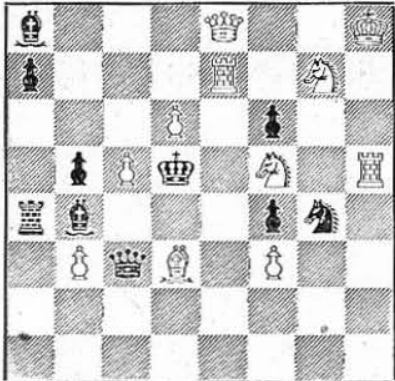


White mates in two moves

Problem No. 525

By Ottavio Stocchi  
Langhirano, Italy

Third Prize, Open Section

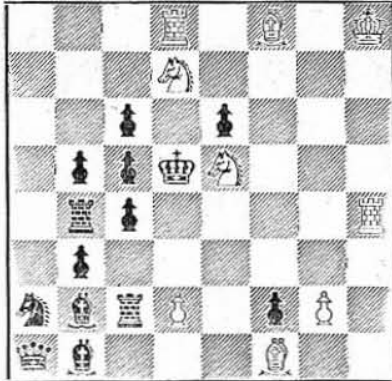


White mates in two moves

Problem No. 526

By S. C. Dutt  
Calcutta, India

Second Prize, Threemover Section



White mates in three moves

The above 4 problems were selected at random from the awarded entries of the Alain C. White Memorial Tourney 1952-53. Representing composers from 3 continents, (322 entries by 122 composers from 22 countries) they speak most eloquently of the respect and popularity this great American problem-master and promoter of the art of problem composing enjoyed all over the world amongst the problem fans. (Died in 1951.) The tournament was arranged by the now defunct Chess Problem Association of America, in cooperation with the Brazilian Problem Federation, the Problem Department of the American Chess Bulletin, Chess Life and the Christian Science Monitor. Results of the tournament were first published in a special report printed by the Yugoslav Problem Federation. Judges were: Twomover Section: Eric M. Hassberg, organizer of the contest, Julius Buchwald, Edgar Holladay, all from the U.S.A. and J. B. Santiago, Brazil. Threemover Section: Vincent L. Eaton and Walter Jacobs, U.S.A.

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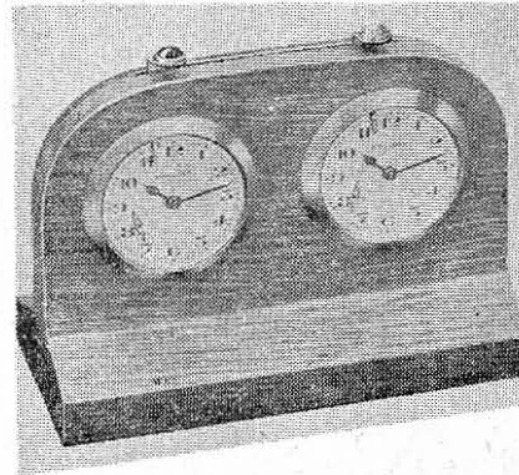
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## PAWN AND MATE

Black hauls in a Pawn, holds it, and then works up a mating attack.

## POLISH OPENING

MCO: page 135, column 10  
Polish Opening Tournament  
Asheville, 1954

Notes by John W. Collins

White P. C. KNOX Black B. ADICKES  
1. P-QK14  
One of the irregulars—the Polish Opening. If one fancies this flank-pawn-push, it is preferable to prepare it with 1. Kt-KB3, Santasere's Folly, to prevent 1. .... P-K4.

1. .... P-K4  
2. B-K12 P-Q3  
Black chooses a solid, Philidor Defense-like structure. And avoids 2. .... P-KB3 (weakening the KKt1-QR7 diagonal).

3. P-K4 Kt-Q2 5. Kt-QB3 P-B3  
4. B-B4 Kt-B3 6. Kt-B3  
Threatening 7. Kt-Kt5.

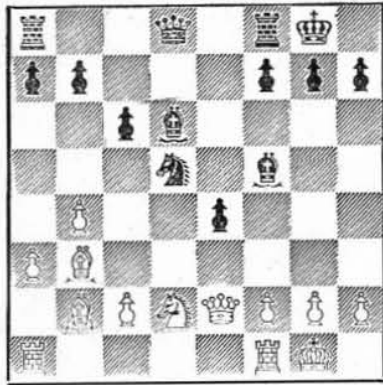
6. .... B-K2  
7. O-O O-O  
8. P-Q4  
This is playable and need not lose a Pawn, as it does in the game, but 8. P-Q3 is safest.

8. .... KtxP!  
This starts things humming.  
9. PxpP?  
Now White does lose a Pawn and gets an inferior game to boot. With 9. KtxKt, P-Q4; 10. BxP, PxB; 11. Kt-B5; or 9. BxP ch, RxB; 10. KtxKt, P-Q4; 11. Kt-B5, material equality is maintained.

9. .... KtxKt  
10. BxKt PxP  
11. P-QR3  
If 11. KtxP, KtxKt; 12. BxKt, BxP.  
11. .... P-K5!  
More aggressive than 11. .... B-B3 or 11. .... Q-B2.

12. Kt-Q2  
Or 12. Kt-Q4, Kt-Kt3; 13. B-Kt3, Kt-Q4.  
12. .... Kt-Kt3  
13. B-Kt3 B-KB4  
14. K-Q2

Or 14. R-K1, Kt-Q4; 15. B-Kt2, Kt-B3 16. BxKt, BxB; 17. R-Kt1, R-K1) holding the KP.  
14. .... Kt-Q4  
15. B-Kt2 B-Q3!



The KP is tactically defended. 15. .... B-B3; 16. BxB, KtxB; is adequate too.  
16. P-K13?

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16. KtxP, BxP ch; 17. KxB, Q-R5 ch; 18. K-Kt1, BxKt; and Black still has his extra Pawn. Yet this may be relatively best for White, for he gets a Two Bishops game and Black's plus is a KRP instead of a KP. If 16. P-R3, Kt-B5; 17. Q-K3, BxRP! wins. E.g., 18. PxB, Q-Kt4 ch; 19. Q-Kt3, Kt-K7 ch; or 18. KtxP, BxKKtP! 19. KR-Q1, Q-R5. The weakening text suffers the consequences very quickly.

16. .... R-K1 19. Kt-K3 Kt-B5  
17. Kt-B4 B-B2 20. Q-K1 Kt-R6ch  
18. QR-Q1 Q-K14  
Or 20. .... B-R6; 21. K-R1, Q-R4! (not 21. .... BxR? 22. P-Kt4, QxP; 23. KtxB! and White has two minor pieces for a Rook) and wins.

21. K-K12  
If 21. K-R1, Q-R4; 22. P-KB4, Pxp e.p.; wins.  
21. .... Kt-B5ch  
22. K-R1  
If 22. K-Kt1, B-R6; 23. K-R1, Q-R4! 24. P-Kt4 (24. R-KKt1, Q-B6ch wins) Q-B6 ch; 25. K-Kt1, QxP forces mate.

22. .... Q-R4  
Threatening 23. .... Q-B6 ch; 24. K-Kt1, Kt-R6 mate.

23. KtxB  
Nothing helps for long. If 23. K-Kt1, Kt-R6 ch; if 23. R-KKt1, Q-B6 ch; 24. Kt-Kt2, KtxKt! 25. RxBKt, B-R6; if 23. P-KB3, Pxp; 24. P-Kt4 (24. Q-B3, B-K4) KxBP; 25. Q-B2, RxBKt; and if 23. P-KR4, P-KKt4 or B-R6 wins for Black.

23. .... Q-B6 ch  
24. K-Kt1 Q-K17 mate



How not to win a won game.

## RUY LOPEZ

MCO: page 251, column 106  
Pan-American Tournament  
Hollywood, 1954  
Notes by U. S. Expert  
Dr. E. W. Marchand

White H. GROSS Black I. KASHDAN  
1. P-K4 P-K4 5. O-O B-K2  
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. P-Q4 Pxp  
3. B-K15 P-QR3 7. KtxP?  
4. B-R4 Kt-B3

This loses a pawn. Either 6. R-K1 or 6. P-K4 should be played.  
7. .... KtxKt 8. P-K5  
Not 8. QxKt?, P-B4 followed by P-QKt4 and P-B5 winning the Bishop. This is one form of the famous "Noah's Ark" trap.

8. .... Kt-K3 9. PxKt BxP  
Black has won a pawn without submitting to any real positional weakness or loss of time. He therefore has a "won game." The only problem is to win it.  
10. Kt-B3 O-O

The question arises whether 10. .... BxKt should be played. This would yield White the advantage of the "two Bishops" but would double White's pawns, at the same time simplifying the coming middle-game. A delicate decision! Those familiar with Kashdan's long history in chess know of his predilection for bishops, and this game is a good illustration of this aspect of his style.  
11. Kt-K4 B-K2 13. Kt-B3 P-B5  
12. P-QB4 P-KB4

This move is one of the pivotal points of the game. While it restricts White's QB, offers Black an attacking spearhead and vacates a square at B4 for later use by Black, the move also has several drawbacks. It does not immediately help Blacks development, it yields White the use of his K4 square, it opens a line against the Black King and puts the pawn where it will need some defending. After 13. .... P-Q3; 14. Kt-Q5, B-Kt4; 15. P-B4, B-R3 Black cannot follow with P-KKt3 and B-Kt2.  
14. B-B2 Q-K1 15. Kt-Q5 B-Q1  
A second loss of time in order to retain this Bishop.  
16. R-K1 Q-B2  
The pawn at B5 shows signs of weakness. If 16. .... P-Q3; then 17. KtxP(4).

17. Q-Q3 P-KKt3  
Another consequence of 13. .... P-B5. Black loses a tempo and weakens the black squares near his King.

18. P-B3 P-Q3 21. K-R1 Kt-Q5  
19. P-QK14 P-B3 22. Kt-K4  
20. Kt-B3 B-Kt3ch

White is glad to have the use of this square, which Black yielded with 13. .... P-B5. Black's best reply now appears to be 22. .... KtxB; 23. QxKt, B-Q5, since control of the long diagonal is becoming crucial.  
22. .... B-KB4 23. B-K12



An exceptionally difficult position has been reached. If now 23. .... Kt-K3; 24. QxP, QR-Q1; 25. Q-K5. If 23. .... P-Q4; 24. BxKt, PxKt; 25. Pxp, QR-Q1; 26. P-B5. Best appears to be 23. .... KtxB; 24. P-B5! (if 24. Q-B3, B-Q5), Pxp (24. .... KtxKR; 25. Q-B3, Q-K2 loses for Black); 25. Pxp, B-B4; 26. QxKt, BxR; 27. RxB, P-R3 (if 27. .... BxKt; 28. Q-B3); 28. Q-B3, K-R2; 29. Kt-B6 ch, QxKt (not 29. .... K-R1 or Kt2; 30. Kt-Kt3 ch, K-R2; 31. Q-R8 mate); 30. QxQ, RxQ; 31. R-K7 with a probable draw.

23. .... P-B4? 25. P-B5 P-Q4  
24. BxKt PxB  
If 25. .... Pxp; 26. B-Kt3, B-K3; 27. Kt-B6 ch, QxKt; 28. RxB, Q-R5; 29. RxB ch.  
26. B-Kt3 B-B2  
Better is 26. .... K-R1; 27. PxB (if 27. QxP ch, Q-Kt2!), PxKt; 28. Pxp, B-K3.  
27. QxQP QR-Q1 28. Kt-Q6 Q-B3  
Or 28. .... Q-Kt2; 29. BxP ch, K-R1; 30. QxQ ch, KxQ; 31. R-K7 ch and 32. RxB. 29. BxPch Resigns  
If 29. .... K-R1; 30. QxQ ch, RxQ; 31. Kt-B7 ch.

A most interesting game. White played with great precision after his lapse in the opening.

## PIRC DEFENSE

(By transposition)  
MCO: page 210, column 50  
Ohio State Championship  
Columbus, 1954

Notes by U.S. Expert Dr. J. Platz

White F. FERRYMAN Black T. ARCHIPOFF  
1. P-K4 P-Q3 4. B-QB4 B-K12  
2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. P-KR3  
3. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3

Preferable would be a developing move, i.e.: 5. B-Kt5.  
5. .... P-B3 8. Pxp Pxp  
6. Kt-B3 O-O 9. B-Q3 Kt-B3  
7. B-K3 P-Q4 10. P-QR3

Again White neglects his development.  
10. Q-Q2 and O-O-O was indicated.  
10. .... Kt-K1

Black, too, is undecided what to do.  
10. .... R-K1 followed by P-K4 would be a good plan.  
11. Kt-K2 Kt-Q3 12. P-B3 P-B3?  
12. .... P-K4 was still possible, and that without the weakening, horrible-looking move 12. .... P-B3.  
13. Q-K13 B-K3 14. P-KR4  
Why not 14. Kt-B4 with a tremendous game for White?  
14. .... B-B2 17. Pxp KtxP  
15. P-R5 P-K4 18. KtxKt Pxp  
16. P-KtP PxKtP  
Black has a formidable center, he threatens, of course, P-Q5.  
19. B-QB5 P-K5 20. BxKt PxB?  
Much better would be 20. .... QxB;

21. B-Kt1, P-Q5; 22. Q-Kt4, QxQ; 23. RpxQ, P-Q6 with advantage for Black.

21. BxR Q-K1?  
The losing move; amazing how many mistakes it takes sometimes to lose a game. After 21. .... QxB the White Kt has to move, and regardless of its move, Black will develop a dangerous attack with R-K1 ch. After the text move, White wins brilliantly.  
22. O-O-O



22. .... PxKt 25. Q-Q4ch' K-B1  
23. BxB! PxR(Q)ch 26. Q-B6 Resigns  
24. QxQ KxB

## TOO CAREFUL

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## KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

(Saemisch Variation)  
MCO: page 91, column 56  
Marshall C.C. Championship  
Prelims, New York, 1954

Notes by U.S. Expert Hugh Myers

White F. D. KNUPPEL Black W. LOMBARDY  
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. P-K4 P-Q3  
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 5. P-B3 O-O  
3. Kt-QB3 B-K12

Not best. The Saemisch variation against the King's Indian involves a relatively slow building up of a massive attack on the K-side. If not countered quickly, it can be irresistible. So Black should play 5. .... P-K4. Black's chances are at least as good as White's after 6. Pxp, Pxp; 7. QxQ ch, KxQ; 8. B-Kt5, P-B3 or 6. P-Q5, Kt-R4! followed by either Q-R5 ch or P-KB4. And if 6. B-K3 or Kt-K2, Kt-QB3 is playable, while perhaps better would be P-QB3 so as to reply to P-Q5 with P-QB4. The pawn-chain situation would then be in Blacks favor (less accessible bases).

6. B-K3  
Currently thought to be stronger is 6. B-Kt5.

6. .... P-K4 7. P-Q5 P-QR4  
A "safety" move which is really unsafe in that it does not recognize that the battle must be fought on the opposite wing. Immediately 7. .... Kt-K1.  
8. Kt-K2 Kt-K1 9. P-KKt4 P-KB4  
Black might be able to hang on by crawling into a shell with P-KR3 and P-KB3, but it would be a tedious job.  
10. KtPxP Pxp 11. Pxp





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**QUEEN PAWN OPENING**  
MCO: page 209, column 42 (e)  
**Rosenwald Trophy Tournament**  
New York, 1954

White		Black	
A. BISGUIER	J. SHERWIN		
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	24. K-R1	B-Q5
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3	25. Q-Q3	BxR
3. B-K15	P-B4	26. RxB	RxKP
4. P-K3	Q-K13	27. Q-K13	R-Q4
5. Kf-B3	QxP	28. Q-Kf7	R-B1
6. Kt-K15	Q-K15ch	29. QxP	RxP
7. P-B3	Q-R4	30. Q-Kf7	K-K2
8. Kt-Q2	P-QR3	31. R-K1	P-K4
9. Kt-B4	QxKt	32. P-KR4	R-K13
10. Kt-Q6ch	BxKt	33. RxPch	KtXR
11. BxQ	PxB	34. QxK1ch	R-K3
12. BxKt	PxB	35. Q-B5ch	R-Q3
13. O-O	B-K2	36. P-R5	P-K13
14. P-K4	P-Q3	37. Q-K5ch	B-K3
15. P-KB4	P-K15	38. P-R6	B-B3
16. P-Q5	PxBP	39. Q-K13	QR-Q1
17. P-K5	QXP	40. Q-B7ch	R-Q2
18. BPxP	P-B4	41. QxP	R-KR1
19. P-Q6	B-Q1	42. Q-K3	K-B2
20. Q-B3	R-R6	43. P-R4	B-Q4
21. Q-K3	Kt-B3	44. K-K1	K-K13
22. QxP(5)	R-R4	45. P-R5	RxP
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48. P-K14	PxP	55. K-B1	P-K16
49. Q-Q3ch	P-B4	56. Q-B3	P-B5
50. Q-R6ch	K-K14	57. Q-Q3	R-K5
51. Q-K16	R(R)xP	58. K-K11	P-B6
52. Q-K3ch	K-K13	Resigns	
53. K-B2	R-K2		

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Position No. 143: 1. KtXP ch! and Black resigned. If 1. ...., QxKt; 2. Q-B5 ch, K-B2; 3. R-QB3 ch wins B or Q. If 1. ...., BxKt; 2. Q-KB7 ch, K-Q1; 3. QxBP ch and 4. QxR.  
Position No. 144: 104. P-B6!, P-R4; 105. Kt-Q8!, B-K1; 106. Kt-K17! with the threat of 107. Kt-Q6, B-Kt3; 108. K-Kt5 which forces a draw in all variations (Kotov).

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