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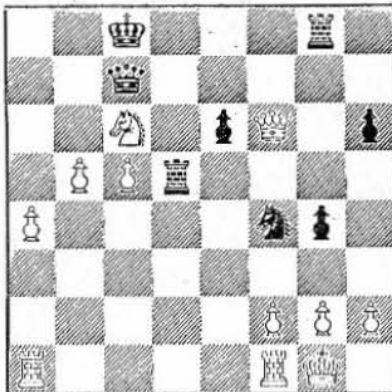
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What's The Best Move?

Conducted by

RUSSELL CHAUVENET

Position No. 157



Black to play

SEND solutions to Position No. 157 to Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Md., by April 20, 1955. With your solution please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice as "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position 157 will appear in the May 5, 1955 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.

WOMEN'S TOURNEY SET FOR OCTOBER

USCF President Frank R. Graves has been notified by FIDE that the Women's World Championship Candidates Tournament has been scheduled to start the first days in October at Moscow. The U. S. entrants in this event are International Women Masters Gisela K. Gresser, Mona May Karff, and Sonja Graf-Stevenson. Victor of the Candidates Tourney plays the titleholder for the Women's World Championship.

Text of the cablegram from FIDE was as follows:

Please be advised and communicate Graf Gresser Karff Ladies Candidates Tournament Moscow starting first days October.

FIDECHCS

LEININGER TOPS LANSING MEET

Eugene Leininger with 6-1 won the Lansing City Championship in a 20-player 7-rd Swiss conducted by the Lansing Chess Club. Leininger lost one game to Ed Barwick. Second place went to John B. Kelly with 5½-1½, losing to Leininger and drawing with James Kinton. Third and fourth on S-B with 5-2 were Leo Zaikowski and Robert Slocum, while James Kinton was fifth with 4½-2½. Sixth to tenth with 4-3 were Alan Strelzoff, Ed Barwick, Don Green, Richard A. Holmes, and Edwin Johnson. Richard Holmes took the Junior title as ranking player among the four juniors participating.

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 8-20, 1955
Long Beach, California

PEDERSEN AGAIN IN MINNESOTA

For the second straight year victory in the 40-player Minnesota State Chess Championship, held at the Downtown YMCA in St. Paul, went to K. N. Pedersen of Minneapolis with 5½-½, drawing with former Minnesota Champion Milton Otteson. Second and third with 5-1 each were Fred Galvin and W. E. Kaiser. Fourth at 4½-1½ was W. R. Jones. Fifth to twelfth with 4-2 were Milton Otteson, L. P. Narveson, Geo. S. Barnes, Dane Smith, Eugene Hoeflin, Werner Schroeder, Louis Persinger, and Harry Field. The 6-round Swiss was directed by Lewis George and was a 100% USCF rated event.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Chess Association, Dane Smith of St. Paul was elected president, Melvin Semb of Winona first vice-president, Milton Otteson of St. Paul second vice-president, and Eugene Hoeflin of St. Paul secretary-treasurer. Sheldon Rein, Werner Schroeder, K. N. Pedersen, Merl Johnson, and Geo. S. Barnes were chosen directors.

PLAN USSR MATCH FOR JUNE-JULY

Plans are reported progressing for an unofficial match with the USSR in Moscow in June or July of this year. The American team is reported to consist of Reshevsky, Evans, Bisguier, the Byrne brothers, and probably Fine—with Denker, Pavey, Kashdan and Kevitz on the reserve list.

Since the match is privately sponsored by a New York group, headed by Alexander Bisno, Jose Calderon, Lesing Rosenwald, and Maurice Kasper, it will not be a return match to the encounter in New York in 1954, which was officially sponsored by the USCF.

Transition to New Rating Plan Proves Easy and Painless To Clubs

Despite fears voiced in advance by several critics, who in the main did not wait to learn the details and plan before criticizing it, the Revised USCF Rating Regulations have gone into effect in a most painless manner, being greeted by almost all the chess organizations contacted so far with enthusiasm as being more equitable and workable than the regulations previously in effect.

Several previously unaffiliated groups hastened to affiliate with the USCF, finding the new plan for affiliation more suited to their membership, and of the eight tournaments to be held in April or May which have been reported to CHES LIFE, seven will be 100% USCF rated events. The eighth, the Louisville Open Championship sponsored by the USCF affiliated Louisville Chess Club, may also be a rated event but did not specify in their announcement.

Of the tournaments announced, the New Jersey High School Championship will be rated under the old plan, as announced prior to March 1st. The Inland Empire Open will begin the new era under the new plan, followed by the Indiana State Championship.

Then the Maryland State Championship, on two weekends, come in a unique manner, being co-sponsored by four USCF Affiliated Clubs: Arion Chess Club, Maryland Chess Club, Glenn L. Martin Co. Chess and John Hopkins University Chess Club.

Finally, Memorial Day weekend sees three large and notable events—all USCF rated—the 2nd Annual Great Lakes Open, the 31st annual Tri-State Open, and the Texas State Championship.

From the evidence to hand, the new Rating Regulations and Affiliation Plan will serve to broaden the field of rated events, rather than contract it as some pessimistic observers have prophesied.

BISGUIER GOES TO ARGENTINA

U. S. Champion Arthur B. Bisguier will participate in the Golden Wedding Tournament, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Club Argentino de Ajedrez. Play will commence on April 17 at Buenos Aires and the event will last 25 days. Other invited players are Alexander of Great Britain, Unzicker of West Germany, Pachman of Czechoslovakia, Szabo of Hungary, and Gliгорich and Ivkov of Yugoslavia.

CLEAVER SCORES ALLENTOWN WIN

Mahlon Cleaver emerged victorious with 13-0 score in the recent Allentown City Championship. Second place went to Minotte Chatfield with 9-4, while J. Mack placed third with 8½-4½. Tied for fourth with 8-5 each in the 14 player event were W. Young, C. Zeigler, and Paul Sherr.

CAPELL TAKES SALT LAKE MEET

Martin Capell, president of the YMCA Chess Club of Salt Lake City and candidate for a Ph.D. degree at the University of Utah, won the Salt Lake City Championship 4½-½. In second place with 3½-1½ was defending champion Farrell L. Clark with 3½-1½. Third to fifth on S-B with 3-2 each were Dick Heilbut, Gaston Chappuis, and Larry Jacobsen. In the "B" tournament, the victory went to Alex Rizos with a perfect 5-0 score. Will Gardner was second with 4-1, while third and fourth on S-B with 3-2 each were Emerson Snider and Wally Morgan.

Both victors, Capell and Rizos, hold the distinction of being the only two Utah players to defeat Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky in his simultaneous exhibition at Salt Lake City last February.

COLUMBUS BOWS TO CLEVELAND

In the first team match rated under new USCF regulations, the Cleveland team downed Columbus 14-5 in a match at Columbus, jointly sponsored by USCF affiliates, the Cleveland Chess Ass'n and the Columbus Y Chess Club. In a concurrent Junior team match, Cleveland from the Columbus juniors 7-1.

Scoring wins for Cleveland were R. Pitschak, A. Nasvytis, M. Patrick, J. Cohn, E. Somlo, J. Gilchrist, R. Owens, Willa Owens, M. Antunovich, A. Burgyan, and H. Corfman. For Columbus S. Terrible and S. Lin tallied the victories.

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 15-24, 1955
Lincoln, Nebraska

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Mastering the End Game

By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

FINDING ONESELF IN THE WRONG CORNER!

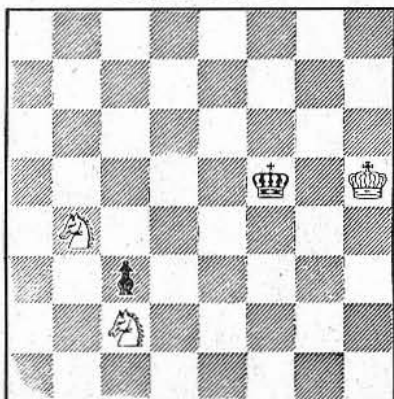
IN the previous chapter we scrutinized the aspects of the position given there in Diagram 16, and repeated here, from a game Barcza-Rethy, and today we append the outflow of moves from that position onwards. 88. N-Q4 ch, K-B3? Black realizes he is going to be driven into a corner, to await the final blow there. Therefore he seeks sanctuary in the most distant corner, that is on his KR1, and is aiming for it.

But this is Black's first mistake, playing into White's hands. Paradoxically enough, BLACK'S SAFEST SQUARE IS QR8 (a1). In order to mate the King in that corner, or probably even to drive him away from there, White needs command of the square QB3 (c3). This White cannot do without taking the Black pawn stationed there, which would establish a draw. Therefore, Black should have headed for QR8, but actually adopts the opposite strategy of avoiding it! This explanation further proves that the Pawn on "c3," blocking White's entry, is stronger than if it were on "a3" (i.e. on Black's QR6), as a Queen Rook's Pawn would not obstruct White's plan in the above described manner.

89. N/N4-B2, K-N2; 90. K-N5, K-R2; 91. N-K6, K-R1; 92. K-B6, K-R2; 93. K-B7, K-R1; 94. N-B4, K-R2; 95. N-N6, K-R3; 96. N-B8, K-N4; 97. N-K6 ch, K-R3?; 98. N-B8, K-N4; 99. K-N7, K-B4; 100. N-Q7, K-K5; 101. N-B5 ch, K-B4; 102. N-N3, K-K3?; 103. N/3-Q4 ch, K-K2?; 104. N-B5 ch, K-K1? As Black cannot go to his K-side corner, he now insists on being shown into his Q-side corner. 105. K-N8, K-Q1; 106. K-B8, K-Q2; 107. K-B7, K-Q1; 108. N-Q6, K-Q2; 109. N-K8. The game was adjourned in this position, and, after exhaustive home analysis, both players seem to have discovered the correct strategy. White no longer thinks in unison with Black that the corner "a1" is taboo for Black, and from now on strives to prevent Black's King from going there, whereas Black tries to make a dash for it. From here on, any flaw in that plan is rather one of wrong judgment or wrong timing.

109., K-B3; 110. K-K6, K-N4? Alas, Black is too rash and straight-forward in his marching away. He probably discarded 110., K-B4; 111. N-Q6, K-B3; 112. N-K4, K-B2; 113. N-B6, K-B3; 114. N-Q7, K-B2; 115. N-K5, K-Q1; 116. K-B7, K-B2; 117. K-K7, gaining the neces-

Diagram No. 16



sary opposition. That means, if Black now marches up to QR5 (a4), White arrives in time at his own QB4 and forces Black back just as will happen in the course of the actual game. However, Black overlooked here the alternative 110., K-B4; 111. N-Q6, K-N3!! which gives him one more move as against the above "tempenspiel."

111. K-Q5, K-R5; 112. K-B4, K-R4; 113. N-B6, K-N3? It seems to have been better to shuttle along a while with 113., K-R5. 114. K-Q5, K-B2; 115. K-B5, K-N2; If 115., K-Q1; 116. K-Q6, K-B1; 117. N-K8, K-Q1; 118. N-B7, K-B1; 119. N-K6, etc. 116. N-Q5, K-B1. If 116., K-R3; 117. K-B6, K-R4; 118. N-N6 and N-B4, etc. 117. K-Q6, K-N2; 118. K-Q7, K-N1; 119. N-K7, K-N2; 120. N-B8, K-R3; 121. K-B6, K-R4; 122. N-N6, K-R3; 123. N-B4, K-R2; 124. N-Q6, K-R3; 125. N-N7, K-R2; 126. N-B5, K-N1.

The final phase is shaping up. If 126., K-R1; 127. K-B7, K-R2; 128. N-N4, P-B7; 129. N-B6 ch, K-R1; 130. N-Q7, P-B8(Q); 131. N-N6 mate. 127. K-Q7, K-R2; 128. K-B7, K-R1; 129. K-N6, K-N1; 130. N-N7! White must regroup for the final kill, 130., K-B1; 131. K-B6, K-N1; 132. N-Q6, K-R2; 133. K-N5, K-N1; 134. K-N6, K-R1; 135. K-B7, K-R2; After a tedious task, Black is "arrested" and the blockade is lifted: 136. N-N4, K-R1; 137. N-B8, P-B7; 138. N-B6, P-B8(Q); 139. N-N6 mate.

But this is not the end of the tale, there is a tail to it. Watch out for our next column!

Metropolitan Chess League (N.Y.): First round of League play saw Manhattan Team A down Manhattan Team B 7-3; Marshall Team A best Marshall Team B 8-1; Log Cabin defeated N. Y. Academy 6½-3½; and London Terrace draw with Sunset 4-4. In the Manhattan match, M. Harrow of Team B defeated H. Seidman on board one, but his next three team-mates were no match for the lineup of A. B. Bisguier, G. Shainswit, and I. A. Horowitz. Likewise in the Marshall clash, P. LeCornu of Team B downed K. Burger on board one but his team-mates crumpled before C. Pilnick, E. Hearst, J. T. Sherwin, E. Mednis, etc.

Baton Rouge (La.) Chess Club won 10½-8½ from USCF affiliated New Orleans Chess Club in a match at the Baton Rouge YMCA; a return match at New Orleans is scheduled.

Queen City (Buffalo) Chess Club: Master Emeritus Roy T. Black won the 24-player club championship 8½-1½, losing one game to runner-up Vernon Gable and drawing with Paul E. Greenough. Vernon Gable scored 8-2 for second place, drawing with Albert E. Vossler and Dr. Henry Freitag, while losing to Greenough. Paul Greenough was third with 7½-2½; Albert Vossler fourth with 7-3; and Arnold Krul fifth with 6-4. Sixth to tenth on S-B with 5½-4½ each were Dr. Henry Freitag, Robert L. Mekus, James J. Barrett, Herbert McCaughey, and Norman K. Millard. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Birmingham (Ala.) Chess Club: With the first issue of "The Magic City Woodpusher," edited by Ernest M. Cockrell, former club president, in January, 1955 the Birmingham club grows articulate. The first issue consisted of three mimeographed pages containing club news, results of the club tournament, and historical notes on chess in Alabama. Interested Alabamian chess players may contact Editor Cockrell at 170 Belros Terrace, Fairfield, Ala. A USCF Club Affiliate.

San Francisco Bay Area League: The Golden Gate Chess Club, a USCF Club Affiliate, tightened its grip on first place in the "A" Division by defeating Oakland 3-2 while the University of California and Castle Club fought to a 3½-3½ tie. Golden Gate now leads with 3-0 in matches and 16-5 in game score, Mechanics Institute is second with 1-0 and 4-3, University of California third with 1½-1½ and 11½-9½, while Castle is fourth with 1½-1½ and 10½-10½. Palo Alto and Oakland trail with 0-2 each.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club: Rudy Kunz with 6½-1½, drawing with runnerup Walter Teubner, won the Club championship. Teubner placed second with 5½-1½, losing a game to Art Domsky who was third with 5-2. Domsky lost games to Kunz and Frank Buttenhoff who placed fourth with 4½-2½. Bernard Gill was fifth with 4-3, while sixth to eighth on Solkoff with 3½-3½ each were Louis Larsen, H. C. Zierke, and Russ Kime. USCF Affiliate.

New USCF Affiliates

MARYLAND

Arion Chess Club
Meets at 11 No. Carey St., Baltimore, Md. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. to midnight. President: Nicholas O. Boehl; treas.: George M. Downs; sec'y.: Wm. C. Koenig, 810 Braeside Road, Baltimore 29, Md.

MICHIGAN

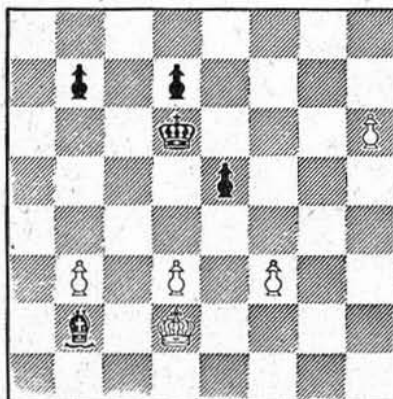
Edison Chess and Checker Club
Meets at Detroit-Edison Company, noons and evenings. Sec'y.: Edward I. Treend, Rm. 460, Service Bldg., 2000 Second, Detroit 26, Mich.

University of Michigan Chess Club
Meets at Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, Mich., Mondays at 7:30 p.m. President: John Penquite; sec'y.: Roy Fleming, 802 Monroe Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Studies in Pawn Endings

By Andrew Efron

Study No. 4



White to play and win
(For solution, turn to page eight)

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

ONCE the exclusive property of a talented few, the art of kibitzing has grown so that today every self-respecting New York player has a whole set of kibitzes for use on all occasions. A kibitzer is a person who does not play, but comments on the position; a kibitz, on the other hand, is a witty remark made by a spectator or a player, and refers to a person, a position, or a move. A kibitz must fall into one of two categories—it is either a Personal Kibitz, belonging exclusively to one chess-player, or a General Kibitz, the property of a group of people.

The Personal Kibitz usually becomes very closely identified with its originator; often a remark is preceded by, "Oscar used to say . . .", referring to the late Oscar Tenner, all-time champion of the kibitz. Dr. Lasker, engaged in a skittle game, usually says, "Get thee gone, Mortimer," when he attacks a piece. Harry Fajans seldom misses the chance to comment, "Now you're talking my language—Turkey," when pleased with his position. Jim Sherwin is solely responsible for "Heh-Heh!" a witch-like kibitz that points up an opponent's blunder. Horowitz will accept as evidence almost any chesic occurrence to prove his favorite thesis, "The Penguin is mightier than the Swordfish." Albert Weissman enjoys complimenting his own play with "Sheer L. and P.I.A."—which stands for "Sheer Logic and Poetry in Action!" Nick Bakos in order to underline the futility of his opponent's efforts, says "Nice try, but no seegar." And Walter Shipman is the owner of a kibitz to answer all kibitzes: "You don't saaaaaaay."

Hundreds of Personal Kibitzes are being produced all the time, and a few become General Kibitzes. It is a great honor for a chess-player to have his own kibitz repeated by many other members of his club, for it is recognition of his creative talent. Indeed, some players take more pride in the beauty of their kibitzes than in the sharpness of their games!

It is virtually impossible to really understand chess in a New York club unless you are up on the latest kibitzes. Next issue, therefore, your reporter will list the current favorite General Kibitzes; maybe some will become popular in your club.

IN BRIEF: Brooklyn College has organized a club with Steve Winger as president. All members of this club are required to become members of the Manhattan C. C. too . . . Bisguier, 5-2, and Pinkus, 4½-1½, lead the Manhattan C. C. Championship . . . Over forty players are entered in the Marshall Amateur Championship.

Birmingham (Ala.) Chess Club: Bradford Gambrell with 38½-3½ won the Club tournament; Gordon C. Bates was second with 34-8, while Charles Cleveland was third with 24-14 and Fred Kemp fourth with 23½-13½ in the 15 player event. A USCF Club Affiliate.

BEHIND THE SCENES

THE STORIES BEHIND THE GAMES

By International Master **ARTHUR B. BISGUIER**

U. S. CHAMPION, 1954

No. 3: The Meran Defense

THROUGH the years, the chameleon-like Meran Defense has been subjected to the vagaries of fashion. Periodically it is refuted and abandoned, only to be resuscitated time and again by a new move or idea. Currently, its stock is as high as it ever has been. Indeed, an important testament to the present-day respect accorded to the Meran is the recent popularity of the Stoltz variation (6Q-B2), an innocuous, unassuming line, whereby White attempts to avoid the tactical difficulties inherent in the principal variations, thereby usually forfeiting any hopes of a clear opening advantage.

A prime reason for White's wish to avoid the main line lies in the multitudinous possibilities at Black's disposal, with all of which the white player must be familiar if he is to avoid the many pitfalls of this extremely complicated offshoot of the Slav Defense. In the following game played in the recent Lessing Rosenwald Tourney, I essayed the Meran in one of its oldest forms. Surprisingly, though, here it is White who varies with an original move in a brave attempt to obtain something more than a minimal endgame advantage. After a short, but extremely difficult and complicated middle game, the endgame proves to be unavoidable. Ironically enough, this endgame instead of being in White's favor is probably untenable for him.

So here we have one more piece of evidence which seems to lead to the conclusion that the Meran will maintain its place as one of the more important defenses to the Queen's Gambit.

SLAV DEFENSE (Meran Variation)

White	Black
G. KRAMER	A. BISGUIER
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-QB3
3. N-KB3	N-B3
4. N-B3	P-K3
5. P-K3	QN-Q2
6. B-Q3

The Stoltz Variation 6. Q-B2 is currently fashionable. It is historically interesting to note that the great connoisseur of opening play, Akiba Rubinstein, introduced and frequently played 6. N-K5 in an attempt to skirt the Meran. All this is rather amusing since the Meran was an original creation of Rubinstein, himself.

6.	PxP
7. BxP	P-QN4
8. B-Q3	P-QR3

Here 8., P-N5 and Wade's novelty 8., B-N2 both seem to be playable.

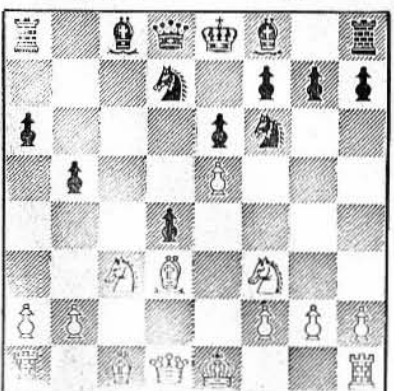
9. P-K4

White must play this move if he hopes to obtain an advantage. Quieter continuations such as 9. O-O, or 9. P-QN4 are easily met by 9., P-B4 or 9., P-QN5 followed by 10., P-B4, and Black transposes into favorable variations of the Queen's Gambit Accepted.

9. P-B4

Pirc's Variation 9., P-N5 followed by 10., P-B4 is also acceptable but does not lead to as tense a position as the "straight" Meran.

10. P-K5 PxP



And here I have won many games (against S. Bernstein, Steinhilber, et al.)

with the unusual, if not quite sound. 10., N-N5.

11. NxNP NxP

This is the older move. Currently in great vogue is 11., PxN; 12. PxN, Q-N3 which also leads to complicated and unclear positions. Rabinovich's variation 11., N-N5 has been played but White obtained a clear advantage in the game Schmidt-Nurnberg, Bad Oeynhausen 1941, as follows: 12. Q-R4, B-N2; 13. N/N5xP; 14. O-O, B-B4; 15. B-K3, O-O; 16. QxN, QR-Q1; 17. Q-R4, BxN/B6; 18. NxB, NxB; 19. BxP ch.

12. NxN PxN

This is by far the best move. Instead 13. BxP ch leads to nothing after 13., B-Q2; 14. BxB ch, NxB; 15. NxN, B-N5 ch; 16. B-Q2, Q-R4; 17. P-QR3, BxB ch with an even game (col. 2, Meran Variation, MCO 8th edition).

13. B-N5 ch

This is an original move but inferior, no doubt, to the more usual K-K2. Kramer was making strong efforts to win because of his poor score in the tourney. Probably best was 14. K-K2, R-QN1; 15. Q-N3, Q-Q3; 16. N-B3 (16. N-B6 is too ambitious since Black obtains excellent compensation for the exchange after 16., QxN; 17. QxR, O-O; 18. P-B3, B-N2 as in Reshevsky-Petrov, Kemer 1937), QxQ; 17. RPxQ with a minimal edge for White.

14. R-N1

Here 15. N-B6 is met very strongly by B-N2.

15. Q-B2!



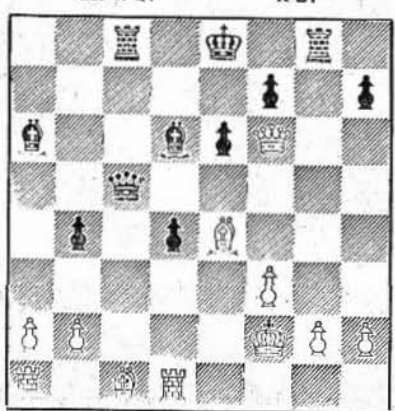
A very carefully calculated move which seems to refute 14. K-B1.

16. N-B6
Now 16. QxP would lose to QxN since after 17. QxR ch, K-K2 White has no answer to the double threat of Q-K8 mate and B-N2 followed by R-N1.

16. B-Q3
17. QxP R-N1
18. QxN QxN
19. P-B3 B-R3!

A very strong move. Kramer took a full hour in an effort to satisfactorily meet it. The KB is the key to the White position; hence this logical attempt to undermine it. Obviously, White cannot afford to capture the Black QP as it would open too many diagonals and files for Black.

20. K-B2 P-N5
21. B-K4 Q-B4
22. R-Q1 R-B1



Threatening principally 23., P-Q6 ch; 24. B-K3, RxP ch; 25. KxR, QxB and there is no defence to R-B7 ch, or Q-K7 ch. Note that this was not threatened until 22., R-B1 since after something like 22., P-Q6 ch; 23. B-K3, RxP ch; 24. KxR, QxB; 25. B-B6 mate would be slightly embarrassing.

23. P-KN3 P-Q6 ch
24. B-K3 Q-KR4
25. Q-R6 R-B7 ch
26. R-Q2 RxR ch
27. BxR B-B4 ch
28. K-N2 QxQ
29. BxQ P-B4



Thanks to White's careful defence I saw no way of effecting a favorable decision in the middle game. However, the endgame is a clear win for Black because of the mobile pawn majority in the center.

30. B-B6 ch K-K2
31. B-Q2 K-Q3
32. B-R4 P-K4
33. R-QB1 R-QB1

White threatened BxP, followed by R-B6 ch, recapturing the B.

34. R-Q1 B-B5

A good move which preempts White's diagonal, QR2-QN8.

35. B-N3 BxB
36. PxB K-Q4

Followed by P-K5 and White resigned a move or two later. The Black pawns are unstoppable.

Women's Chess Life

By Willa White Owens

MISS Edith L. Weart is spending the month of March travelling in Southern Europe and Egypt.

Though she is more interested at the moment in viewing the world as a chessboard than in viewing the chessboard as the world, she has always been prominent in U. S. Chess—as a national tournament player, an organizer and teacher of chess, and as the author of **The Royal Game, Chess for Young People**, (Vanguard Press, Inc.).

The Royal Game teaches all the rules of chess and basic strategic principles as if the chess pieces were talking. As children probably see the pieces as alive, (I myself, have seen some ferociously cavorting knights) this is a very natural and lively way to explain the game. The colorful illustrations, clear diagrams and photographs of pieces are splendid aids to the text. The en passant rule, all the castling rules, and chess notation are clearly explained. The book ends with six short games—all finishing with good checkmates—and twelve simple mating positions. I have noticed that whenever I give this book to a child, papa and mama glom onto it with glee.

Miss Weart is also the donor of the trophy which accompanies the title of United States Women's Champion—which national tournament she and Mrs. Caroline Marshall pioneered.

At least three women are taking part in the competition in the Metropolitan Chess League (New York City). Mary Bain and Kathryn Slater are on the "Marshall Raiders" and Gisela Gresser is playing for the London Terrace Club.

It has been suggested that a Metropolitan Women's Team be composed of the above three players. (Please turn to page 8, col. 4)

UNITED STATES AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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GAMBITS ACCEPTED: A STUDY OF OPENING SACRIFICES, by L. Elliott Fletcher. New York: D. Van Nostrand Co., 254 pp., \$4.50.

In this age of time clocks, the King's Gambits have practically dis- appeared from tournament play. But they are still an important part of chess theory—and a lot of fun in skittles and postal chess.

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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. Answers to Readers' Questions

Dr. R. Y. Hubbard, Holly Hill, Florida asks: After 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. B-B4, Kt-Q5; 4. KtxKt, PxB, what is best? **Answer:** This is a good question and not easy to answer. The difficulty lies in the fact that White has several methods of procedure and the same is true of Black except that Black will have certain difficulties owing to the unnatural doubled Pawn at his Q5. A plausible line might be 5. P-Q3, P-Q3; 6. P-B4, Kt-B3 (not 6., B-K3, 7. BxB, PxB; 8. Q-R5 ch, P-Kt3; 9. Q-Kt5 ch, Q-Q2; 10. QxP); 7. Kt-Q2, B-Kt5; 8. Kt-B3 with a slightly better game for White.

Mr. L. A. Ware, Iowa City, Iowa asks: The text-books say, referring to the Sicilian "Never permit White P-QB4." However, if 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. P-QB4, it comes too soon to be prevented. What should Black do? **Answer:** It has been my practice to answer with 2., P-K4, after which Black's usual problems in the Sicilian are almost non-existent. Each side has a strong point at his Q5, and this tends to nullify the usual advantage which White enjoys in the opening because of having the first move. One warning about this variation: If either side plays Kt-KB3 and the opponent answers with P-KB4, the latter side gets a favorable game.

You are right that after 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxB; 4. KtxP, it has long been considered bad to play 4., P-KKt3 right away since White plays 5. P-QB4 and gets the famous "Maroczy bind" on the center. Normally one plays 4., Kt-KB3 so that White has nothing better than 5. Kt-QB3 blocking his QBP. However, in the last few years the Maroczy bind has not always proved fatal for Black. **Modern Chess Openings** (8th Ed.) shows some of the resources available against it.

Mr. Paul J. Sommer, Detroit, Mich. asks: Is K, R and Kt against K and R a win or a draw? **Answer:** In normal positions this is a draw. The absence of Pawns means that the defending side will seize any opportunity to exchange R's, and even with the R's still on the board analysis shows that the weaker side cannot be forced into a mating position. However, Reuben Fine's **Basic Chess Endings** gives five special positions where the strong-side wins.

There is a moral in this and a number of similar endings. If you are ahead, exchange pieces but not too many Pawns. Frequently the way to take advantage of superior force is to use it in the end-game to force the Queening of a Pawn.

2. Finding a Plan

In the opening there is no immediate trouble in finding a plan. It is well-known that one must get the pieces out and struggle for the center. However, in the middle-game many players do not try to look for a plan but rather turn their attention here and there to minor objectives without any thought to overall strategy. Or, if they recognize the need for a plan, they cannot find one. A typical thought is "Now that I have my pieces out, what do I do next?"

One of the most common plans is a K-side attack. It has many advantages. If successful, it may end the game very suddenly. A dangerous K-side attack demands the serious attention of the defender, so that he must often abandon enterprises which he is preparing elsewhere.

One of the drawbacks of the K-side attack is that it is usually not very subtle. The opponent can usually see it coming and prepare for it adequately. The theorists tell us that the best counter against a flank attack is a thrust in the center. Often this strategy can be combined with the repelling of the attack, and the defender then frequently emerges with the superior position.

Other typical plans include (1) strengthening the center (2) Q-side attack (3) penetration into the opposing back-field (4) creating Pawn weaknesses (5) removing one's own weaknesses (6) forcing open a critical file (for use in (2) or (3) or in a K-side attack), (7) bringing about a favorable end-game. The first to think of should usually be (1), and, in fact, this plan should usually be combined, if possible, with any other plan adopted.

It is not possible to illustrate all these plans in a short space. We content ourselves with an example of a K-side attack as a simple, effective plan which can bring about a quick decision if not properly met.

3. An Example of a K-side Attack FRENCH DEFENSE

Ladder Game, 1955
E. MARCHAND P.K4 P.K3 W. GRIFFIG

This constitutes the French Defense, one of the soundest replies to 1. P-K4. It involves blocking in Black's QB, but Black will get a rather solid game where White can easily go wrong if he tries to over-reach himself. The usual strategy for White is a K-side attack, whereas Black hopes to survive early attacks after which his position will be somewhat superior for the end-game.

2. P-Q4 P-Q4
These moves are the most logical ones for both sides since they strike at the center and aid the development of the pieces.

3. Kt-QB3
Black was threatening PxB. White develops and defends the KP at the same time. Good alternatives are 3. P-K5 and

3. PxB. The latter move (the Exchange Variation) permits Black to free his QB with 3., PxB and allows Black to equalize the game rather easily.

3. Kt-KB3 4. B-Kt5 B-K2
White evidently has in mind 5. P-K5 attacking the pinned Kt. It would be unwise to try 4., P-KR3 because of 5. BxKt, PxB (not 5., QxB; 6. PxB; 7. KtxP) and Black's K-side Pawn position is weakened. A possibility is 4., B-Kt5 (the McCutcheon Variation); 5. P-K5, P-KR3, the ensuing complications offering about equal chances.

5. P-K5 Kt-K2
This ugly-looking move has been standard for many years. With an early P-QB4 Black will attack White's strong center. The K-side attack is slowed down, and Black will gradually unwrap his Q-side forces. An interesting alternative is Tartakower's variation: 5., Kt-K5. One possibility here is 6. BxB, KtxKt; 7. BxQ, KtxQ; 8. BxP, KtxKtP with a slightly better game for White.

6. P-KR4!
This Pawn sacrifice has been attributed to Albin, Chatard, and Alckhine, but was probably discovered long before any of them. It is contrary to basic opening principles, but after 6., BxB; 7. PxB, QxP; 8. Kt-R3, the attack on Black's K-side is found to be very strong because of Black's undeveloped pieces and White's open lines.

6., P-QR3
Black declines the offer. The reasons behind Black's move lie deep. Also playable is 6., P-QB4 in accordance with Black's basic strategy. If 6., P-KB3, there might follow 7. Q-R5 ch, P-Kt3; 8. PxB, PxB; 9. PxB with advantage to White.

7. Q-Kt4



7. O-O?
This is a mistake since White now wins material by force. Correct was K-B1 to meet White's threat of BxB and QxKtP.

8. B-R6 B-B3?
Here Black jumps from the frying pan into the fire. Mate can be prevented by 8., P-KKt3; 9. BxR giving White the Exchange (a Rook is worth about 4½ Pawns, a Bishop about 3). As played Black gives up a piece for a Pawn.

9. PxB QxP 12. P-R5 Q-B2
10. B-Kt5 Q-Kt3 13. Q-Kt3 P-B4
11. B-Q3 P-B4

Between strong players the loss of a piece is often sufficient for resigning, especially when there are no appreciable prospects for attack. The superior side can usually exchange most of the pieces so that chances of complications are reduced and the effect of the extra piece becomes overwhelming.

14. PxB KtxP 15. B-KB4
Black threatened 15., P-K4 with dangerous chances in the rolling Pawn center. Of course, this could not have been answered by 15., QxP because of 16. R-K1 pinning and winning (Please turn to page 7, col. 4)

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Frank Anderson, Canadian Co-Champion, defeated Geza Fuster, 1941 Hungarian Champion, 5 1/2-4 1/2, in a tight Practice Match. Anderson won two, drew seven, and lost one. Here is the Sixth Game between these two powerful Canadian masters.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 281, column 83, (h) Practice Match Toronto, 1954

White F. ANDERSON G. FUSTER
1. P-K4 P-QB4 3. P-Q4 PxP
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 4. KtxP Q-B2
This is definitely inferior to the usual 4., Kt-B3, but it carries one or two traps.

5. Kt-K15
The sharpest, and refutation seeking reply.

5. Q-K11
6. P-QB4
And the "Maroczy Bind," (grip on Q5) is established.

6. Kt-B3
7. Kt/5-B3
7. Kt/1-B3 can be played too. E.g., 7. P-QR3; 8. Kt-Q4 (8. Kt-R3, followed by Kt-B2 and Kt-K3 is feasible), KtxP; 9. Kt/4xKt! (9. Kt/3xKt?, Q-K4; 10. KtxKt, QxKt ch; and Black winds up a Pawn ahead) KtxKt; 10. KtxQ, KtxQ; 11. KtxRP! (if 11., KtxBP? 12. Kt-B7 ch, Q-K1; 13. KtxR, KtxR; 14. P-KKt3, and White wins); 12. KxKt, and White has the advantage.

7. P-K3
7. P-KKt3; merits attention.
8. B-K3 P-QKt3
Kan-Flohr, Moscow, 1935, continued:
8. B-K2; 9. B-K2, O-O; 10. O-O, R-Q1; 11. P-QR3, P-QKt3; 12. P-QKt4, B-Kt2; 13. P-B4, P-Q3; 14. R-R2! and White has a distinct plus.

9. B-K2 B-B4
10. Q-Q2
Not 10. BxP? PxB; and Black obtains control of Q5 and play on the QKt-file.

10. Q-K4
If 10. O-O; 11. P-B4, adn White's greater mobility is very important.
11. P-B4 BxB 13. QxQ KtxQ
12. QxB Q-Q5 14. P-K5!



Black has been relying on the exchange of Queens and the threat of 14., Kt-B7 ch to solve his difficulties. The text comes as a dash of cold water.
14. Kt-K11

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With the sober realization 14., Kt-B7 ch; 15. K-Q2, KtxR; 16. PxKt, PxB; 17. Kt-R3, gives White two Knights for a Rook.

15. Kt-R3 B-Kt2
Better is 15., KtxB.
16. Kt(B3)-Kt5 KtxKt
17. KtxKt

Threatening to win a piece.
17. K-K2
If 17., BxP? 18. R-KKt1, wins.

18. O-O
White now has the cheerful choice of working on the backward QP or breaking with P-KB5.

18. P-B3
Black can give his opponent a harder time with 18., P-B4.

19. Kt-Q6
This is a real bone in the throat.

19. R-Kt1
If 19., B-B3; 20. P-QKt4, R-Kt1; 21. P-QR4, and White has play all over the board.

20. QR-Q1 Kt-R3
21. R-Q3 Kt-B4?

This loses a Pawn and the game. And 21., Kt-B2 22. KtxKt, KxKt; 23. RxB ch, loses for Black too. 21., P-B4; is relatively best, with 21., KR-Q1; a possibility, but Black would be fighting a lost cause in any case.

22. KtxKt ch PxB
23. PxB ch PxB
If 23., KxP; 24. RxB, wins.

24. R-Kt1
Threatening 25. B-Kt4 ch and 26. BxP.

24. K-Q1
If 24., B-K5; 25. B-B3, wins.

25. R/1-Q1 B-B1
Forced, for if 25., B-B3; 26. B-B3, K-B2 (26., BxB; 27. RxB ch, wins); 27. BxB, PxB; 28. R-Q7 ch, K-B1; 28. RxBP, wins for White.

26. R-Q5 R-K1
27. B-B3 R-K3
28. K-B2
There is no hurry about taking the BP.
28. B-N2
Mistakes, large and small, are made easily in bad positions and under pressure. If 28., R-B3; 29. RxB ch, BxR; 30. BxR, and White wins a piece,
29. RxB ch K-B1
30. R-Q8 ch K-B2
31. R/1-Q7 mate

IRREGULAR OPENING

MCO: page 135, column 10 (i)

Wichita Open Championship
Wichita, 1954

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

White O. MARING Black M. KLEIN
1. P-KKt3 P-Q4 3. B-Kt2 P-KKt3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3

Another plan would be occupation of the center with pawns, e.g.:, P-B4,, Kt-B3, etc.

4. P-Kt3 B-Kt2 6. O-O O-O
5. B-Kt2 P-B4 7. P-Q4 P-Kt3
If instead 7., PxB; 8. KtxP, P-K4; 9. Kt-KB3 and the Black pawns are shaky.

8. QKt-Q2 Kt-B3 10. QPxB
9. P-B4 P-K3

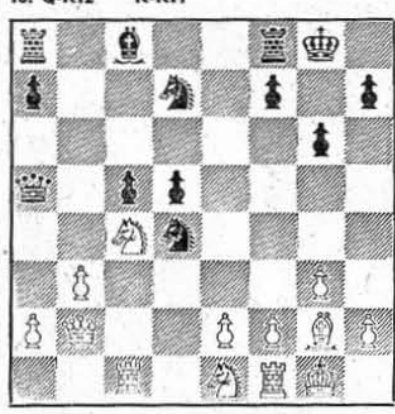
In positions of this nature the person who makes the first capture generally makes a serious concession. Maintenance of tension with 10. R-B1 or 10. P-K3 is better.

10. KtPxP 11. PxB PxB
While Black's "hanging pawns" at Q4 and QB4 constitute a potential end-game weakness, as so often happens, they are towers of strength during the middle game, effectively preventing White's pieces from occupying vital center squares.

12. R-B1 Q-R4 13. Q-B2 Kt-Q2
Naturally not the horrible blunder, QxP?; 14. R-R1!
14. BxB KxB 15. Kt-K1?

Better is the transition to the ending with 15. Q-B3 ch. The text move per-

mits the Black Kt to infiltrate with great force.
15. Kt-Q5 17. Kt-B4
16. Q-Kt2 K-Kt1



17. PxB!
A speculative sacrifice of the exchange which appears promising. Maring's 17th was as good as any. On the alternative 17. BxP, simply, KtxP ch; 18. K moves, KtxR; 19. BxR, KtxRP, etc. On other moves, after, B-R3 Black for choice.

18. BxR PxB 19. PxB
Or the immediate 19. B-B3 after which Black should continue, B-R3 and White transposes back to the actual game with 20. PxB.

19. B-R3 21. K-Kt2
20. B-B3 R-K1
Not 21. Kt-Q3?, KtxB ch, etc.

21. KtxKP 23. Q-B3 Q-Kt3
22. BxKt RxB 24. P-R4?

After this move Black's attack becomes irresistible. It appears that White would have had fighting chances after 24. Kt-Q3! for if, B-Kt2 ch; 25. K-Kt1, Q-QB3; 26. P-B3, etc.

24. B-Kt2ch 25. K-R3
Or 25. K-R2, P-B5! On 25. K-Kt1, Q-K3 is also powerful.

25. Q-K3ch 26. P-Kt4
On 26. K-R2, Kt-B3 continues the attack.

26. Kt-B3
....., P-KR4 is also good.

27. P-B3
Or 27. Q-Kt3, Kt-K5, etc.
27. Q-Q3 29. KxKt RxBKtch
28. Kt-Kt2 KtxP! Resigns

CHESS IN PUERTO RICO

Rafael Cintron, an organizer of the new "Club de Ajedrez de Puerto Rico" and many times Champion of Puerto Rico, regained the title in a Match with Francisco Benitez.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 97, column 82

Championship Match

Puerto Rico, Oct., 1954

White R. CINTRON Black F. BENITEZ
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. P-KKt3 P-Q3
2. Kt-KB3 P-KKt3 6. B-Kt2 QKt-Q2
3. P-B4 B-Kt2 7. P-K4 P-K4
4. Kt-B3 O-O 8. PxB

The drawbacks to this are it relieves the tension, balances the pawn-formation, and allows Black to maneuver a Knight to his Q5. Something White cannot do because of, P-QB3.

8. PxB
9. O-O P-B3
10. Q-B2

Or 10. P-Kt3, Q-K2; 11. B-Kt2, Kt-K1; 12. Q-B1, Kt-B2; 13. B-QR3, Kt-B4; 14. Q-K3, Kt/B2-K3; 15. Kt-K2, P-QR4; 16. QR-Q1, P-Kt3; 17. R-Q2, R-K1; Podgorny-Pachman, Czechoslovakia, 1946. Black has a slight advantage.

10. Q-B2?
With the center situation clarified. 10., Q-K2; is much better.

11. P-KR3 Kt-Kt3?
El tempo es oro! The text loses time and space. Black should play 11., Kt-R4; or 11., Kt-K1; preparing, P-KB4; the "touchstone" of the King's Indian.

12. P-B5 QKt-Q2
If 12., Kt-B5? 13. Kt-QR4 or 13. P-Kt3, embarrasses Black.

13. B-K3 R-K1
More precise is 13., P-QR4; to prevent White's next move.

14. P-QKt4 Kt-B1
15. Kt-Q2 B-K3

If 15., Kt-K3; 16. Kt-B4, Kt-Q5; 17. Q-Q3, and White threatens 18. KtxP and 18. Kt-Q6.

16. KR-Q1 Q-B1
With 16., QR-Q1 first, Black achieves a more harmonious development.

17. K-R2 Kt-R4
18. Kt-K21



A good move which bolsters the king-side and enforces 19. Kt-QB4.

18. P-B4?
This leads to an ending where White has the Two Bishops, and control of the only open-file. Best is 18., R-Q1; 19. Kt-B4, Q-B2.

19. Kt-QB4 BxKt
Unfortunately, forced because 20. Kt-Q6, winning the exchange or the KBP is threatened.

20. QxB ch Q-K3
Other moves would leave White with annoying pressure on the QR2-KKt8 diagonal. Even so they might offer better practical chances than the unfavorable ending which now ensues.

21. QxQ ch RxQ
If 21., KtxQ; 22. R-Q7.

22. QR-Kt1!

By threatening to open the QKt-file with 23. P-Kt5, etc., time is gained to double Rooks on the Q-file.

22. P-QR3
23. R-Kt3 P-B5
24. B-QB1

Not 24. PxB? PxB; 25. KtxP? B-K4! and Black wins.

24. P-KKt4 26. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
25. R/3-Q3 QR-K1 27. Kt-R4 R/1-K2

Better is 27., R/3-K2.
28. Kt-Kt6 Kt-K1 30. B-B1

29. R-Q8 Kt-B2
Threatening to win the exchange with 31. B-B4. With the Black pieces jammed, this is the beginning of the end.

30. R-R3
31. B-B4 ch Kt-K3
If 31., K-R1; 32. Kt-B8, wins the exchange.

32. Kt-B8 R-QB2
33. R-K8!

White has infiltrated nicely.

33. K-B2
34. Kt-Q6 ch K-B3
35. Kt-B5 R-Kt3?

This loses at least two minor pieces for a Rook. Relatively best is 35., K-B2; although after 36. R/Q8, R-Kt3; 37. B-Kt2, Black loses anyway.

36. R-Q6!

Rook and Bishop pins have turned the trick.
36. K-B2

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37. KtxB KxKt
Black loses less material with 37. RxBt; 38. R8xKt6, KtXR; 39. BxKt ch, but he still loses.
38. BxKt KtXB 41. RxKP R-Q8
39. R/6xKt RxR 42. RXPch Resigns
40. RxR R-Q2
If 42., K-B3; 43. BxP, wins.



MATCH PLAY

The final and decisive game of a six-game match between Major E. B. Edmondson and Alfred P. Coles III. White is handicapped by the necessity of winning—a draw is not good enough. Under those conditions, it is easier to say: White to play and win, than it is to prove it.

MAX LANGE ATTACK

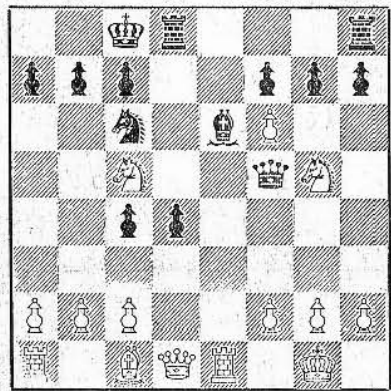
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Sixth Match Game

El Paso, 1954

Notes by U. S. Expert Dr. M. Herzberger

White	Black
MAJ. EDMONSON	A. P. COLES, III
1. P-K4	7. PxKt
2. Kt-KB3	8. R-Ktch
3. B-B4	9. Kt-Kt5
4. O-O	10. Q-Kt-B3
5. P-Q4	11. QKt-K4
6. P-K5	12. Kt(4)xB



Theory recommends either 12. P-KKt4 or 12. KtXB(K6). Both moves are much analyzed and inevitably give White a

win in over-the-board play and Black in analysis and in correspondence games. A vast literature exists on the subject. However, Major Edmondson's move seems to be sufficient for equality, though it takes the sting out of the game.

12. QxKt(B4) 16. KtXR KtXKt
13. PxP KR-Kt1 17. Q-Kt4ch Q-K31
14. RxB PxR 18. QxQch KtXQ
15. KtXKP Q-Q3 19. B-Q2
Here White should play 19. B-R6 after which the endgame is fairly even, e.g., 19., KtXP; 20. BxKt, RxB; 21. R-K1 and the chances are about even, if not slightly in favor of White, whose King is nearer to the Black majority of pawns. The endgame of B against Kt is inferior for White because of the bad position of his B. Black plays with precision but his opponent is obliging enough to facilitate his work.
19. RxP 21. P-B3

20. P-B4 P-Q6
White's B is worthless from now on.
21. Kt-B4 23. K-B2 P-Kt4
22. R-K1 K-Q2 24. R-K5 R-K2
A risky move; better K-Q3, since now White could exchange his bad B for the Kt. 25. RxKt, R-K7 ch; 26. K-B3, RxKt and White has quite a bit of counterplay.
25. RxRch KxR 26. K-K3

This is really the decisive error. 26. P-Kt4 will at least lead to a fight. Now White has no counterplay.

26. P-KR4! 29. PxP K-K3
27. P-KR3 P-R4 30. B-K1 Kt-Q2
28. P-KKt4 PxP 31. P-B5ch
Better 31. B-R4. Now White loses his last chances to delay defeat. Notice how well posted Black's Kt is for attack and defense.
31. K-Q4! 33. P-B6 K-B4
32. P-Kt5 K-K4 34. B-Kt3 KxP

White may as well resign here. The rest is without difficulties.
35. BxP P-R5 38. K-Q5 K-B4
36. B-B4ch KxP 39. B-R6 Kt-K5
37. K-K4 Kt-B4ch 40. K-B6 Kt-Kt4
Resigns

The simplest. Another way would be 40., P-Kt5; 41. PxP, P-R6; 42. PxP, P-B6. White's King march was more unfortunate; however, he was lost anyway.

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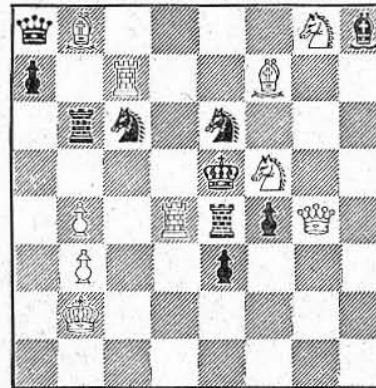
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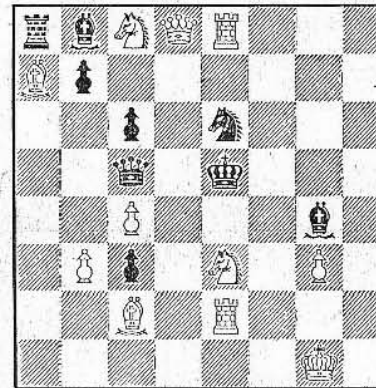
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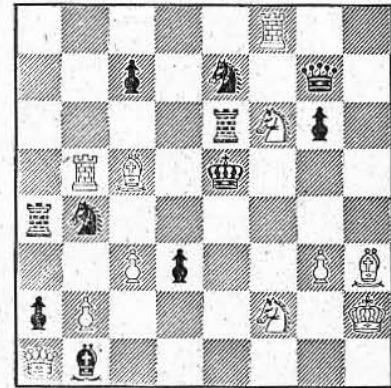


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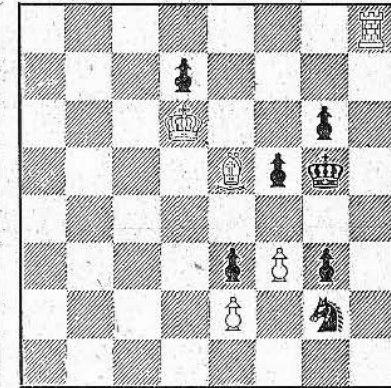
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White mates in three moves

Solutions - Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 527 (Burger): 1. Kt-B6, threat 2. R-K8!
No. 528 (Buchwald): 1. Q-B6, threat 2. QxP!
No. 529 (deBlasio): 1. Q-K4, threat 2. QxKt!

In these three problems there are, before the key is made, certain mates "set," depending on certain moves of the half-pinned pieces. In 527 the key creates the set play as well as the actual play.

No. 530 (Petrovic): 1. Kt-K5, threat 2. R anywhere, dis. ch!, etc. Black's moves determine just where this Rook must go, to accomplish mate on White's 3rd move.

No. 531 (Servais): 1. P-K7, waiting! Task: all mates (14) are "Mirror Mates," that is: the 8 squares immediately surrounding the Black King are free of any piece.

No. 532 (Goldschmiedt): 1. Q-B8, waiting! Task: Eight "Added Mates" created by the key.

No. 533 (Commandeur): 1. Kt-B5, threatening 2. B-K5 mate. Task: ALL mates are given by the same type of piece as those that attempt to defeat the threat. Thus: Queen defends—Queen mates; Rook defends—Rook mates; Knights defend—Knights mate; Bishop defends—Bishop mates; Pawn defends—Pawn mates! (The Balbo Task).

No. 534 (Bartolovic): 1. R-K1, threatens 2. Q anywhere (17 squares) and 3. Kt-KB3 disc. ch. mate! See again No. 530 by Petrovic. Task: the "Total Fleck Theme." If 1., K-R7; 2. PxB and there is no defense against 3. P-Kt4 disc. ch!

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Port Arthur (Tex.) Chess Club: Carroll Lewis scored 3½-½ to win the club title, drawing with Ben Fort; second was John De Vine with 3-1, while third and fourth with 2-2 were Jim West and Dr. J. L. Meadows. Tom Winzer and E. A. Pietz scored 3-1 in second division with Winzer taking the play off 2-0. A USCF Affiliate.

BEGINNER CHESS

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the Q. White could have chosen other ways to prevent 15., P-K4, but the move chosen prevents 15., P-B5 as well and also threatens to win a piece with BxKt.

15. QKt-Q2 17. PxKt Resigns
16. Kt-B3 KtXBch

Black feels that there are no adequate attacking chances to compensate for his material shortage.

*Solution To
What's The Best Move?*

Position No. 154

From a Capablanca game (Simultaneous?); here the immortal Cuban played 1. Q-R3? and his intimidated opponent promptly resigned. Instead, Black might have continued 1., RxR! with at least a draw. White should have won by 1. RxR, QxR; 2. Q-R4! when 2., RxP ch; 3. KxR, QxNP ch; 4. K-R is hopeless for Black; or even better by the second solution 1. Q-N5, P-B3 (Black's resources are meagre) 2. RxR, QxR; 3. Q-N8 and a check or two from the Black rook cannot ward off mate. To add to the excitement, there are two wrong tries, as well as two solutions, since 1. Q-R7 is tempting but on 1., R-B8 ch; 2. RxR, RxR; 3. QxP White's win will encounter unnecessary difficulties, so 1. Q-R7 cannot be accepted as "best."

Three solvers submitted both correct answers: Irwin Sigmond, K. Blumberg and Robert Dickinson each receive 2 points for this achievement. Congratulations!

Correct solutions (either 1. RxR, QxR; 2. Q-R4; or 1. Q-N5) are acknowledged from:

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To William A. Scott, who tried for the 2 point award but submitted one correct and one incorrect try, we give 1/2 point.

Two solvers suggested 1. RxR, QxR; 2. Q-R7, overlooking 2., QxNP which extricates Black from his uncomfortable position. Quite a few of the solvers, including many whose answers were wrong (!), commented scornfully that the position was too easy, but the score stood only 59 1/2-23 1/2 in favor of the solvers at presstime.

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Study No. 4: 1. P-Q4! If now 1., PxP (in order to play 2., P-Q6); then 2. K-Q3 and the pawn on R6 queens.

If 1., BxP; then 2. K-Q3 (threatening 3. K-K4), K-Q4; 3. P-R7, P-K5 ch; 4. PxP ch, K-B4 (if 4., K-K4; then at once 5. P-R8(Q); on other moves, White takes the B); 5. P-K4 ch, and then 5. KxB and 6. P-R8(Q).

If 1., P-K5 (threatening 2., BxP); then 2. K-K3, PxP (if 2., K-Q4; 3. PxP ch); 3. P-R7, P-B7; 4. P-R8(Q), P-B8 (Q); 5. Q-K5 ch and 6. Q-B5 mate.

If 1., P-K5; 2. K-K3, BxP ch; 3. KxB, PxP; 4. P-R7, P-B7; 5. P-R8(Q), P-B8(Q); 5. Q-K5 ch and 6. Q-B5 mate.

Incorrect is 1. K-K3 (intending 2. K-K4), because of 1., B-B8 ch and the pawn is lost. Also 1. K-B2, B-Q5 with a later, P-K5 loses for White.

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WOMEN'S CHESS

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ers and Mona May Karff. However, Miss Karff would not be available for the full schedule and Mrs. Gresser preferred to remain loyal to the London Terrace Club, so the team was not formed this year. It remains as an interesting possibility for 1956.

Though Mrs. Slater has never taken a title away from the three ladies mentioned as possible team companions, she has given them all some bad moments as in the game given below. Mrs. Slater's analysis of the human situation is as pertinent as her analysis of the chess situation. One of the Zonal players, depressed after having blundered away four "won" games, was making plans which included taking arsenic, cutting her wrist, shooting herself, and jumping in the Gulf of Mexico. "Don't do it," Mrs. Slater earnestly advised her, "you will muff it!"

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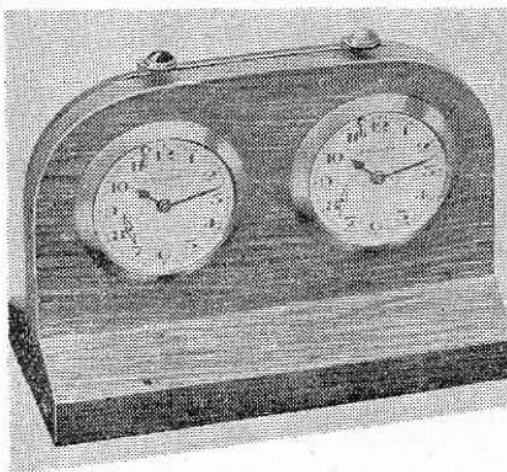
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4. P-K3	P-K3	15. N-N5	BxN
5. B-Q3	N-QB3	16. BxB	Q-R4
6. P-B3	B-K2	17. B-B6	N-K
7. QN-Q2	O-O	18. R-KN	PxBP
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