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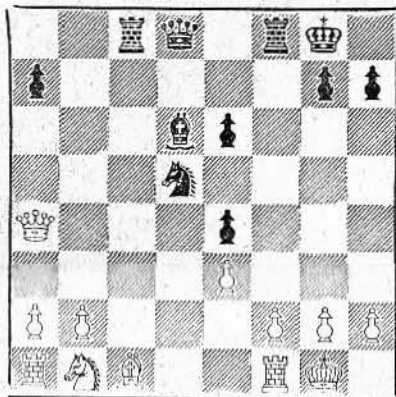
RUSSELL CHAUVENET

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Solution to Position No. 168 will appear in the October 20th, 1955 issue.

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Position No. 168



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-player 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 Westbrook, Conn. Fifth to 8th with 4-2 each were J. G. Sullivan, Wm. C. Adickes, Dr. N. M. Hornstein, and C. C. Crittenden. With 3½-2½ 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 6½-1½ 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, Boris 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 3½-½, 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 McGregor and Jacqueline Piatigorsky with 3½-3½ each, and Mrs. P. McKenna 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 preferred 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 preferred 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 Vines	4 - 1
2. Mrs. Gisela Gresser	3½ - 1½
3. Mrs. Willa Owens	3½ - 1½
4. Miss Lucille Kellner	3 - 1½
5. Mrs. Nancy Roos	3 - 1½
6. Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky	3 - 2
7. Miss Mona M. Karff	2½ - 2½
8. Mrs. Lena Grumette	2 - 2
9. Mrs. Mary Selenky	1½ - 3½
10. Mrs. Rosalie de Serrano	1½ - 3½
11. Miss Kate Henschel	1 - 4½
12. Miss Wally Henschel	0 - 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 Saily. Among the victims of his prowess were former U.S. Champion Larry Evans, James T. Sherwin, and Irving Rivise.

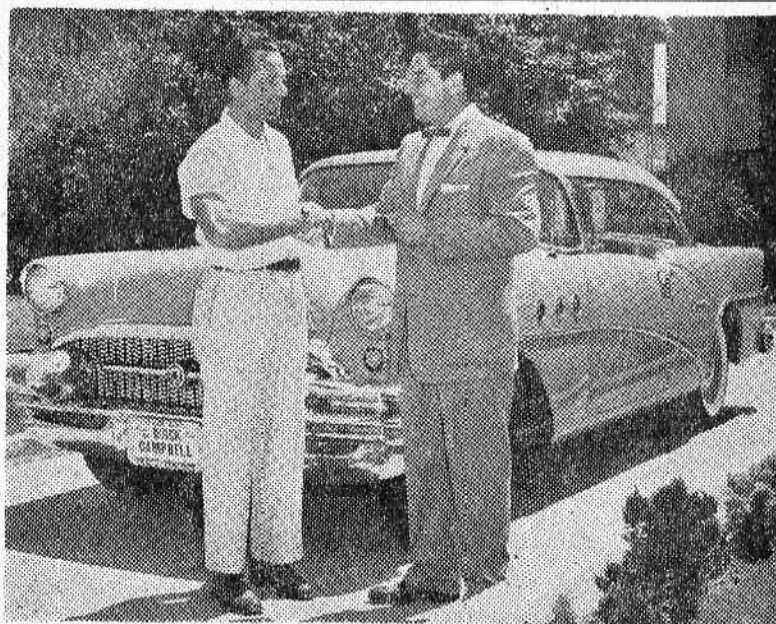
In second place with equal score of 10-2 by half a Median point came Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky who also lost no games but conceded draws Peter Lapiken (somewhat a giant-killer in this tournament), Donald Byrne, Rossolimo, and Larry Evans. Among those who succumbed to his skill were Anthony Saily,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

Third place went to 1953 Open Champion Donald Byrne with 9½-2½ 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 Saily, 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

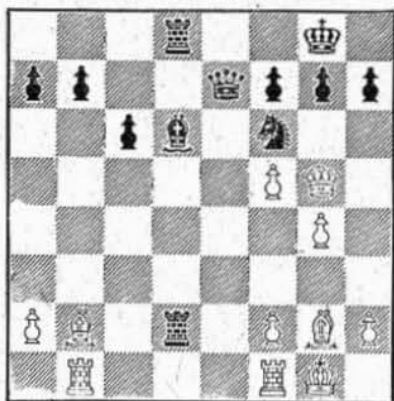
Nicolas Rossolimo (left) receives the congratulations of the representatives of the Campbell Buick Co., 1881 American Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. on his victory. The Buick, first prize in the U. S. Open Championship, was donated by the Campbell Buick Co.

Photo: Dick Tolbert

Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 159
Van Der Hoek vs. Euwe
Rotterdam, 1942

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



Black to play and win



White to play and draw

IN 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 Christmas Tournament 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, Perutz, Olafsson, Peter Clarke, and Jonathan Penrose. The first three named are the 1955, 1951 and 1953 World Junior Champions.



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 MacNeill 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 conducted 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 Jerry Schimmel was third with 2½-2½. In Section IV (1580-1400) Mrs. Betty Guala was victor with 4-1 with Nicholas Calyo and Isaac Fleischer sharing second with 3½-1½ 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 Melworm of Van Nuys. Melwood tallied 7½-1½, losing a game to Daniel Karpilowsky and drawing with George Rubin. Third and fourth on S-B with 5½-3½ each were Karpilowsky and Larry Frembling, while fifth to eleventh with 5-4 each came Donald Young, George Rubin, Paul Nielsen, David Elliott, Leroy Johnson, Larry Weiss, and Eric Johanson. Irving Rivise directed the event.



Allen H. DuVall and John F. Hurt, with 5½-1½ 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 custody of the Winfield D. Scott Trophy which has been in competition since the thirties.



Ivan Suk of the Ukrainian Chess Club won the Ontario Championship on S-B points with 5-1, narrowly outpointing former Canadian Champion Povilas 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 4½-1½ 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 11½-3½ 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 4½-1½, while second to fifth with 4-2 each were H. Matthai, M. Szczerbak, A. Shilov, and I. Poirier.

Charleston (W.Va.) Chess Club is 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, seems 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, Calif.	5	-3
Kathryn Slater, New York, N.Y.	3½	-4½
Jacqueline Piatigorsky, Los Angeles, Calif.	3½	-4½
Olga Higgins, Santa Barbara, Calif.	2	-6
Kathryn McGregor, Chicago, Ill.	2	-6
Sara Goodman, New York, New York	1½	-6½
Marjorie McKenna, Santa Monica, Calif.	1	-7

Sara Goodman—Member Marshall Chess Club. Has played about one year—baby of tournament, 21 years 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 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: Sonja 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
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The World Junior Championship

By U. S. Master EDMAR MEDNIS

ANTWERP (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 (along 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 respective countries might have.

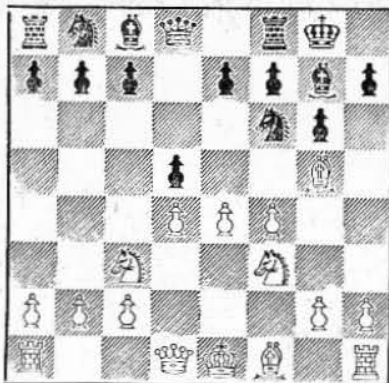
Also a special thanks should be given to tournament director Gerard Heynen, under whose able direction the tournament progressed smoothly.

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.



Photo: H. Baclen

4. B-K12
5. P-B4 O-O
6. Kt-B3
B-Q3 first is a little bit more accurate.
6. P-Q4!?



Very interesting, but not quite sound.
6. P-B4 is better.
7. BxKt Px B
8. PxP
KtxP fails because of P-KB4!
8. Kt-Q2
9. B-B4!
It is surprising that White can afford to protect his extra pawn, even at the expense of castling.
9. Kt-K13
10. B-K13 B-R3
11. P-K13 B-K15

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

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

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



16. P-K14
17. PxP BxP
18. Kt-B4 Q-B4

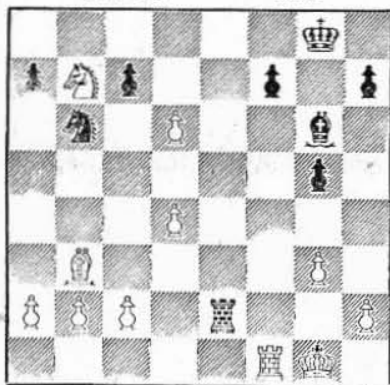
19. Q-K12!

The threat is P-KR3 winning a piece and BxKt is answered by 20. Rx B, 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 B-K13
27. P-Q6!



27. Pxp
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.

29. K-K12 44. P-KR3 R-K8
30. R-B2 R-K8ch 45. R-QB2 P-R5
31. K-K12 B-Q8 46. R-B5 Kt-K15
32. Kt-K8ch K-B1 47. P-R3 Kt-Q6
33. B-R5ch K-K11 48. R-B6ch K-B2
34. B-B7ch K-B1 49. Kt-Q6ch K-K12
35. B-R5ch K-K11 50. Kt-K4 KtxP
36. Kt-B6ch K-K12 51. KtxP R-QR8
37. BxB Rx B 52. R-QR6 Kt-B5
38. Kt-K4 P-KR3 53. P-R4 Kt-K13
39. R-Q2 R-K3 54. P-R5 Kt-B5
40. Kt-Q6 R-K3 55. RxPch K-K13
41. Kt-B5ch K-K13 56. Kt-K4 KtxP
42. P-KK14 Kt-Q4 57. R-R6ch K-K12
43. K-B3 P-KR4 58. K-B4 Resigns

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

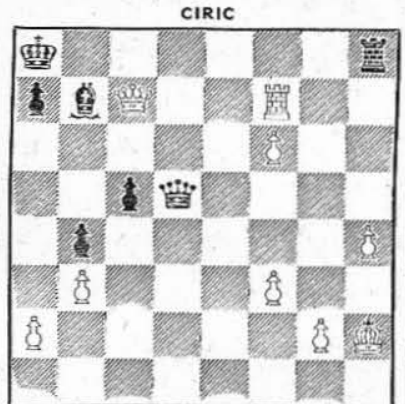
U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING PLAYERS

1. Nicolas Rossolimo (New York City) 10-2
2. Samuel Reshevsky (Spring Valley, N.Y.) 10-2
3. Donald Byrne (Ann Arbor, Mich.) 9½-2½
4. Larry Evans (New York City) 9-3
5. A. A. Turner (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.) 9-3
6. James T. Sherwin (New York City) 8½-3½
7. Irving Rivise (Los Angeles, Calif.) 8½-3½
8. Herbert Seidman (Brooklyn, N.Y.) 8½-3½
9. Ivan Romanenko (Plainfield, N.J.) 8½-3½
10. Anthony Saidy (Douglaston, N.Y.) 8½-3½
11. Herman Steiner (Los Angeles, Calif.) 8-4
12. Robert Steinmeyer (St. Louis, Mo.) 8-4
13. Albert Sandrin (Chicago, Ill.) 8-4
14. Hans Berliner (Washington, D.C.) 8-4
15. Raymond Martin (Santa Monica, Calif.) 8-4
16. Alex Suchobek (Pacific Grove, Calif.) 8-4
17. Larry Remlinger (Long Beach, Calif.) 8-4
18. Arthur W. Dake (Portland, Ore.) 8-4
19. I. Zaly (Montreal, Que., Canada) 8-4
20. William Addison (San Francisco, Calif.) 7½-4½
21. Paul Brandts (Bronx, N.Y.) 7½-4½
22. Karl Burger (Brooklyn, N.Y.) 7½-4½
23. Robert Cross (Santa Monica, Calif.) 7½-4½
24. Jeremiah F. Donovan (Brooklyn, N.Y.) 7½-4½
25. Morris Gordon (Los Angeles, Calif.) 7½-4½
26. Mike Hailparrn (Fresno, Calif.) 7½-4½
27. Eliot Hearst (New York City) 7½-4½
28. Allen Kaufman (New York City) 7½-4½
29. Eugene Levin (Pacific Palisades, Calif.) 7½-4½
30. William Lombardy (Bronx, N.Y.) 7½-4½
31. Edgar McCormick (East Orange, N.J.) 7½-4½
32. Carl Pilnick (New York City) 7½-4½
33. Miro Radiocic (Santa Monica, Calif.) 7½-4½
34. Bruno W. Schmidt (Homer, N.Y.) 7½-4½
35. J. G. Sullivan (Knoxville, Tenn.) 7½-4½

Ranking Woman Player
Mrs. Sonja Graf-Stevenson (Calif.) 6-6
(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 two-section 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 4-3. 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.



CIRIC
PHILIPPE
White wins with 1. R-Q7!

The following game was important because at that stage Farre was a ½ point ahead of me, and to overtake him I had to win this game.

PIRC DEFENSE World Junior Championship Finals Antwerp, 1955

White	Black
E. MEDNIS (USA)	M. FARRE (Spain)
1. P-K4	P-Q3
2. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
3. Kt-QB3	P-KK13
4. B-KK15	

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

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Antwerp, 1955

1. B. Spassky (USSR)	x ½ ½ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8-1
2. E. Mednis (USA)	½ x 1 ½ ½ ½ 1 1 1 1 1	7-2
3. M. Farre (Spain)	½ 0 x 1 1 ½ ½ 1 1 1	6½-2½
4. L. Portisch (Hungary)	0 ½ 0 x ½ 1 1 1 1 1	5½-3½
5. G. P. Tringov (Bulgaria)	0 ½ 0 ½ x 1 ½ 1 1 ½	5-4
6. D. K. Keller (Switzerland)	0 ½ ½ 0 0 x ½ 1 ½ 1	4-5
7. J. J. Osterom (Holland)	0 0 ½ 0 ½ ½ x 1 1 0	3½-5½
8. L. Hallstrom (Finland)	0 0 0 ½ 0 0 0 0 x 1 1	2½-6½
9. S. Johanness (Norway)	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 x 1	1½-7½
10. S. Schweber (Argentina)	0 0 0 0 ½ 0 1 0 0 x	1½-7½

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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 irresistible 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
By Kester Svendsen

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 CHAMPIONSHIP, New York, 1954. Published by Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha, Neb. Vol. XIII, American Tournament Series. 34 pp. mimeo. \$2.

WITH 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, 7½-2½, by a powerful University of Cologne team. We lost 6-5 to Ford Works of Cologne, 6-4 to Bonn (city and university combined), 5½-4½ to the University of Frankfurt, and 5½-4½ 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.

ing 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 5½-1½. 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 played—against 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

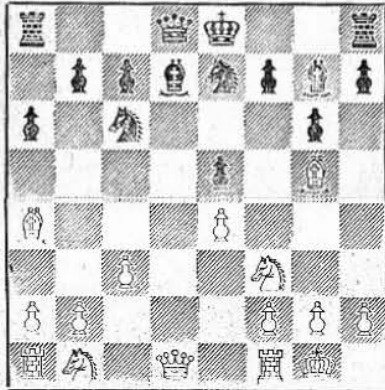
By International Master LARRY EVANS

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;

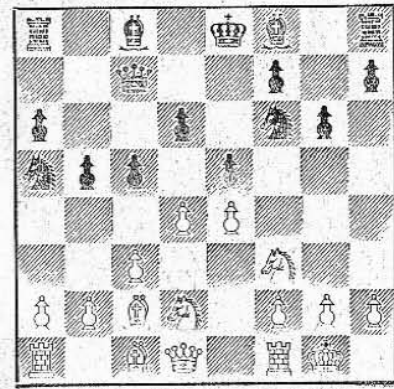


Position after 9., PxP

This position is theoretically important inasmuch as it has been reached before without White being able to produce a demonstrable superiority. Suzlin-Bronstein, XX USSR Chmp., continued: 10. P-B4, P-KR3; 11. B-K3, N-Q5; 12. BxBch, 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-N2, 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.



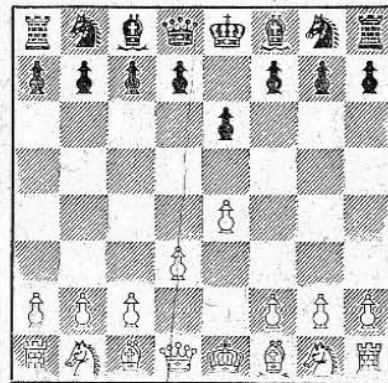
Position after 10., P-KN3

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!, PxNP (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.

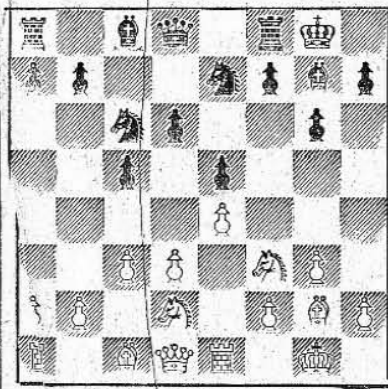
FRENCH DEFENSE

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!

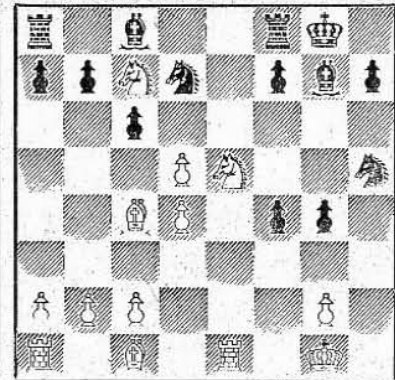
Evidently this is Black's best way of neutralizing the center: by avoiding an early P-Q4 Black seems to achieve equality in this variation. White must even be perpetually wary of an early P-KB4 break. 10. N-N3, P-N3; 11. P-Q4, B-QR3=

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-B7?

14.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.

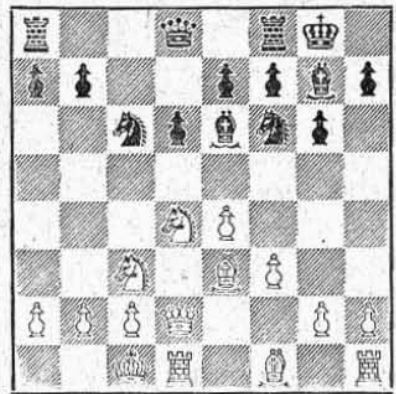
Is this game the end of the King's Gambit?

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Geller-D. Byrne: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-KN3; 6. B-K3, B-N2; 7. P-B3, N-B3; 8. Q-Q2, O-O; 9. O-O-O, B-K3; A decided improvement over 9., NxN; 10. BxN, as played in Bronstein-Denker, match USA-USSR, 1954.

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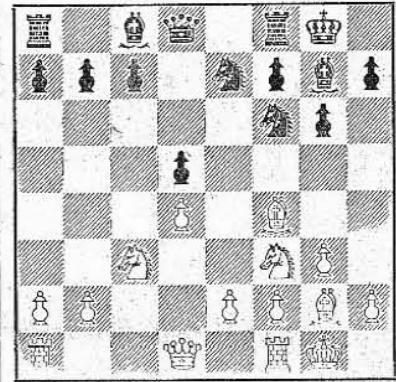
10. K-N1, Q-R4; 11. P-KN4, QR-B1; 12. NxB, PxN; 13. B-QB4, N-Q1; 14. B-K2 (14. B-N3 permits P-QN4), N-Q2; 15. B-Q4, N-K4! which proved the beginning of a brilliant but dubious counter-combination. However, we stop our analysis here as Black can achieve at least equality by 15., BxB; 16. QxB, Q-N3!



Position after 9., B-K3

CATALAN SYSTEM

In 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

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I wish I could list all the chess-players 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

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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 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.

London Terrace (New York) Chess Club: 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.

MUTUAL RESPECT

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

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Metropolitan League Match
New York, 1955

Notes by

U. S. Master Dr. Harold Sussman

White	Black
L. EVANS (Marshall C.C.)	D. BYRNE (Manhattan C.C.)
1. P-K4	7. B-K13
2. K1-KB3	8. P-B3
3. B-K15	9. P-QR3
4. B-R4	10. B-B2
5. O-O	11. P-Q4
6. R-K1	12. P-KP

Somewhat premature. For personal reasons, Evans avoids the popular 12. QKt-Q2 which maintains the central tension.

GUEST ANNOTATORS

William C. Lombardy
Dr. Harold Sussman
Dr. M. G. Sturm

12. PXP 13. QKt-Q2 B-K12
Preferable is 13. P-B5 followed by Kt-Kt2 and Kt-QB4. The text keeps the Kt from reaching Kt2.
14. Kt-B1 KR-Q1 16. Kt-K13
15. Q-K2 P-K13
Another try is Kt(KB)-R2 threatening Kt-K14.
16. P-B5
The only counterplay but too late to accomplish much.
17. B-K15 Kt-K1 19. Q-K3 P-B3
18. BxB QxB
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

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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 Saily, Seidman, and Sherwin. On his heels with 4½-½ each were Reshevsky (a draw with Lapiken), Byrne (a draw with Rossolimo), Rossolimo, Carl Pilnick (a draw with Robert Steinmeyer).

Round six saw the lead go to Reshevsky and Byrne with 5½-½ as Reshevsky defeated Brandts and Byrne bested Pilnick. Tied with 5-1 were Larry Evans, Rossolimo, Seidman, Sherwin, Saily, 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 Saily, while Brandts won from Henin. Leaders at 6-1 were Reshevsky, Byrne, Rossolimo, Sherwin, and Brandts. Doggedly following with 5½-½ each were Larry Evans, Herbert Seidman, Arthur Duke, Louis Levy, Peter Lapiken.

The Seesaw Begins

Round eight and the lead narrows with Byrne beating Brandts, Sherwin besting Lapiken, Evans downing Duke, 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 Saily, Abe Turner, Robert Cross, and Raymond Martin.

Round nine—Byrne and Sherwin draw and still share the lead with 7½-1½, because Reshevsky drew with Evans and Rossolimo drew with Saily. 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 6½-2½ each are Hans Berliner, Saily, Duke, 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 7½-2½ are Sherwin, Saily (a win over Berliner), Addison (a win over Levy), Rivise (a win over Sullivan), and Romanenko (a win over Martin).

The Lead Totters

Round eleven sees the leader topple Byrne succumbs to Evans, while Rossolimo defeats Rivise, Reshevsky bests Saily. 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 8½-2½. Still in hopeful competition with 8-3 are Turner and Sandrin.

Round twelve is tense and decisive. Rossolimo bests Evans while Reshevsky is defeating Sherwin. Byrne 1owns Romanenko and Turner wins from Sandrin. As the smoke of battle clears Rossolimo and Reshevsky share 10-2; Byrne has 9½-2½; Evans and Turner have 9-3 each. Just behind are Saily (a victory over Pilnick), Romanenko, Sherwin, Rivise (a win over Lombardy), and Seidman (a decision over Addison).

A stirring and exciting struggle to the very last round.

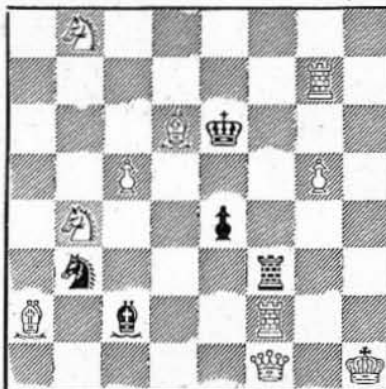
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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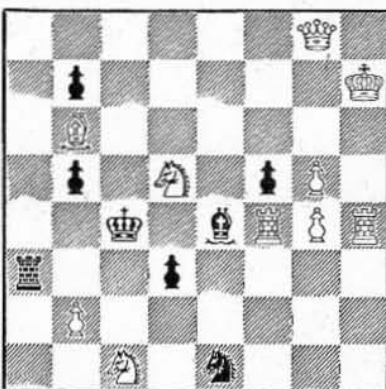


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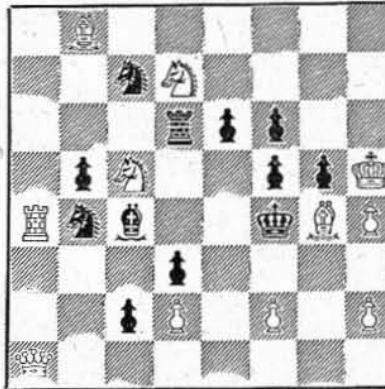
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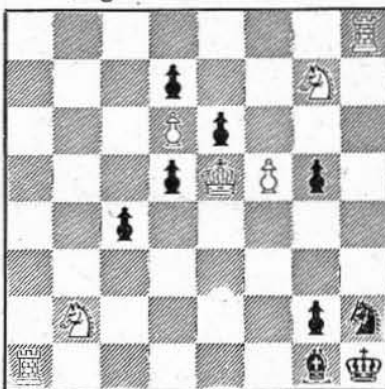


White to move and mate in two

Problem No. 590

By F. Ravenscroft and
F. T. Hawes, New South Wales
Australia

Original for Chess Life



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 contest:

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Solutions - Mate the Subtle Way!

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

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No. 577 (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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