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## What's The Best Move?

Conducted by
RUSSELL CHAUVENET

SEND solutions to Position No. 161 to Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Spring, Md. by June 20, 1955. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice as "Best Move" or moves.
Solution to Position No. 161 will appear in the July 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.


## PLAYERS FLOCK TO U.S. AMATEUR

Advance registration for the U.S. Amateur at Monhegan Country Club did much to assure a very exciting and interesting event. Early New York City entrants included such natues as Louis Fersinger, Siul Iubin, Florencio Campomanes, Ben Schiller and Murray Burn. Elsewhere from more distant points came regisstrations from Dr. Erich W. Marchand of Rochester, Roy T. Black of Buffalo, Russell Chauvenent of Silver Springs, Md., Dr. A. H. Bond of Bristol, Va., Isabell Lynne of Washington, Willa White Owens of Avon Lake, Ohio, S. Sklaroff of Philadelphia, and Major J. B. Holt from Sarasota, Fla.

The striking feature of all advance registrations was the fact that the majority were for the entire family, indicating that the family outing feature of the U.S. Amateur is appreciated and probably should be copied by promoters of other tournaments.

## AN TOSTAL, CORK, FEATURES CHESS

Ireland's Annual Tourist Festival, May 8-29, features an An Tostal Chess Congress at Cork City with Bernstein of France, O'Kelly de Galway of Belgium, Van Scheltinga of Holland, and Wood of England among the international competitors. Irish chess also celebrates by initial publication of its own chess magazine, Fischeall.

## U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 8-20, 1955 Long Beach, California

## BRICE-NASH WINS KANSAS STATE

Bert Brice-Nash tallied $41 / 2-11 / 2$ to win the Kansas State title at Hutchinson in a 21 player Swiss, losing to runner-up Carl Weberg and drawing with Kansas State Ass'n PresiGent William Mciaugilin. Second io fourth, also with $41 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$, on S-B points were Carl Weberg, William McLaughlin, and Richard Bauman. Weberg lost a game to Roy N. Meister and drew with Bauman; McLaughlin lost to Weberg and drew with Brice-Nash; Bauman lost to Brice-Nash and drew with Weberg.
Fifth to seventh on S-B with $4-2$ were Roy N. Meister, Vlada Dimac and Albert Kika, while former State Champion R. Self was eighth with $31 / 2-21 / 2$.

## BAGWELL GAINS NO. DAKOTA TITLE

James C. Bagwell of Fargo tallied $41 / 2-1 / 2$ to win the North Dakota Championship, left vacant by the passing of last year's winner, William H. Steckle of Minot. Bagwell, chief quartermaster with the Navy recruiting service, drew with William Clark. George E. Kenny of New England placed second with 4-1, losing one game to Gordon Anderson. Third to fifth with 3-2 each were 1953 Champion Stanley Johñson of Grand Forks, 1952 Champion Gordon Anderson of Northwood, and Melvin Johnson of Grand Forks. Robert St. Clair, Champion in 1949 and 1950, lead those with $21 / 2 \cdot 21 / 2$ scores in the 12 -player event.

Stephen Robinson won the Junior State title, with Douglas Ikelman second and Steve Ellington third. The title was determined in a playoff event, as the three had tied for first in the regular tourney. USCF Director D. C. Macdonald of Grand Forks directed both events.

## Teaching Chess To Young People

Earns Rich Rewards In Enthusiasm

By A. E. MONTGOMERY<br>Elmhurst (Illinois) Chess Club

MY interest in teaching chess to young people in Elmhurst stems not only from the conviction that chess is one of the very best activities for youths, but also that it may enrich the later lives of some of them. Furthermore, Elmhurst (and America) needs more chess players. If we are to have future chess players, I believe we must stimulate the interest among the young.

The classes at the YMCA meet weekly on Saturdays, the first one being organized in the late fall as soon as football season is over and outside play ceases to appeal. The last class of the season ends about April 1. These are for boys 8 to 12 years of age, although I am presently conducting a more advanced class as well for those who start with a knowledge of how the pieces move and with some basic fundamentals.
We endeavor to start a beginners' class with, about 20 boys. Enrollment must be closed to beginners after the first meeting. If 20 start, the attendance will dwindle quickly to between 12 and 16 who will maintain an eager interest to the end. Of these it is usually a source of great pleasure to find about three really good chess minds, and perhaps one or two standouts.

I have had the best experience organizing the instruction to follow closely the arrangement in "In vitation to Chess" by Chernev and Harkness. A large demonstration board hung on the wall is a necessity. The first meeting is devoted to the history of chess, generali-
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## WARNER TAKES EMPIRE OPEN

The second annual Inland Empire Open went to Eugene Warner with a $51 / 2-1 / 2$ score, drawing with Gordon Cornelius. Although he formerly lived in Seattle, Warner now resides in Richland and thereby also becomes Eastern Washington Champion.
The surprise of the tournament was the second place $5-1$ score of Robert Dycus of Spokane-an 18 year old high school junior who played good chess throughout the tourney and gained the Junior title. Another surprise was the failure of Dr. Max Baumwell, last year's winner, to do better that 13th place. Third place went to Dan E. Wade of Seattle with $41 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$, losing to Warner in final round on time. Fourth and fifth, also with $41 / 2-11 / 2$ were Gordon Cornelius and Robert Kittredge, both of Spokane. William Bills, State Champion, winner of the SW Texas Open last year, and the only player to beat Bisguier in the U.S. Open last summer, could do no better than 9 th place with 42. The tournament set a new record for major state tournaments in Washington with 40 entries.

## WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TRAVEL FUND

Contributlons are sollcited for a travel fund to send a qualified representative to the World Junlor Championship Tournament at Antwerp, Belionship Tournament at Antwe
gium this July 20 -August 5 .

Please forward your contributlons, marked "For junior Ir'svel Fund" to:

KENNETH HARKNESS

## USCF Business Manager

81 Bedford St. New York 13, N.Y.

## WHITAKER SUES U S CHESS FED

Norman T. Whitaker of Shady Side, Md. has initiated a civil action against the United States Chess Federation and certain of its officials, Frank R. Graves, Rhys W. Hays, Max Pavey and Kenneth Harkness, asking for $\$ 100,000.00$ damages from each of the defendants and that the expulsion of Mr. Whitaker from the U. S. Chess Federation be declared illegal and he be restored to membership in good standing, together with whatever further relief and action may seem proper to the court.
Norman T. Whitaker will be remembered as the "Mr. Fox" of the Lindberg Kidnapping Swindle-a role he played, according to government records, as accomplice to exDepartment of Justice Agent, Gaston B. Means. In 1932, Whitaker and Means were convicted of conspiring to defraud Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean of $\$ 100,000.00$, intended as ransom for the Lindberg baby.

## U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- July 15-24, 1955

Lincoln, Nebraska

# ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL 

Mastering the End Game By W ALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

## CHESS MIRAGE OR CHESS MIRACLE

VarIGATING from the intricate but protracted mysteries of the preEndings where the setting should provide a different result from that claimed in the book.

Diagram 18 (BCE No. 161) is a position from the game ThomasFlohr, Hastings 1935-36 where "Flohr has sacrificed a piece to get this position and in point of fact wins by only one tempo," with the conclusion of the game given as follows:


John Curdo of Lynn won the Massachusetts Class A Tournament at Worcester with $4-1$ on Solkoff points, losing to former State Champion Julian Keilson in the final round. Second with 4-1 was Harry Lyman of Mattapan, losing a game to Curdo. Julius Keilson was third with $31 / 2 \cdot 11 / 2$ in the 12 -player Swiss, losing a game to Karl E. Gustafson and drawing with Frederick Trayer. The Class B event was a tie between Frank Keller of Northampton and Erich Nitzsche of Burlington with $21 / 2-1 / 2$ each.

## HAVE YOUR TOURNAMENTS OFFICIALLY RATED New Regulations Effective March 1, 1955

Tournaments, matches (individual or team; round robin or Swiss) are rateable when sponsored by USCF affiliated organizations, if played under FIDE Laws, directed by a competent official, and played at time limit of not more than 30 moves per hour.
The annual championship tournament of an USCF Club Chapter and ment of any USCF affiliate whose By-l ows any bers must be USCF members also bers must bithout charge.

All other eligible events are rafed only if official report of event is only if official report of event is
accompanied by a remittance covaccompanied by a remitrance game for all games actually played in the contest. (In a Swiss one-half the number of players times the number of rounds represents total games played if no byes or forfeits.)

Note that 10c Kating fee per game is collected from all players, whether USCF members or not.

Semi-annually ratings will be published of all participants in all USCF-Rated events.

Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:-
Montgomery Major
123 No. Humphrey Avenue Oak Park, Illinois
Do not write to other USCF officials for these rating forms.

The Manhattan Chess Club won the Metropolitan Chess League title by defeating the Marshall Chess Club $51 / 2-41 / 2$ in the final round of the League encounters. The Marshall Club had hitherto been undefeated. Third place went to the Log Cabin Chess Club. In the Minor Division the Marshall Raiders bested the Manhattan Reserves in a playoff match $6-0$ to win the Minor title; both teams tied in the regular league play. The winning Marshall Reserve Team consisted of Nicholas Bakos, Amos Kaminski, Charles Eastman, William Drakert, Richard Vogel and Gerald Jackson.

M. Jursevskis retained the British Columbia Championship and custody of the Davis Spencer Cup with an $81 / 2-1 / 2$ score. Second place went to G. Zerkowitz with $71 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$, while tied for third and fourth were L. M. Duval and J. M. Taylor with $6-3$ each. Tied for fifth and sixth with 5-4 each were H. Ridout and Frank Fillery, chess editor of the Vancouver Province and noted problem composer. The following is a sample of the champion's brisk style:

## SICILIAN DEFENSE <br> Vancouver, 1955



## REVISED BY-LAWS

 NEAR COMPLETIONThe committee working on the revised USCF By-Laws report the work is near completion and that the new text will soon be submitted to the full USCF Board of Directors for discussion and approval. Revision of the By-Laws was made necessary by the adoption of numerous new laws and changes since the last text, adopted in 1949, was approved. In addition to inserting these changes in their proper places in the text, the committee had the task of phrasing new paragraphs to cover other revisions in the USCF structure dealing with Affiliations, etc. and the business office and operations under the Harkness Promotional plan adopted at Tampa. Suggestions as to revisions were requested from the individual USCF Directors, but the committee reports that the response was very disappointing as only six members out of ninety-four submitted comments. Upon final adoption of the new By-Laws by the Board of Directors it is planned to make copies of the official text available to all USCF members.

## 열웅

The USCF Executive Committee has considered a communication dated April 5, 1955 from Mr. Norman T. Whitaker, requesting reversal or modification of the resolution adopted expelling Mr. Whitaker from membership in the U.S. Chess Federation. After due study of the request, no member of the USCF Executive Committee indicated any inclination to alter his original vote, and therefore the action of the Executive Committee as reported in CHESS LIFE, April 5 , 1955 is to be considered final.
J. W. Stapp took the Dallas City Championship 9-1, losing no games but drawing with K. R. Smith and C. F. Tears. Tears placed second with $81 / 2-11 / 2$, losing to R. B. Potter and drawing with Stapp. Smith was third with $71 / 2-21 / 2$, losing to Tears and Leon Poliakoff while drawing with Stapp. R. B. Potter placed fourth with 7-3, and W. T. Strange was fifth with $6-4$ in the 18 -player Swiss.

William Drakert with a score of $61 / 2-11 / 2$ won the Marshall Amateur Championship and custody of the Calderon Trophy.. Theodore Lorie, Myron Fleischer, Louis Raschen, and Alphen Murphy shared second place with $5 \frac{1}{2}-21 / 2$ scores. A special prize of a DeLieto chess set, donated by Jose M. Calderon for the highest score by a woman competitor, was awarded to Miss Wally Henschel.

For the third consecutive year Dwight R. Parker won the Portland (Me.) Cify Championship, this time with a $10-1$ score. Second place was shared by J. Weston Walch, C. Stuart Laughlin, and David Nalibow with 8-3 each, while Keyes D. Sanders and Richard H. Britt shared

IN BRIEF: Bill Drakert won the Marshall Amateur Champion ship. This is the second year this tournament has been held; it was originated in 1954 by Jose Calde ron to celebrate the fiftieth anni versary of Frank Marshall's great victory at Cambridge Springs, 1904 Aben Rudy, $41 / 2-1 / 2$, scored his first major New York City tourna ment success in winning a gambit tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club. Forster and Hidalgo, each 4-1, tied for second. The tournamen was directed by Joe Lavandero, whose idea it was to stage such an event . . . As a sequel to the Amateur Championship at the Marshall, a ten player round robin of the first fen players in the Amateur tournament will be held $\qquad$ After an ex citing struggle the Manhattan C.C. retained the Championship of the Metropolitan Chess League. As us ual, the Marshall team looked like sure winners at midnight, but the Manhattan team, led by Sammy Reshevsky, finally squeaked through with a $5 \frac{1}{2}-4 \frac{1}{2}$ victory. In the $B$ League, however, the Marshall B team more than avenged the loss with a $6-0$ victory over the Manhat$\tan B$ team $\therefore$. Flash! The U.S. team to Moscow will consist of Reshevsky, Evans, Bisguier, the Byrnes, Horowitz, Pavey, Kashdan, Steiner, and Kevitz. Kevitz defeated Sherwin $31 / 2-21 / 2$ in their hard fought match that was held both for the Manhattan Championship as well as for a place on the team. Kevitz played his own amazing brand of chess (kibitz following a very unusual move: Who do you think you are, Kevitz?) in which he disregards book moves and plays his own analysis. For example: 1. PQ4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. KtQB3, Kt-QB3!? . . . Many New York players attended the U.S. Amateur Championship, held one hour from N.Y.C.

## BOOST AMERICAN CHESSI By Joining the U.S.C.F.

## 10th U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

 July 15-24, 1955
## Lincoln, Nebraska

Eligibility: All chess players in North America who are not yet 21 years old at date tournament starts.

Place: The air-conditioned Green Room of the Lincoln YMCA.

Type: Swiss tournament; William Bergsten tournament director.

Entry fees: No entry fees, but entrants must be or become USCF trants must be or
members ( $\$ 5.00$ dues).
Registrations: Entries should be mailed to A. Liepnieks, 135 No. 14th Street, Lincoln, Neb. or to Kenwood Opp, 2112 So. 9th Street, Lincoln, Neb.

Prizes: First prize will be an article of $\$ 75$ cash value, and approximately of $\$ 75$ cash value, and appro
10 prizes will be awarded.
Accomodations: Free board and room will be available for a limited number of applicants. Otherwise $\$ 1.00$ per day

# By Kester Svendsen <br> FOURTH BOOK OF CHESS: HOW TO PLAY THE BLACK PIECES. By Fred Reinfeld. New York: Sterling Publishing Co., 96 pp., 70 diags., $\$ 2.50$. FIFTH BOOK OF CHESS: HOW TO WIN WHEN YOU'RE AHEAD. By Fred Reinfeld. New York: Sterling Publishing Co., 96 pp., 87 diags. $\$ 2.50$. 

FRED Reinfeld turns out top quality chess books faster than his admirers, including this deponent, can keep up with them. Of the four now at hand which he wrote or co-authored, the fourth and fifth in his "Sterling Series" offer the intermediate player practical instruction in aggressive defense and systematic exploitation of advantage. Book Four develops six propositions: how to capitalize on White's weaknesses, how to take over the initiative when White falters, how to play against gambits, how to blunt a powerful attack, how to counter-attack, and how to avoid opening mistakes. Chapter Two is typical, illustrating how to seize the initiative in five games, a Sicilian, a Nimzoindian, a French, a Four Knights, and an Orang-Utan, with plenty of diagrams, principle-packed notes, and precise spotting of the move on which White went wrong and Black went right. Everything is done with complete games, a shrewd appeal to the average player, who likes the whole story and does not like to set up positions without knowing how they arose. Book Five necessarily varies from this policy, for the ten chapters here deal with endings. Most players of experience are still able to recall the satisfaction with which they discovered swapping down for a win. Reinfeld systematizes this elementary principle with sections on promotion, King and Pawn endings, a piece ahead, the exchange ahead, and other advantages, chiefly material rather than positional. Before the intermediate chesser can aspire to positional play, he must master the method of making extra material count; and that instruction is the object here. The price is still a little high, despite the skilful management of space and the good-looking production job; but perhaps when one obtains such "infinite riches in a little room," he should not cavil at the terms of the lease.

## TEACHING CHESS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

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ties, and to learning the simple moves of the pieces and the object of the game. At the end of this period the feeling of the students was well expressed by one of the boys whom I overheard exclaiming to another: "Oh boy, chess is easy!"
After the first meeting, the classes extend for an hour and a half, although players may stay for two hours. The first half hour, only, is devoted to instruction, with the use of the demonstration board and plenty of student payticipation, after which the students start playing, even at the second meeting before they have been told about castling or the fundamentals of opening play. At the second meeting a blackboard is needed for teaching the language of chess. For the third meeting a round-robin tournament chart has been prepared, and the students at once start their tournament games. I give prizes for the top two or three, these consisting of a choice among chess books or sets. "Touchplay" is insisted upon in these tournament games to establish good playing habits.

All instruction is devoted to fundamentals, no attempt being made to teach specific openings, the short illustrative games in "Invitation to Chess" affording adequate opportunity to mention a few of the safcst or commonest openings; while impressing vividly upon the students the importance of sound fundamentals. Mimeographed sheets are distributed, and often referred to, listing ten rules for the openings, and five rules each for the middle and end games, these being taken from, and credit given to, "Chess the Easy Way" by Reuben Fine.
I have had the frequent assistance of Doyle Satterlee, a high school student and a strong chess
${ }^{\circ}$ Renewals of Charters

## CALIFORNIA

Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc.
Conducts annual CFNC Open in Spring of each year, also regular league contests. Holds monthly meetings. President: Tom Tripodes; Sec'y: James Reydent: Tom Tripodes; Sec'y: James Reynolds, 117 Brewster, San Francisco,
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Chess Friends of Southern Califo Inc.
Headquarters at 110 So. Boylston St., Los Angeles, Calif. President: C. G Taber; Sec'y: S. G. Behrends, 22628 So. Island, Wilmington, Callf.; Treas: Charles Clement. Conducts regular league play.

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League
Meets at Press \& Union Club, 7th fl, 555 Post St., San Francisco, Calif. Presi555 Post St., San Francisco, Calif. Presi-
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match program in Jan-May and two match program

## ILLINOIS

University of Southern Illinois Chess Club
Meets at Student Union, Univ. of Southern IIlinols, Carbondale, Ill.

## IOWA

Tri-City Chess \& Checker Club
Meets 3rd fl. Hiekey Bldg., 2nd \& Brady, Davenport, Ia. Members have krady, Davenport, Ia. Members have keys for play any time; regular meet
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Conducts annual state championship and publishes monthly "Chess Letter." President: Otto Claitor; Sec'y: A. L. McAuley, 4225 So. Liberty, New Orleans, La. NEW YORK

Reeves Chess Club
Meets at 1636 Third Ave., New York 28, N.Y. on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. President: Rudy Porkorny \% Reeves Inst. Corp., 215 East 91st, New York 28, N.Y.; Sec'y: Otto Zuefle.
NORTH CAROLINA
Asheville Chess Club
Meets at YMCA, Asheville on Thursdays 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. President: Wm. Adickes; Sec'y-Treas: Mark D. Biallas, Adickes; Sec'y-Treas: Mark D. Biallas,
25 Sand Hill School Rd., W. Asheville, N.C.

North Carolina Chess Association
Conducts state championship Conducts state championship and
other events. President: Dr. Norman M. other events. President: Dr. Norman M. Hornstein, Southport, N. C.; Vice-pres.:
Dr. A. M. Jenkins; Treas.: John S. TownDr. A.
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Greco Chess Club
Meets at YMCA Bldg., 19 Greene St., Xenia, Ohio on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. President: Philip Prugh; Vice-Pres: W. B. Alexander; Sec'y-Treas.: Dr. Harvey B. MeClellan, 200 Rogers St., Xenia, Ohio.
WISCONSIN
Racine Chess Club
Meets at Douglas Park Community House, 2221 Douglas Ave., Racine, Wis. Mondays at 8 p.m. President: Frank Buttenhoff; Vice-Pres.: Chris Back; SecyTreas.: Arthur Domsky, 1519 Hamilton, Racine, Wis.
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"Wisconsin Chess Association
Meets at Hawthorne Glen, No. 60th St. and W. State St., Milwaukee, Wis. President: F. C. Stokes; Secy-Treas.: A. E. Elo, 3935 No. Fiebrantz Dr., Milwau-
kee, Wis.

Golden Gate (San Francisco) Chess Club won the Class A Championship in the San Francisco Bay Area League by besting Mechanles' Institute $41 / 2-21 / 2$. Scoring for Golden Gate were I. Konig, C. Capps, and D. Peizer, while W. Pafnutieff, H. Gross, and Dr. K. Colby drew. For Mechanics the win was scored by J. Schmitt, while W. Addison, D. Pollakoff, and C. Svalberg tallied the draws A USCF Affiliated Club.
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## Women's Chess Life <br> By Willa White Owens

$\mathbf{M}^{\text {RS. Lena Grumette of Holly- }}$ wood, California, has accepted the position of Western Representative on the USCF Women's Committee. As California has so many active women players, the Women's Committee is fortunate in having such an able representative in that state.
The rest of the Women's Committee remains the same as last year: Eastern Representative, Mrs. Caroline Marshall; Southern, Mrs. Rachel Daniel; Central, Mrs. Eva Aronson; Publicity, Miss Edith L. Weart. This Committee is the steering committee for the Women's Division. Though the Zonal Tournament was arranged by this Committee, future tournaments or special events will be arranged by epocial committees appointed for that purpose.

The U. S. Women's Championship Committee is under the chairmanship of Miss Mona May Karff, with Mrs. Gresser and myself the only other active members on that committee at present. Miss Edith L. Weart resigned from this special committee because of the pressure of business duties, so we are shopping for a publicity director for that committee.

Some day I hope there will be a book on women's chess in English. I have struggled through Dutch, Russian, and now Spanish.
Sonja Graf's Asi Juega Una Mujer was the first book about chess written by a woman. It was published in Buenos Aires in 1941 and is now out of print. Since then, Elisavetta Bykova has published a book on Russian women's chess, and, as mentioned before, is now preparing one on international women's chess. Sonja Graf has written another book (in English, thank heavens) but it has not as yet been published.
There should be a Sonja Graf Club, as there was a Vera Menchik Club, for Sonja Graf has some impressive scalps in her trophy closet. This book gives the scores of some of her wins against such players as Spielmann, Prins, Koltanowski, Pils, Stahlberg, Przepiorka, and Vera Menchik-fifty game scores in all.

I have no intellectual understanding of the Spanish comments on the games, but I can understand them emotionally. In one game, Vera Menchik's 60th move was a "terrible equivocacion" which filled Sonja Graf with "grande dolor". This "grande dolor" I am very familiar with, though I usually suffer grande dolor because of my own blundersnot my opponents.
The game I am giving here is far from dolorous. A bishop sacrifice brings quick returns of a pawn, positional advantage, and the return of the bishop. Then, after a dignified exchange of queens, the minor pieces stage a delightful ballet complete with illusions. Everything
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# NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS SPRING 1955 

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Fresno (Calif.) Chess Club: T. Fries, M. Hailparn, and P. D. Smith shared first place with $81 / 2-11 / 2$ in the club championship and will decide the club title in a double round robin event. E. Achterberg was fourth with $7-3$ and R. Garabedian fifth with $6-4$ in the 27-player Swiss event which was the largest in the club's history.

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McChesney won playoff from Hornstein for 1st; Vander Schalie won playoff from Hutaff for 3rd. Julian Tusch tournament director.

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Rich forfeited to Prior; Zeller forfeited to Lawrence and Maran; Gregg forfeited to Hafke; Hafke forfeited to Cohan and Gregg; Miss Janko forfeited to Sussman, Gregg and Fenger; Fenger forfeited to Sussman, Hafke and Miss Janko.
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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, self17, N.Y.

## 1. Answers to Readers' Questions

Mr. W. B. Murray, Dean of the Tampa Chess Club, Tampa, Florida, asks: After 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-QB4 what?
Answer: As Mr. Murray implies in part of his letter, there is nothing really wrong with White's unusual second move excepting that Black can gain equality more easily than in the more common variations. Probably best is 2 .

P-Q4, after which White cannot get any particular advan= tage in the center. Modern Chess Openings (8th Edit.) gives a possible line as 2. ..... P-Q4; 3. BPxP, PxP; 4. Q-R4ch, Q-Q2; 5. B-QKt5, P-QB3; 6. $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 2$ leading to equality.

Mr. Murray suggests the variation 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-QB4, P-Q4; 3. BPxP, PxP; 4. PxP, QxP; 5. Kt-QB3. However, it is doubtful if White retains any tangible advantage. Firstly, the tempo gained by White's last move is offset by the fact that after 5 .


#### Abstract

$\qquad$


Q-QR4, Black's Q has been developed, and, what is more, White has yet to make a Pawn move to release his QB. Thus White is not ahead in time. Secondly White has the slight disadvantage of an isolated QP. Thirdly Black has no serious development problems as is often the case in the usual variations.

## 2. Pawn Chains

A common formation occurs in certain openings such as the French Defense. It is the so-called "Pawn chain" consisting of a series of diagonally placed white Pawns blocked by a similar series of black Pawns.

In his book "My System," Nimzovitch points out that the strategical plan for either side with respect to the pawn chain is to attack at the base, not the head, of the opponent's chain. This simple rule is often the key to the proper longrange strategy in situations where this'type of Pawn formation is present. The following game illustrates the rule in practice.

## 3. A Game Involving a Pawn Chain

## FRENCH DEFENSE <br> City Championship <br> \section*{Rochester, N.Y., 1955}

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { E. MARCHAND } \\ \text { 1. } & \text { P-K4 } & \text { P-K3 } \\ \text { M } & \text { 2. } & \text { P-QR3 }\end{array}$
This inane looking move has a definite point as will appear later.
${ }_{2}$ point as will appe
This and Black's next move are doubtless best. In the face of a strange openless best. In the face of a strange open-
ing, the basic rule of striking in the center can hardly be wrong.

## 3. P-K5 P-QB4 4. P-QKi4

White's plan is based on this Pawn sacWhite's plan is based on this Pawn sac-
rifice. After 4. ....., PxP; 5. PxP, BxP; rifice, After 4. ... P PxP; 5. PxP, BxP;
6. P-QB3, B-K2; 7. P-Q4 the center will 6. P-QB3, B-K2; 7. P-Q4 the center will
be blocked for a long time to come, be blocked for a long time to come,
Black will have development problems, Black will have development problems,
and White's attack will develop slowly and White's attack will deve
but strongly on the K-side. but strongly on the K-side.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 4. } & \text { Kt-QB3 } \\ \text { 5. Kt-KB3 }\end{array}$
After 4. P-KB4 there could arise complications by 4. ......, KtxKP; 5. PxKt, Q-R5ch, 6. P-Kt3, Q-K5ch; 7. Q-K2, QxR. But with 8. KKt-B3, Black's Q will even-
tually be lost after K-B2, B-QKt2 and tually be lost aft
B-KKt2 by White.
5. $\quad$ Black finally decides to Bert2 $\mathbf{P \times P}$ Black finally decides to accept the sacrifice. This is often the best plan when material is offered. Act as if you were from Missouri. Ask your opponent to show you that the sacrifice is sound. However, if you have even a vague
feeling that you are losing too much feeling that you are losing too much
in positional values or, if the opponent is going to get a strong attack if you accept, it may be best to turn down the offer. Actually Black could play 6. P-Q5 with an excellent game.

## 7. P-Q4

If 7. PxP, then 7. . P P-Q5 would still give Black a good game since White's grip on the center would be broken. 7.
It
ist-R3

It is normally bad to develop Kts at
R 3 , but the game has gone into unusual channels, and here it is permissible.

## WOMEN'S CHESS

(Continued from page 3, col. 4) which seems to be protected-is not, and everything which seems not to be protected-is. It must have been done with mirrors.

TARRASCH DEFENSE

| White <br> VERA MENCHIK |  |  |  |  | Black |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | SO | GRAF |
| 1. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 16. | $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{B4}$ | $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{B}$ |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-K3 | 17. | Q-B3 | $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 2$ |
| 3. | N-QB3 | P-QB4 | 18. | B-Q2 | Q-Q2 |
| 4. | P-K3 | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{KB} 3$ | 19. | Q-R3 | QxQch |
| 5. | N-B3 | N-B3 | 20. | K×Q | P-Q5 |
| 6. | P-QR3 | B-Q3 | 21. | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | PxP |
| 7. | B-Q3 | O-O | 22. | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 5$ | P-Q6 |
| 8. | O-O | P-QN3 | 23. | B-K3 | KR-Q1 |
| 9. | Q-K2 | B-N2 | 24. | N-Q4 | B-R3 |
| 10. | PxQP | PxP | 25. | P-N4 | N-Q4 |
| 11. | PxP | $\mathbf{P \times P}$ | 26. | P-N5 | NxPch |
|  | R-Q1 | N-K4 | 27. | K-N4 | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 7$ |
| 13. | B-R6 | $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{Nch}$ | 28. | $\mathbf{R \times P}$ | $\mathbf{B \times P}$ |
| 14. | $\mathbf{P \times N}$ | BxPch | 29. | $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{B}$ | $R \times R$ |
| 15. | KxB | Q-Q3ch | 30. | K-B3 | N-B6 |
|  | las bla | cas ab | on | $\mathrm{n}^{\prime \prime}$ | we say | in Spanish.

Central California Chess League: San Jose overwhelmed Sacramento in the final round to win the first leg on the new trophy, while Sacramento had to be content with second place and Fresno with third place. Pittsburg placed fourth, Modesto fifth and Oakdale and Stockton shared seventh.

## 56th U. S. OPEN <br> CHAMPIONSHIP <br> August 8-20, 1955

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and pawns and striking at weaknesses which have been created such as Black's QP,
Premature would be 20. P-B6, Kt-Kt1; 21. QxP?, B-B3 winning White's $Q$. White must first mobilize his big guns. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 21. R-B3 } & \text { 23. P-B6 }\end{array}$
22. R-B1 K-Q1

Even when one has the superior position, the game will not play itself. One often has to find a combination to finish things off (as here) or else try for a favorable endgame. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 23. } & \text { P×P } & \text { 25. } \mathbf{Q x P} & \text { KłxP } \\ \text { 24. } \mathbf{P \times P} & \text { Kt-Kt1 } & \text { 26. } \mathbf{Q \times B P} & \text { B-K1 }\end{array}$


Since. White's $Q$ has no escape square, the next move is forced but proves to be the winning move!
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 27. } \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Bch} & \text { KY } \times R & \text { 29. R×Kt }\end{array}$
28. B-Kt5ch Kt -B3

The simpler 29. BxKtch is entirely adequate, but the text-move is even more devastating since it threatens 30 . RxR (discovered check).
$\begin{array}{lrl}\text { 29. } & \begin{aligned} K-B 1 \\ \text { K-Kł2 }\end{aligned} & \text { 31. } \mathbf{R x R}\end{array} \quad$ Resigns If $31 . \ldots, \mathrm{QxR}$, then $32 . \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 4$ wins the Q .

An interscholastic chess match between Cleveland and Buffalo juniors at Buffalo resulted in an 11-7 victory for Buffalo youth. Scoring two points each for Buffalo were B. Rusch, D. Getzia, and J. Meyer, while D. Sefton, D. Krantz, and R. Freitag tallied one victory apiece. R. Stalder drew twice, and D. Fisher and P. Bellant each salvaged one draw. For Cleveland Bruce Havighurst and Dan Edwards scored a win and a draw apiece; Bob Komenda, Ray Reshinske, George Gingold, and George McLain each tallied one victory while Gary Michael drew twice.

Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club: By besting the Frank Hollway Club of Grand Rapids $51 / 2-41 / 2$, Lansing retained the lead in the Central Michigan League. Scoring for Lansing were J. Kelly, L. Zaikowski, E. Barwick, E. Johnson, and V. Vandenburg, while E. Leininger (new Lansing City Champion) drew with R. Uhlmann of Grand Rapids on board one. Tallying for Grand Rapids were A. Medendorp G. Knoll, E. Hencir, and O. Jungwirth.

New Orleans (La.) Chess Club: A. L. McAauley received the award of a silver cup as winner of the recent club tournament. Alfred B. Wills placed second and David Walsdorf, Jr. third. Outcome of other places in the 35player tournament is undecided, pending playoff of several games. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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Threatens to ruin Black's K-side pawn structure. Furthermore, White's B is to ply defending the BP. Part of White's curious strategic plan is to leave the develop his QR at R2! Strange positions 10.1

Again this would not be permitted in keeping his K on the K -side provided if he ever gets around to castling. Here, however, White's $K$ is relatively safe portant to dislodge the Kt before Black could solidify it with P-KR4.
Black might have tried 12 B-Q2 to help stem the advance of White's Pawns and also to prepare for the return of the Kt to KB4.
Black Q-Kt3 14. B-Q3 Kt-R4 Black hopes either to go to Kt6 to force exchange of White's powerful QB 15. QR-R2 outpost QB5.

This move, which looks like aimless wood-shifting, prepares for P-QKt4 to attack the base of White's Pawn chain now QB6. On the other hand White is on the K-side. He will prepare for P-KB4-B5.
16. Kt-R4 Kt-B5 17. P-B4 P-QKi4 ever, it wtrategic plan is correct. Howfirst to play 17. ...., P-KKt3 to prevent White's P-KB5 at least for awhile.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 18. P-B5 } & P \times P & \text { 20. } Q-B 3 \\ \text { 19. } P \times P & Q-K+3 & \text { 21. } R-K 2\end{array}$
After accomplishing his basic strategical aim of breaking up Black's Pawn chain by attacking its base, how is White to proceed to eash in on his good
work? The answer must lie in con ducting a successful attack taking advantage of open lines which have been created, dominating positions of pieces

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William Lombardy of New York, State Champion, and former New Jersey State Champion Franklin S. Howard, each scoring $11^{11 / 2-21 / 2, ~ b e c a m e ~ 1954-55 ~ C o-C h a m p-~}$ ions of the Marshall Chess Club of New York. The following game, slimaxed by a variety of pins, was chosen by the winner as his best in the tournament.

## FRENCH DEFENSE <br> MCO: page 48 , column 18 Marshall Club Championship New York, 1955

White
F. S. HOWARD
Black
This is Bakos' favorite def-K3
P-Q4 Balkos' favorite defense.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 3. } & \text { Kt-QB3 } & \text { Kt-KB3 } & \text { 5. } \\ \text { 6. } & \text { P-KK } & \text { P-KR4 }\end{array}$
4. B-K+5

The Albin-Alekhine-Chatard Attack. The Pawn sacrifice suits Howard's aggressive style to a t .

If 6. ......, BxB; 7. PxB, QxP; 8. Kt-R3, Q-K2; 9. Kt-B4, P-QR3; 10. Q-Kt4, and White has a strong attack.
Best, however, is 6 . ......., P-QB4!-an
Best, however, is immediate counter-blow at the center.
mmediate counter-blow at the center.
7. $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K}+4$
Or 9. PxP
QKt-B3
10. 0-0.0

This is not too good. Better are 10
PxP; and $10 . \ldots .$. P-Kt4; with more play on the queen-side.
If 11. 11. BxBch $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { KtxB } \\ & \text { KxB? } \\ & \text { 12. } \\ & \text { QxP wins. }\end{aligned}$

13. P-R6!

A Pawn for a file.
More prudent, again, is 13 KłxRP
Threatening 15. P-KKt4.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { ning 15. P-KKt4. P-B4? } \\
& \text { 14. } \\
& \text { to weakening. And it }
\end{aligned}
$$

This is too weakening. And it permits White to make use of his K5 square soon. Black has an uncomfortable position, but he can put up a fight with 14. ......., PxP; 15. KKtxP, Kt-QB4.
15. PxP e.p.
16. Q-K+5

Threatening to win with 17. RxKt, PxR; 18. QxKt ch.
Better is $16 . \ldots$, Kt -B2.
17. P×P

Threatening 19. Kt-Kt6 ch, PxKt; 20. RxR ch, and wins.
18. B-Q3

The KBP, which this abandons, is onty a hindrance anyway. Development is what counts.
Losing is easy, finding a defense difficult, if not impossible. If 19 . B-Q2, 20. BxKt, PxB; 21. KtxB, KtxKt; 22. KtxP, wins. And if 19. ......... Q-K2; or 19. Q3; 19. the happy choice of 20 . BxKt or has the happy choice of 20 . Bx
20 . P-KKt4. Relatively best is 19 . P-Kt4; in an effort to bolster the defense with $20.2 . . ., \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 2$; or 20 . B-Kt2.
20. Q-K+6

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(1)2S5 lifle $\begin{aligned} & \text { Friday, } \\ & \text { May 20, } 1955\end{aligned}$

Threatening 21. Q-B7 ch, K-R2; 22. RxP ch; KxR; 23. Q-Kt6 mate
21. K-K+1
$\underset{\substack{\text { Q K K } \\ \text { Q }}}{\text { Q }}$
If 21. . Q-Kt6; 22. Q-B7 ch, K-R2; 23. RxP ch! KxR; 24. R-R1 ch, Kt-R5; 25. RxKt ch, QxKt; 26 . Q-Kt6 mate. How to win on the R-file!
22. $Q$ Q-B7ch
23. $P$-K Kt 4 !

This is just the type of position Howard loves (who does not?) and handles best.


A delightful assortment of pins! The threats of 25 . RxP mate and 25. P-Kt6 mate are unanswerable.

BOOK-KNOWLEDGE OR INTUITION?

To play an opening well, it is more important to comprehend the spirit of it than to know many variations and subvariations. In the King's Gambit the pri'mary target is Black's KB2. To attack this target, time is of the utmost importance, every tempo counts heavily, and White is ever willing to sacrifice a piece to clear all obstructions out of the way. In the variation chosen, however, the Cunningham Gambit, Black plays right into White's hands and by grabbing three pawns he himself removes all obstacles.

KING'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED MCO: page 138, column 10 Wichita Open Championship Wichita, 1954
Notes by U.S. Expert Dr. Joseph Platz White $\quad$ Black
L. MAGEE WELKER $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 1. } & \text { P-K4 } & \text { P-K4 } & \text { 5. } & \text { P-Kt3 } \\ \text { 2. } & \text { P-KB4 } & \text { PXP } & \text { 6. } & 0.0 \\ \text { PXPP }\end{array}$ 2. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 2. } & \text { PKB4 } \\ \text { 3. } & \text { Kt-KB3 }\end{array}$

7. K-R1


Black is now three pawns ahead, but when we examine the situation we find that the P on KR7 is of value only to the enemy K, and that Black would do thest to give up one P at once by 7 . best to give up one P at once by
P-Q4 in order to free his game.
P-Q4 in order to free his gam
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 7. } & \cdots & \text { P-Q4 } \\ \text { Kt-KR3 } \\ \text { P.Q4 }\end{array}$
There 9. ........, P-QB3 was necessary and if then 10. B-Kt3 and 10 ......... B-R6, Black has counterplay. After the text move Black has no good defense. 10. B×Kt P×B 11. Kt-K5

The attack on the KB file, in the true spirit of the opening, develops now,
 13. Q-RS Q-K2 16. PXQ K-K+2 Black loses valuable time. Imperative was the mobilization now of his $Q$-side with B-Kt5 and Kt-Q2, although with the exchange down his chances were slim.
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 19. R-K1 } & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B3} & \text { 24. R×R } & \mathrm{BXR} \\ \text { 20. R-K7ch } & \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{K} 3 & \text { 25. R×QRP Resigns }\end{array}$ 21. P-B4 $\quad \begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K}+5\end{aligned}$

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## KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 89, column 46 (a) Missouri Open Championship St. Louis, 1954
Notes by U. S. Master Edmar Mednis White

Black
R. STEINMEYER D. B. WADE
$\begin{array}{lllllr}\text { 1. } & \text { P-Q4 } & \text { Kt-KB3 } & \text { 5. } & \text { Kt-B3 } & \text { O-O } \\ \text { 2. } & \text { P-QB4 } & \text { P-KKt3 } & \text { 6. } & \text { B-K2 } & \text { P-K4 } \\ \text { 3. } & \text { Kt-QB3 } & \text { B-Kt2 } & \text { 7. } & 0-0 & \end{array}$
3. $\mathrm{K} \dagger-\mathrm{QB} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} \dagger 2$
3. $\mathrm{PH}-\mathrm{QB} 4 \mathrm{~B}$ P-K12

There is nothing in 7. PxP, PxP; 8. QxQ, RxQ; 9. KtxP, because of KtxP QxQ, RXQ; 9. KtxP, be
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { with complete equality. } \\ \text { 7. } & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B3} 3 & \text { 9. } & \mathbf{K t}-\mathrm{Kl} \\ \mathbf{K t} & \mathrm{K} 1\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 7. } & \text { K..... } & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B3} \\ \text { 8. } & \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 5 & \mathrm{Kt} \text { K2 }\end{array}$
Usually $K t-Q 2$ is played in order to Usually Kt-Q2 is played in order to overprotect Black's QB4. Then after 10 . Kt-Q3, P-KB4; 11. P-B3 White is supposed to have the better chances (ac cording to Hans Mueller).
10. Kt-Q3 P-KB4 11. PXP

More in the spirit of the variation is P-B3. Black should now play PxP, even though the text is not bad.
$\begin{array}{lclll}\text { 11. } & \mathrm{KtxBP} & \text { 13. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt3} & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 12. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 4 & \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3 & \text { 14. } \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3 & \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3 \text { ? }\end{array}$ After this unsuccessful attempt to seize control at the center, Black is left without any counterplay for the remainder of the game. Instead, the surprising KtKR4! would have been good for Black. If then KtxKt, then PxKt and the open lines and better development would give Black good chances on the K-side. And otherwise the Kt gets to KB5. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 15. PxP } & \text { PxP } & \text { 21. QR-Q1 Q-B2 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrlr}\text { 15. PxP } & \text { PxP } & \text { 21. QR-Q1 } & \text { Q-B2 } \\ \text { 16. } \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 3 & \text { Kt×Bch } & \text { 22. P-K†3 } & \text { QR-Q1 } \\ \text { 17. QxKt } & \text { R-K1 } & \text { 23. Kt-K4 } & \text { Kt-B } \\ \text { 18. B-B2 } & \text { P-QR4 } & \text { 24. B-R4 } & \text { R-Q2 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 18. B-B2 } & \text { P-QR4 } & \text { 24. B-R4 } \\ \text { 19. KR-K1 } & \text { B-QR3 } & \text { 25. P-B5! }\end{array}$


The decisive penetration begins 25. ....... P-Q4 27. B-K+3 R/2-K2 26. Kt-Q6 R-K3 28, P-QR3!
$\cdots$. as does the key break-through $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 28. } & \text { Kt-Q2 } & \text { 32. Q-R6 } & \text { Kt-R4 } \\ \text { 29. P-Kł4 } & \text { BXKt } & \text { 33. Q-R8 ch } & \text { B-B1 }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrl}\text { 29. } \mathrm{P} \text { KXB } & \text { BXKt } & \text { 33. Q-R8 } \\ \text { 30. } \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B} & \mathrm{P} P \mathrm{P} & \text { 34. B-B2 }\end{array}$
$\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 1$ might be a little sharper.
34.

R-Q2 35. P-Kłs
Even after the better R-Q1; White with QxBP would retain a winning advantage. 36. QxP BxKt 37. QxRch Resigns

## ENGLISH OPENING

MCO: page 32 , column 6

## Intercollegiate Team Tourney

New York, 1954
Notes by J. Norman Cotter White

Black
H. WALLACH
(Bridgeport)

1. P-QB4 P-K4 4. PXP (CCNY) KtxP 2. Kt-QB3 $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{KB3} \quad$ 5. Kt -B3 $\quad \mathrm{Kt}$-QB3 3. P-Q3 P-Q4 6. P-KKt3 .......
Wallach is in effect playing the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian with the White pieces.
Not the best method of treatment as this move either commits the $\mathbf{B}$ for Kt exchange or permits White to later gain time by driving the B away with P-QR3. Kalin would do better to treat the game as a Sicilian and continue with ........, $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 2, \ldots \ldots .$. , B-K3, ........, O-O, etc. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 7. } & \text { B-Q2 } & \text { O-O } & \text { 9. O-O } & \text { P-B3 } \\ \text { 8. } & \text { B-K } 12 & \text { B-K3 } & 10 & \text { P-QR3 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 8. B-K }+2 \text { B-K3 } & \text { 10. P-QR3 B-R4? }\end{array}$ The cause of most of the subsequent difficulties. Correct is ........, B-K2 when the game might continue 11. P-QKt4, KtxKt; 12. BxKt, Q-Q2 with a playable position.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 11. P-QK+4 B-K+3 } & \text { 12, P-K3 }\end{array}$
Probably played in order to prevent ........., Kt-Q5, but the cure could be worse than the disease as this move weakens the QP too much. Better is R-B1 or Q-B2 when White has fine $Q$-side prospects.
2. $\ldots$ Q-a2 $14 . \mathrm{KtxB}$ KtxKt Interesting also is ........, BPxKt, but then 15. P-Kt5, Kt(3)-K2; 16. Q-Kt3 leaves 15. P-Kt5, Kt(3)
3. Kt-K1 K+Q4

| 15. Kt-K1 | Kt-Q4 | 19. R-B1 | B1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16. P-K $\dagger 5$ | QKt-K2 | 20. P-QR4 | Q-Q5 |
| 17. P-K4 | $\mathbf{K t - K}+3$ | 21. R-Kt1 | B-R7 |
| 18. B-K†4 | R-B2 | 22. R-R1 |  |


22. ....... it $\mathbf{Q \times B}$, it would appear, an excellent Missing, it would appear, an excellent
opportunity to mix things up with 22 . trap the Black $Q$ fails after 23 , $Q$ B trap the Black Q fails after 23. QxB, QxR; 24. P-R5 (24. Kt-B2?, QxRP), Q-R5! and now if 25 . Q-B3, Kt-R1 or 25 . QxQ, KtxQ ; 26. Kt-B2, Kt-Kt7 and all is well for Black.
23. R×B Q-R4

To relegate the Queen to such a menial job cannot be good. Better ........, Kt-Q2. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 24. Q-K+3 } & \text { R-Q5 } & \text { 26. K+-B2 } & \text { R-Q1 }\end{array}$ 25. B-R3! K-B1

Not ….... RxRP?; 27. RxR, QxR; 28. QxQ, KtxQ; 29. BxKt winning a piece.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 27. } \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 3 & \text { Kt-Q3 } & \text { 29. PxP } & \text { RxP } \\ \text { 28 } & \text { R } & \text { R } 20 . & \text { Kt-Kt4 } \\ \text { Kt-Q2 }\end{array}$ On Rook moves, 31. P-K5! was decisive. The rest is silence.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { 31. KtxR KtxKt } & \text { 36. Q-R3ch Kt-Q3 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 31. KtxR } & \text { KtxKt } & \text { 36. Q-R3ch } & \text { Kt-Q3 } \\ \text { 32. P-Q4 } & \text { Kt-Q2 } & \text { 37. R-QB2 } & \text { Kt-Q4 }\end{array}$ 33. P-K5 Kt-K1 34. P-K6 Kt-Kł3 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 35. R-K2 } & \text { K-K2 } & \text { 39. B-Kt2 } & \text { 40. R-K+2 }\end{array}$ A very dynamic performance.
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BENONI COUNTER GAMBIT Jubilee Tournament Buenos Aires, 1955 White

| White BISGUIER |  |  | Black PANNO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1. P-Q4 | Kt -KB3 | 18. B-K1 | 0.0.0 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-B4 | 19. Q-Q2 | QR-K+1 |
| 3. P.QS | P-K4 | 20. R-QBI | Kt-B5 |
| 4. Kt -QB3 | P-Q3 | 21. R-QB2 | KixRP |
| 5. P-K4 | B-K2 | 22. Q×QKt | B-K+5 |
| 6. B.Q3 | P-QR3 | 23. R-K3 | RxQ |
| 7. KKt-K2 | QKt-Q2 | 24. RxR | K4xB |
| 8. $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K}+3$ | P-KK+3 | 25. RxKt | P-B4 |
| 9. 0.0 | P-KR4 | 26. R/3-Q2 | B-Q1 |
| 10. $\mathrm{KKt}-\mathrm{K} 2$ | P-R5 | 27 Kt -K3 | P-B5 |
| 11. B-Q2 | Kt-R4 | 28. $\mathrm{K}+\times \mathrm{B}$ | QxKt |
| 12. Q -81 | P-KK14 | 29. R-R6 | B-B2 |
| 13. P-KK14 |  | 30. R/2-R2 | PxP |
|  | PXP e.p. | 31. R-K+2 | R-B1 |
| 14. BPXP | QKt-B3 | 32. BxP | Q-B6 |
| 15. Kt-Q1 | B-R6 | 33. K-R2 | Q-K6 |
| 16. R -B3 | Kt-K+5 | 34. R-K2 | Q-Q6 |
| 17. KKt-B3 | Q-Q2 | 35. R-K+6 | B-R4 |

Cadet Chess Club (West Point): Survivors of a 20 -player preliminary batCled in a 6 -man finals for the club Championship which ended in a threeway tie for first place between defending champion John T. Hamilton, Richard H. Gray, and Gerald D. Goldberg at $61 / 2-31 / 2$ each, closely followed by Michael S. Higgins with 6-4. Hamilcon lost a game each to Gray, Goldberg and Higgins in the double-round event while drawing with Goldberg; Gray lost a game each to Hamilton, Goldberg, and Higgins in the doubleround event while drawing with Goldberg; Gray lost a game each to Hamil ton, Goldberg, and Higgins while drawing with Jack E. Hesse; Goldberg lost games to Gray and Hesse, while drawing with Hamilton Hesse, and Norman G. Blahute. A USCF Affiliated Club.

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$3-8 ;$ 11. Alfred Butscher $1-10 ; 12$. Edward W. Pedrick $1 / 2-101 / 2$.

Woskoff forfeited to Teplitsky and Lobunez; Butscher forfeited to Paxton, Sklaroff, Teplitsky, Campiglia, and Wachs; Pedrick forfeited to Kurtzberg, Lobunez. Wachs and Woskoff.

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5. Wesley Nail $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { W10 L23 Bye W16 W4 W2 W17 L3 } & \text { W1 } \\ \text { W2 } & \text { W8 } & \text { D1 } & \text { L16 } & \text { W14 } & \text { W12 } & \text { W1 }\end{array}$ 7. Hermon Thedy D24 W23 W14 W15 L18 W21 L16 W12 . Claude Creech 9. Alvin Mack $\qquad$ W18 W10 D6 W22 W12 D1 W14 L4 L2 10. A. Borman $\qquad$ W7 L6 W13 L17 Bye W19 W10 L1 L3 11. Dan Chandler ……..........W24 W15 L4 L3 L10 L13 W18 W21 W20 12. C. L, Daniel 4-5 (16.25); 13. Jim Garrison 4-5 (13.00); 14. Charles Stein 4-5 (11.00) 15. James Wagner $4-5$ (7.00); 16. DeCarvalha $31 / 2-51 / 2$ ( 15.50 ); 17. Mrs. C. L. Daniel $31 / 2-51 / 2$ (13.25); 18. Arthur Springer 3-6 (12.50); 19. John Kogex 3-6 (9.50); 20. Gilbert Creech $3-6(9.00) ; 21$. Tommy Baumler 3-6 (5.00); 22., Mrs. Alice Kirst $2-7(4.00)$;
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INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

## Ateneo Espanol de Mexico

Mexico City, 1955


## Editor Major:

Chess is very previlent there (Mexico) and ordinary players can be found sitting on crates outside of butcher shops. Every cafe has chess sets available, but dominoes are the big game down there with the most violent of discussion ensuing frequently.

Chess literature is on the contrary most weak. Except for one company that dominates this field there seems to be no other publications.

Mexico City, Monterrey, and Jalapa have chess organizations. In Jalapa I saw a wall-board presentation of the final position which evidentlly decided the city title. However, when it is remembered that outside of the District Federal there are only a few cities

Tacauba 15 , Club Metropolitano, is the only chess club open all the time. It is over a cheap movie, but the billiard tournaments are held there. The excellent tables are rented by the hour and, of course, you have the usual service of cafe con leche and rolls when you wish to order such. The clapping of hands for service is heard periodically. Tacuba 15 is one of the main streets between the Zocalo and the Alemeda and therefore in the heart of the old city.

It took me some time to get enough Spanish to ask about Mexico City chess clubs, and when I did FINALLY I was answered in flawless English. Mondragon invited these men to play as most of the big tournaments were finished (Referring to the Invitational Tourney at the Club Ateneo Espanol). Baez, master of the City's biggest club at Tacuba 15, was not able to play. Perea or Traveno of Monterray were not in the tournament either.

As you see from some of the results in this tournament, all the participants were not equally motivated. After losing to me, Anaiza explained in pride that he had recently won the country's title without loss of a game. Ferrez also, Camarena too, are much stronger than their showings indicate.

Soto Larrea was a general and is still given that title. Araiza is still in the military. Mondragon is a symphony violinist. Ventosa and Ferrez are both chemical engineers.

I gave a small simultaneous against the regular members of the Ateneo Espanol chess club and met a freindly group of excellent men.

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# Mate The Subtle Way! 

by Nicholas Gabor

Solutions, remarks, suggestions, etc., as well as compositions by any and all
Sol composers are welcome. Address all communications to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, CIncinnati 6, Ohio.


White mates in two moves
Problem No. 561
By De Bruycker, Belgium
From "To Mat" Composing Contest
October 1954


NO. 559 proves that sometimes a not very "subtle" method is the "subtlest" in a chess problem. No. 560 is a corrected version of No. 547 which appeared in the April 5 column. The editor feels that the author's intention is worthy and since hardly any of the solvers noticed it, sending in only the crude "cook" (1. Q-R3 ch! etc.), eliminated this cook by a slight change. No. 561 is composed by a boy who just reached his 12 th year of age. No. 562 is another simple but cute effort to induce all solvers to struggle with a 3 -mover.

Our solvers are again advised to keep these problems at least until the solutions are published, 6 weeks later.

The quarterly Solvers' Ladder appears on page 8.

## Solutions: - Mato the Subtilo WayI

No. 547 (Marisko). See remarks concerning No. 560 above.
No. 548 (B. M. Marshall). 1. QxP, threat 2 . BxKt mate. Self-pinning key with 3 good unpin variations and some fable threat 2 . Q-R6 and R-R5. The point is the change of mates set before the key following the black checks Q-R8 and Q-R1.


## RACINE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Racine, 1954-55

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|  | W10 | W3 | W4 | D2 | W9 | W8 | 63- $\frac{1}{2}$ |  |
| 2. Walter Teubner ...............W15 | L3 | W7 | W8 | D1 | W4 | w6 | $5 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{3}$ |  |
| 3. Art Domsky ....................W11 | W2 | L1 | W9 | L4 | W6 | W10 | 5-2 |  |
| 4. Frank Buttenhoff ...........W12 | D7 | W5 | L1 | W3 | L2 | W9 | 43-23 |  |
| 5. Bernard Gill | W9 | L4 | L15 | W14 | W16 | W19 | 4-3 |  |
| 6. Louis Larsen ...................L1 | W17 | W18 | D7 | W10 | L3 | L2 | 33-33 |  |
| 7. H. C. Zierke ..................W17 | D4 | L2 | D6 | L9 | D8 | W15 | 31-31 |  |
| 8. Russ Kime | W18 | W17 | L2 | W15 | D7 | L1 | 31-31 |  | 9. Jack E. Byrd 3-4 (27.5); 10. Tom Schulz 3-4 (27.0); 11. Chris Beck 3-4 (20.0); 12. Charles Brehem $3-4$ (14.5); 13. Roger Falberg $3-4$ (12.0); 14. Robt. Ritt 3-4 (7.0);

15. Rod Schrader 2.5 (18.5); 16. Ken Agar $2-5$ (7.0); 17. Andrew Miakes 1-6 (16.5); 18. 15. Rod Schrader 2.5 (18.5); 16. Ken Agar 2-5 (7.0)
Jimmy Weidner 1-6 (13.0); 19. John Fought 0.7.

Fought forfeited to Gill in last round; Solkorf points used. H. C. Zierke tournament director.

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## Solution Jo <br> What's The Beot Move?

## Position No. 158

Kovacs-Ben', Vienna 1949. Kovacs played 1. P-KR3?, overlooking the win by 1. R-Q8ch NxR (not N-B1 2. RxNch KxR 3. Q-Q8 mate) 2. QxNch K-R2 3. N-N5ch K-R3 4. NxPch! (not P-R4? Q-NBch 5. K-N2 R-N1! stopping the threat of mate and prolonging the game indefinitely) 4. ....... QxN 5. Q-R ch K-N3 6. Q-R5 mate. Correct Solu tions are acknowledged from: Michael Agranoffo, A. Bruce Anthony, Irving Besen, K. Blumberg, Milton D. Blumenthal, Walter H. Bogle*, Abel R. Bomberault, J. E. Byrd, Paul Calder* Jerrell D. Carpenter, W. J. Couture, Robert Dickinson, Ivan Frank, Eric L. Gans*, Wallace F. Getz, Rea B. Hayes, Robert A. Hedgcock, Max Hersh", Donald C. Hills, Richard Hornreich, Victor E. Hultman, Lee Hyder, H. Martin Kalodner", J. Kaufman, Frederick H. Kerr F. S. Kiein, Fred D. Knuppel, Edward J. Korpanty, Heino Kurruk, Gary H Labowitz, Jerry Leavitt*, Eugene T.
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man, Wm. B. Wilson, Neil P. Witting, L. E. Wood, and an unsigned solver from Maplewood, N. J.
In addition, partly correct solutions ( $1 / 2$ point each) were received from Geroge F. Chase, Edwin Gault, David Silver, and David A. Walsdorf Jr. Three
of these tripped on the 4th move of the of these tripped on the 4th move of the
main line, and the other inadvertently main line, and the other inadvertently
included an illegal move in his solution:
included an illegal move in his solution:
The solvers displayed awesome supremacy over No. 158 and whomped it plenty by 76-3.
That spring weather we spoke of enjoying may have been a little too pleasant, for in a dreamy way we managed to misfile a whole batch of solutions to No. 156. To complete our report on No. 156 we now acknowledge these further credits: 2 points each to George W. Payne and Paul J. Sommer
for the complete winning line 1. NxQP for the complete winning line 1. NxQP etc. ${ }^{2}$ points to Howard Murray for
analysis identical with Hills', showing he win by 1. B-KN5. 1 point to Milton D. Blumenthal. $1 / 2$ points to Abel R. Bomberault, Edwin Gault, Ed Nash, Dr, Frank C. Ruys, and Dr. I Schwartz. over the solvers by $24-18$
After 1. NxQP PxN 2. RxP? Black can continue 2. B-Q4! (not 2. ....... KxR? 3. Q-R5ch etc.) 3. RxNP N-B3, a line much less favorable for white than the published solution

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## July 2-4

## Louisiana Sarate Championship

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## July 8-10

Carolinas' Open Championship Asheville, No. Car.
Open to all; at Battery Park Hotel; 6. rd Swiss; cash prizes and Trophy, with $\$ 50$ minimum 1st Prize; Junior Prizes; Southern hospitality and cool mountain dew; entry fee: $\$ 3.50$ and $\$ 2$ membership in NCCA or SCCA; register 0:00 a.m., July 8th; for dotails, write Wm. C. Adickes, Jr. 66 Linden Ave., Asheville, N.
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Michigan State Chess Association: Dates for the Michigan State Championship have been set as July 23 and 24 , July 30 and 31st at the Burdick Hotel in Kalamazoo; an 8 round Swiss with $\$ 7.50$ entry fee. Rooms at hotel start at $\$ 3.75$ if reserved through Henry Meifert, 1309 Oak St., Kalamazoo. Reelected president of the Association V. E Vandenburg of Lansing, with Henry Meifert Vice-President, Edward I. Treend Secretary, and Thomas Jenkins Treasurer. Not announced as a USCF rated event.
North Jersey Chess League: Eighth round results show Maroczy besting downing Valley $61 / 2-1 / 2$, ing ler ing with Criy ing with Irvington-Polish 4-4. It is reported that Orange also defeated Philidor but scores are lacking. Maroczy leads the league with $5-0$ in matche and Orange is second with 6-2, while Irvington-Polish holds third place with $51 / 2-21 / 2$. A USCF Affiliated League.

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Our congratulations to solver J. Bertrand Mulligan of New York City, who tops the solving ladder with 508 points and received the quarterly award. His points on the Ladder are cancelled and he begins the climb again from the bottom.

## PORT ARTHUR CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Port Arthur, 1955

## $100 \%$ USCF Rated Event

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