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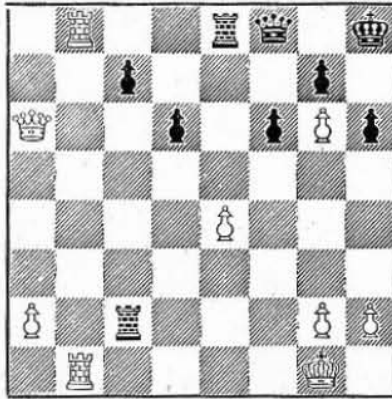
Position No. 154

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

Solution to Position No. 154 will appear in the March 20 issue.

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Position No. 154



White to play

Hardy Chess Publications Survive Indifference of Chess Public

One of the U.S. chess players, who prior to 1946 was most urgent in his demands that the USCF publish its own chess magazine or newspaper, never subscribed to CHESS LIFE after it was inaugurated. His clamor for activity he refused to support afterwards is scarcely phenomenal but represents the indifference that chess players as a class have always shown to the chess activities they demand.

Therefore it is as surprising, as it is pleasant, to report that in the past six months three venerable chess publications in the English language have celebrated anniversaries that are a defiance to the indifference of the public that only intermittently supports them.

Two of these publications in their survival represent primarily the triumph of their individual editors, the third the triumph of a succession of able leaders. Old-

est of these is, of course, the British Chess Magazine which with its issue of January 1955 presents its special 75th anniversary number. Founded in 1881 by John Watkinson, through many vicissitudes and changes of editors the BCM has remained one of the consistently great publications on chess in English, and has indeed shown a revived and renewed vigor under the more recent editorship of Brian Reilly. The January issue contains interesting sketches of the history of the magazine, rich in anecdotes and special surveys on annotation of games past and present, the problem department, etc.

Second oldest is our own American Chess Bulletin, which celebrated its 50th anniversary with the issue of May-June, 1954, and which represents a living monument to the tireless activity for chess of its founder, editor, and owner, Herman Helms, "dean of American Chess." With quite characteristic modesty, Editor Helms made no great fanfare on the subject of the "Jubilee Year" of American Chess Bulletin, and left it for others to recognize and acclaim the great part his publication has played in the promotion of chess in the USA.

(Please turn to page 3, col. 3)

Major J. B. Holt Unanimously Elected USCF Life Director by Exec Committee

In the first election of a Life Director since the initial elections of several years ago, the USCF Executive Committee unanimously selected Major J. B. Holt, present USCF Secretary, in recognition of his many and varied services to chess in the United States over almost half a century. It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that no other chess player in the USA had a longer or more distinguished career in chess promotion.

Born at Denison, Texas on July 2, 1881, Major Holt had a distinguished career both as a civil engineer and officer in the U.S. Army Engineering Corps before retiring to indulge in the avocation of real estate broker at Long Beach, Fla. He served as a Captain in the Engineers during World War I and served for 13 years in the U.S. Army.

In his varied interests outside of chess, Major Holt has been a Commander in the American Legion, President of the Sarasota Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, and at present is Secretary of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons at Sarasota.

As a chess promoter, Major Holt assisted William P. Hickok in 1907 to organize the Chess Correspondence League of Greater New York—an organization which grew into the Correspondence Chess League of America. He is the only individual to serve four times as president of the CCLA and has also filled all other offices in the organization except treasurer.

In 1922 Major Holt was instrumental in organizing the Southern Chess Association, of which he

was the first president, and of which he was the first president, and of which he has been the secretary for many years. In 1947, he organized the Florida Chess League and has been its secretary ever since. In addition Major Holt has been instrumental in the organization of many chess clubs—a list too long to enumerate, and been a constant participant in various tournaments in addition to his organizational labors.

Major Holt has been a Director of the USCF for many years, and since July 1952 has served as USCF Secretary.

PURDY NEW NAME IN AUSTRALIA

The newest headline name in Australian chess is John S. Purdy—not the eminent editor of CHESS WORLD, Cecil J. S. Purdy, but his son. At the age of 19 years three months, John Purdy is the youngest player ever to win the Australian Championship, but is only carrying on an Australian tradition since his father, Cecil Purdy, and his grandfather, Spencer (Please turn to page 7, col. 4)

USCF MEMBERSHIP

In answer to various inquiries regarding USCF membership, the USCF Ways and Means Committee has requested the comparative figures for USCF Membership:

Date	USCF Ind. Members	USCF Affiliates	Chess Life Subscribers* (non-member)
As of June 30, 1952	1127	...	125
As of June 30, 1953	1460	36	154
As of Dec., 31, 1953	1871	57	749
As of June 30, 1954	2119	65	388
As of Dec. 31, 1954	2327	91	223

*Fluctuation in Chess Life subscriptions is due to four month trial subscriptions obtained through promotional newspaper advertising. The drastic drop in such subscriptions since December 31, 1953 represents the result of the non-productive period since the New Orleans meeting when no advertisements could be published due to the absence of "What's the Best Move?" from the pages of CHESS LIFE. The recent promotional campaign in newspapers will be reflected in the next report.

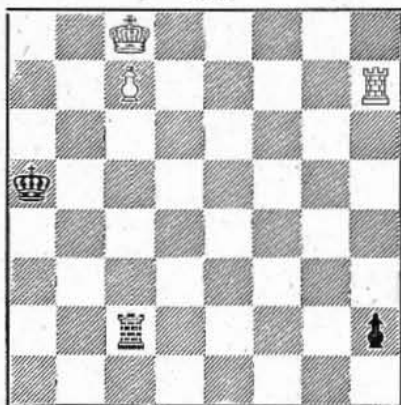


LIFE DIRECTOR J. B. HOLT

Major J. B. Holt, founder of the Southern Chess Association and Florida Chess League, at his home in Long Beach, Florida with his chess set and his chess trophies.

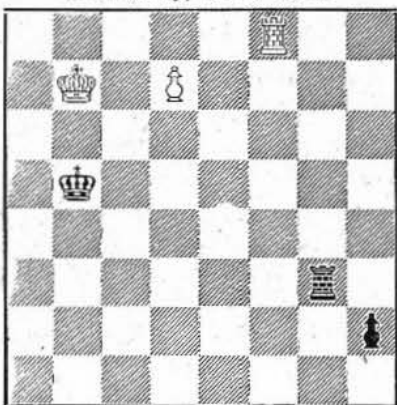
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 145
By Emanuel Lasker
1890



White to play and win

Position No. 146
By N. Kopayev
Shakhmaty, June 1954



White to play and win

THE two positions above are related in idea. No. 145 presents the winning idea in its stark elemental form; in No. 146, brilliant artistic touches are added. The winning idea is so simple that the solver is not likely to forget it; in fact, most readers who have not seen No. 145 before may be able to solve it. No. 146, however, is not so easy; the trick is force a position similar to that in No. 145; I suggest that readers waste not too much time before looking at the solution.

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.



U. S. Open Champion Larry Evans plans a small tour of New England and the Northeastern States, giving simultaneous exhibitions, during the month of March. Interested clubs may contact Larry Evans, 358 West 27th Street, New York 1, N. Y. for details and arrangements.



Inadvertently it was reported that James Maguire, secretary of the Wichita YMCA Chess Club, directed the recent Wichita Open. The report should have stated that the Wichita Open was directed by K. R. MacDonald, former secretary of the Wichita Club and its regular tournament director.

HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED!

TURN TO PAGE FOUR
For the new regulations governing the rating of tournaments and matches.

NOTE

Only contests by USCF Affiliates will be rated after March 1, 1955.

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:—

Montgomery Major
123 No. Humphrey Avenue
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Do not write to other USCF officials for these rating forms.



According to the Soviet press, the 22nd USSR Championship will begin February 11, 1955. Listed as entrants are Grandmasters M. Botvinnik, V. Smyslov, P. Keres, A. Kotov, E. Geller, T. Petrosian, Yu. Averbach, M. Taimanov, S. Flohr, and Masters V. Antoshin, G. Borisenko, G. Ilivitsky, I. Kan, V. Korchnoi, G. Lisitsyn, V. Mikenas, V. Simagin, B. Spassky, S. Furman, and Master Candidate V. Shcherbakov. In the semi-finals, I. Boleslavsky failed to qualify for the Championship finals.



The Ontario Speed Championship with 21 contestants ended in a 19-1 victory for Geza Fuster, who already holds the Ontario and Toronto titles. P. Avery was second with 17-3, and N. Glasberg fourth with 16-4. Former Speed Champion Frank Anderson did not compete this year.



At the Columbus Y Chess Club George Koltanowski in a simultaneous exhibition won 28, lost 3 and drew 6. Winners against the International Master were Kurt Loening, Erving Underwood and King Collins.

Southern California Chess League: Originally known as the Los Angeles County League, the annual meeting voted a change of names to Southern California Chess League as more representative of the scope of the organization. Officers elected for 1955 were Irving Rivise, president; Charles E. Gray vice-president; Kyle Forrest, secretary; William J. Wheeler, treasurer; John Keckhut, youth director, and Miss Nancy Roos, official photographer. Clubs represented at meeting were Beverly Hills, City Terrace Cosmopolitan, Hollywood, Inglewood, Los Angeles, North American, Valley, and Van Nuys. The league schedule calls for division into "A" and "B" team sections.

CLEVELAND TOPS IN CHESS WEEK

In every way Cleveland's ambitious "Chess Week" proved to be a remarkable success, not only in interest aroused and in attendance, but also in coverage obtained from the daily press and radio. The Cleveland Plain Dealer gave the various events excellent newspaper coverage and TV Station WEWS had an interview of former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe by Dorothy Fuldeim.

Chess Week began Sunday with 166 players in an 83 board match of Industrial vs Club League and East vs. West in the Interscholastic league with a total attendance of 219 people. On Monday there was the 8-board blindfold simultaneous of International Master George Koltanowski, witnessed by 90 spectators (5 wins and 3 draws for the blindfold wizard). On Tuesday Koltanowski again performed with two blindfold speed games (winning both), and a 23-board regular simultaneous witnessed by 70 spectators (winning 13, drawing 8, losing 2).

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday also saw regular Industrial and Club league matches with 42 players participating on 21-boards. Thursday and Saturday, International Grandmaster Max Euwe lectured to 60 interested spectators on chess with the assistance of a wall-board for demonstration. Friday saw 98 players battling in League matches on 49 boards with 130 present for this gala session of the Club and Industrial Leagues, featuring the finals for the Scholastic League Championship.

Finally on Sunday Dr. Euwe faced 63 players on 62 boards in a giant simultaneous exhibition attended by 160 people, winning 46, drawing 12, and losing four.

Cleveland statistics for the seven events are: 249 official games played, 405 players competing, 14 official league matches held, total attendance 835 people.

WHITAKER WINS TENNESSEE OPEN

Drawing with Kenneth Smith of Dallas and runner-up Robert C. Coveyou of Oak Ridge, Norman Whitaker of Shadyside won the 24-player Tennessee Open Championship at Bristol with 5-1 score. Second to fourth on Solkoff points with 4½-1½ each were Robert Coveyou, Brad Wade, champion of Georgia, and William A. Scott of Atlanta. Fifth to seventh with 4-2 each were Boris Garfinkel of Aberdeen, Martin Southern of Knoxville, and J. W. Stevenson of Talledega. The tournament, although not large in number of players, drew a very representative participation from Tennessee, Maryland, Georgia, Alabama, West Virginia, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, and the District of Columbia. Robert C. Coveyou was tournament director.

Barnard College Chess Club: Forty chess enthusiasts have organized the Barnard College chess club, preparing a budget and a charter which received approval from the Student Council. Marjorie Miller, a sophomore who learned to play chess from an Iranian cousin, organized the club, assisted by Marianne Whitfield, also a sophomore.

Chess Life
In New York
By Allen Kaufman

I. A Week at the Marshall Chess Club

FOUNDED in 1914, the Marshall Chess Club is located at 23 W. Tenth Street, in Greenwich Village. Once just a room at Ken's Chop House, the club has grown so that it now has several hundred members and owns its own building. The club is open every day of the year from noon to midnight.

All forms of chess are played, as the following chronicle of a week's events shows:

Monday: There are no regularly scheduled activities on Mondays, but skittles (informal chess) is played.

Tuesday: This is rapid transit night. Members pay 25c to enter, non-members 50c. The club contributes \$2.00, and the money is distributed in prizes at the end of the tournament. About 25 players participate each week, and the tourney lasts about four hours. It is round robin, played at ten seconds a move, with a bell indicating the time intervals. Occasionally a simultaneous exhibition by a visiting master replaces the rapids on Tuesdays.

Wednesday: Three tournaments, an "A," a "B," and a Beginner, are held this night. Entry fee is \$1.00 per person, and one game a week at 40 moves in two hours is played. The entry fee is used for prize money. The present Beginners group is composed of six women. (Incidentally, this club was the first to admit women members.)

Thursday: Same as Monday.

Friday: A night of special events. One week an inter-club match may be held, the next an intra-club match. On a Friday night this winter, for example, a party was held in honor of Bisguier, Evans and Lombardy who had won events during the preceding months.

Saturday: In the afternoon there is a tournament for the club Junior Championship. It is limited to members under 21, and there is no entry fee. First prize is a six-month membership, followed by several book prizes. Saturday night finds several "pots" in progress. Three people play in each pot. Two play a game, while the other counts to ten for each move. Then the counter plays the winner.

Sunday: The day of greatest activity. Four months of Sundays are devoted to the club championship. When that ends, a tourney for the amateur championship of the club is held. This is a seven round Swiss, and is open to Class A players and below. No championship players are allowed to enter. There is no entry fee; first prize is the Calderon Cup.

Next issue: *A Week at the Manhattan Chess Club.*

Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club: In cooperation with the Lansing YMCA the Lansing Chess Club is staging the annual Lansing City Championship. Defending champion Edgar Sneider will defend his title, and the event will be directed by V. E. Vandenburg, president of the Michigan State Chess Ass'n.

CHESS AS WE SEE IT

Contributions from the Pens
Of Outstanding Chess Analysts and Writers

A Touch of Scotland

By U. S. Master MAX PAVEY

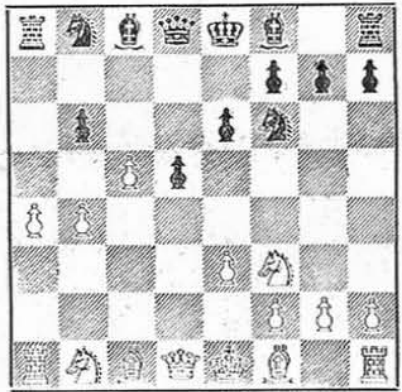
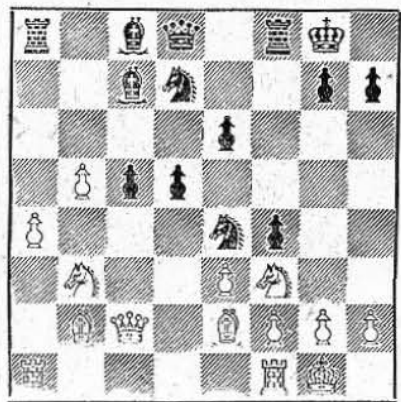
OF all the memories I still retain of my brief year in Scotland, my friendship with Peter B. Anderson is certainly among the most precious. Consequently, when Peter wrote me that he had won the Scottish Championship for the second time in succession, I was delighted. I suggested that he send me some of his games for publication with his own annotations or with mine. He preferred that I annotate them.



QUEEN PAWN GAME Scottish Championship 1954

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| White | Black |
| A. LERCHS | P. B. ANDERSON |
| 1. K1-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-QB4 |
| 3. PxP | K1-KB3 |
| 4. P-QK14 | |
| 5. | P-QR4 |
| 6. P-B3 | PxP |
| 7. PxP | P-K3 |
| 8. P-QR4 | P-QK13 |
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White is better advised to play 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. P-B4, BxP; 6. P-QR3, etc. which is equivalent to a Queen's Gambit Accepted with a move in hand.



If 8. Q-B2, Black's clearest reply is 8. PxP; 9. PxP, QxP with recapture of the pawn. The text leads to a position where White has two connected pawns at the expense of a poor center and loss of initiative. No special effort is necessary on the part of Black for some time to prevent further progress of the passed pawns. Furthermore, White is plagued with the protecting of his QRP throughout the game.

Black has decided to set up a Stonewall formation with P-KB4 instead of developing with B-Q3 and O-O. It appears to be a logical method of exploiting the strong center.

If White should try to hamper Black in the above strategic plan by 10. QKt-Q2, then P-B4; 11. B-K12, QKt-Q2 followed by QKt-B3, B-Q3, and O-O.

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| 10. | B-Q3 |
| 11. O-O | O-O |
| 12. B-K12 | Kt-Q2 |
| 13. QKt-Q2 | P-B4 |
| 14. Kt-K13 | B-B2 |
| 15. Q-B2 | P-KB5 |

This leads to a two-edged struggle but is possibly the best over-the-board move. 15. B-K12 with a view towards Q-K2 and P-K4 is a reasonable alternative.

16. Kt-K2 B-K12

This offers a pawn but is caused by the necessity of developing the White bishop and to allow more freedom for the Black queen. For example, 16. Ktxk; 17. KtxKt, PxP; 18. PxP, RxR ch; 19. RxR, Q-R5; 20. Kt-B3, QxRP is dangerous for Black despite the win of a pawn.

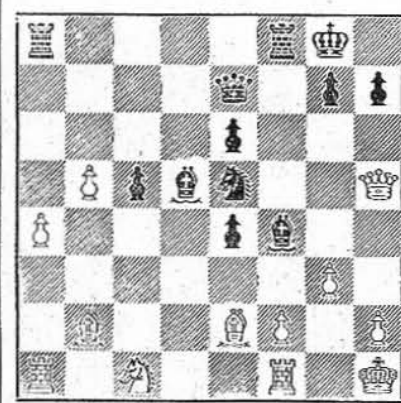
White should take the pawn with 18. KtxP, KtxKt; 19. QxKt, whereupon 19. P-B6; 20. B-B4 or 19. R-B4; 20. Q-Q4, Q-K14; 21. B-B4 seems to lead to no real attack for Black. Actually, 19. B-Q4 is probably best for Black with considerable attacking possibilities for the pawn minus.

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| 17. KtxKt | PxKt |
| 18. PxP | |
| 19. | BxP |
| 20. Q-B3 | |

Here 19. KtxP is still worthy of consideration for if 19. R-B1; 20. Q-B3, Q-K2; 21. QxP ch, QxQ; 22. BxQ; 22. BxQ ch leads to a position where White has a rock and two pawns for two pieces with an endgame not simple to evaluate.

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| 19. | Q-K14 |
| 20. Q-R3 | B-Q4 |
| 21. Kt-B1 | |

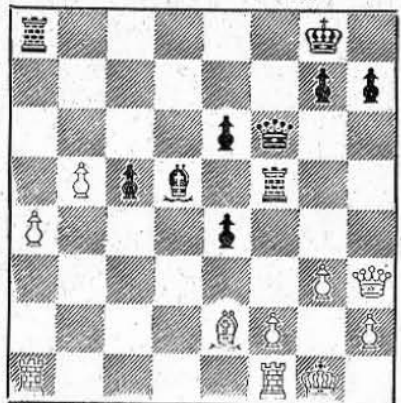
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| 21. P-R5, P-K6. | |
| 21. | Kt-K4 |
| 22. Q-R5 | Q-B3 |
| 23. K-R1 | Q-K2 |
| 24. P-K13 | |



This opening of the K1-R1-Q8 diagonal is fatal. Better is 24. P-R5.

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| 24. | R-B4 |
| 25. Q-R3 | BxKt |
| 26. BxKt | RxB |

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| 27. KRxB | R-B4 |
| 28. K-K11 | Q-B3 |
| 29. R-B1 | |



- If 29. Q-B1, R-KB1. Black finishes the game with a series of incisive moves.
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| 29. | RxBP |
| 30. B-K14 | RxR ch |
| 31. QxR | Q-Q5 ch |
| 32. K-K12 | R-KB1 |
| 33. Q-K1 | P-K6 ch |
| 34. K-R3 | Q-B3 |
| Resigns | |

HARDY CHESS PUBLICATIONS SURVIVE

(Continued from Page 1, col. 4)

Finally, with the July and August issues of 1954, Chess World celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special two-part feature "Chess Cavalcade 1929-54" in which a fascinating review was given of the parade of chess through a quarter of a century. Again Chess World, and its predecessor Check and Australian Chess Review, represents the personal triumph over difficulties and indifference of one man, editor Cecil J. S. Purdy.

their able and courageous editors its best wishes, congratulations and expressions of confidence in an even better future in chess that lies just ahead. With its tenth birthday yet to be achieved, CHESS LIFE feels like an infant in the presence of such mature veterans.

CHESS LIFE wishes to express to all three publications and to

Lexington Chess Club (Ky): At annual election William Springfield was chosen president, Jim Roark president elect, Jack Mayer secretary, and Russ Freeman treasurer. The club membership passed a unanimous vote of confidence in Mr. Montgomery Major's editorship of CHESS LIFE. An USCF Affiliated Club.



SCENE FROM ILLINOIS OPEN
At left Louis Persinger of the Julliard School of Music, teacher of Yehudi Menuhin and concert violinist; center Humberto Tejada, a native of Columbia, S.A. majoring in chemical engineering at the University of Michigan; at right Gordon Winrod, chess enthusiast extraordinary, divinity student at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, whose amazing itinerary on New Year's Eve has already been revealed.

Photo: Courtesy Decatur Herald and Review

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

FOUR recent books from overseas testify to the world-wide increase
in chess interest. One is H. Golombek's *The Game of Chess* (Penguin
Handbooks, paper, 254 pp., 228 diags., 65c), a primer which draws most
of its examples from the past fifteen years and includes a chapter with
illustrative games on the great masters from Anderson to Botvinnik.
Golombek begins sensibly enough with the simpler endings, discusses a
few openings, puts three chapters on the middle game, and then re-
turns for more complex features of the other divisions.

Another is the fourth volume of Siegfried Engelhardt's jam-packed
Schach-Taschen-Jahrbuch 1955 (Berlin-Frohnau, 380 pp., DM 5.40, about
\$1.25). This contains hundreds of addresses of players and clubs, ploy-
glot headings (German, English, French, Spanish), and a "tournament
book"—directions for conducting Swiss, round-robin, and blitz. World
chess news, a listing of national champions, international tournaments,
and the comparative ratings of various masters appear also. A third
is the R. Teschner-K. Richter *Schach-Olympiade Amsterdam 1954* (Berlin:
De Gruyter, paper, 62 pp., about \$1), with news, anecdotes, caricatures,
and more than sixty games. The last to hand is the third edition of
Richter's *Der Schachpraktiker* (Berlin: De Gruyter, paper, 84 pp., DM
3.80, about 80c), which offers two or three diagrams on every page, with
running commentary and humorous asides. Each of these is a good buy
in its own field.

The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:

In the course of a letter written to you some time ago I mentioned how
delighted we'd been with the Hipponax piece, "The Theory of Esoteric Pairings."
(By "we," I mean our friend, Orlando Lester, as well as my wife and I.) It was so
amusingly done we felt only the most humorless dolt on earth could possibly
take offense at it.

Now we learn we're not to be allowed any more Hipponax because Guthrie
McClain doesn't approve.

We're getting fed up with having the USCF jump through hoops every time
some minority cracks the whip. In our district we have been reasonably active,
I think, in trying to promote chess and the Federation. I believe you'll gladly
admit that. However, we have refrained from attempting to dictate what the
rest of the members should read. We don't believe we have such a privilege
and resent very much that, evidently, there are members that do have it.

Why is it that when Mr. McClain complains about a feature it is immediately
withdrawn, regardless of whether other members like it or not? Does he pay
double dues, or something?

Since complaints seem to be the fashion this season, let me make one. I'll
complain about the disappearance of Hipponax. So let's have the feature back in,
with a word of advice to those who don't like it: Skip by without reading it.
In that way no one's feelings will get bruised and we'll have harmony to spare.

BARTLETT GOULD

Newburyport, Mass.

As Co-Editor of "Chessboard" and secretary of the USCF Affiliated New Eng-
land Chess Association and North Shore Chess League, Mr. Gould may claim to
speak with some authority and backing. But do other readers share his views? We

believe that "Hipponax" can be persuaded to relate the further scaccic dialogues of
Aristides Kleinerteufel, that shaggy philosopher of the dubious in chess, if enough
readers demand his return. When last seen, Herr Kleinerteufel was muttering on his
researches in the field of "Synecopal Deceit in Chess," but we are not certain that his
luminous meditations were recorded for posterity. What's the verdict, readers?—The
Editor.

Change In USCF Rating Requirements

EFFECTIVE as of March 1, 1955 the basis of rating tournaments will
be altered, whereby rating fees will be collected on the basis of
number of games played from USCF members and non-members alike,
except for a few exempted tournaments.

Please read the new regulations below carefully to avoid confusion
in submitting tournament reports under the new regulations.

Tournaments which began before March 1, 1955 or for which ar-
rangements or announcements were made under the former basis of
Rating fees will be accepted for rating under the old regulations, pro-
vided it is clearly stated on the report that such tournaments were
started or announced prior to the March 1, 1955 date.

USCF NATIONAL RATING REGULATIONS

Effective March 1, 1955

1) **Authority to Conduct USCF-Rated Contests:** The USCF national chess
rating system is restricted to the performances of players in tournaments and
matches conducted by the USCF and its affiliates. With the exception of foreign
tournaments, contests sponsored by unaffiliated organizations are not rated.

2) **Rateable Contests:** Any chess competition, including a Round Robin or
Swiss System tournament for individuals or teams, or a match between two
individuals or teams, is rateable if it is conducted under the following conditions:

- (a) Play must be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess, Official American
Translation (1954). A copy of the Laws must be available for reference.
- (b) The contest must be directed by a person familiar with the procedure.
- (c) The time limit must not exceed an average of 30 moves per hour for
each player, and there must be no restrictions on opening moves.

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February 1, 1955

WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Yakima, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

1. Victor Pupols (Tacoma)	x	1	1	1	1	1	5-1
2. James McCormick (Seattle)	0	x	1	1	1	1	5-1
3. Alan Clark (Seattle)	0	0	x	1	1	1	3½-2½
4. Stephen Falk (Yakima)	0	0	0	x	0	1	3-3
5. Terry Nelson 2½-3½; 6. O. W. LaFreniere 2-4; 7. Melville Carter 0-6.							

Victor Pupols won play-off match 2-0.

WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Seattle, 1954

100% USCF Rated Event

1. William Bills	W3	W4	D6	W2	W5	4½-1½
2. Olaf Ulvestad	L5	W3	W4	L1	W6	3-2
3. Russell Vellias	L1	L2	L5	W6	W4	2-3
4. Viktors Pupols	W6	L1	L2	W5	L3	2-3
5. Robert Edberg	W2	L6	W3	L4	L1	2-3
6. Ted Warner	L4	W5	D1	L3	L2	1½-3½

Ulvestad forfeited to Edberg.

CONSOLATION

1. Alan Clark	L4	D3	W2	W3	W2	4½-1½	
2. George Bishop	W3	W4	L1	D3	W4	3½-2½	
3. Jim Amidon	L2	D1	W4	D2	L1	W4	3-3
4. Jim McCormick	W1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	1-5

McCormick forfeited to Clark, Bishop, and Amidon twice. John DeWitt tourna-
ment director.

LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954

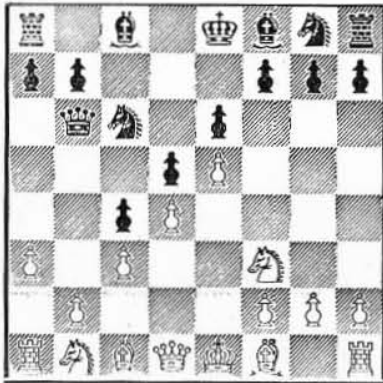
Theoretical Contributions of the Rosenwald Tournament, 1954-55

KP OPENINGS

INDICATIVE of the drift of modern chess, only three of the sixty games commenced with the venerable King's Pawn. Two were of particular theoretical significance.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Sherwin-Evans: 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. P-K5, P-QB4; 4. P-QB3, N-QB3; 5. N-B3, Q-N3; 6. P-QR3, P-B5;



Position after 6., P-B5

6., P-QR4, or P-B3, or B-Q2 have hitherto been considered best. The text capitalizes on White's hole on QN3. The game continued: 7. B-K2 (Alexander-O'Kelly, Hastings, 1953/4; 7. P-KN3, N-R4; 8. QN-Q2, B-Q2; 9. B-N2, O-O-O; 10. O-O, K-N1; 11. R-K1, N-K2; 12. N-B1, N-N6±, B-Q2; 8. O-O, KN-K2; 9. QN-Q2, N-R4; 10. R-K1, P-KR3; 11. R-N1, and now N-N3 followed by B-K2 & O-O-O would have given Black a good game, instead of 11., P-KN4!; 12. N-B1, N-N3; 13. B-K3±.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Evans-Reshevsky: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-KN3; 6. P-B4, N-B3; 7. N-B3 (weak—as this game proves. Correct is 7. NxN, PxN; 8. P-K5).



Position after 7. N-B3!?

7., B-N5!; 8. P-KR3, BxN; 9.

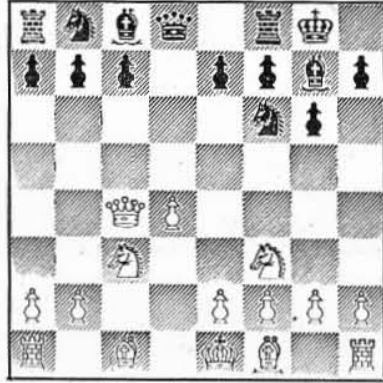
QxB, B-N2; 10. B-K3, O-O; 11. R-Q1 (?) (Correct is quick development by B-Q3 and O-O), Q-R4!; 12. P-QR3 (to prevent P-Q4 and N-QN5), QR-B1; 13. B-K2, N-Q2+.

QP OPENINGS

The vast majority of the games were either Retis or QP. It is to be noted that Black more than held its own.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, P-Q4; 4. N-B3, B-N2; 5. Q-N3, PxP; 6. QxBP, O-O;



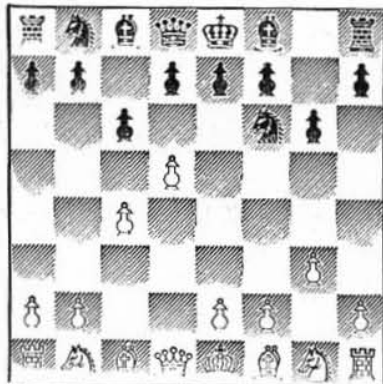
Position after 6., O-O

It is most curious that the theoretically crucial 7. P-K4 was not tried at all in this tournament.

Kramer-Byrne: 7. P-K3 (a solid move which avoids complications: quite good for a player unacquainted with the latest twists), P-N3; 8. B-K2, B-R3; 9. Q-R4, BxB; 10. NxP, Q-B1; 11. P-QN4±.

Evans-Byrne: 7. P-KN3 (inferior—as this game demonstrates), B-K3; 8. Q-Q3, P-B4; 9. B-N2, N-B3; 10. PxP, N-Q2!; 11. O-O, Q-R4; 12. B-Q2, QxBP±.

Reshevsky-Byrne: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. P-KN3, P-B3; 4. P-Q5.



Position after 4. P-Q5

4., P-Q3! (not 4., PxP; 5. PxP, Q-R4 ch; 6. N-B3, N-K5; 7. Q-Q4!); 5. B-N2, P-K4!—Black has transposed into a favorable variation of the K's Indian. On 6. PxP

e.p., however, he should play PxP!

Bisguier-Byrne: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, P-Q4; 4. N-QB3, P-Q4; 4. N-B3, B-N2; 5. P-K3, O-O; 6. Q-N3, P-K3; 7. B-Q2, N-B3!;

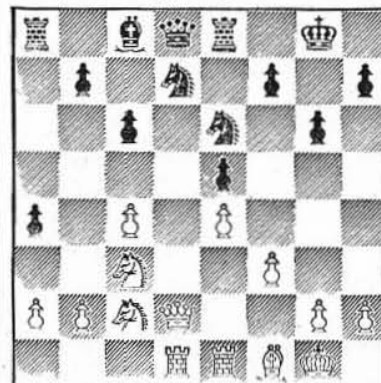


Position after 7., N-B3!

Here the "book" continuation is P-N3, leading to equality. 8. PxP, PxP; 9. B-K2, N-K2±.

K'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Sherwin-Reshevsky: 1. P-QB4, N-KB3; 2. N-KB3, P-KN3; 3. N-B3, B-N2; 4. P-Q4, O-O; 5. P-K4, P-Q3; 6. B-K2, P-K4; 7. O-O, QN-Q2; 8. R-K1, P-B3; 9. B-B1, PxP; 10. NxP, R-K1; 11. P-B3, P-QR4; 12. B-K3, N-B4; 13. Q-Q2, P-R5; 14. QR-Q1, KN-Q2; 15. N-B2, B-K4; 16. B-Q4, N-K3; 17. BxB, PxP;



Position after 17., PxP

So far this game is identical with Taimanov-Reshevsky, Zurich, 1953. Here Taimanov continued with 19. P-KN3, N-B3; 20. P-QN4—draw.

Sherwin continued with the inferior 18. K-R1, QN-B4; 19. Q-K3, Q-N4!; 20. QxQ, NxQ; 21. R-Q2, K-B1; with a stranglehold on the dark squares.

Kramer-Evans: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-K4, P-Q3; 5. KN-K2, O-O; 6. N-N3, P-K4; 7. P-K5, N-K1!; 8. B-K2, P-QR4; 9. P-KR4.

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Position after 9. P-KR4

9., P-KB4! The refutation of this and similar systems, as pointed out in our previous article, consists on an immediate reaction in the center. 10. PxP, PxP; 11. P-B4!?, Q-K2; 12. Q-B2, N-R3; 13. B-K3, K-R1; 14. O-O-O, B-Q2+;

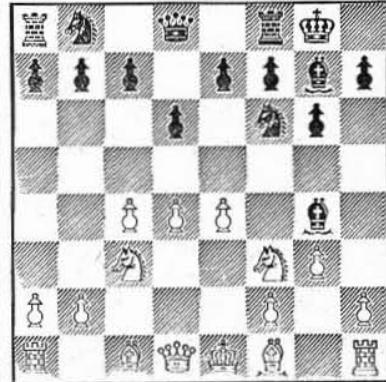
Bisguier-Reshevsky: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-K4, P-Q3; 5. B-N5!?, P-KR3; 6. B-R4, P-B4; 7. P-Q5.



Position after 7. P-Q5

Reshevsky thought over an hour and played 7., P-R3? which fails to take advantage of White's lagging development. (In one of our previous articles, we suggested 7., Q-R4!; 8. Q-Q2, and now either P-QN4 or P-K3 gives Black the advantage.) 8. N-B3, P-QN4; 9. B-Q3, P-N5? (By closing the Q-side he strangles his own counterplay); 10. N-K2, B-N5; 11. O-O, QN-Q2; 12. P-KR3, BxN; 13. RxP+

Kramer-Sherwin: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-K4, P-Q3; 5. N-B3, O-O; 6. P-KN3, B-N5;



Position after 6., B-N5

7. P-KR3, BxN; 8. QxB, P-K4; 9. P-Q5, KN-Q2; 10. P-KN4±.

Kramer-Reshevsky: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-KN3, O-O; 5. B-N2, P-Q3; 6. P-K4, P-K4; 7. KN-K2, QN-Q2; 8. O-O, P-B3; 9. P-KR3, PxP; 10. NxP, R-K1; 11. R-K1, P-QR4; 12. R-N1.

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

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HOW TO BEAT A MASTER

The usual rule on besting a master is to catch him napping in a simultaneous game; but Edgar McCormick does it the harder way.

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT

MCO: page 174, column 1

Simultaneous Exhibition
New York, 1955

White	Black
DR. M. EUWE	E. MCCORMICK
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K4
3. PxKP	P-Q5
4. K1-KB3	K1-QB3
5. P-KK13	B-KK15
6. B-K12	KK1-K2
7. O-O	K1-K13
8. QK1-Q2	Q-Q2
9. P-QR3	P-QR4
10. P-QK13	KB-B4
11. B-K12	O-O
12. K1-K4	B-R2
13. Q-Q2	QR-Q1
14. P-QK14	Q-B4
15. K1-K1	QK1xKP
16. QR-B1	KR-K1
17. K1-Q3	Q-R4
18. KR-K1	B-R6
19. B-R1	P-KR3
20. P-B3	B-K3
21. P-KK14



21. BxK1P 24. K-B1 Kt-K6ch
22. PxB KtxP
23. B-KB3 QxPch

SPELLED OUT

Black spells out the win with more classical development, play against pawn-weaknesses, the win of the exchange, and a precise attack on the White Monarch.

COLLE SYSTEM

MCO: page 201

Hartford City Championship
Hartford, 1954

White	Black
A. KLAIVINS	J. PLATZ, M. D.
1. P-Q4	K1-KB3
2. K1-KB3	P-Q4
3. P-K3	P-B4
4. B-K2
5. O-O	P-K3
6. P-QK13	K1-B3
7. B-K12	O-O
8. QK1-Q2	P-QK13
9. R-B1	B-K12
10. P-B4	Q-K2
11. K1-K5	QR-B1
12. P-B4

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The trouble with this is that it weakens the KP and abandons all hope of getting control of K4. 12. K1(Q2)-B3 is best.

12. KR-Q1
Black completes his steady, logical scheme of development.
13. K1(Q2)-B3 K1-K5
This Knight cannot be driven off by a White Pawn, the White one at K5 is liable to P-B3.
14. K1xK1 BxK1
15. K1-K5?
White's loss can be blamed on this one. 15. BPxP should be played.
16. BPxB P
Refutation!
16. BPxB P
If 16. QPxP, QPxP, and Black wins a Pawn.
17. Q-Q3 and 17. R-B3 are somewhat better.
17. QPXP
18. QRXP
19. Q-B1, BxP! 20. QxB, KtxB ch; wins. If 18. BxP, PxB; 19. BxQP, RxB! 20. QxR, R-Q1; 21. Q-R1, R-Q7; 22. B-B1, (if 22. P-K13, KtxP wins) Kt-B6; 23. P-K13, Q-R4; 24. R-B2, RxR; 25. KxR, Q-B6 ch and mate in two. And if 18. B-KB3, PxQP! 19. BxKt, P-B6! wins eventually.
18. K1-Q3!



Black threatens 19. QxP mate and 19. KtxR.
19. B-KB3 KtxR
20. PxK1 BxB
21. QxB Q-K13
The KBP is protected and 22. Q-K18 ch, winning a piece, is menaced.
22. P-K4 PxB
23. B-B1 RxP
24. B-Q2!
Threatening to win the Queen with 25. R-Kt4, Q-R4; 26. RxP ch!
24. P-KR4 26. RxP QxP
25. R-R4 P-Q6 27. Q-R3
A last gasp mate threat.
27. R-B8 ch!
... but Black comes first.
28. K-B2
28. BxR, Q-K8 mate. R-B8 ch!
29. K-K13
If 29. KxR, Q-K7 ch; 30. K-K11, Q-Q8 ch; 31. K-B2, QxB ch; 32. K-K13, Q-K6 ch; 33. K-R4, QxQ ch; 34. KxQ, P-Q7 and Black wins.
29. Q-K13 ch
30. B-K15
If 30. R-K15, QxR ch! 31. BxQ, P-Q7; 32. BxP, R-Q6 ch; 33. K-K14, RxQ; and Black wins.
30. P-B4
Air.
31. PxB.e.p. RxP
32. R-R8 ch K-B2
33. RxR
If 33. R-R5, P-Q7 wins.
33. QxB ch
34. Q-K14 Q-K6 ch
Resigns

A logical game by Dr. Platz, who is a practicing physician, a former member of the Manhattan Chess Club, and one of our Guest Annotators.

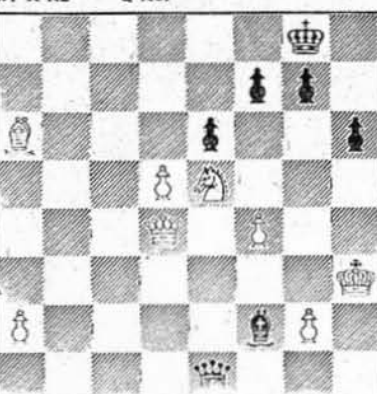
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

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ICCF Individual Tourney, No. 36 Correspondence

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White	Black
DR. M. G. STURM	DR. S. LUNDHOLM
(Trinidad)	(Sweden)
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. K1-QB3	K1-KB3
4. B-K15	B-K2
5. P-K3	QK1-Q2
6. K1-B3	O-O
7. R-B1	PxP!
8. BxP	P-QR3
9. Q-B2
10. P-KR4	P-K14
11.	B-K12!
12. BxKt	KtxB
13. O-O	R-B1
14. KR-Q1	Q-K1
15. P-K4	P-K15
16. P-K5	PxK1
17. PxKt	BxP
18. QxP!	P-B4
19. K1-K5!	PxP
20. QxP	RxR
21. RxR	Q-K11
22. P-B4	R-B1
23. R-B3	B-Q4!
24. BxP	RxR
25. PxR
26. P-B4	Q-K18ch!
27. K-R2	Q-K8!
28. QxR7, Q-R2 ch.
29. BxKRP	28. PxB B-K16ch!
29. K-R3	B-B7!



At this point White, aware of the fairly obvious 30. Q-Q3, Q-R8 ch; 31. K-Kt4, QxP ch; 32. K-R5, Q-R7 ch; 33. K-Kt4, Q-Kt7 ch with perpetual check at KR7 and KKt7, acutely over-estimated his advanced passed P, and lost after ...
30. QxB?? QxQ 32. Kt-B4
31. P-Q6 Q-Q5
32. P-Q77, P-K14.
32. P-K14 34. P-K13 P-B4
33. PxB PxB
Threatening mate by Q-R8, etc.
35. K-K12 Q-K5ch 40. P-Q7 Q-R1
36. K-R2 Q-B7ch 41. K-R2 Q-Q4
37. K-R1 Q-K18ch 42. K1-K5 K-K12
38. K-R2 QxPch Resigns
39. K-R3 QxB

MATE ON K1

The Black King is mated on its original square.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

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North California Championship
San Francisco, 1954

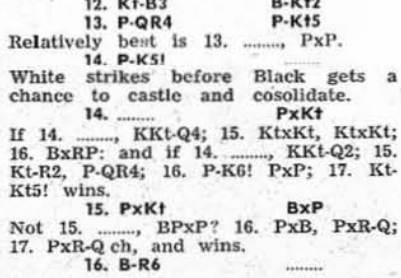
White	Black
W. ADDISON	J. SCHMITT
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. K1-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-B3
4. B-K15 ch

Alekhine favored this in his latter days. Like the Giuoco Piano, it tries to build-up a big pawn-center.
3. Kt-KB3
4. B-K15 ch

Or 4. P-K5, PxP; 5. KtxP (Alekhine-Tsvetkov, Buenos Aires, 1939).

4. QK1-Q2
White also comes out better on (A) 4. B-Q2; 5. Q-K2, BxB; 6. QxB ch, Q-Q2; 7. Q-K2, K1-B3; 8. P-Q4, and (B) 4. Kt-B3; 5. Q-K2, P-KK13; 6. P-Q4, PxP; 7. PxB, P-QR3; 8. B-R4, Q-R4 ch; 9. K1-B3, P-QK14; 10. B-K13, B-K15; 11. B-K3! B-K12; 12. P-KR3, BxKt; 13. QxB, O-O; 14. O-O.
5. Q-K2 P-QR3
6. B-R4 P-QK14
7. B-B2 B-K12

Preferable is 7. P-K4; 8. P-Q4, Q-R4; 9. O-O, B-K2; with a setup analogous to the Tchigorin Position in the Ruy Lopez.
8. O-O R-B1
9. P-Q4 PxP
Here, and on the next move, P-K4 is still best.
10. PxB P-K13
11. B-Q3 Kt-K13
Too slow. The King should be put in safety with 11. B-K12 and 12. O-O.
12. Kt-B3 B-K12
13. P-QR4 P-K15
Relatively best is 13. PxB.
14. P-K5!
White strikes before Black gets a chance to castle and consolidate.
14. PxKt
If 14. KKt-Q4; 15. KtxKt, KtxKt; 16. BxRP; and if 14. KKt-Q2; 15. Kt-R2, P-QR4; 16. P-K6! PxP; 17. Kt-K5! wins.
15. PxKt BxB
Not 15. BPxP? 16. PxB, PxB-Q; 17. PxB-Q ch, and wins.
16. B-R6



16. BxKt
The trouble with this is that it weakens the light squares. Better is 16. Q-Q2.
17. PxB
In this case, doubled KBPs do not hurt and the Queen is needed on the KBI-QR6 diagonal.
17. BxB
This just about loses by force. But Black cannot hold the position anyway. If 17. PxB; 18. QxP, Kt-B5; 19. Q-K14, P-Q4; 20. QR-B1, and White has a winning configuration.
18. BxRP R-B4
If 18. PxB; 19. QR-Q1, wins the exchange.
19. QR-Q1 B-B3
If 19. P-K4; 20. RxB wins.
20. P-K14! R-KR4
Resistance is prolonged with 20. R-K4; 21. B-K15 ch, Kt-Q2; 22. Q-B4, R-R4. But White could then win with his two connected passed-pawns.
21. B-K15 ch Kt-Q2
22. RxP!
Threatening both 23. RxKt and 23. RxB.
22. R-K4
If 22. RxKB; 23. PxB wins; and if 22. RxQB; 23. RxKt wins.
23. RxKt! RxQ
Or 23. QxR; 24. BxQ ch, KxB; 25. R-Q1 ch and White wins.
24. R-B7 ch Q-Q2
25. R-B8 mate.

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Position No. 145: 1. K-K7 ch; 2. K-R7, R-QB7; 3. R-R5 ch, K-R5; 4. K-K7, R-K7 ch; 5. K-R6, R-QB7; 6. R-R4 ch, K-R6; 7. K-K6, R-K7 ch; 8. K-R5, R-QB7; 9. R-R3 ch K-R7; 10. RxP and the pawn queens.

Position No. 146: 1. R-B5 ch, K-R4; 2. R-QR5 ch! (the solution requires that the Black King be on the Kt file, to prevent Black's check on move 5 in the following solution), K-Kt5 (if KxR; 3. P-Q8(Q) ch and White wins the RP by checking next on KR4 or on Q5 and then on the second rank); 3. R-KR5, R-Q6; 4. K-B7, R-B6 ch; 5. K-Kt6, R-Q6; 6. R-R4 ch K-R6 (now getting off the Kt file will not help Black); 7. K-B7, R-B6 ch; 8. K-Q8!, R-B7; 9. K-K7, R-K7 ch; 10. K-Q6, R-Q7 ch; 11. K-B6, R-B7 ch; 12. K-Kt5, R-K7 ch; 13. K-R5, R-Q7; 14. R-R3 ch, K-R7; 15. RxP and wins.

Solution:

Studies in Pawn Endings

Position No. 1: 1. P-Q6!, PxQP (if 1. P-B3; 2. PxRP wins with P-R6-R7-R8(Q); on other moves, PxBP followed by P-B8(Q) wins); 2. P-B6 (on 2. PxRP, Black answers with K-Q4 and wins), PxBP; 3. PxRP followed by P-R6-R7-R8(Q) and wins.

Incorrect is 1. PxRP because of 1. KxP and 2. K-B3; also incorrect is 1. P-B6 because of 1. P-Q3 followed by 2. KxP and 3. KxBP. But after 1. P-B6, K-Q3 is bad because of 2. PxRP and wins. (If 2. PxBP; 3. P-R6, etc.; if 2. KxP or K-B4; 2. PxQP wins.)

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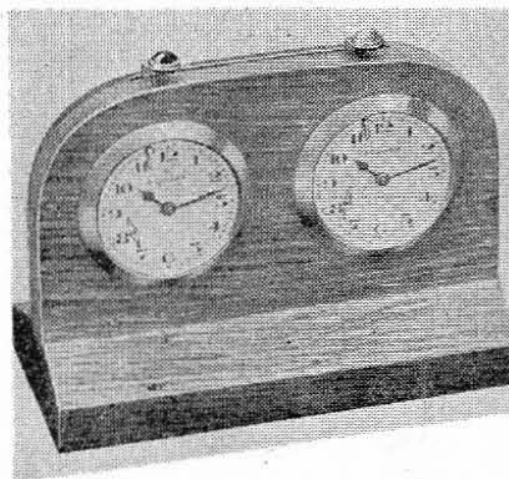
Congratulations to solver Ronald O'Neil who tops the solving ladder with 490 points and received the quarterly award. Solver O'Neil's points on the Ladder are cancelled and he begins the climb again from the bottom.

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Solution To What's The Best Move?

Solution to No. 151

Analysis by D. V. Hooper of an adjudicated game in an English County Match. White wins by 1. P-Q7, and Black has only two plausible defences, 1. P-N8(Q) and 1. R-R. Full credit to solvers who submitted wins against both defences, half credit to those who sent in a valid win against only one of them.

A) 1. P-Q7 P-N8(Q) 2. P-Q(N)ch! K-B3 3. R-Q6ch K-N4 4. N-B7ch K-R4 5. R-KR6ch. K-N5 6. R-KN6ch. K-N5 7. RxQ and to stop mate the R must check, when NxR then wins.

B) 1. P-Q7 R-R 2. R-Q6ch K-B2 3. K-K5! and White must win. Also acceptable in B) is 2. N-N7ch K-K2 3. N-K8 also the win takes longer after 3. K-Q.

In A) some went astray with 2. R-Q6ch K-B2 3. R-B6ch KxR 4. P-Q8(Q)ch K-B2 5. Q-K7ch., for after K-N (not K-N3???) it is not possible for White to win. The try by 2. N-N7ch in A) overlooks the reply QxN. Also, 1. N-N7ch fails after K-Q2.

Naturally, there is supposed to be only one correct solution. But your columnist blundered. There are two answers to No. 151. Five solvers submitted 1. R-KN, a move we had thought refuted by 1. R-QR6. Some sharp analysis, particularly by Andris Staklis, proved a win for White in all variations, including the crucial one of 1. R-KN R-QR6 2. N-Q4ch! K-Q2 (alas that KXP is refuted by a N fork!) 3. RxP and wins. Accordingly, full credit is also given for the solution 1. R-KN.

As the only solver to point out that both moves win, George W. Payne receives our congratulations and 2 Ladder points.

Correct solutions (1 pt.) are acknowledged from R. A. Baker, Milton D. Blumenthal, Abel R. Bomberault, Clarence A. Cleere, J. E. Coachman, Robert Dickinson, Lt. S. J. Einhorn, Dr. H. B. Gaba, Heino Kurruk, Edward F. LaCroix, A. L. McAuley*, Elmer L. Miller, Charles Musgrove, Edmund Nash, Irwin Sigmond, Paul J. Sommer, Andris Staklis*, W. E. Stevens, David A. Walsdorf jr., J. L. Weininger, William B. Wilson, Barney F. Winkelman*, and N. P. Witting.

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Correct solution to No. 150 acknowledged from Ephraim Solkoff* (late solutions acknowledged only for NEW solvers).

*New Solver.

The solvers enjoyed a comfortable 34-16 lead over No. 151 as we went to press.

A few complaints have been received that the positions are too hard and demand too much analysis. As the column is run for the pleasure of the solvers, we would appreciate your comments. Also, anyone with a grievance over the scoring of his solutions can readily obtain a personal answer by addressing Chauvenet. In general what is wanted is the ideas in the position; thus, "1. P-Q7 R-R (not P-N8 because of P-Q8(N)ch! etc.) 2. R-Q6ch K-B2 3. K-K5! and wins" was a full credit solution to No. 151; longer analyses of 1. R-R, extending as much as 12 moves, were given 1/2 point when 1. P-N8(Q) was left unmentioned.

North Jersey Chess League: Fifth round results saw Maroczy swamp Montclair 7-1, Plainfield down Irvington 6-2, Philidor best Elizabeth 5-3, Irvington-Polish defeat Orange 5-3, and Northern Valley outpost Jersey City 3 1/2-2 1/2. Maroczy retains the lead with 4 1/2-1/2 in match score, followed by Northern Valley with 4-1. Philidor and Plainfield are tied in third spot with 3 1/2-1 1/2 each. An USCF Affiliated League.