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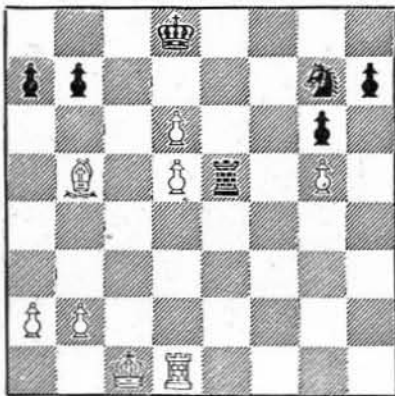
Conducted by
RUSSELL CHAUVENET

SEND solutions to Position No. 172 to Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. by December 5, 1955. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice as "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 172 will appear in the December 20th, 1955 issue.

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Contributed by
EDMUND NASH
Position No. 172



White to play

SOUTH JERSEY FORMS LEAGUE

At a meeting in Hammonton, N.J. on October 5, 1955 representatives of the Atlantic City, Hammonton, Millville, Wildwood, and Woodbury Chess Clubs completed the formation of the South Jersey Chess Association with the adoption of By-Laws and election of officers. The new association proposes to promote chess in Southern New Jersey by the encouragement of the formation of new clubs as well as the promotion of interclub competition. The By-Laws provide that each member club must become a USCF Affiliated Club. Elected to office were E. F. Daigle of Ventnor, president; L. Streitfeld of Hammonton, vice-president; L. E. Wood, 1425 Sycamore St., Haddon Heights, secretary; and Rolin L. Cake of Eldora, treasurer. Thomas Jorgensen of Wildwood Crest was appointed chairman of committee on Leagues and Tournaments, Maxwell M. Kratz of Millville chairman of committee on Ratings and Inter-Club Affairs, and Dr. L. Streitfeld of Hammonton chairman of committee on Publicity and Promotion.

MARTIN CAPTURES WOODPUSHER

William Martin scored 5½-½ to win the two-day Swiss Washington State Woodpushers tournament at the Seattle Chess Club, drawing with runner-up Lawrence Taro in the final round. Second and third on Median points were Larry Taro, first Washington Chess Letter editor, and former Spokane Champion Richard Greenwood with 4½-1½ each. Taro lost a game to Robert Collins and drew with Martin, while Greenwood lost to Martin and drew with Collins. Alan Clark was fourth with 4-2 and Robert Collins fifth with 3½-2½ in the 13-player event.

BELOVA LEADS AT MOSCOW

Mme. Valentina Belova took undisputed first place in the Women's Candidates at Moscow by defeating Mme. Kristina Holuj of Poland in the 16th round. Mrs. Gisela Gresser with 8½-6½ is now tied for eighth place.

STANDINGS

After 16 Rounds

Belova	12½-3½	Heemskerck	7½-7½
Volpert	12-3	Ignatieva	7-8
Keller	12-4	Graf-Stevenson	7-8
Rubtsova	12-4	Kertesz	6-10
Zvorkina	11-4	Gurfinkel	5½-10½
Ivanovna	9½-5½	Holuj	5½-10½
Lazarevic	9½-5½	Karff	5-11
Gresser	8½-6½	Moschini	4-12
Nedeljkovic	8½-6½	Sucha	2-13
Chaude	8½-7½	Budnich	1½-14½

VELLIAS TAKES WASH OPEN

Russell Vellias on Median points gained the Washington State Open Championship in a 17-player Swiss with 4½-1½ score, losing no games but drawing with S. Falk, L. Taro, and T. Warner. Tied for second, also with 4½-1½ and with equal Median points, were Ted Warner and Olaf Ulvestad. Warner drew with D. Wade, J. McCormick, and R. Vellias, while Ulvestad lost a game to Vellias and drew with R. Edburg. Fourth and fifth with 4-2 each were R. Edburg and J. McCormick, while sixth to eighth with 3½-2½ were V. Pupols, G. Bishop, and L. Taro.

Qualifying from this event for the Washington State Championship were Russell Vellias, Ted Warner, Robert Edburg, and Jim McCormick; already seeded into the event were Olaf Ulvestad, Elmars Zemgalis, and William Bills, defending Washington State Champion.

Greco Chess Club Growth Provides Pointers on Promoting Small Clubs

By MONTGOMERY MAJOR
USCF Director-at-Large

The Greco Chess Club of Xenia, Ohio is perhaps unique among chess clubs in the fact that it came into being as a USCF Affiliated Club. This fact, according to Dr. Harvey B. McClellan, one of the organizers, was not the result of any accident but came from the talks and planning of three USCF members in the vicinity of Xenia.

Chess in Xenia goes back some thirty years to the date when Dr. Reyburn McClellan of Xenia taught several dozen people the game—a group later reinforced by faculty members from Antioch College—but no formal organization existed. There was still no formal organization when in September 1954 the new YMCA at Xenia provided a meeting place for chess players and these two groups banded together loosely to hold an informal Swiss tournament.

But when the new USCF Conditions of Affiliation were published early in 1955, a formal club structure was immediately organized with a constitution providing from the outset that the club would be a USCF affiliate and that all club members would be required to become individual USCF members. Generously going beyond usual precedents, the Greco Chess Club provides that any USCF member in good standing may become a club member without payment of any dues, although the sole income of the club for operating expenses comes from the discount allowed to the club on the USCF memberships it collects from its own members. And part of this income is set aside for the club tournament prize fund, which will provide prizes only for those who have paid their dues through the club.

Aside from the special provisions on USCF membership, the Greco Club Constitution is very brief and simple, providing for a president, vice-presidents (number pro rata

to number of club members), secretary and treasurer, and providing mainly that the purpose of the club shall be to promote chess without the local area of influence in whatever way that may seem wise and practical.

Already this small but thriving club has successfully completed its first club championship—and encouraged by the results and the enthusiasm of its membership is sponsoring the first Miami Valley Open Tournament at Dayton, Ohio.

While all small chess groups may not be as altruistically inclined as these players in Xenia, it is well to note that, according to Dr. Harvey McClellan, "most of the present members paid USCF dues because of a wish to strengthen United States chess; most are not interested in tournament play or national ratings; only one has played in any rated tournament."

It has been the complaint of several small chess clubs that the new Affiliation Plan penalizes the small (Please turn to page 7, col. 3)



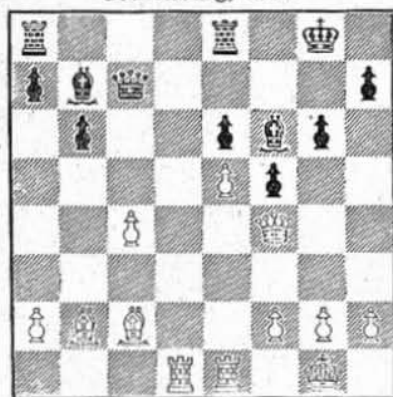
FIRST GRECO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

Players (left to right): Robert A. Mackenzie, Meinhard A. Robinow, John W. Senders, Harvey B. McClellan, M.D., W. Boyd Alexander, Siegfried Knappe, Findley M. Torrance, Jr., Philip W. Prugh, James E. Smithson.

Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 163

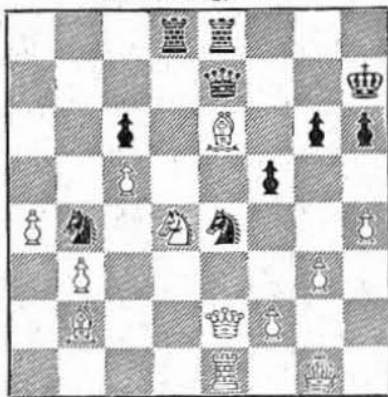
D. Bronstein vs. L. Pachman
Gothenburg, 1955



White to play and win

Position No. 164

T. Petrosian vs. C. Guimard
Gothenburg, 1955



White to play and win

THE two positions above are among the most interesting arising in the interzonal tourney held last summer in Gothenburg (Goteborg). In Position No. 163, Bronstein missed the winning combination; the game was finally drawn. Grandmaster Pachman, in showing the winning continuation, stated that it would have won the brilliancy prize; however, Bronstein got the brilliancy prize anyway for his game with Keres. Here a Queen sacrifice decides.

Chess tactics at their best are illustrated in the solution to Position No. 164. The reader is advised to play through the 17 moves that beat Black to submission.

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.



According to Carl Purcell in a feature story in the Louisville Courier-Journal, the largest chess set in the United States (aside from lawnsets) is that of Gus Brakmeier of Louisville, who at 71 is one of the oldest members of the Louisville

Chess Club. The set was made from old poplar joists and turned on a lathe, except for the heads of the knights which were cast in aluminum. The pieces are about twice the size of the largest tournament-size set and follow standard Staunton pattern. Chess to Brakmeier, who has played the game for over 46 years, "is a game that speaks an international language, and it can help bring men of different nations to a common understanding."

City Terrace Chess Club (Los Angeles): Sven Almgren in a 15-board simultaneous at the City Terrace Cultural Center tallied 12 wins and 3 draws in two hours and fifty minutes, drawing with Gen Kakimi, Mandel Scoss and Gary Norman.

O'KEEFE TAKES FT. WAYNE OPEN

Jack O'Keefe of Ann Arbor, Mich. scored 4½-½ to win the Ft. Wayne Open Championship on S-B points, drawing with D. C. Jones. Also tallying 4½-½ for second was Kimball Nedved of Glencoe, Ill., who drew one game with Angelo Sandrin. Third and fourth with 4-1 each were Joel Kupperman and Robin C. Kirby, both of Chicago. Kupperman lost a game to O'Keefe and Kirby to Charles Henin. Fifth to eighth with 3½-1½ in the 32-player Swiss were Angelo Sandrin of Chicago, Don C. Jones of Ft. Wayne, Ind., W. H. Donnelly of Valpraiso, Ind., and A. H. Palmi of Springport, Mich. V. L. Lambert directed the event, sponsored by the USCF affiliated Fort Wayne Chess Club.

Outstanding surprise of the event was young Don C. Jones of Fort Wayne, playing in his third tournament, who placed sixth on S-B with 3½-1½. He downed Charles Henin and Emil Bersbach, and at one time seemed about to master O'Keefe, but finally drew with him. Exhausted by the bout with O'Keefe, he blundered early against Kimball Nedved in the final round or might otherwise have placed much higher.



The Deutsche Schachzeitung for September, 1955 publishes a brief and curt reply by CHESS LIFE Editor Montgomery Major to the more obvious distortions and inaccuracies regarding American chess activity and the USCF appearing in the article by Dr. Edward Lasker, published by the Deutsche Schachzeitung in May, 1955.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club: Although bolstered by the presence of State Champion Hugh Meyer and recent arrival Henry Meifert, formerly of Kalamazoo, the Racine club lost a bitterly contested match to Milwaukee by the score of 6½-3½. Scoring for Racine were H. Meifert, Stumpf, and Pili, while Teuber drew. For Milwaukee J. Kraszewski, D. Clark, A. E. Ejo, M. Rohland, F. Cramer, and F. Zarse tallied, while O. Francisco drew. A USCF Affiliate.

Letter from the Wandering Chess Minstrel

By International Master GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

Amazing

JUST under ten thousand population—C of C may have another figure—the High School Boys have taken over completely—that is in Chess, and have travelled more than any other group of youngsters I know, anywhere in the United States. They went 150 miles to Lubbock to participate in a Koltanowski exhibition—to El Paso to an Elk's convention (they belong to the DeMolay Club) and Chess tournament—and only this week-end, all the way to Brownsville (900 miles). Tonight: a Koltanowski exhibition.

But now comes the real amazing part of this amazing story: In Lubbock, on a question on books, I recommended Nimzowitch's "My System" for just one chapter—"Over Protection." Today I'm amazed to learn, each of ten youngsters bought a copy of this book. (Can I ask the publisher a share on the royalty?) Most have joined the USCF and expect to get all as full-fledged members before the end of this year. They stand at corners, discussing Euwe's new move—Keres brilliant win against Szabo in Budapest. They play Ping Pong, Tennis, Football, Baseball, but live, eat and sleep CHESS! This, deep in the heart of Texas! Leader of this mass youth movement in Lamesa is Ronald Kutch, Jim Martin (the only winner in the simultaneous exhibition I gave against 30 boys all under 15!) Dell Davies, L. W. West, Francis Horne and Cayton Nelson (who drew his game against me). I still can't believe it!

Chess Life In New York

By Allen Kaufman

IN BRIEF: Mary Bain, the popular former Women's Champion, underwent a serious operation last month. At last report she is convalescing well, and hopes soon to return to her job of spreading good will throughout chess circles here. Mary has so many friends that whenever she is a spectator at a tournament she is obliged, usually, to root for every contestant! And now we all root for her speedy recovery . . . The wandering chess minstrel, George Koltanowski, arrived here on October 31st to give an exhibition. Kolty will play eight simultaneous blindfold games. This is Kolty's specialty; he is the world's recordholder in this area of chess . . . Editor Einhorn has appointed Abe Turner Games Editor of the Manhattan C. C. Bulletin. Abe will annotate one game a month . . . Jerry Donovan is displaying a return to his former master strength. He leads the Marshall C. C. Swiss System preliminaries 4-0 . . . In section one of the Manhattan C. C. prelims Feuerstein leads, 5-0; section two shows Klugman and Benedicto ahead, 4-0; section three is dominated by Owens, 4-0; section four is trailing behind Einhorn, 3-0. An informal tournament of ten others is being led by Giunta and Mrs. Guala, 2-0. The Gualas are a chess playing couple who work at the N. Y. Port Authority, where they are the sparkplugs of a forty-man chess club . . . Norman Secon, pianist-chessplayer, is leaving for a tour of South America . . . Schuyler Broughton, former Assistant Secretary (to Hans Kmoch) of the Manhattan Club, left for a trip to Paris . . . Passing through town recently were Mark Eucher, on his way to Europe, Art Critchlow, on his way to California, and John Alexander, on his way around the world . . . Frequent visitors at the Manhattan C. C. are Gregor Piatigorsky, the 'cellist, and Dick Miles, the table tennis champ.



University of Chicago (Ill.) Chess Club: Michael Gottesman placed first on S-B with 5-2 score to win the club title. Second to fourth, also with 5-2, were Robion Kirby, Leonard Frankenstein, and Mitchel Sweig. Fifth to seventh with 4-3 were Joel Kupperman, Billy Thomason, and Michael Robinson. In winning Gottesman lost to R. Augustine and drew with Kirby and Sweig. Kirby lost to Frankenstein and drew with Sweig and Gottesman; Frankenstein lost to Gottesman and Kupperman; and Sweig lost to Frankenstein while drawing with Gottesman and Kirby. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Milwaukee Municipal Chess Club (Wis.): John B. Grkavac won his fourth title this year in winning the Club Championship with 5 points—the other titles being Milwaukee City, Milwaukee County, and Wisconsin Speed. Second to fourth with 4 points each were A. Powers, Dan Clark, and W. Banerdt while E. Reskalns was fifth with 3½. The Consolation event was won by Ralph Abrams with 5, while Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley and Allan Kopperud tied for second with 4½ each. 56 players participated in the preliminaries of this event.

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

Tournaments, matches (individual or team; round robin or Swiss) are rateable when sponsored by USCF affiliated organizations, if played under FIDE Laws, directed by a competent official, and played at time limit of not more than 30 moves per hour.

The annual championship tournament of an USCF Club Chapter and 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 games played if no byes or forfeits.)

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

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

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Oak Park, Illinois

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CHESS AS WE SEE IT

Contributions from the Pens
Of Outstanding Chess Analysts and Writers

College Chess Life

Conducted by
Frederick H. Kerr

All college clubs and players are urged to send news items to: Frederick H. Kerr, Nittany 32-13, Box 277, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Penna.

ELIOT Hearst, the president of the Intercollegiate Chess League, writes that the tourney this year is an individual one with any number of players allowed to enter from each school. As many of you know, individual and team tournaments alternate year to year. Tentative plans call for this annual national championship to be held at Columbia University at Christmas time.

The new officers of the University of Washington Chess Club are: president, Oliver W. LaFreniere; and treasurer—team captain, G. Alan Clark. The club will place a strong team in the Puget Sound Chess League to defend its title, which was won with an 8-0 match record last year.

Edmar Mednis of New York University has added the New York State Championship to his growing list of titles. Martin Harrow and William Lombardy, both of CCNY finished in a tie for 4-5 with scores of 6-3. Lombardy was the defending champion.

Dr. Perry E. Gresham, the president of Bethany College, is an ardent chess fan. During his tour of Europe and Asia this summer he included time for chess at each stop. He also bought three new sets for his collection.

The busses that brought the Navy football team to University Park were decorated with signs reading: "Checkmate Penn State!" A detailed diagram showed the Penn State king in a position of mate given by Navy's two rooks and knight. However, the Nittany Lions had the last laugh on the Middies; Bob Dejaiffe, our club vice-president, pointed out to me that the setup was impossible! Both rooks were checking our king in a corner; and, unless chess is played by different rules at Annapolis, that can't be done (even by the United States Navy).

During a simultaneous checker and chess exhibition by Newell Banks at the Penn State Checker Club, Wendell Swope gave a demonstration of little-known board games. To this observer, it looked like Swope drew more interest. He showed mongol, sho-nyi, mill, wari, go, mweso, hsiang-chi, qirq, and Ruisan checkers. Swope, alias M. Pousseur de Bois, is a noted student of board-game theory. This was very interesting, but I will stick to chess.

Hart House (Toronto): Canadian Champion Frank R. Anderson scored a spectacular 45 wins, 2 losses and 4 draws in a 51-board simultaneous exhibition. He lost to Gordon Helwig and Jack Kagetsu, while drawing with Gordon Davidson, John F. Scott-Thomas, Harold H. Stein, and Allan Warren.

A Study in Steinitz Heroics (A Sacchic Dialogue)

ARISTIDES Kleinerteufel permitted the waitress to distract his attention momentarily from our game of chess, not so much admiring a slender figure that I found quite worthy of admiration, as attentively eyeing the platter of doughnuts and coffee she was carrying. While he was thus intent upon selecting with greatest care the largest crueller, I hastened to take an unfair advantage of his temporary preoccupation by announcing mate before his usual prestidigitarian tricks could deprive me of a rare victory.

Shaking his shaggy head ponderously, and looking more like a melancholy St. Bernard than usual, Kleinerteufel sighed heavily.

"I suppose you must win occasionally, although I really do not know why."

"For encouragement," I suggested, taking a firm grip upon my own doughnut, lest it escape me, since Kleinerteufel's had already vanished in one St. Bernardian bite.

"You need more than encouragement," he responded with a heavy melancholy. "A little talent would also help."

Glancing down, I noted in surprise that my doughnut had disappeared, although I had not marked its vanishing. So I made sure of my coffee by gulping it down hastily.

"What you need (and, indeed, why restrict it to you?)—what chess players need today," said Kleinerteufel, "is that grand manner and magnificent disregard of petty theories of positional play which so distinguished the great masters of the past. Who cares about the dull, mathematical draws of Capablanca and Lasker—chess perfected into sheer boredom? Who cares for precision—that tedious nibbling at the edges of a position until opponent and spectator alike fall asleep? Who cares for this hypermodern miserdom—this hoarding of microscopic and infinitesimal positional advantages into a theoretical winning endgame?"

"Chess has become a game for robots and calculating machines! The man with the latest new-fangled variation which adds a few decimal points to an advantage is the temporary champion—until some other glassy-eyed automaton calculates to a finer and newer decimal-point advantage! That isn't chess! But a game for pedagogues!"

Mournfully he wiped a crumb from his mouth and gazed disconsolately at his empty plate.

"What chess needs is drama! Heroics! Knight-Errantry! Showmanship! It needs to become a spectacle once again, and not a tedious exercise in higher mathematics! Who ever heard of modern tournament spectators showering gold-pieces on the board for one of these modern exhibitions of complete futility in ninety-moves, as they did when Marshall thrust his Queen into a nest of pawns in one of the most spectacular finishes that chess has ever seen?"

"Chess should be played with verve and élan! It should have the

spectators hanging on the ropes, not yawning in chairs. Take Aspa, back in 1885, did he falter, count pawns, grasp for niggardly minute advantages upon the board? No! His monarch marched boldly into the field of battle, seeking nothing better than the right to lend a personal assistance to the demise of his rival. In that march there is power and showmanship. Here! Let me show you how chess should be played—with courage, imagination, faith and chivalry!"

STEINITZ GAMBIT Consultation Game, 1885

White	Black
ASPA and Others	RANKEN and Others
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. K1-QB3	K1-QB3
3. P-B4	PxP
4. P-Q4	Q-R5 ch
5. K-K2!	

"The King is a fighting piece! Who said that but Steinitz, and who proves it but Aspa! Hang on to your chairs, the fight is on!"

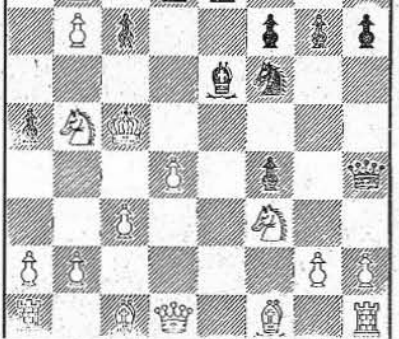
5.	P-Q4
6. PxP	B-K15ch
7. K1-B3	O-O-O!

"No sordid and miserly hoarding of a minor piece! For this was the day when men played chess—and they played for big stakes, not penny ante."

8. PxK1	B-QB4!
9. PxPch	K-K1!
10. K1-QK15	K1-B3
11. P-B3	KR-K1ch
12. K-Q3!	

"With head erect and sword flashing in the sun, the King marches into battle—a leader of men. No craven sulking behind the castle walls while his vassals die uncheered."

12.	B-B4ch
13. K-B4!	B-K3ch
14. KxB	P-QR4!



"Ah! The grand manner! It looks good on Black's shoulders also! For if 15. KtxQ, K1-K5ch; 16. K-B6, B-Q4 mate!"

15. K1xP!	Q-R4ch
16. K1-K5!	
16.	K1-Q2ch
17. K-K15	QxQ
18. KtxK1ch	RxK1
19. BxP!	QxR
20. K-K16!	Resigns

"Now, that, my friend, is how a game of chess should be played!"

While I was still staring at the board, with a gesture of noble absent-mindedness, Aristides Kleinerteufel picked up my change from the table and pocketed it. Then, without undue haste, but without notable delay, he made his exit.



CORRECTION

In listing the Reshevsky tie-breaking points in the issue of September 20th, by inadvertence it was stated that the adjusted score of W. Michael Hart came from a game won by default from Russell W. Koutz.

As Mr. Koutz has properly pointed out, he forfeited no games in this event and we apologize for the error in attributing a default to him. It was a Mr. Charles Henderson actually who contributed the default to Mr. Hart's adjusted score. It seems probable that this error occurred from picking Mr. Koutz' name as No. 95 in order of finish whereas in the working tournament sheets the No. 95 referred to pairing number (Mr. Henderson). The error did not affect the tie-breaking points involved, as it was solely an error in names and not in performances.

New and Renewed USCF Affiliates *Renewals of Charters

CALIFORNIA

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CONNECTICUT

New London Y Chess Club
Meets at New London YMCA, Meridan St., New London, Conn. at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays. President: Stanley King; Sec'y: Vic Christensen; Treas: Richard Metheny.

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NEW JERSEY

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OHIO

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

Guilt by Postulation

*Ach, ich fuhl' es wohl, wir scheiden
Kaum so schwer von wahren Freuden
Als von einem schonen Traum!*

GRILLPARZER—Die Ahnfrau

AMONG the more perilous fads in reasoning (or lack of reasoning) that afflict this uncertain generation are two pseudo-logical assumptions which can frequently be clothed with such persuasive plausibility that even the intelligent are occasionally trapped into the stupidity of acceptance.

The first of these, which has gained an invidious notoriety in the daily press, is termed "Guilt by Association". It is a two-edged weapon of destruction, for on one hand by it individuals are convicted at the bar of public opinion on the basis of frequently slender and tenuous connections with whatever is under condemnation at the moment; while on the other hand those most justly accused, by man's illogical emotions, find a handy defense in claiming that they are being convicted solely on the basis of "Guilt by Association". Obviously (or rather, it should be obvious but apparently is not), the doctrine of "Guilt by Association" is a dangerous one, capable of malicious manipulation; a man may take a drink without becoming a drunkard, or go to church without becoming a Christian.

Closely allied to this dangerous theory is the second pseudo-logical assumption of our day—"Guilt by Postulation". It is, unfortunately, a form of condemnation, for some obscure reason, particularly dear to the hearts of chess players. And it has, therefore, trapped many of them into their most stupid errors. It is a particularly vicious doctrine because it overthrows the basic American principle of jurisprudence—that a man is presumed innocent until proven guilty—and in its place renders a popular verdict of guilt without trial and on alleged evidence that could not be presented in any court of law. It is, therefore, a cowardly device, using the knife-blade of rumor for its contemptible attempts at assassination.

Because there is no defense against it, it remains the favorite weapon of the dishonest critic, who, having no factual data to support his contentions, can nevertheless make a great parade of such hypothetical charges, knowing he need not prove his vague assertions and exaggerations to the gullible, while their tenuous basis permits no satisfactory disproof.

For "Guilt by Postulation" is established by the mystical method of accumulating alleged evidence, not from facts, but from the suppositional interpretations that a biased critic places upon a certain series of remarks or circumstances, frequently on matters on which he has no first-hand knowledge but is relying dishonestly upon hearsay and rumor.

"Guilt by Postulation" consists, in elementary form, in stating dogmatically that when A did or said this-or-that, he had so-and-so in mind, and was therefore guilty of such-and-such—as presumptuous a bit of witch-hunting as can be found in a so-called reasonable world. For the critic didactically assumes the arrogant right to presume that he can read the mind and interpret the thoughts of another with the same sure clairvoyance of Sherlock Holmes engaged in his favorite sport of bewildering Dr. Watson. But even that great fictional detective would not care to accept responsibility for the tenuous hypotheses that are presented today in the sordid cause of "Guilt by Postulation".

It is not uncommon, as an aftermath of any large tournament where many ranking players were in competition and the stakes were high, for slanderous rumors to originate, based tenuously upon a hasty observation of a few incidents and magnified by the personal bias already established in the observer's mind. But it is a very dangerous sport for chess players to enjoy.

We do not believe in collusion at the chessboard—we hold that no form of theft is more contemptible than the tacit agreement between two players to maneuver the result of a game to a pre-arranged ending. For it is a form of cheating that deprives not one, but almost all the other players in a tournament of some of their just and rightfully earned tie-breaking points.

But neither do we hold with that curiously American form of pseudo-logic, "Guilt by Postulation". If evidence of collusion between two tourna-

ment players can be presented in any factual form, it should be presented and disciplinary action taken whenever the facts can be proven. But if the "evidence" consists solely of a tenuous and suppositional interpretation of a series of incidents (as translated by biased individuals), particularly where each separate incident may be reasonably subject to a completely innocent interpretation, let us throw the case out of court and refused to be influenced by that insidious, sordid and treacherous doctrine of "Guilt by Postulation".

Each man, chess players included, is entitled to full protection from the malice of evil gossip and idle rumor. Reputations are not to be destroyed (or even frayed) at the whim of some amateur crystal-gazer who reads men's thoughts allegedly, not in the stars, but in the moves of a game of chess.

For it is better that five guilty escape punishment, than that one innocent man be castigated by false witness and the mumbo-jumbo of a witch-doctor's visions. Let no man be found guilty in the court of public opinion, when all that his accusers can present is the charge of "Guilt by Postulation".

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

1001 BRILLIANT CHESS SACRIFICES AND COMBINATIONS. By Fred Reinfeld. New York: Sterling Publishing Co., 252 pp., 1001 diags. \$3.95.

IT IS not surprising that Reinfeld has a book on uranium in press; he has drawn so many maps to the treasures of the chessboard that finding miracle metals ought to be a cinch for him. The present volume in Sterling's Chess Students' Library collects the positions into twenty sections such as pinning, zugzwang, X-ray attack, and defensive combinations. Six diagrams to a page, solutions in an appendix, and big typography make the book easy and instructive to use. After one has worked through the seventy-one examples of the knight fork, he can hardly fail to hunt them out in his own games. So with the groups on discovered check, vulnerable first rank, double attack, queen sacrifices, and the rest. Most chess resolves itself into tactics; and this book, like its ancestor **Winning Chess**, provides what is surely the greatest number of examples in one volume of the various tactical motifs. And, as Reinfeld justly claims, the book offers "some of the most beautiful moves ever played on the chessboard."

The Kibitzer Has His Day

READERS CLAMOR FOR CROSS-TABLES

We publish below several selections from the letters of various CHESS LIFE readers, requesting that we restore the policy of publishing the full cross-tables of rated tournaments. Such cross-tables were discontinued through lack of space, and what we thought was indication of a lack of interest in them. They represent a very tedious task, both in preparing and setting in type. But if they command sufficient general interest, we will be glad to restore them. Let's hear your opinions.—The Editor.

Dear Mr. Major:

I was told that you have abandoned the practice of publishing the complete results of minor tournaments such as this (Ft. Wayne Open). If this is the case, I would like to request that you resume the practice in the interest of strengthening American chess by strengthening the minor tournaments. The stronger players can have no real idea of how strong a given tournament is unless they know who played in it. For instance, two rated experts played in this tournament and one finished ninth! This indicates that a fairly strong field competed in this event—but outsiders can't know about it unless you publish the results.

V. L. LAMBERT

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Major:

Sure wish you could publish the upper half's of tournament tables. It is most of the reason as far as I can see for the publication's existence. Many men save them, especially the tournaments they played in, in a scrap book. All those names have personal meaning, which has nothing to do with making the prize list. I know the printer may charge more, but can't they be printed again?

KIMBALL NEDVED

Glencoe, Illinois

Dear Montgomery:

I am sorry to see that CHESS LIFE no longer carries the complete cross-table of scores in the rated tournaments. I think this created a great interest in tournament play.

ARPAD E. ELO

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Major:

I first heard of USCF and CL from E. I. Treend of Detroit: I had returned from the lower Mississippi valley, where I had been working (Mechanical Engineer) to a job in Detroit and joined the Edison Club in January 1954. Up to that time (January '54) I had never heard of Chess Life, the USCF, or that books could be secured from the USCF, or that there was a national rating system for chess players, altho I had played skittles with any number of USCF members, none made any mention of the above. Many of these same players now pretend to assume national prominence.

I'm sure that the interests of chess would be furthered if USCF members would mention Chess Life and the USCF to new acquaintances, rather than treat it as a secret order restricted to only a very few of their friends.

As president of the Boeling Chess Club, I placed the words "Affiliated (Please turn to page 7, col. 4)

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LARRY EVANS ON OPENINGS

By International Master LARRY EVANS

U. S. OPEN CHAMPION, 1954

Theoretical Contributions of the U. S. Open, Long Beach, 1955

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

That Zurich Variation again in Reshevsky-Sandrin, only this time with a new twist by Black! 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, B-N5; 4. P-K3, O-O; 5. B-Q3, P-B4; 6. N-B3, P-Q4; 7. O-O, N-B3; 8. P-QR3, B-R4. (The routine continuation is 8., BxN; 9. PxP, PxBP; 10. BxBP, Q-B2.)



Position after 8., B-R4

9. P-R3 — a typical Reshevsky waiting move. 9., P-QR3; 10. PxQP, KPxP; 11. PxP, BxN; 12. PxB, Q-R4. Black's game is inferior but not lost. White certainly failed to refute 8., B-R4 in this game, anyway.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

In Jacobs-Evans Black once more proved that there is no difficulty equalizing against the Rossolimo Variation: 1. -K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. B-N5 ch.



Position after 3. B-N5 ch

3., N-Q2; 4. P-Q4, PxP; 5. QxP, P-QR3; 6. B-R4, KN-B3; 7. B-KN5, P-K3 (Better is 7., P-K4!); 8. P-B4 (Better is 8. BxN ch, BxB; 9. P-K5, PxP; 10. NxP. Now White drifts into trouble), B-K2; 9. N-B3, O-O; 10. O-O, P-K4!; 11. Q-Q2, N-N3!; 12. B-N3, B-N5; with advantage to Black.

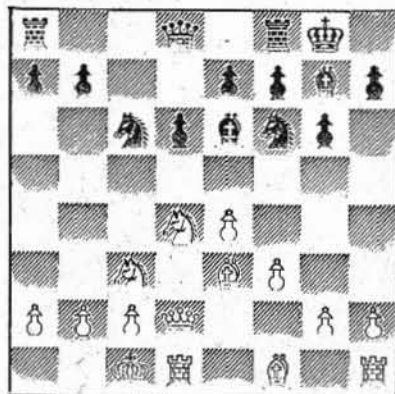
Seidman-Evans: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3; 6. P-B4, B-N5; 7. N-B3, P-KN3; 8. P-KB3, BxN; 9. QxB, B-N2; 10. B-K3, O-O; 11. B-K2 (an improvement over 11.

P-QR3 as played in Evans-Reshevsky, Rosenwald Tournament, 1954-55), N-Q2(?) (Correct is R-B1 followed by P-QR3 and P-QN4); 12. R-Q1, Q-R4; 13. P-KR4! with a strong attack.

Sherwin-Byrne: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 4. NxP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-KN3; 6. P-B4, B-N5; 7. Q-Q3, N-B3; 8. B-K3, B-N2; 9. P-KR3, B-Q2; 10. B-K2, with a better game for White.

Conclusion: An early P-KB4 is good for White against the Sicilian, provided that White does not retreat his N on Q4 to KB3 after Black plays B-KN5.

Sherwin-Reshevsky was interesting if only because it proves that the move which Donald Byrne introduced against Geller in the US-USSR match, 1955, holds up for Black: 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, O-O; 8. Q-Q2, N-B3; 9. O-O-O, B-K3. This is the move. In the game Lapiken-Sherwin, Black tried the old 9., NxN; 10. BxN, Q-R4; 11. K-N1, P-K4; 12. B-K3, B-K3; 13. B-K2 (instead of the old N-Q5), KR-B1?; 14. P-QR3, and Black is at a standstill.



Position after 9., B-K3

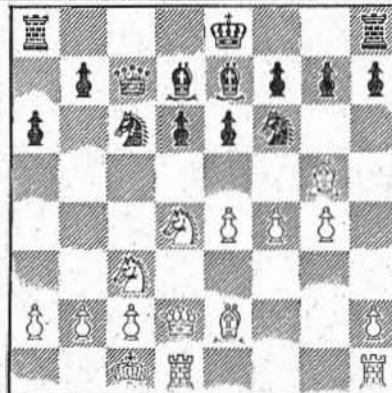
10. K-N1, R-B1; followed by Q-R4 and N-K4 with a perfectly satisfactory position. Indeed, White's best line against 9., B-K3 has still to be found.

Lapiken-Rossolimo—a wild Richter attack: 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3; 6. B-KN5, P-K3; 7. Q-Q2, P-QR3; 8. O-O-O, B-Q2; 9. P-B4, B-K2; 10. B-K2, Q-B2; 11. P-KN4.

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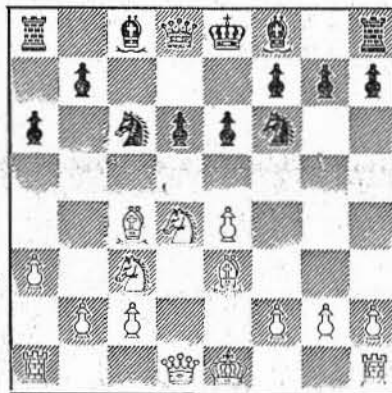
11., P-KR3; 12. BxN, BxB; 13. N-N3, P-KN4! (best is B-K2); 14. P-K5!, PxP; 15. P-B5!, and eventually White played N-K4 and P-B6, locking Black's KB out of the game.

In Cross-Evans, White tried a super-refined Bronstein suggestion.



Position after 11. P-KN4

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3; 6. B-QB4, P-K3; 7. B-K3, P-QR3; 8. P-QR3. This is it. A suggestion of Bronstein's designed to preserve the KB. It loses tempi, however, and seems to lack vital force.



Position after 8. P-QR3

8., B-K2; 9. O-O, Q-B2; 10. B-R2, N-K4! (10., B-Q2 is more solid.) 11. P-B4, N(4)-N5 (Objectively, N-B5 is better. The capture of White's QB for a Knight is dubious, at best); 12. B-B1? (Correct is 12. Q-K2, O-O; 13. K-R1, NxP; 14. QxN, followed by P-B5. White should not attempt to preserve his QB), P-K4!; 13. N-B3, Q-B4ch; 14. K-R1, N-B7ch; and wins.

Columbus (Ohio) Y Chess Club: James Schroeder with a 9-1 score won the annual club title, drawing with Kurt Loening and Kimball Howes. Second place went to Rex Naylor with 7½-2½, losing games to Schroeder and Carey Frederick while drawing with Vadim Voskressensky. Voskressensky was third with 6½-3½, and Kurt Loening placed fourth with 6-4 in the 11-player round robin. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Vass-Barden (Raleigh, N. C.) Chess Club: A Raleigh quartet blanked an officers' team 4-0 in a visit to Ft. Bragg, but were held to a 2-2 tie by a University of North Carolina student team with State Champion Al Jenkins and Ephraim Solkoff scoring the double wins.

Ingelwood (Calif.) Chess Club: The annual club championship went to J. O. N. Thomas who scored 9-2, drawing with K. Reissmann, L. Johnson, N. Goldberg, and G. Rubin. Norman Goldberg and Boris Bylinkin were second and third with 8½-2½ each, while George Rubin was fourth with 8-3. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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 three U. S. representatives to the Women's World's Championship Candidates Tournament currently being played in Moscow are playing very well. Mrs. Gisela Gresser, U. S. Women's Co-Champion, has stayed at or near the top for the first eight rounds. Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson is playing in the upper half, and Miss Mona Mae Karff, who had a bad start as in the 1955 U. S. Women's, is steadily improving her score and should finish well. A more recent and precise score will probably appear in the news section of Chess Life.

The number of participants in this tournament was increased to twenty-one with the admission of Mrs. E. Kertesz of Hungary. The tournament started on October 1st with Mrs. Hruskova-Belska, Czechoslovakia, as Chief Arbiter. The second half of this match will be played in Moscow as was the first half.

The Ladies' World Champion, Mrs. Bykova, has intimated that she is ready to play outside of the U.S.S.R. if an invitation is presented by another country. Winner of the current Candidates Tournament will play a match with Mrs. Bykova in 1956 for the World's title.

The increase in women's chess—both qualitatively and quantitatively—has been noted in this country and has been commented on by many observers. Women's chess is also increasing at a rapid rate in other countries. A ten page report of the International Ladies' Chess Development Committee of FIDE, established in 1953, and consisting of V. Tchudova (Russia) Chairman, E. Keller-Hermann (Germany) and F. Heemskerck (Holland) traces the development of women's chess from the first Women's World's Championship held in London in 1927 and won by Vera Menchik to the present day.

Women's Championships are established annual or biannual events in Argentina, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, England, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, USA, USSR, West Germany, and Yugoslavia.

France is planning an organization of national women's chess championships, but in the meantime has been well represented internationally by international master Chaudé de Silans. In addition to representing France in all recent women's international events, M. de Silans played fourth board of a men's team for the International Chess Olympiad of 1952.

Italy does not have regularly established women's chess championships, but C. Benini, an international master, has regularly participated in international women's events with considerable success.

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GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

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

USCF MEMBERS: Submit your best games for this department to JOHN W. COLLINS, 91 Lenox Road, Brooklyn 26, N.Y. Space being limited, Mr. Collins will select the most interesting and instructive for publication. Unless otherwise stated notes to games are by Mr. Collins.

RESHEVSKY

Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky of Spring Valley, N. Y., combined aggressive, tactical play, QP Openings and a Nimzowitsch Attack with White, Orthodox, Hymodka, and Sicilian Defenses with Black, and precision endings to tie Rossolimo at 10-2 in game points in the great Open. But half a tie-breaking Median point meant the difference between his \$1000 for second and Rossolimo's new Buick for first. The following game was one of Reshevsky's most impressive wins...

SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 270, column 29
U. S. Open Championship
Long Beach, 1955

White Black
J. SHERWIN S. RESHEVSKY

1. P-K4 P-QB4
Nowadays, Reshevsky seldom plays anything else.

2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 4. KtxP Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4 Pxp 5. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3
And the Dragon is his favorite Variation.

6. B-K3 B-Kt2
Not /6., Kt-Kt5? 7. B-Kt5ch, and wins.

7. P-B3
This is the Yugoslav System. White prepares a king-side pawn-roller, as in the Samisch Variation of the King's Indian Defense.

8. Q-Q2 Kt-B3
9. O-O-O
9. P-KKt4! is the sharpest.

10. K-K1
This is D. Byrne's move—an important strengthening of the defense. A good alternative is 9., NxN; 10. BxKt, B-K3; 11. K-Kt1, P-QR3; 12. P-KR4, P-QKt4; 13. P-R5, P-Kt5! Geller-Horowitz, USSR-USA Match, New York, 1954.

10. KtxB, wins the minor exchange, but strengthens Black's Q4 and opens his KB file.

11. P-KR4 R-B1
Or 11. P-KKt4, Q-R4; 12. KtxB, PxKt; 13. B-QB4, Kt-Q1; 14. B-K2, Kt-Q2; and it is Black for choice. Geller-D. Byrne, USSR-USA Match, Moscow, 1955.

11., Kt-K4
Black applies pressure to QB6, QB5, KB6, Kt5, and, indirectly, Q7.

12. B-KR6
This loses the initiative. Better are 12. B-K2, 12. Kt-Kt3, and 12. P-KKt4, although White must cope with the possibility of sacrifices on his KB3 and Kt4 against the latter move.

12., BxB
13. QxB Q-Kt3
Threatening 14., RxKt.

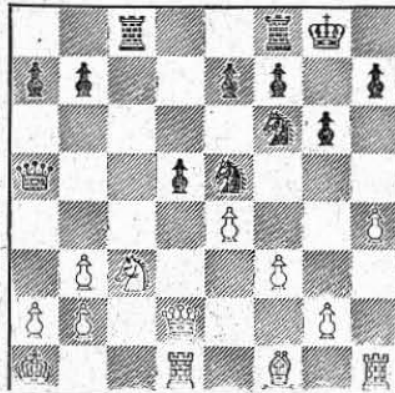
14. K-R1 Q-R4
15. Q-Q2 B-B5
If 15., RxKt? 16. KtxB, wins.

16. Kt-Kt3 BxKt
17. PxB P-Q4!

(See diagram top next column)

A liberty which is possible because of White's undevelopment and weakness on the first rank.

18. B-K2
If 18. KtxP?? QxQ; 19. KtxP ch, K-R1; 20. RxQ, R-B8 mate. And if 18. Pxp? KtxQ! 19. QxKt? KR-Q1; wins.



18., Pxp
19. KtxP Q-Kt3
20. KtxKtch QxKt
Black has more mobility and the superior pawn-structure.

21. P-R5
This is a serious weakening of Kt5 and KB4. White maintains a better balance with 21. P-KB4, Kt-B3; 22. P-R3, KR-Q1; 23. Q-K3, Kt-Q5; 24. K-R2.

21., P-KKt4!
22. P-R6
A liability, not an asset.

22., Kt-Kt3 25. P-R3 Q-B5
23. B-Q3 KR-Q1 26. Q-K2
24. Q-K3 P-Kt3
White must give ground. If 26. QxQ, KtxQ; 27. B-R6, R-Kt1; and Black has a distinctly superior ending.

26., Q-K4
27. Q-KB2 Kt-B5
28. B-R6 R-Kt1
Threatening to trap the Bishop with 29., P-Kt4.

29. KR-K1 Q-B3
30. P-Kt3 Kt-K3
31. B-B4 Kt-Q5
A very dominating Knight. Now Black threatens the KR, BP, and QKtP (with 32., P-Kt4).

32. K-R2 P-Kt4
33. B-K2 QR-B1
Menacing 34., R-B7; and 35., KtxB; and 36., QxP; mate.

34. R-Q2 P-R4
35. B-Q1
To prevent 35., P-R5.

35., R-B8
36. Q-K3
Threatening 37. RxKt and 38. QxR.

36., R-B2
37. Q-K5 R/2-Q2
38. Q-QB5
The ending is lost for White after 38. QxQ, PxQ.

38., P-K3
39. R-K5?
Pressed by the position and the clock, White does not see this loses the exchange. Relatively better are 39. Q-K5, and 39. Q-Kt6.

39., KtxKtP!
Sharp.

40. RxPch
If 40. RxR, KtxQ; 41. RxR ch, QxR; 42. RxKt, K-B1; (42., QxB?? 43. R-B8 ch, and mate next move) 43. and Black has a winning material advantage. If 40. BxKt, RxR; wins.

40., K-R1
41. BxKt RxR
Threatening mate.

42. R-K5 P-R5
43. B-B2
White over-stepped the time limit. After 43., RxB; 44. QxR, QxR; White must resign anyway. A nice mixture of tactical and positional play by the Champion of the Western World.

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Penna team while Herb Hickman handled first board chores for Haverford College.

ENGLISH OPENING

MCO: page 35, column 25

Pennsylvania State Championship
Hazleton, 1955

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

White Black
H. HICKMAN LT. J. HUDSON

1. P-QB4 Kt-KB3 2. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3
A solid defense to the English which offers possibilities of transposition to the currently popular King's Indian Defense.

3. P-K4 P-Q3 5. B-Kt2 P-B4!
4. P-KKt3 B-Kt2

Departing from MCO. This move assures Hudson a strong grip on Q5.

6. KKt-K2 Kt-B3 8. P-Q4?
7. O-O O-O

More in the spirit of the variation is 8. P-Q3. Hudson now gets a slight pull.

8., Pxp 9. KtxP KtxKt
Templing was, KtxP, but after 10. KtxQKt, KtxKt; 11. KtxQ, KtxQ; 12. KtxKtP with pieces flying about "desperado" and Queens off the board it is doubtful if the pawn plus is worth the loss of positional pressure which continues to obtain in the actual continuation.

10. QxKt B-K3
Already Hudson threatens, Kt-Q4 and, KtxKt which would leave Hickman with crippled Q-side pawns.

Therefore:
11. Q-Q3 Q-B1!

A very fine move which serves a dual purpose, pressure on the QBP and preparation for the elimination of the strategically important White KB via, B-KR6.

12. P-Kt3 B-R6 14. KxB Q-Kt5
13. B-Kt2 BxB

With a little trap in case White is over-anxious for simplification, thus 15. Kt-Q5?, KtxKt; 16. BxB, Kt-B5 ch! winning the Queen.

15. P-B3 Q-Kt4 16. QR-Q1
Here, and in his next two moves Hickman begins to lose the thread of the game. A better plan was 16. Kt-K2 (opposing Bishops on the long diagonal and preparing for a possible K-side expansion after adequate preliminaries).

17. B-B1 QR-B1 18. Q-B2
16., Q-R4

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16., Q-R4

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17. B-B1 QR-B1 18. Q-B2
16., Q-R4

now Hickman cannot afford the luxury of capturing the QP as the RP moves too quickly, e.g. 35. RxP, B-Kt7; (not, P-R6; 36. R-Q8 ch, K-B2; 37. R-Q7 ch, etc.); 36. R-Q8 ch, K-B2; 37. R-QR8, P-R6; 38. B-B5, P-R7! There are other possibilities, but this gives some idea of the reasons for the choice of 32. K-B1.

32., P-QR4 36. R-R7 R-R7
33. R-Q7 RxP 37. B-B5 B-Kt7
34. RxP B-B6 38. P-Kt4 P-R4!

35. R-Q7 P-R5
Leading to another outside passed pawn. Had Hickman not played 38. P-Kt4, Hudson would have advanced both of his K-side pawns to achieve an eventual, P-R5 anyway.

39. Pxp
No better is 39. B-K7 (to prevent, P-R5) for then 39., P-R6; 40. B-Q8, R-R8 ch; 41. K-Kt2, P-R7; 42. R-R3, B-Q5! with a win. (43. RxB, R-Kt8 ch!)

39., Pxp 42. K-R1 B-B3
40. P-B4 P-R5 43. K-Kt1 B-R5
41. K-Kt1 P-KR6 44. B-Q4

Hudson threatened, B-Kt6! with mate threats as well as Rook checks in the basement leading to the Queening of the KR. Now, B-Kt6 loses to 45. R-Kt7 ch.

44., P-R7ch 47. B-K5 P-R6
45. K-R1 K-B1 48. R-Kt2
46. R-Kt1 R-Q7

Also 48. R-Kt4, B-K2 and the advance of the QRP soon decides.

48., RxR 50. Kxp K-B2
49. KxR P-R7 Resigns
For 51. any, B-B3 wins very handily. A hard-fought last round victory which enabled Hudson to finish in 3rd place in a very strong field.

49. KxR P-R7 Resigns

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This game is in the nature of a resumption of an old "feud" harking back to the years 1950-51 when John Hudson was captaining a championship U. of

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or 20., B-Kt5 fail. The first after 21. PxB, QxRP; 22. R-Q1, Kt-Kt5; 23. Q-B3 and the second because of 21. PxB, KtxP; 22. R-Q1, B-K4; 23. Q-B3. With his next surprising move Black first strengthens his position.

20. **Kt-Q2!**
Attacking the QKtP.

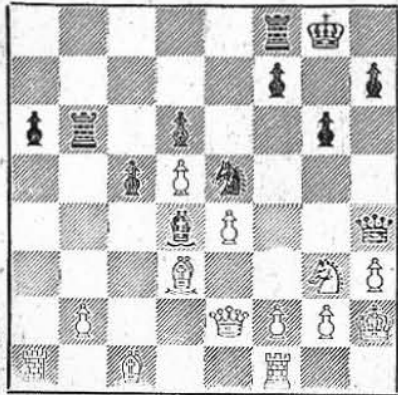
21. B-Q3 **B-Q5**
Menacing the Kt.

22. K-R1
Despite appearance, K-R2 immediately would have been better, but still insufficient to save White's game.

22. **Kt-K4**
The Kt is back and Black wins almost by force. The threat is BxRP and the only way to guard against it is by moving the King.

23. K-R2 **Kt-Kt5ch** 24. K-R1 **Kt-K4**
Black is looking for more than the win of a pawn after 24., KtxP ch; 25. RxKt, QxKt.

25. K-R2



25. **P-QR4!**
This move does it. 26., KtxB is threatened and 26. R-Q1 fails because of 26., Kt-Kt5 ch.

26. RxB **R-Kt6** 27. R1R3
If the B moves, then Kt-B6 ch! wins.

27. **RxB** 28. RxR **B-R3!**
The point of Black's 25th move.

29. KR-Q1 **R-Kt1** 31. RxKt **BxR**

30. Q-B2 **KtxR** 32. QxB **BxBP**
The smoke has cleared and with the advantage of the exchange and a better position, to boot, Black wins easily.

33. Kt-B1 **B-Q5** 38. Kt-K3 **P-R4**

34. Q-KB3 **B-K4ch** 39. Kt-B2 **R-Kt8ch**

35. K-R1 **Q-B3** 40. Kt-K1 **Q-B7**

36. Q-Q3 **BxP** 41. K-R2 **B-K4ch**

37. B-Q2 **B-Q5** 42. K-R1 **RxKtch**
Resigns



SICILIAN DEFENSE

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U. S. Open Championship
Long Beach, 1955

Notes by U. S. Master William Lombardy

White Black
R. CROSS W. LOMBARDY

1. P-K4 **P-QB4** 4. KtxP **Kt-KB3**

2. Kt-KB3 **Kt-QB3** 5. Kt-QB3 **P-Q3**

3. P-Q4 **PxP** 6. B-QB4
This move seems to be quite popular these days but there are better continuations at White's disposal. 6. B-K2, 6. B-QKt5, 6. B-KKt5, 6. Kt-Kt3, and 6. P-B4 is fairly sharp. Black in answer to 6. B-QB4 has a number of good possibilities: a) 6., P-K3; 7. O-O, P-QR3; 8. K-R1 as in the game; b) 6., P-KKt3; 7. O-O, B-Kt2; 8. K-R1, O-O; 9. P-B4, Kt-QR4 followed by, P-QR3,, Q-B2, and, P-QKt4; c) 6., P-K4?!

7. Kt-K2, B-K3; 8. BxB (or B-Nt3 or Q3), PxB; 9. O-O, B-K2; 10. P-B4, O-O; 11. Pxp!?, Pxp with excellent chances for Black. If White plays in (c) variation 11. P-B5!?, Black can safely answer with P-Q4!

6. **P-K3** 8. K-R1

7. O-O **P-QR3**

8. **P-QR3** followed by B-R2 might be better.

8. **Q-B2**
Now White is forced to give up his KB for Black's QKt or humbly retreat to K2.

9. B-Kt3 **Kt-QR4** 11. P-QR3 **B-Kt2**

10. P-B4 **P-QKt4** 12. Q-K2
It has become quite obvious that White has gotten nothing from his system of play. Black has a slight initiative.

12. **KtxB**

Else B-R2.

13. PxKt

13. KtxKt gives Black too much pressure on the QB file, especially on QB5 square.

13. **B-K2** 14. P-B5

White must get play at all cost: Q5 for his Kt.

14. **P-K4** 15. Kt-B3 **P-KR3!**
Black must not allow the exchange of his KkT which guards Q4 for White's B yet.

16. B-Q2 **B-B3!**
Continuing the pressure on the KP.

17. B-K1 **Q-Kt2** 18. Kt-Q2



B-R4 might be a little risky (for both sides) I admit, but the play after Black captures the KP would be quite interesting and also unclear. In other words, anyone could win, i.e.: a) 18. B-R4, KtxP; 19. BxB, KxB (18., KtxKt; 19. PxKt, QxB); 20. P-B6, PxB—if QxP; Kt-Q4 wins a piece—21. Kt-R4 with many counter chances. b) 18. B-R4, KtxP; 19. KtxKt, BxKt; 20. BxB, KxB (...., BxKt; 21. RxB, QxB; 22. P-B6, PxB; 23. R-KB1); 21. P-B6 ch, PxB; 22. Kt-R4 and Black enjoys a slight advantage because of the two pawns but is still in some difficulties. c) 18. B-R4, BxP!; 19. BxKt!, BxKt (forced); 20. RxB, BxB; 21. R-Q1 and White has a great positional superiority for the sacrificed pawn.

18. **O-O**

Better was P-Kt5! or P-QR4 followed by P-Kt5 after castles on move 19.

19. B-R4 **KR-K1** 20. QR-Q1 **QR-Q1?**
P-Qt4 was still called for. Now White obtains an approximately even game.

21. P-QKt4! **Q-Kt3** 22. BxKt
What's the rush?

22. **BxB** 24. Kt-Q5

23. Kt-Kt3 **R-K2**

There's no hurry for this move either.

24. **BxKt** 26. KR-Q1 **B-K2**

25. RxB **R-B2** 27. Kt-B1

This is a dubious move. Q-Kt4, preventing Black's doubling Rooks, with P-B6 was better.

27. **R1-QB1** 30. QxR **B-Kt4**

28. Kt-R2 **R-B7** 31. Q-Q3!?

29. R/5-Q2 **RxR**

31. QxP, Q-B7 would lead to wild play which most likely favors Black. 32. QxKtP, B-B5; 33. Q-Q4, Q-R5; 34. Q-Kt1, R-B7 with a strong attack for the pawn. If 35. P-KKt3, BxP; 36. QxB, QxKP ch; 37. K-Kt1, RxKtP and Black will have two pawns and greater mobility for the piece, i.e.: 38. Kt-B3, Q-B7; 39. P-Q8 ch, K-R2; 40. Q-Q3 ch, QxQ; 41. RxQ, R-Kt6 and I doubt whether Black can lose.

31. **Q-B7** 36. QxQ **RxQ**

32. Kt-B3 **QxP** 37. Kt-B7 **RxKP**

33. Kt-Q5 **R-B7** 38. P-Kt3 **R-QB5**

34. Q-B3 **R-B7** 39. KtxRP **R-B8!**

35. Q-Kt4 **Q-K7**

And the rest is a matter of technique.

40. RxR **BxR** 49. P-Kt8(Q)

41. K-Kt2 **P-Kt3** **P-R8(Q)**

42. PxP **P-B4** 50. QxB **Q-R8ch**

43. K-B3 **K-Kt2** 51. K-K3 **Q-K5ch**

44. P-QR4 **PxP** 52. QxQ **PxQ**

45. P-Kt5 **P-R6** 53. KxP **KxP**

46. Kt-Kt4 **B-Q7** 54. P-Kt4 **K-Kt4**

47. P-Kt6 **BxKt** 55. P-R3 **K-R5**

48. P-Kt7 **P-R7** Resigns



Golden Gate (San Francisco) Chess Club: William Addison tallied 11½-1½, drawing with Gilbert Ramirez, to win the club title. Second and third with 10-2 each were Gilbert Ramirez and Carroll Capps, while Henry Gross was fourth in the 24-player event with 9-3. Ramirez lost to Capps and drew with Addison and Russell Freeman, while Capps lost to Addison and drew Henry Gross and Eugene Lien. A USCF Club Affiliate.

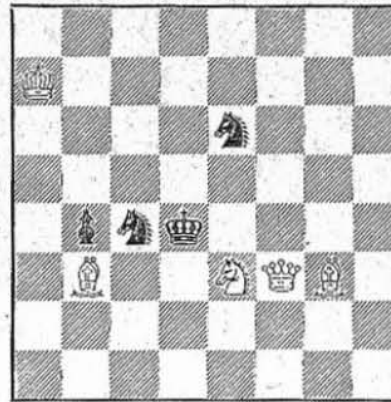
Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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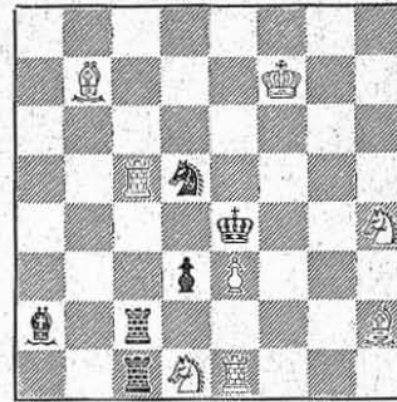
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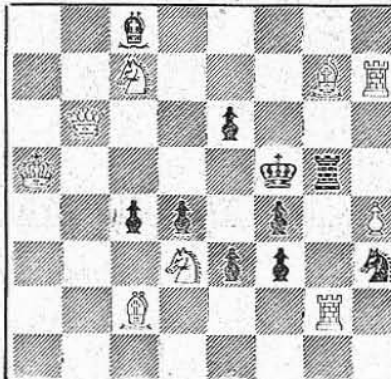
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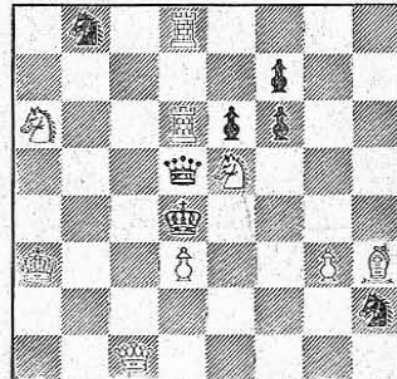
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No. 591 (Mrs. Warren): Key 1. Kt-K7, waiting. Other moves of this Kt won't work.

No. 592 (Barron): Key 1. B-R7, threat 2. Kt-K5.

No. 593 (Morra): Key 1. Q-R3, threat 2. Q-K7.

No. 594 (Mowry): Key 1. B-Q6, waiting! 1., P-R4; 2. QxKP. 1., P-K5; 2. BxP, KxB; 3. QxP mate., etc.

For obvious reasons, we refrain from making comments in regard to the contest entries and confine ourselves to giving the correct keymoves and technical points of the intentions.

GRECO CHESS CLUB

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club by making affiliation prohibitive to it. The Greco Chess Club presents the answer to this complaint, showing that affiliation is possible in a club of only 15 members, and that under such a plan a club can thrive and grow. Like almost anything else to be attained in this world of ours, it only takes a little faith and enthusiasm—but faith and enthusiasm are the qualities too often lacking in the chess players of today.

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with United States Chess Federation" in large type on membership cards. Mention of items in Chess Life was made in the Boeing house organ, and copies of Chess Life were shown to members at meetings and also to non-member chess players as well. All of this created so much interest that by November 1954 two chess clubs in Wichita had affiliated with the USCF. The success of a federation depends on how many are willing to place common good ahead of selfish interests.

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Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 169

O. Bernstein—Kotov, Groningen, 1946. White wins crisply with 1. R-R8ch., K-N3; 2. P-B5ch, PxP (or QxP); 3. QxRPch., PxQ; 4. R/QR8-KN8 mate. It will not do to begin with 1. P-B5, since 1., QxKPch; 2. K any PxP stops the combination. If 1. P-R4, P-B4 stops the mate, altho White can still draw by 2. P-R5, P-N3 and perpetual check follows. The ingenious suggestion that 1. R-R8ch, K-N3; 2. R/QR8-KN8 wins after RxP; 3. P-B5ch, PxP; 4. RxRP mate, is quite spoiled by the reply 2., QxBPch.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: Anonymous (3); Casey, Illinois, Buffalo, N.Y., Corpus Christi, Tex., David Ames, M. F. Anderson, Leon Anhauser, F. E. Armstrong, William H. Batchelder*, Carl Bennett, Dave Bogdanoff, Abel R. Bomberault, J. E. Byrd, Gaston Chappuis, George F. Chase, Philip Coffino, J. E. Comstock, W. J. Couture, Francis Crofut*, C. J. Cucullu, Curtin*, James Dick*, John Falato*, Dr. H. B. Gaba, Dr. E. L. Gans, John D. Garhart, Edwin Gault, James B. Germain*, Tom Griffiths, Fletcher Gross, Hugh E. Hart, Durry Hatch, Donald C. Hills, Robert G. Hocker, John W. Horning, John Ishkan, Les Kilmer*, Russell H. Kime, Edward J. Korpanty, Heino Kurruk, Harold Leaf, Col. F. D. Lynch, C. W. Magerkurth, Paul Maker, Arthur MacGilvary*, Warren Miller, Max Milstein, Charles T. Morgan, Fred L. Morningstar, Max F. Mueller, Joe H. Murray, Howard T. Murray, Edmund Nash, Rudd T. Neel, John C. Olsen, Richard B. Olson, Ronald O'Neil, George W. Payne, Dr. Ray P. Pinson, Nicholas Raymond, Norman Reider, Ray F. Reithel, Herbert J. Roberts, Edmund Roman, Dr. F. C. Ruys, Irwin Sigmond, Paul H. Smith, Paul J. Sommer, Andris Staklis, Bob Steinmeyer, W. E. Stevens, T. J. Sullivan, Mitchel Sweig*, Donald W. Taylor, Charles E. Thomas, George V. Tiers, Francis Trask, Alexis Valueff, F. J. Valvo, L. A. Ware, Archie Waters, J. L. Weininger, Dr. Harris Wiernik*, James R. Williamson, William B. Wilson, and Neil P. Witting.

We were astonished to receive 22 wrong answers to our "easy" No. 169, but the correct solution drew strong support, and the solvers won by 86-22.

Please remember that illegal moves, such as R-Rich(?) for No. 169, sent in by two solvers, cannot be accepted as correct.

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Solutions

Finish It the Clever Way!

Position No. 163: 1. PxR1, QxQ; 2. R-Q7!, R(K)-QB1; 3. P-B7 ch, K-B1; 4. RxK6, and the threat of 5. R-K8 ch, RxR; 6. B-K17 ch wins. If 2., P-K4; 3. P-B7 ch, K-R1; 4. P-B8(Q)ch, RxQ; 5. RxKP wins.

Position No. 164: 1. P-KR5!, RxKt; 2. PxP ch, KxP; 3. BxP ch!, KxB; 4. Q-R5 ch, K-K3; 5. Q-K4 ch, K-Q4; 6. Q-B5 ch, Q-K4; 7. Q-Q7 ch, KxBP; 8. R-QB1 ch, Kt-B6 (best); 9. RxKt ch, K-Kt3; 10. P-R5 ch!, KxRP (if, K-R3; 11. RxP ch); 11. Q-R7 ch, K-Kt4; 12. Q-Kt7 ch, K-R4; 13. R-B1!, R-Q8 ch; 14. RxR, QxB; 15. Q-R7 ch, Kt-R3; 16. P-K4 ch!, KxP; 17. Q-Kt6 ch and Black resigned.

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