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What's The Best Move?

RUSSELL CHAUVENET

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Solution to Position No. 168 will ap-

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Black to play

YARMAK TAKES CAROLINAS OPEN

Pvt. Saul Yarmak of Ft. Belvoir, Va., former U.S. Junior Champion, won the North and South Carolinas Open title at Asheville with 5½-½ in a 35-pla)er Swiss, drawing with runner-up Don Burdick. Burdick of Huntington, W.Va. scored 5-1 for second, also drawing with C. C. Crittenden. Third and fourth on S-M points with 4½-1½ each were Dr. S. Werthammer, also of Huntington, and Stanley Wysowski of West-brook, Conn. Fifth to 8th with 4-2 each were J. G. Sullivan, Wm. C. Adickes, Dr. N. M. Hornstein, and C. C. Crittenden. With 31/2-21/2 each were E. O. Fawcett, Robert C. Coveyou, R. K. Salisbury, O. C. Hutaff, and Albert Margolis.

The tournament drew contestants from Connecticut to Florida on the Eastern Seaboard with entrants from Connecticut, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Ohio.

NEW YORKERS TIE SAN DIEGO OPEN

William Lombardy, James Sherwin, and Abe Turner tied with 61/2-1½ for first in the 8-rd San Diego Open held at the Manor Hotel in San Diego. Tied for third with 5-3 were A. Spiller, Gustave Drexel, Mark Eucher, and Charles Henin. Tied at 4½-3½ were D. Fischheimer, W. Grombacher, Dudley Hosea, V. Pafnutieff, Dr. B. Schmidt. Bor-is Garfinkel, W. Shirey and Albert Sandrin.

In novel arrangement the first 4-rds served as a tourney also of which the winner was Larry Evans with 31/2-1/2, Viktor Pupols second, and Sven Almgren, Don Robey, and Robert Brieger. Imre Konig was director, while John Alexander was the financial backer.

SONJA GRAF WINS WOMEN'S TITLE

The title of U.S. Women's Open Champion went to Sonja Graf-Stevenson with a score of 6-6, as ranking woman player in the U.S. Open at Long Beach, Other women players in the event were Kathryn Slater, who also scored 6-6, Olga Higgins with 5-7. Katherine Mc-Gregor and Jacqueline Piatigorsky with 3½-8½ each, and Mrs. P. Mc-Kenna with 2½-9½. The entry of women players this year did not compare with the very strong Open and Zonal Tourney at New Orleans in 1954 largely because of the fact that the U.S. Open dates were so close to the dates for the U.S. Women's Championship now being contested in New York City. Faced with the necessity of a choice between events, ranking women players like Gisela Gresser, Mona May Karff, Irene Vines, Willa White Owens, Nancy Roos, and Lucille Kellner prefered to participate in the U.S. title event, although strong players eligible for the title contest like Mrs. Graf-Stevenson, Mrs. Piatigorsky, and Mrs. Slater pre-ferred the U. S. Open contest.

VINES LEADS WOMEN'S CHAMP

After five rounds, Irene Vines of New Orleans leads the U.S. Women's Championship with 4-1, a lone loss to Mrs. Willia White Owens, USCF Vice-President of Avon Lake.

Standings

| 1. | Mrs. | Irene Vines4 -1 |
|-----|------|----------------------------|
| 2. | Mrs. | Gisela Gresser31- 1 |
| 3. | Mrs. | Willa Owens31-11 |
| 4. | | Lucille Kellner33-13 |
| 5. | Mrs. | Nancy Roos33-13 |
| 6. | | Jacqueline Piatigorsky3 -2 |
| 7. | Miss | Mona M. Karff23-23 |
| 8. | Mrs. | Lena Grumette2 -2 |
| 9. | Mrs. | Mary Selensky13-33 |
| 10. | Mrs. | Rosalie de Serrano13-33 |
| 11. | Miss | Kate Henschel 3-43 |
| 12. | Miss | Wally Henschel0-5 |

ROSSOLIMO WINS OPEN

Reshevsky Second on Median Points, Byrne Third, Then Evans and Turner

With the awarding of a Buick car, donated by the Campbell Buick Co. of Long Beach, Calif., to U.S. Open Champion Nicolas Rossolimo, one of the greatest of U.S. Open Tournaments became a page of chess history. In winning Rossolimo made a brilliant reversal of his disappointing record at Milwaukee in 1953 and again demonstrated that his FIDE-awarded distinction of Grandmaster was well deserved recognition of his ability. In scoring 10-2, the new Open Champion lost no games but conceded hard fought draws to Donald Byrne, Samuel Reshevsky, Peter Lapiken (an upset), and Anthony Saidy. Among the victims of his powress were former U.S. Champion Larry Evans, James T. Sherwin, and Irving Rivise.

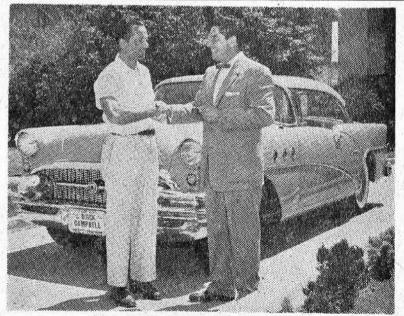
In second place with equal score of 10-2 by half a Median point came Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky who also lost no games but conceded draws Peter Lapiken (somewhat a giant-killer in this tournament), Donald Byrne, Rossolimo, and Larry Evans. Among those who succumbed to his skill were Anthony Saidy, James T. Sherwin, and Karl Burger.

Third place went to 1953 Open Champion Donald Byrne with 91/2-21/2 score. Byrne lost one game to Larry Evans and drew with Rossolimo, Reshevsky, and Sherwin. Fourth and fifth on Median points with equal 9-3 scores were 1954 Open Champion Larry Evans and A. A. Turner. Evans lost one game to Rossolimo and drew with Albert Sandrin, Allen Kaufman, Herbert Seidman, and Reshevsky. Turner, whose showing in this event gives basis to the claims of his followers that he has been greatly under-

rated in popular regard, lost games to Ivan Romanenko and Anthony Saidy, while drawing with Louis Levy and Arthur W. Dake.

The tournament in all respects lived up to its advance notices, and aside from the Buick car as first prize, \$5100.15 were distributed to thirty-five other prize-winners, including the special \$50.00 prize awarded to Mrs. Sonja Graf-Stevenson as U.S. Women's Open Champion with a score of 6-6, out-ranking all other women players in the

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U. S. OPEN CHAMPION AND PRIZE

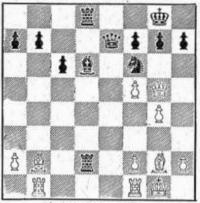
Nicolas Rossolimo (left) receives the congratulations of the representatives of the Campbell Buick Co., 1881 American Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. on his victory. The Buick, first prize in the U. S. Open Championship, was donated by the Campbell Buick Co.

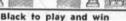
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Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Van Der Hoek vs. Euwe Rotterdam, 1942

Position No. 160 Bilek vs. Keres Hungary vs. USSR, 1955







White to play and draw

N Position No. 159, a 4-move combination brought about White's resignation, as he was faced with the loss of the Queen.

The finish to the game, Bilek vs. Keres, has been called sensational. In Position No. 160, Keres had just played Q-Kt3?, instead of Q(B4)-K4, which would have given him a winning game. Now came the surprise; Bilek sacrificed two pieces and forced a perpetual check, the nature of which is indeed remarkable. In fact, Keres allowed himself to be checked about a dozen moves until adjournment before he finally acknowledged the draw.

For solutions, please turn to Page eight.

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



Organizers of the 31st Annual Hastings Tournament Christmas have invited Donald Byrne to participate. The accent this year at Hastings is on youth and among those already invited to participate are Spassky, Panno, Ivkov, Persitz, Olafsson, Peter Clarke, and Jonathan Penrose. The first three named are the 1955, 1951 and 1953 World Junior Champions.

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

time limit of not more than 30 moves per hour.

The annual championship tournament of an USCF Club Chapter and the annual championship tournament of any USCF affiliate whose By-Laws provide that all its members must be USCF members also are rated without charge.

All other eligible events are rated only if official report of event is accompanied by a remittance covering a rating fee of 10c per 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 ber of rounds represents total games played if no byes or forfeits.)

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

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The annual Valley of the Moon Chess Festival in Sonoma, Calif, drew some two hundred players and hundreds of spectators. The Class A event was won by Jack Strong of Napa, Class B by Wallace F. Getz of Los Altos, Class C by Avery Mac-Neill of Brisbane, Junior title by D. Bogdanoff of Redwood City, and Ladies title by Miss Elena Daniloff of San Francisco. Prize for best local score went to W. Cooperider of Sonoma. The Carroll Ogden Chess Club won a trophy for most members participating (30) and another for most points scored by members. The Colle Chess Club won a trophy for highest percentage of membership participating. But the General Dean Cup for best score of four members of one club went jointly to the Carroll Ogden, Steinitz, and Vallejo Chess Clubs.

In the featured simultaneous exhibition by George Koltanowski, the master scored 27 wins, two losses and six draws. The victories went to G. Maloof of Benicia and R. Stevenson of Menlo Park; the draws to Robert Dickinson, Stein Hope, Arthur Wang, V. Bloomfield, D. Bogdanoff, and I. Zbitnoff. The Festival was directed by George Koltanowski, assisted by Mrs. Leali Koltanowski and sponsored by the Sonoma Chamber of Commerce for the fifth consecutive year.

Manhattan (N.Y.) Chess Club: The annual Spring tournament was con-ducted in four graded sections based on USCF ratings. In Section I (ratings 2147-1874) Arthur Feuerstein scored 5-0 for first with Martin Harrow second with 4-1 and Victor Guala and Sydney Schillre tied for third with 2-3 each. In Section II (1865-1765) Nolan Saltzman topped with 4-1, Kenneth Blake and Patterson Smith shared second with 3-2, and Alpen Murphy was fourth with 2½-2½. In Section III (1743-1643) Albert Seropian scored 4-1 for first, Edward Holodny was second with 3-2 and for first with Martin Harrow second ward Holodny was second with 3-2, and Jerry Schimmel was third with 2½-2½. In Section IV (1580-1400) Mrs. Betty Guala was victor with 4-1 with Nicho-las Calyo and Isaac Fleischer sharing second with 31/2-11/2 each. A USCF Club Affiliate.

SOULES CAPTURES SO CALIF EVENT

George Soules of Snerman Oaks won the Southern California Expert Candidates Tournament sponsored by the Southern California Chess League. Soules scored 8-1 in the 22-player Swiss, losing one game to runner-up William Mer-worm of Van Nuys. Melwood taihed 71/2-11/2, losing a game to Daniel Karpilowsky and drawing with George Rubin. Third and fourth on S-B with 51/2-31/2 each were Karpilowsky and Larry Frembling, while firth to eleventh with 5-4 each came Donald Young, George Rubin, Paul Nielsen, David Elliott, Leroy Johnson, Larry Weiss, and Eric Johansson. Irving Rivise directed the event



Allen H. DuVall and John F. Hurt, with 51/2-11/2 each, shared the City of Charleston (W.Va.) Championship. They drew their individual encounter (the only draw of the tourney) and DuVall lost to W. F. Hartling while Hurt lost to Edward Foy. Edward Foy, defending champion, led much of the way but two losses (to DuVall and Dave Marples) dropped him to third with 5-2. Dave Marples finished fourth with 4-3. The co-champions will share customy of the Winfield D. Scott Trophy which has been in competition since the thirties.



Ivan Suk of the Ukranian Chess Club won the Ontario Championship on S-B points with 5-1, narrowly outpointing former Canadian Champion Povitas Vaitonis who also tallied 5-1. Suk and Vaitonis fought to a tenacious draw in the final round of the tourney. Suk's other draw was with Rudolph Draxl, while Vaitonis drew with John Kegel. Second and third were R. Draxl and R. E. Orlando with 41/2-11/2 each, while Toronto City Champion G. Fuster, E. T. Jewitt, and J. Kegel were fourth to sixth with 4-2 each.

Geza Fuster successfully defended his Toronto City title by defeating Rudolph Draxl in a play-off match after both had tied at 7-1 each in the regular city championship event. H. Anto placed third with 6-2, while fourth to sixth with 5-3 each were P. Avery, E. T. Jewitt, and Z. Leskowsky.



H. Matthai, a player of considerable European experience before coming to Canada, won the Montreal City title 12-3. Second and third on S-B with 111/2-31/2 each were L. Joyner and J. Engel. A. Shilov was fourth with 9½-4½, while Dr. J. Rauch was fifth in the 15-player event with 9-6. The Montreal Speed Championship went to I. Zalys with 41/2-11/2, while second to fifth with 4-2 each were H. Matthai, M. Szczerbak, A. Shilov, and I. Poirier.

Charleston (W.Va.) Chess Club looking for new members; it meets on Wednesday nights at the YMCA and will be host on September 3-5 to the annual West Virginia Chess Congress, including the annual championship tournament.

Women's Chess Life

By Willa White Owens

Address news items and inquiries on Women's Chess to Mrs. Willa White Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio.

The USCF Open at Long Beach will have been finished when this column appears, and final scores will be in other sections of CHESS LIFE. However, at this writing they are still playing and I can only share with you the following news letter from Mrs. Kathryn Slater, There must be something about the banking profession that makes people think and express themselves in a most orderly manner, for this letter, far from being "ragged" as the author claims, sems to me to be as neat as a balanced check book. Dear Willa:

Bill Hamilton suggested that I pick up a little information on the women in the Open for your column. I'll give it to you in very ragged form, and you can put it together and use what you can. I don't feel that I need to give you anything on Sonja Graf, Jacqueline Piatigorsky, or myself, as you have enough about us on file.

Seven women are competing; scores at the end of eighth round: Sonja Graf, Palm Springs, 5 -3

Calif. Kathryn Slater, New York, N.Y. 31/2-41/2 Jacqueline Piatigorsky, Los Angeles, Calif. 31/2-41/2 Olga Higgins, Santa Barbara, Calif. .. 2 -6 Kathryn McGregor, Chicago, 2 -6 III. Sara Goodman, New York, 11/2-61/2 New York Marjorie McKenna, Santa Monica, Calif. Sara Goodman-Member Marshall

old. Kathryn McGregor - Member Hamilton Park Chess Club, Chicago. First major tournament, Widow-Real estate business-Son is Chess Champion of Wyoming. He suggested that she enter Open. Chess is

Chess Club. Has played about one

year-baby of tournament, 21 years

her only hobby.

Olga Higgins - Husband plays, but not seriously. She is first and foremost an artist. Also a student of mathematics and nuclear physics. Has two sons. First major tournament was California State Women's Championship last year. Came in fourth. Plays correspondence CCLA.

Marjorie McKenna. Husband playing in Open also. Member of Hollywood Chess Club. Four children. Likes swimming, tennis, and is learning to play the violin.

Additional, information: Graf, Jacqueline Piatigorsky and Olga Higgins played in California State Women's Championship last year. Graf first, Piatigorsky tied for second and Higgins fourth.

In eighth round of present Open, Sonja Graf defeated Charles Bagby, expert from San Francisco, in a Queen's Gambit Declined, 63 moves.

In fifth round, Kathryn Slater defeated Dr. Sandor Tresz of Cleveland in a hundred seventeen move game, lasting nine hours of play, in two sessions, of course. (Husband playing also.)

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CHESS AS WE SEE IT

Contributions from the Pens Of Outstanding Chess Analysts and Writers

The World Junior Championship

By U. S. Master EDMAR MEDNIS

A VTWERP (Belgium) was the scene of the third World Junior Chess Championship in which 24 players from 23 countries took part. Boris Spassky of Russia was the expected winner. As surprises of the tournament, John Purdy of Australia and Miguel Farre of Spain can be mentioned. The former because he failed to qualify for the finals and then subsequently did badly in the consolation tournament. The opposite can be said of Farre. A surprise

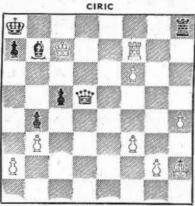
qualifier from his section talong with Keller and Mednis, ahead of Ciric, Broden and others), he did well in the finals too, finishing third.

A rather common sight in tournaments now seems to be the presence of seconds. In Antwerp Grandmaster Averbach was delegated to be Spassky's second. The representatives of Hungary, Bulgaria, Spain, Yugoslavia, and Saar also were not without a helper. I would like to take this opportunity to thank U.S. Champion Arthur Bisguier, who on his own expense, was there during nearly the whole tournament and was a great help to me.

An extremely satisfying sight was the friendly understanding between the players irrespective of any political or other differences their re-

Also a special thanks should be given to tournament director Gerard Heynen, under whose able direction the tournament progressed

An interesting situation occurred in the semi-final round of the preliminaries. In the game Philippe (Luxembourg) - Ciric (Yugoslavia) Black had a winning advantage for a long while. But suddenly he made a horrible blunder and right away offered a draw. Philippe (with a forced win in one!! move) accepted it instantaneously.



PHILIPPE White wins with 1, R-Q7!

The following game was important because at that stage Farre was a 1/2 point ahead of me, and to overtake him I had to win this

PIRC DEFENSE World Junior Championship Finals Antwerp, 1955

| White | | | | Black | | | | |
|--------------------|----|--------|----|--------|---------|--|--|--|
| E. MEDNIS (USA) | | | | M. | FARRE | | | |
| (USA) | 1. | P-K4 | | P-Q3 | (Spain) | | | |
| | 2. | P-Q4 | 4) | Kt-KB3 | | | | |
| | 3. | Kt-QB3 | | P-KKt3 | | | | |
| | | DVVIE | | | | | | |

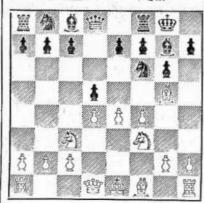
In our game in the preliminaries I had played 4. P-B4 without achieving any-thing special, so now I decided to try the text move.



Photo: H. Baclen

P-Q41?

| spective countries | might have. |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 | B-Kt2 |
| 5. P-B4 | 0-0 |
| 6. Kt-B3 | ******* |
| B-Q3 first is a little | bit more accurate. |



Very interesting, but not quite sound . P-B4 is better.

7. BxKt 8. PxP KtxP fails because of . P-KB4! Kt-Q2

B-B4! It is surprising that White can afford to protect his extra pawn, even at the expense of castling.

Kt-Kt3 10. B-Kt3 B-R3 11. P-Kt3 B-Kt5

If instead 11. R-K1 ch, then simply 12. K-B2 to be followed by Q-Q2, QR-12. A-L K1, etc. 12. 0-0

R-KI 13. Q-Q2 14. QR-K1 15. KtxR Q-Q2 RxR R-K1 16. Kt-Q3

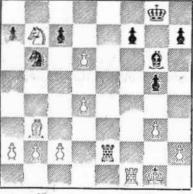
Now the Knight threatens to go to QB5. To delay it Farre starts a attack.



19. Q-Kt2! The threat is P-KR3 winning a piece and BxKt is answered by 20. RxB, R-K8 ch; 21. K-B2 (not 21. R-B1?, B-R6!) winning a Rook.

| 19. | Q-Q2 |
|-----------|--------|
| 20. Kt-K4 | Q-K2 |
| 21. KtxB | PxKt |
| 22. Kt-Q3 | Q-K6ch |
| 23. Q-B2 | B-R4 |
| 24. QXQ | RxQ |
| 25. Kt-B5 | |

Winning a second pawn. 25. R-K7 26. KtxP 27. P-Q6!



27. The intended B-K5 loses after 28. RxP! 28. KtxP BXP 29. BxPch

The win now, although not elementary, is still only a matter of time and technique. No further comments are necessary.

K-Kt2 44. P-KR3 45. R-QB2 46. R-B5 R-K8ch B-Q8 Kt-Kt5 K-B1 K-Kf1 47. P-R3 48. R-B6ch K-B2 K-B1 49. Kt-Q6ch 50. KtxP Kt-K4 51. KtxP 52. R-QR6 53. P-R4 36. Kt-B6ch K-Kt2 R-QR8 Kt-B5 38, Kt-K4 P-KR3 Kt-Kt3 Kt-B5 39. R-Q2 40. Kt-Q6 R-K8 R-K3 54. P-R5 K-Kt3 KtxP 55. RxPch Kt-B5ch P-KKt4 K-Kt3 Kt-Q4 57. R-R6ch K-Kt2 43. K-B3 Resigns

Cosmo (Los Angeles) Chess Club: Morris Gordon won the Cosmo Summer Swiss Open with 4½-½, drawing with R. Reed. Second was G. Hunnex with 4-1, a loss to Gordon; and third was R. Gross with 3½-1½.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

| | Antwerp, 1955 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| 1. | B. Spassky (USSR) x | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 -1 |
| 2. | E. Mednis (USA) | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 -2 |
| | M. Farre (Spain) | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 61-2 |
| 4. | L. Portisch (Hungary)0 | è | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 53-3 |
| | G. P. Tringov (Bulgaria)0 | - | 0 | 4 | x | 1 | 1 | î | 1 | 1 | 5 -4 |
| 6. | D. K. Keller (Switzerland)0 | à | - 8 | 0 | 0 | x | | 1 | 1 | ī | 4 -5 |
| | J. J. Osterom (Holland)0 | ō | ě | 0 | 1 | + | × | 1 | î | 0 | 31-5 |
| 8. | L. Hallstrom (Finland)0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ō | õ | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 21-6 |
| 9. | S. Johanessen (Norway)0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | × | 1 | 13-7 |
| 10. | S. Schweber (Argentina)0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | ō | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | 13-7 |

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U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING PLAYERS

Nicolas Rossolimo (New York

| | City) | 10 -2 |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| - | City) Samuel Reshevsky (Spring Val- | |
| 2. | Samuel Resnevsky (Spring val- | 10 -2 |
| | ley, N.Y.) | 10 -2 |
| 3. | Donald Byrne (Ann Arbor, | |
| | Mich.) Larry Evans (New York City) A. A. Turner (Mt. Vernon, | 72.2 |
| 4. | Larry Evans (New York City) | A -2 |
| 5, | A. A. Turner (Mt. Vernon, | |
| | N.T.J | 7 -3 |
| 6. | James T. Sherwin (New York | |
| | City) | 81-3 |
| 7. | Irving Rivise (Los Angeles, | 100 |
| | Calif.) | 81-3 |
| 8. | Herbert Seidman (Brooklyn, | |
| | N.Y.) | 81-3 |
| 9. | Ivan Romanenko (Plainfield, N.J.) Anthony Saidy (Douglaston, | |
| | N.J.) | 81-3 |
| 10. | Anthony Saidy (Douglaston, | |
| | N.Y.) | 81-3 |
| 11. | | |
| | Calif.) | B -4 |
| 12 | | |
| | Mo.) | 8 .4 |
| 12 | Albert Sandrin (Chicago III.) | R -4 |
| 14 | Mo.) Albert Sandrin (Chicago, III.) Hans Berliner (Washington, | |
| 14. | Hans Berliner (washington, | 8 -4 |
| | | |
| 15. | Raymond Martin (Santa Moni- | |
| | ca, Calif.) | 8 -4 |
| | Alex Suchobeck (Pacific Grove, | |
| | Calif.) | 8 -4 |
| 17. | Calif.) Larry Remlinger (Long Beach, | |
| | | |
| 18, | Arthur W. Dake (Portland, | |
| | Ore.) | 8 -4 |
| 19. | I. Zalvs (Montreal, Que., Can- | |
| | ada) | 8 -4 |
| 20. | William Addison (San Fran- | |
| | cisco, Calif.) | 71-4 |
| 21. | Paul Brandts (Bronx, N.Y.) | 71-4 |
| 22. | cisco, Calif.) Paul Brandts (Bronx, N.Y.) Karl Burger (Brooklyn, N.Y.) | 71-4 |
| 23. | Robert Cross (Santa Monica. | |
| | Calif.) | 71-4 |
| 24. | Jeremiah F. Donovan (Brook- | |
| | lyn, N.Y.) | 71-4 |
| 25. | Morris Gordon (Los Angeles, | |
| | Calif.) | 71-4 |
| 26. | Mike Hailparn (Fresno, Calif.) | 71-41 |
| 27. | Eliot Hearst (New York City) | 71-4 |
| 28. | Eliot Hearst (New York City) . Allen Kaufman (New York | - 4 -1 |
| | City) | 71-41 |
| 29. | City) Eugene Levin (Pacific Palisades, Calif.) | . 2. 47 |
| 1000 | sades, Calif.) | 71-41 |
| 30. | sades, Calif.) William Lombardy (Bronx, | |
| | N.Y.) | 71-41 |
| 31. | N.Y.) Edgar McCormick (East | . 5.45 |
| | Orange N.I.) | 71-41 |
| 32 | Carl Pilnick /New York City | 71-41 |
| 33 | Carl Pilnick (New York City). Miro Radiocic (Santa Monica, | . 2 - 4 2 |
| | Calif.) | 71-41 |
| 34 | Bruno W Schmidt /Haman | 15.47 |
| 04. | Calif.) Bruno W. Schmidt (Homer, N.Y.) | 71.41 |
| 35. | | 12.47 |
| | Tenn.) | 71 41 |
| | | 12-42 |
| | Ranking Woman Player | |
| | s. Sonja Graf-Stevenson (Calif) | |
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(NOTE: Players in this list are not

placed in final weighted score order after fifth place.)



R. D. Westra with 5-0 won the Premier Reserves Championship of the Montreal Chess League. Second and third on S-B were G. Aleksis and V. Judzentavicius with 3-2 each. The six-man round robin represented survivors of a 32-player twosection preliminaries. The Major Reserves was won by R. Teene, a newcomer from Estonia, with 5-0. J. Schneider was second with 4-1 and W. Stanley third with 3-2. Twenty-two players competed in the prelims in which Teene won Section 1 with 6-0 and Schneider Section 2 with 6-0.

Revival of the East Side vs. West Side team matches, a feature of Charleston, W.Va. chess in the thirties, saw West down East 43. For West George Hendricks tallied two wins while Daye Maples and Allen scored one each; for East John F. Hurt, Edward M. Foy and Ruda scored the points.

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Major Topics

ByMontgomery Major

Is There Magic In Ten?

... and played a championship tournament game between Gortchakoff and Meninkin, seventy-two moves to a draw, a prize specimen of the irresistable force meeting the immovable object, a battle without armour, a war without blood, and as elaborate a waste of human intelligence as you could find anywhere outside an advertising agency.

RAYMOND CHANDLER-The Long Goodbye

WITH this issue CHESS LIFE celebrates, if it is cause for celebration, its tenth birthday as a publication devoted to cause of American Chess. Much as the championship game of Gortchakoff and Meninkin that earned Philip Marlowe's dispassionate criticism, the cause of American Chess has so far ended in a bloodless draw. Potentialities for victory lurk upon the board, but the players have been indolent and unambitious.

But perhaps there is magic in the number ten. It is not impossible, given relief from further destructive tendencies to suicide and madness, that chess can prosper and wax strong if its partisans and supporters are willing to exert the effort.

The hour is here; but are the followers ready?

ARTHUR S. MEYER

DEATH summoned Arthur S. Meyer on August 6 at the age of 75 after a full life as business executive, labor mediator and chess player. As a student at Columbia University he was a member of the chess team that initiated the series of American-British intercollegiate cable matches, and in his earlier years he was a frequent participant in the chess events of the Manhattan Chess Club.

After a very successful career of business executive as president of the Schulte Real Estate Company and vice-president of the Schulte Retail Stores Corporation, in 1937 Mr. Meyer retired from business to become active as a labor mediator, soon becoming chairman of the New York State Mediation Board, established by Gov. H. H. Lehman. His career of pouring oil on the troubled waters of labor dispute was exceptionally distinguished, and it was the recommendation of Mr. Meyer's board which became the basis of the famous "Little Steel Formula" which became a national pattern for settling various labor disputes.

Although not so active in chess as his brother, Leonard B. Meyer, the former president of the Metropolitan Chess League, Mr. Meyer retained his interest in chess and his membership in the Manhattan Chess Club. Chess players everywhere extend their sincere sympathy to his wife, two sons, daughter, brother and sister.

The Reader's Road To Chess

A SELECTION OF GAMES FROM THE 52nd UNITED STATES OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, Fort Worth, Texas, 1951. Published by Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha, Neb. Vol. XII, American Tournament Series. 37 pp. mimeo. \$2.

GAMES FROM THE NINTH BIENNIAL UNITED STATES CHESS CHAM-PIONSHIP, New York, 1954. Published by Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha, Neb. Vol. XIII, American Tournament Series. 34 pp. mimeo. \$2.

W ITH these two volumes, editor Jack Spence completes one of the most valuable contributions of recent years to American chess history. He has now brought up to date a full record of all post-war American open and closed championships from 1946 forward. The 1951 Open will be remembered as a milestone in the career of Larry Evans, then only 19 years old. Of the 450 games in the tourney, 187 are given here, without notes, but with scoretable and indexes. The 1954 Biennial follows the same format. Eighty-eight of the 91 games are given, however, and there are light notes. Arthur Bisguier's win here suggests that this generation has produced another Reshevsky-Fine rivalry; for Bisguier and Evans have traded tournaments with the same regularity. These inexpensive collections should find a place in any serious player's library.

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University of London on the Continent

By RHYS W. HAYS

I HAD thought that my days of playing chess for a university were over ten years ago, when I graduated from Columbia; but on coming to London, I registered for a night course in medieval palaeography at the University, and by the rules applying there, I was eligible to play on the team. During the regular season, I won four games and drew two for London University, and as a result I was awarded full colors equivalent, more or less, to a varsity letter, but this year given to only three players (R. F. Streater, B. J. Benjamin, and myself), and was chosen to come on a post-season tour of Germany to play against German teams.

The trip began on July 30, and ended, so far as chess was concerned, on August 8. The London team did not fare well, although every match but one was close. We lost to the University of Aachen 4-3 in a preliminary match, before our full team had arrived, then played a 4-4 tie with the regular team. Then we were beaten badly, 71/2-21/2, by a powerful University of Cologne team. We lost 6-5 to Ford Works of Cologne, 6-4 to Bonn (city and university combined), 51/2-41/2 to the University of Frankfurt, and 51/2-41/2 to the University of Wurzburg. This record is surprising, as London is not a weak team. But with a few breaks, many games might have gone the other way, and the strain of travelling undoubtedly told on some of the players.

Making the trip were, roughly in order of strength, Raymond Streater, myself, Brian Benjamin, Jose Correia, David Toms, Colin Carpenter, John Houlihan, Watson Fuller, Douglas Bellis, Peter Miodownik, and Jan Schutz, secretary and acting captain, who made all the arrangements. Jonathan Penrose and A. Phillips, who played occasionally for the University during the year, were not able to come. Also missing were Michael Fox, the regular captain, and Richard Marriott.

The best record was turned in by Correia, a Portuguese student, who scored 51/2-11/2. Bellis and Carpenter also did well. I played three matches at first board, drawing two and losing to Christoph of Cologne University. The other four I played at second, winning two (both at Aachen) and drawing two. Among those with whom I drew were Laschek of Wurzburg, champion of Franconia, and Stachowitz of Frankfurt, who has qualified for this year's German championship.

One match remains to be playedagainst Heidelberg (town and university combined) tomorrow, August 10; but since Streater, Schutz, and I have decided to miss this and go on for a brief visit to Austria and Switzerland, I omit it from this report.

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LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

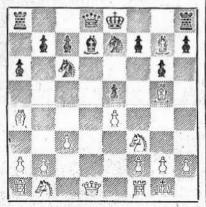
By International Master LARRY EVANS

U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954

US - USSR Match, Moscow, 1955

RUY LOPEZ

Evans-Bronstein: 1.P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. B-N5, P-QR3; 4. B-R4, P-Q3; 5. P-B3, B-Q2; 6. O-O, P-KN3; 7. P-Q4, B-N2; 8. B-KN5, KN-K2; 9, PxP, PxP;

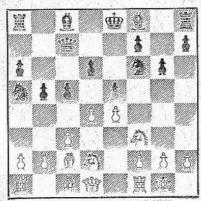


Position after 9.

This position is theoretically important inasmuch as it has been reached before without White being able to produce a demonstrable superiority. Suztin-Bronstein, XX USSR Chmp., continued: 10. P-B4, P-KR3; 11. B-K3, N-Q5!; 12. BxB ch, QxB; 13. N-B3, O-O; with full equality for Black. Alekhine has played 10. Q-Q3, but after O-O Black has nothing to fear. Hence-10. Q-B1, P-KR3 (10., O-O; 11. R-Q1 is hard to meet); 11. B-K3, N-R4; 12. R-Q1, P-QN4; 13. B-B2, N-B1; 14. P-QN4, N-N2 (not 14. N-B5; 15. B-B5); 15. P-QR4, with a lasting initiative.

In the very next round, Bronstein-Evans, Black tried a new idea which seems attended with too much risk.

1.P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. B-N5, P-QR3; 4. B-R4, N-B3; 5. O-O, P-QN4; 6. B-N3, P-Q3!? The order of moves is deliberate. Black invites 7. N-N5, P-Q4; 8. PxP, N-Q5. The drawback of the text is that it does not force White to lose a move defending his KP by R-K1, as it is protected indirectly. (......., NxP; B-Q5.) 7. P-B3, N-QR4; 8. B-B2, P-B4; 9. P-Q4, Q-B2; 10. QN-Q2, P-KN3.



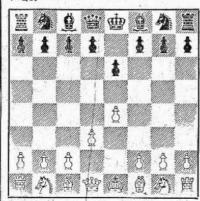
Position after 10., P-KN3

The point of Black's timing. Whether this move is playable depends on whether or not White can exploit Black's lost move by opening up the center. 11. P-QN4!, Px NP (Not 11. N-N2; 12. NPxP.
11., N-B3; 12. NPxP, PxP;
13. PxP, NxP(4); 14. NxN, QxN;
presents White with many attacking chances in the center, but is perhaps playable): 12. B-N2! Black is always one move behind -and this is his undoing. After 12. P-QR3, B-N2; Black survives because it takes White one move longer to occupy to B-file. Bronstein's move is sharper, 12. B-KN2 (12., NxNP; 13. R-B1); 13. R-B1, B-N2 (If 13., O-O; 14. B-N3 wins a Pawn); 14. B-N3, Q-K2; 15. RxN!!, BxR; 16. PxP, with a winning position. If now 16. PxP; 17. NxP, B-Q2; 18. BxPch, K-B1; 19. BxP!

The game continued: 16. N-R4; 17. P-N4, N-B5; 18. PxP, Q-Q2!; 19. N-K5! and all the complications favor White.

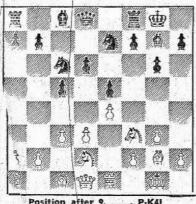
FRENCH DEFENSE

In Reshevsky-Botvinnik, White tried an idea recommended in our July 5 column: 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q3.



Position after 2. P-Q3

Undaunted, Botvinnik continued to equality: 2., P-QB4; 3. P-KN3, N-QB3; 4. B-N2, P-KN3; 5. N-KB3, B-N2; 6. O-O, KN-K2; 7. R-K1, P-Q3; 8. QN-Q2, O-O; 9. P-B3, P-K4!;



Position after 9., P-K4!

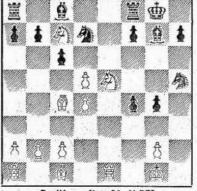
Evidently this is Black's best way of neutralizing the center: by avoiding an early P-Q4 Black seems to achieve equality in this variation. White must even be perpetually wary of an early P-KB4 break. 10. N-N3, P-N3; 11. P-Q4, B-QR3=

Incidentally, it was this game which caused Botvinnik to say to me after the match: "Reshevsky is a changed player since 1948. For one thing, his style is much more passive. For another, I used to win lost positions. Now I lose won ones!"

KING'S GAMBIT

R. Byrne-Keres was a game that created a sensation for the Moscow audience. Black managed to demonstrate that the old-fashioned defense is not only simple and good, but perhaps even best.

1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-KB4, PxP; 3. N-KB3, P-KN4; 4. P-KR4, P-N5; 5. N-K5, N-KB3; 6. B-B4, P-Q4; 7. PxP, B-N2; 8. P-Q4, N-R4; 9. O-O, QxP; 10. Q-K1, QxQ; 11. RxQ, O-O; 12. N-QB3, N-Q2; 13. N-N5, P-QB3, 14. N-B7? (the crucial line is 14 PxP, and if NxN; 15. PxP).



Position after 14, N-B72

.......PxP! (If 14., R-N1; 15. P-Q6, with a bind); 15. NxR, PxB; and White must fight for the draw despite the fact that he is an exchange ahead.

Is this game the end of the King's Gambit?

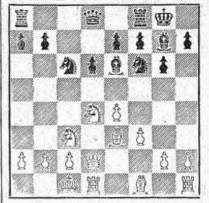
SICILIAN DEFENSE

Geller-D. Byrne: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; NxP, N-KB3;
 N-QB3, P-KN3;
 B-K3, B-N2;
 P-B3, N-B3;
 R. Q-Q2, O-O; 9. O-O-O, B-K3; A decided improvement over 9. NxN; 10. BxN, as played in Bron-stein-Denker, match USA-USSR, 1954.

(See diagram top next column)

10. K-N1, Q-R4; 11. P-KN4, QR-B1; 12. NxB, PxN; 13. B-QB4, N-Q1; 14. B-K2 (14. B-N3 permits P-QN4), N-Q2; 15. B-Q4, N-K4!? which proved the beginning of a brilliant but dubious counter-combination. However, we stop our analysis here as Black can achieve at least equality by 15,, BxB; 16. QxB, Q-N3!

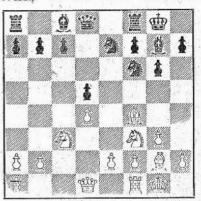
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Position after 9.

CATALAN SYSTEM

Smyslov-Bisguier, Black achieved a satisfactory game following some Kevitz analysis: 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. P-KN3, N-KB3; 4. N-B3, N-B3; 5. PxP, PxP; 6. B-N2, P-KN3; 7. N-B3, B-N2; 8. O-O, O-O; 9. B-B4, N-K2; with equality. (If 10. N-QN5, N-K1.)



Position after 9., N-K2

LONDON CHESS

(Continued from page 4, col. 4)

I wish I could list all the chessplayers and others who have shown us hospitality in Germany, but the list would be far too long to publish. Suffice it to say that we have been royally entertained. We have, of course, combined sight-seeing with chess, and I think that all of us will remember this German trip as a great event in our lives.

WOMEN'S CHESS

(Continued from page 2, col. 4)

Hope this will be of some use to you. It's after midnight, and I just finished a game.

Love,

Kathryn

Finger Lakes (N.Y.) Chess Club lost Finger Lakes (N.Y.) Chess Club lost a close bout with the Rochester Chess Club 7½-8½ at Newark, N.Y. Scoring for Finger Lakes twice was J. Jenkins while Z. Kertesz tallied 1½ points and single victories went to R. LaBelle, A. Brailow, W. Vail, and M. Quinn. For Rochester J. Donovan and J. Kelly scored twice, while single tallies went and H. Engelbrecht with D. Marchand to M. Nevid, J. Altman, C. Crendall, salvaging a draw. salvaging a draw.

London Terrace (New York) Chess Clob: M. Finkelstein and M. Duchamp finished first with 5½-1½ each in the club championship with Finkelstein gaining the title on S-B. M. Peckar was third with 5-2 and D. Hoffmann fourth with 4-3. Finkelstein lost one game to M. DeLieto and drew with Hoffman; Duchamp lost a game to Finkelstein and drew with H. M. Phillips who finished fifth with 3½-3½, A USCF Affiliated Club.



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REMLINGER VS. RINALDO

This is one of thirteen year old Larry Remlinger's best games in the Junior Championship.

> GIUOCO PIANO MCO: page 74, column 15 U. S. Junior Championship Lincoln, 1955

White L. REMLINGER J. RINALDO P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 4. P-B3 B-B4 The Giuoco Piano: an old opening, fav-ored by some of the young. Edmar Mednis, second to Grandmaster Spas-ky in the World Junior Championship, plays it frequently.

Kt-B3 5. P-Q3

White prefers a slow build-up to the faster but more simplifying lines which stem from 5. P-Q4.

5. the mechanical side. The 5,, P-Q4! 6. PxP, KtxP; This is This is on the mechanical si sharpest is 5., P-Q4! 6. Pxl 7. 0-0, 0-0; 8. Kt-Kt5, P-B3. 6. P-QKt4 An Evans Gambit—minus the

An Evans Gambit—minus the gambit!

6. B-K2

Less passive is 6., B-Kt3; for if 7.

P-Kt5, Kt-QR4; 8. KtxP, P-Q3; 9. Kt-B3,

KtxB; 10. PxKt, KtxP; and Black

stands better stands better. 7. 0-0

Wisely enough, White does not go after the KP with 7. P-Kt5, etc.

P-03 8. R-KT B-Kt5 This is not bad, although the QB is less well placed at Kt5 when White's Pawn is at Q3, rather than Q4. An idea wnen White's 18 8., B-K3; 9. BxB, PxB; 10. Kt-K15, Q-Q2. 9. P-KR3 B-R4 12. BxKt 10. B-KK15 Q-Q2

P-QR3

A Steinitz-like Knight tour. QR-Q1

Black should play for ____, P-KB4; with 13. ____, K-R1; and 14. ___, B-K2., K-R1; and 14. 14. P-Kt4 15. K-R2 B-Kt3

Foreshadowing operations on the KKt and/or KR files. Except for the position of the KB, White has a Ruy Lopez formation—and proceeds accordingly. 15.

This makes it easy for White to open a file. Black is cramped, but might adopt porcupine measures with 15., K-R1; 16., B-K2; 17., P-B3; and 18., B-B2. K-R1

nd 18. 16. Kt-K3 17. Q-Q2 18. QR-Q1 Kt-K2 Everything is made shipshape before the attack is launched.

19. P-KR4 Threatening to win a piece with 20.

P-KKt5. 19. Kt-B1

Superior are 19., Kt-Kt1; bolstering the king-side, and 19., P-Q4; mixing matters. 20. P-KKt5 PxP

On 20., B-K2; 21. PxP, PxP; 22. R-KKt1, White also gets his attack roll-

22. K-K+2 To clear the KR file . . .

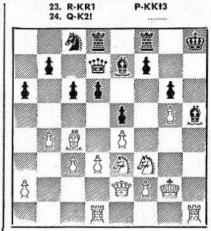
R-R4 . . and to try to obstruct the KR file,

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This innocent looking move prepares winning combination.

K-Kt1 24. 74. K-K11
The jig is up. If 24., P-B3; 25. RxB
ch, PxR; 26. KtxP! PxKt; 27. QxPch,
K-Kt2; 28. Q-R6 mate,
25. RxB!

As Lasker said, combinations explode from better positions.

25. 26. KtxP! PYK 27. QXP Resigns

There are no parries to the threats of 28. Q-Kt6 ch, K-R1; 29. R-R1 ch, Q-R6 ch; 30. RxQ mate: and 28. R-KR1 and Q-R8 mate.

mature game by the California



SLAV DEFENSE MCO: page 197, column 30 St. Louis District Championship St. Louis, 1955 Notes by U.S. Master

William C. Lombardy

Black F. S. ANDERSON 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB E. J. ROESCH 3. Kt-QB3 4. P-K3 Kt-KB3 P-B3 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 A move which is not easy to refute al-though it appears at first sight to be weak. An attempt at refutation might be: I) 5. PxP, PxP; 6. Q-Kt3; II) 5. PxP, KtxP; 6. KKt-K2, P-K3; 7. P-K4, KtxKt; 8. KtxKt, B-Kt3; 9. B-K3, B-Kt5; 10. B-Q3, Q-O; 11. Q-O and White has a slightly better position. If 11,, P-QB4 simply 12. PxP and if 12., Q-R4, or Q-B2, 12. PxP and if 12., QR4, or QB2, or QK2 or KtR3 White can hold on to the pawn with 13. KtR4 followed by QB2. Also, if after 11., PB4; 12. PxP Black plays 12., BxKt, then 13. PxB, Q-B2; 14. Q-R4! and if 14., Kt-Q2 White may return the pawn with 15. P-B6! and retain the two Bishops which should enjoy a slight pull on the position. position. 5. B-Q3

An alternative to the above mentioned continuations.

BxB 7. Kt-B3 QXB QKt-Q2

P-KKt3 is also quite good and more to the point, since the arrival of Black's Bishop at KKt2 will hinder White somewhat in his advance of the KP.

8. 0-0

B-Q3

.., PxP; 9. QxBP, P-B4 is slightly better P-K41

White now opens up the game in his favor. One can readily see that Black's Bishop is badly placed since it obvlously will not take part in an attack on the White monarch. K2 is a better square as the Bishop can then prevent the White pieces from coming into his KKt4 square.

PYKP 11. QxKt KtxKt Now we see clearly why the Bishop be-longs to K2. Black can play neither of the freeing maneuvers P.K4 or P.QB4, and he cannot castle because of Kt-Kt5. Therefore he must give up his ideas of P-K4 or P-QB4 in order to castle and be satisfied with a cramped game. Kt-B3 12, Q-K2 If the Bishop were at K2 this weakening move would not be necessary.

13. Kt-K5

O-O

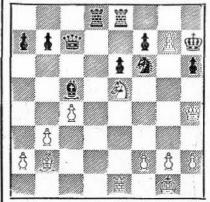
14. P-QKt3 Opening new fields for the Bishop. R-K1 This move and the one that follows are complete wastes of time. Better would be the immediate Q-B2 followed by KR-Q1 and P-QB4.

15. B-Kt2 R-QB1 16. QR-Q1 Q-B2
He played it anyway! But only after

giving a gift of two tempi to White.

17. R-Q3

White means to finish Black quickly 17. 18. Q-R5 Kt-Q2 21. PxP! Kt-B3 22. R-KK#3 K-R2 23. RxP ch 20. R-K1! QR-QT



And he seems to be doing just that. 27. P-B5 Q-K†4 28. BxR K-K†2 29. Q-B6ch Resigns Q-K†4 K-K†2 KxR 24. Kt-Kt4 BxPch 25. QxB Q-Kt3 26. BxKtchl K-R2 Mate in a few moves can not be avoided,

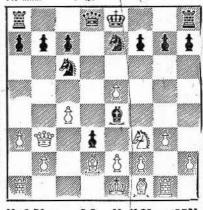


ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT MCO: page 174, column 2

> **ICCA Tournament** 1954-55

Notes by Dr. M. G. Sturm

White DR. M. G. STURM R. A. ROBERTS
1. P-Q4 P-0
2. P-QB4 P-1 P-Q4 P-K4 5. QKt-Q2 B-K3 P-KKt3 B-QKt5 QPxP P-Q5 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 Q-B2 P-Q5 Better 7. B-Kt2, BxP; 8. 0-0 with equal-9, Bxb 10. Q-Kt3 KKt-K2 P-QR3 BxKtch More usual is 10. Q-R4. B-K51 11. KR-K+1? Better 0-0-0 (Muir-Sturm, Correspondence)



18. K-Q1 19. PxP 12. Q-B3 13. B-K+5 QRAT P-KR3 KIQ5 20. P-QR4 21. R-K2 14. BxKt K-B6 15. Kt-Q2 16. P-KB4 QKt8 B-R21 r-R8 22. R-Kt2 23. K-K2 17. R-K+2

Commencing with 1., P-Q6, aclas-

sical example of Albin "infiltration", which should never be permitted.



VIENNA GAME MCO: page 308, column 4 Wisconsin State Championship Beloit, Wis.

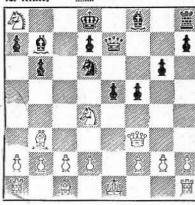
> Notes by U.S. Master William Lombardy

L. C. YOUNG White A. E. ELO 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 4. Q-R5 5. B-Kt3 Kt-Q3 3. B-B4 KtxP Black may return the pawn with 5. B-K2; 6. QxKP. O-O; 7. Kt-B3, Kt-K1; 8. O-O, Kt-B3 with an equal game. The line he chooses temporarily sacdifices a Rook. Kt-Kt5 P-KKt3

10. Kt×R 11. Kt-K2 Q-B3 P-84 P-Kt3 Q-Q5 Q-K2 A suggestion of Weaver Adams' design-

the White system.

11. B-QKt2 12. Q-B3 Kt-Q5 11. The crucial position. White may now play Q-R3 and give Black strong attacking chances or he may try Larry Evans' suggestion, made in CHESS LIFE E, not too long ago and sacrifice Queen for three pieces, one of his Queen for three pieces, one of which goes immediately, lost to the Black King. This is, as far as I know, the only game which puts the recommendation to a practical test. 13. KtxKt



BXQ 14. KtyR This must be played sooner or later.

15. Kt-Q4 B-Kt2 16. Kt-K2 Q-K Q-K4? The immediate K-B1-Kt1 17. Kt-B3 K-B1 18. Kt1 was b better. White now obtains two pawns for the forlorn Knight and has at least enough for the Queen. The only move or the Knight escapes altogether. 19. KtxPch 20. KtxPch 21. Kt-Q5 Kt-B2 was better. 22, 0-0 Kt-Kt4 23, P-QB3 That Springer goes nowhere in this game. P-R4 Kt-B2 is still in order. 24. P-QR4 R-R1 24. P-QR4 Kt-B2 should be played. 25. P-Q4! Black's game can now be considered hopeless as White soon has every piece in active coordination. Q-K1 Kt-R2 27. Kt-B7 26. B-KB4 Temporarily holding the game since KtxR cannot be played because of QxB. 28. Kt-K6! Q-R1 31. P-QKt4 32. P-Kt5



The Knight is still immobile, now for

34. P-B7!! Resigns

Kt-B3

RxB

The pawn cannot be stopped.

30. B-Q5ch

33. PxKt!!

a different reason.

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MUTUAL RESPECT

tension.

Evans plays his Ruy too cautiously and Byrne equalizes very quickly. Although prospects are about level in the final position, considerable play was left. Apparently these very talented young masters have a

healthy respect for each other.
RUY LOPEZ
MCO: pages 242-245
Metropolitan League Match New York, 1955

Notes by

U. S. Master Dr. Harold Sussman White Black (Marshall C.C.) (Manhattan C.C.) B-Kt3 P-Q3 P-K4 P-K4 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 8. P-B3 0.0 B-Kt5 B-R4 P-QR3 P-KR3 Kt-QR4 10. B-B2 Kt-B3 P-B4 Q-B2 P-QKt4 R-K1 12. PXKP Somewhat premature. For personal rea-sons, Evans avoids the popular 12. QKt-Q2 which maintains the central

GUEST ANNOTATORS

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13. QKt-Q2 B-Kt2 PXP , P-B5 followed by Preferable is 13. Kt-Kt2 and Kt-QB4. The text keeps the Kt from reaching Kt2.

14. Kt-B1 KR-Q1 16. Kt-Kt3

15. Q-K2 Another try is Kt(KB)-R2 threatening Kt-Kt4. P-B5 16.

only counterplay but too late to The accomplish much. Kt-K1 17. B-Kt5 19. Q-K3 QxB 18. BxB The defense is easy. Black's position is

quite secure. 20. QR-Q1

Evans offered a draw at this point; Byrne accepted.

ROSSOLIMO WINS U.S. OPEN

(Continued from page 1, col. 4)

event. A special feature in hospitality was the free coffee served to all contestants and spectators each day by the sponsoring Lincoln Park Chess & Checker Club of Long Beach. Arrangements for the tournament were ably handled by a committee headed by John P. Looney, president of the Lincoln Park club, while the tournament was efficiently directed by Orlo M. Rolo, who last year directed the U.S. Junior Championship, assisted very ably by Imre Konig.

Early Rounds A Tussle

Even the first round heralded the possibility of startling upsets with William Lombardy losing to Boris Garfinkel, Jeremiah Donovan losing to John Rinaldo, Karl Burger drawing with Mrs. Kathryn Slater, and Mrs. Sonja Graf-Stevenson drawing with Ben Kakimi.

The second round saw Larry Evans drawing with Albert Sandrin who in this event seemed to have recovered the form that made him U.S. Open Champion at Omaha. Herman Steiner lost an upset to Dr. Bela Rozsa and Abe Turner to Ivan Romanenko whose final showing declared him also a player much underrated in popular opinion.

By the fifth round Paul Brandts held the undisputed lead with 5-0 with victories over Saidy, Seidman, and Sherwin. On his heels with 41/2. 1/2 each were Reshevsky (a draw with Lapiken), Byrne (a draw with Rosolimo), Rossolimo, Carl Pilnick (a draw with Robert Steinmeyer).

Round six saw the lead go to Reshevsky and Byrne with 51/2-1/2 as Reshevsky defeated Brandts and Byrne bested Pilnick, Tied with 5-1 were Larry Evans, Rossolimo, Seidman, Sherwin, Saidy, Peter Lapiken, Charles Henin, and Brandts.

Round Seven and the lead broadened as Reshevsky drew with Byrne while Rossolimo bested Allen Kaufman and Sherwin defeated Saidy, while Brandts won from Henin. Leaders at 6-1 were Reshevsky, Byrne, Rossolimo, Sherwin, and Brandts. Doggedly following with 5½-1½ each were Larry Evans, Herbert Seidman, Arthur Dake, Louis Levy, Peter Lapiken.

The Seesaw Begins

Round eight and the lead narrows with Byrne beating Brandts, Sherwin besting Lapiken, Evans downing Dake, while Reshevsky drew with Rossolimo and Seidman with Louis Levy. Leaders are now Byrne and Sherwin with 7-1. Reshevsky, Evans, and Rossolimo have 6½-1½, while Brandts, Seidman and Levy share a 6-2 score with new potential threats in William Addison, Albert Sandrin, Charles Henin, Zoltan Kovacs, Anthony Henin, Saidy, Abe Turner, Robert Cross, and Raymond Martin.

Round nine-Byrne and Sherwin draw and still share the lead with 71/2-11/2, because Reshevsky drew with Evans and Rossolimo drew with Saidy. Tallying 7-2 are Reshevsky, Evans, Rossolimo, Sandrin (with a victory over Brandts), Seidman (winning from Henin), and Cross (defeating Kovacs). Hanging on or creeping up with 61/2-21/2 each are Hans Berliner, Saidy, Dake, Turner, Levy, Addison, Rivise, J. G. Sullivan, Ivan Romanenko and Raymond Martin.

Round ten and 1953 Open Champion Donald Byrne takes undisputed lead with 8½-1½, defeating Seidman while Sherwin loses to Rossolimo. In second with 8-2 now are Rossolimo, Reshevsky (defeating Sandrin), and Evans (besting Cross). On their heels with 71/2-21/2 are Sherwin, Saidy (a win over Berliner), Addison (a win over Levy), Rivise (a win over Sullivan), and Romanenko (a win over Mar-

The Lead Totters

Round eleven sees the leader topple Byrne succumbs to Evans, while Rossolimo defeats Rivise, Reshevsky besis Saidy. Now leading with 9-2 are Rossolimo, Reshevsky and Evans, Byrne and Romanenko (with a win over Cross) and Sherwin (with a win over Addison) have 81/2-21/2. Still in hopeful competition with 8-3 are Turner and Sand-

Round twelve is tense and decisive. Rossolimo bests Evans while Reshevsky is defeating Sherwin. Byrne lowns Romanenko and Turner wins from Sandrin. As the smoke of battle clears Rossolimo and Re:hevsky share 10-2; Bryne has 91/2-21/2; Evans and Turner have 9-3 each. Just behind are Saidy (a victory over Pilnick), Romanenko, Sierwin, Rivise (a win over Lombardy), and Seidman (a decision over Addison).

A stirring and exciting struggle to the very last round.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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

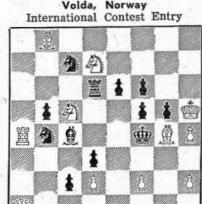
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Problem No. 589 By J. L. Beale Melbourne, Australia

International Contest Entry



Problem No. 588

By David Hjelle

White to move and mate in

Problem No. 590 By F. Ravenscroft and .F. T. Hawes, New South Wales Australia Original for Chess Life

White to move and mate in two

White to move and mate in three

WITH the three two-move compositions above we begin to publish the entries to our "International Two-Mover Composing Contest" announced in our July 20th issue. Our regular solvers are requested to send in solutions as before. We will try to publish new entries in order of their arrival as much as possible. We repeat here the outstanding points of the

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Solutions - Mate the Subtile Wau!

No. 575 (Keeney): 1. KtxP, waiting!

No. 576 (Lourie): 1. RxQP, threatening 2. R-Q4 mate. Both these problems show charming, if somewhat old-fashioned plays. In contrast . . .

No. 577 (Morra): Before the key there are two set plays based on the mutual No. 377 (Morra): Before the key there are two set plays based on the mutual interferences of the Black R and B standing on Black's Q-side. If 1., R-Q5; 2. Q-K3 mate; if 1., B-Q5; 2. Q-K4 mate. (Grimshaw). After the key, 1. Kt-Q4, with the threat 2. R-K14 mate, these Grimshaw interferences are shifted over to the Black R and B standing on Black's K-side! Thus: 1., R-B6; 2. Q-K4 mate and 1., B-B6; 2. Q-K3 mate. Other plays are obvious. (Grimshaw-Rhuklis combined). Very novel play, even if it has been done before.

No. 578 (Gabor): 1. KxP, threatening four K moves (K3, K2, KB3, KB4) and 3. P-Q4 mate. All possible Black moves reduce these four threats to a single possible choice: 1., PxR or BxKt force 2. K-K3; 1., Kt-B1 compels 2. K-B4 (the motive of these two moves is prevention of flight to the Black K); 1., PxP forces 2. K-B3; and 1., Kt-R3 forces 2. K-K2, etc. (Avoidance of checks.) If 1., K-B4; 2. K-Q4, short mate.

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Solution Jo What's The Best Move?

Position No. 165

to settle for a draw (admittedly the weather was hot). We are awarding ½ points to the 47 who started out with the Best Move but wandered astray later on; full credit goes to the 21 who persevered to the win.

Correct solutions acknowledged from: M. F. Anderson, Abel R. Bomberault, M. F. Anderson, Abel R. Bomberault,
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Mitting.

The final verdict, including our gencrous ½ point awards, is 44½-26½ in favor of the solvers. You can't trust the columnist; these 'draws(?)' might now turn out 'wins'; who knows?

Memo to GHL: All right. 169 will be an easy one.

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Solutions

Finish It the Clever Way! Position No. 159: 1., RxB; 2. RxR, -K4; 3. R(B)-Kt1. QxRP ch, 4. K-B1,

Position No. 159: 1., RxB; 2. RxR, Q.K4; 3. R(B)-Kt1. QxRP ch, 4. K-B1, B-B5, White resigned.
Position No. 160: 1. RxKP!, KxR; 2. B-R3ch, KxB; 3. Q-Kt4ch, K-K4; 4. Q-Kt3ch, KxP; 5. Q-Kt4ch, K-Q6; 6. Q-Q1ch, K-B6; 7. Q-B3ch, K-B7; 8. Q-K4ch, K-Q7; 9. Q-B4ch, K-Q8; 10. Q-B3ch, K-B7; 11. Q-K4ch, K-B6; 12. Q-B3ch, K-Q5; 13. Q-K3ch, K-B5; 14. Q-K2ch, K-Q4; 15. Q-B3ch, K-K4; 16. Q-Kt3ch Drawn.

Bay Area Industrial League: Bay Area Industrial League: First season for this new organization saw Pacific Gas & Electric Co. win the league tournament with California Research Corp. second and Cutter Laboratories third. John Hampton of Shell Development Co., Emeryville, Calif. was elected secretary of the league for the coming year.

coming year.
FINAL STANDINGS Pacific Gas & Electric Co. California Research Corp. 271/2 .27 Cutter Laboratories Fluorescent Fixtures 26 Crockett Club 21 Shell Development Co.16

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Downtown YMCA Chess Club (St.
Louis): Victory in the club championship went to F. M. Alpiser with 5½-1½, while second and third with 5-2 each were C. M. Burton and L. G. Stephens. L. W. Haller was fourth with 4½-2½. Alpiser lost a game to D. W. Edwards and drew with Burton; Burton lost to Stephens while drawing with Alpiser and Haller; Stephens lost to Alpiser and Haller, The Class B event was won by B. Fapfar with 4-1, with G. D. Hardy, E. R. Straedey, and C. Spies tied for second with 3-2 each. A USCF Affiliated Club.

Solvers' Ladder - Mate the Subtile Way!

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We express our congratulations to solver William I. Lourie of St. Petersburg, Fla. who tops the present Solvers' Ladder with 567 points and receives the quarterly award, a book on chess of his choice. His points on this Ladder are cancelled and he begins the climb again from the bottom.

Jefferson High tallied first in three sections, plus one third place, to take the Los Angeles High School Championship, Section winners were Clarence Green, Ed Daniels and Theodore Hale, while Ed Binns placed fourth in Hale's section. Earlier in the year Jefferson High won its district team championship. The occasion was notable in the fact that it was the first time that a group of Negro chess players have swept to victory, although individual stars like Walter Mann have previous scored title victories. The club was organized in 1949 at the suggestion of the Cosmo Chess Club.



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