



America's Chess Newspaper

Copyright 1956 by United States Chess Federation



Vol. X, No. 22

Friday, July 20, 1956

15 Cents

What's The Best Move?

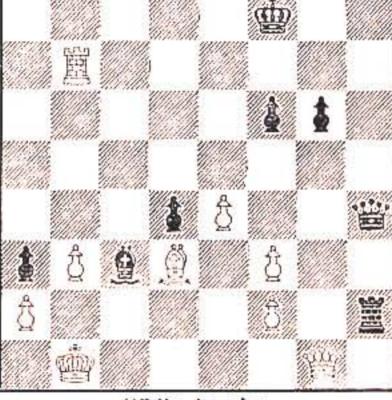
Conducted by RUSSELL CHAUVENET

S END solutions to Position No. 188 to reach Russell Chauvenet, 721 Gist Ave., Silver Springs, Md., by August 20, 1956. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 188 will appear in the September 5, 1956 issue.

NOTE: Do not place solutions to two positions on one card; be sure to indicate correct number of position being solved, and give the full name and address of the solver to assist in proper crediting of solution.

Position No. 188 Contributed by PAUL H. SMITH



White to play

MAJOR J. B. HOLT

1881 - 1956

On Tuesday, July 17, 1956 Major J. B. Holt, USCF Life Director, passed peacefully away. Born July 2, 1881 at Denison, Texas, Major Holt spent a long and eventful life in which not the least of his achievements was the successful promotion of chess organizations. Born of his endeavors were the Southern Chess Association, the Correspondence Chess League of America, and the Florida Chess League, to name but three. As Director, Life Director and Secretary he gave long, faithful and energetic service to the United States Chess Federation.

May his memory remain forever green where chess is played in these United States!



U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPION!

Bobby Fischer (right) of Brooklyn in the process of defeating veteran Samuel Sklaroff of Philadelphia at the U. S. Amateur Championship in Asbury Park. Bobby is only 13 years old but shows strong indications of becoming a master.

IT'S FISCHER! IN JUNIOR

Bobby Fischer Youngest Titleholder, Henin Second, Feuerstein Third In Event

By WILLIAM ROJAM

Staff Writer

Setting a new record in the U.S. Junior Championship by winning the title at the age of 13 on his second try (Bobby placed 20th with 5-5 score at Lincoln in 1955), Fischer becomes the youngest player to hold the U.S. Junior title. He has outdistanced two other players who also began their Junior tournament careers at the age of 11—Ross Siemms and Larry Remlinger. Siemms began his career in the Junior at Cleveland in 1947, placing 5th, placed second on S-B at Milwaukee in 1950 (losing the title to James Cross) and did not win the U.S. Junior title until Long Beach in 1954 after six attempts. Larry Remlinger placed 8th (winning the Dittmann Trophy for contestants under 15) in his first appearance in Kansas City in 1953. He placed second in 1954 at Long Beach and second at Lincoln in 1955 but has yet to win the coveted title; he was not a contender this year.

The Eleventh Annual U.S. Junior Championship began auspiciously at Philadelphia with 28 participants, representing Canada, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Rhode Island, Michigan, Georgia, Maryland, Wisconsin, Illinois, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. It was held at the Franklin Mercantile Chess Club with Bill Ruth as tournament director, assisted by D. A. Gianguilio.

Early Dark Horse

Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, a member of the Manhattan Chess Club, proved a menace to the favorites from the beginning. He drew Arthur Feuerstein, one of his most dangerous rivals, in the first round and proceeded to dispose of Carl Grossguth and William Whisler. By the fourth round, when Charles Henin of Chicago drew against Sanford Greene (he had already drawn with Feuerstein), Bobby was challenging the field, tied with George Baylor for first place with 3½-½. In the fifth round Bobby disposed of Baylor and took undisputed first place with 41/2-1/2. Henin was second with 4-1, tied with Sydney Geller, and fighting for fourth with 3½-1½ were George Baylor, Thomas Levine, and Kenneth Blake.

Sixth Round Upset

A dramatic sixth round saw Fischer lose to his other principal rival, Henin, while Feuerstein, Geller, and Baylor also tallied wins. The lead quickly shifted with Henin ahead with 5-1, tied with Sydney Geller of Philadelphia. Fischer and Baylor followed with 4½-1½, trailed by Feuerstein with

U.S. JUNIOR

Final Standings-Leaders

1. B. Fischer 83-13 4. S. Geller 7-3 2. G. Henin 8-2 5. G. Baylor 6-4 3. Feuerstein 8-2 6. T. Levine 6-4

4-2. Already the field seemed narrowed to these five contender.

Round seven saw Geller and Baylor drop points, while Fischer, Henin, and Feuerstein won. Henin holds undisputed lead with 6-1; on his heels is Fischer with 5½-1½, while pressing doggedly behind with 5-2 each are Feuerstein and Geller. Baylor has 4½-2½, tied with a new contender, Kenneth Blake. Pressing forward with 4-3 each are Thomas Levine, David Kerman, and Frank Jobin.

Henin Falters

Round eight, and Henin drops half-a-point in a game with Baylor. Feuerstein, Fischer, and Levine win; Geller and Baylor draw. Again the lead shifts with Fischer and Henin tied at 6½-1½, Feuerstein with 6-2, Geller with 5½-2½, followed by Baylor, Levine, Blake, and Jobin at 5-3. Forging ahead are Kerman and Joseph Tamargo with 4½-3½ each.

Round nine, and again Henin falters, drawing with Frank Jobin, while Fischer, Feuerstein, and Gel-

(Please turn to page 3, col. 1)

ATLANTIC COAST CHESS CONGRESS

Aug. 24-Sept. 3, 1956 ASBURY PARK, N. J. .

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Mastering the End Game By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

Right result—by hit or miss!

Nour last issue we showed a position wherein the Rook drew against A Rook and two Pawns; this offers occasion to bust a solution given in BCE* in diagram 349 and reproduced in our diagram no. 31. Black is to move and draw, the study is by Horwitz.

The main line is drawn correctly, as stated there, with 1. , R-R3!!; 2. K-K+6, R-K+3; 3. K-R5, R-Kt4; 4. R-KR6, R-R4; 5. K-Kt4, R-R5 ch; 6. K-B3, R-R6 ch; 7. K-K4, R-R5 ch; 8. K-Q3, R-KKt5; 9. P-Kt6, R-K+8 and White cannot win because there is no haven in the neighborhood of the pawns.

From here on, Fine continues that the only win for White comes after 2. , R-Q3; 3. K-B7, R-Q2 ch; 4. K-K6, R-R2; 5. P-Kt6 and now, as there is no more stalemate threat, White wins by 5., R-R1; 6. K-B5, K-Kt2; 7. R-B7 ch, K-R1; 8. K-Kt5, R-R4 ch; 9. R-B5, R-R1; K-R6, R-R3;R-B8 mate.

This, however, is all wrong after 4. K-K6?, R-R2; 5. P-Kt6 because of 5. , R-R3 ch! and RxR with stalemate.

Nevertheless, White wins, but the correct course is 4. K-K8, R-R2; 5. P-Kt6, R-R1 ch; 6. K-Q7, R-R2



ch; 7. K-B8, K-Kt2; 8. R-B7 ch and wins.

The study that we had planned to show in this number will be accommodated in the next issue.

'Fine's Basic Chess Endings.



Reversing the trend of the past few years, Southern California scored a 351/2-311/2 victory over Northern California in a very hard fought match. In all 134 players attended and participated as contestants or spectators in this annual North-South team match.

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. Official rating forms should be secured in advance from:-

Montgomery Major 123 No. Humphrev Avenue Oak Park, Illinois

Do not write to other USCF officials for these rating forms.

Roger C. Martin won the annual Marshall C. C. Amateur Championship and custody of the Mauricio Calderon Trophy, which must be won three times for permanent possession. Brilliancy prizes were awarded for the most brilliant game in each round (adjudged by I. A. Horowitz) and awarded to Thomas Swinton, Saul Rubin (twice), Chester Baczynski, Mark Peckar (twice), William Drakert, and Richard Murphy (twice). The tournament brilliancy prize went to Chester Baczynski for his win over Saul Rubin.

At the same time as the above prize awards, the annual prize for the Marshall Junior Championship, a year's membership presented by Mrs. Fritz Brieger in memory of her husband, was awarded to Melvin Yosso, 1956 Junior Champion, while runner-up Leonard Diamond received a six months' membership from Mrs. Brieger. A. E. Santasiere was presented with the brilliancy prize donated by Jose Calderon for his game with Mathew De Lieto in the 1955 Championship; and Mrs. Henrietta Rogers an award for high score for women players.



Dr. Erich W. Marchand, CHESS LIFE writer on "Chess Tactics for Beginners," won the annual Rochester (N. Y.) City Championship with 11-2 score, losing games to Marvin Rogan and Dr. Max Herzberger. Marvin Rogan was second with 101/2-21/2, while Dr. Max Herzberger placed third with 10-3 in the 14 player round robin event. Maynard Nevid and Methodius Plaskacz shared fourth with 9-4 each. Marvin Rogan served as tournament director in the event sponsored by the USCF Affiliated Rochester Chess Club.

USSR INVITATION TO RESHEVSKY

Moscow has invited Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky to participate in the forthcoming Alexander Alekhine Memorial Tournament in that city, and the invitation has been accepted. Presumably, this will afford the American grandmaster another opportunity of playing against World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik. According to Reshevsky's business manager, Alexander Bisno, participation in the Alekhine Memorial event will place Reshevsky in Russia at an opportune time for commencement of the 24-game match with Grandmaster David Bronstein, which has now been arranged with all major points settled. The first 12 games are to be played in Moscow and Leningrad during December and January. The remainder may be played in Stockholm and Amsterdam rather than in the USA since the State Department has so far been unwilling to waive fingerprinting and other regulations for visiting foreigners and the Soviet delegation has expressed unwillingness to comply with such requirements.

The presence of Reshevsky in the USSR will make him available for participation on the U.S. team in the International Team Tournament held there this fall in connection with the F.I.D.E. Assembly. Whether the USA will enter a team has not been decided, since the American Chess Foundation has indicated that it will probably not finance the event and financing must be arranged elsewhere by the USCF, Chairman Max Pavey of the USCF International Affairs Committee is exploring other avenues of finance and decision will probably be made at the annual USCF meeting at Oklahoma City.



Minnesota tallied 171/2-91/2 to best 'Manitoba in the annual international match at Detroit Lakes

nat	ional mate	h	at De	troit	Lakes
Mi	nn.				
	Minnesota			Manit	oba
1.	Dane Smith	3	A. Y	anofsk	y i
	G. Barnes	3		anofsk	
	K. Pederson	0	A. M		
	G. Koelsche	1	I. Dr	eman	- (
	S. Sorenson	0	H. F	rank	
	B. Kaiser	0	S. Pe	dlar	
	S. Rein	1	B. Be	eddard	1 (
	B. Gueydan	3	S. Co	oper	1
	H. Fructman	1	N. G	arfink	el
	L. Narveson	à	I. Hu	rwitz	2011
	L. Kile	0	M. S	chulm	an
	E. Hoeflin	1	W. J	onssor	n
	R. Gove	1	R. M	oser	
14.	C. Simmer	1	P. B	uhr	
	P. Kirchner	2	N. Se	elchen	l o
	L. Knapp	0	A. B	oxer	
	D. Terrell	1	B. M	inuk	
	R. Braw	0	Prof	. Laws	son
	H. Field	1	M. K	osjar	
20.	A. Filipovich	1 1	Dr.V	Vright	
	Al Burger	1	E. A.	. Canf	ield
	G. Proechel	1	W. F	look	
	D. Anderson	1	McB	eath	
	B. Walinski	1	Bill	Hunt	
	D. Field	3	M. S	elcher	n
	G. Ronning	1	J. Le	einbur	d
	K. Batcher	1	A. D	. Divi	nski
- 1	Minnesota	173	M	anitoh	a 9

Lincoln (Neb.) Chess Club: Anton Freibergs and Richard Cutts were winners of the Intermediate Section of the Spring Tournament, while Rev. Max DeWitt and David Fink shared the honors in the third group. Alexander Liepnieks with 11-1 (two draws) won the Spring Speed Tourney, while John Danenfelds and Anton Freibergs tied for second place. Anton Sildmets was fourth. A USCF Club Affiliate.

Chess Life In New York By Allen Kaufman

NEWS, RUMORS AND GOSSIP: The proposed Reshevsky-Bronstein match, which you probably first heard of in this column many months ago, seems finally about to become a reality. Unfortunately, none of the games can be played in this country because of lack of transportation funds. Several European chess centers have purchased a few games each from the match, so the players will travel around Europe during the contest.

To help Sammy get into form, a Reshevsky-Lombardy match seems likely. About eight games will be played in this city sometime between July and October, since Sammy is to meet Bronstein at the end of the year. Chess promoter Al Bisno arranged the match, and chess devotees here expect it to be a real battle. The odds favor the experienced veteran, but Lombardy can be expected to fight him every inch of the way. Incidentally, a good score may earn the youngster a berth on the American team to go to the USSR in a few months. Our Olympic team is expected to consist of Reshevsky, Evans, and Bisguier; who will the other three be?

A strong group of New York players headed south to participate in the U.S. Junior at Philadelphia.

Many local players will play at Oklahoma City. Some who must attend classes or teach at summer schools will have to pass up the U.S. Open, but intend to play at the Canadian Open in Montreal; your reporter has long felt that late August might be a better time for the U.S. Open, since many more could participate. Late August, of course, will see the New York and New Jersey State Championships in progress.

Cash vs. Trophy Prizes:

Most of the mail received by this department favors the elimination of cash prizes in all tournaments except National Championships and International Grandmaster events. Many different suggestions were made. For example, one writer urged sections in tournaments: high cash prizes in the first section, small cash prizes in the second, and trophies for the third. Since all sections are open, a player can choose the kind of opposition he wants, for the best players would naturally play in the premier section, etc. Many letters came from amateurs who clearly stated that they were not in the least interested in masters or master chess. Some even pointed out that money tends to corrupt the game. One writer suggested a "tax" of one dollar per year on every club member to support professional chess, while everyone else but masters could not play for money so collected. It is such a complicated problem that your reporter will take the summer off to consider it.

See you in the fall!

Chess Life Friday, July 20, 1956

College Chess Life

Conducted by Frederick H. Kerr

All coilege clubs and players are urged to send news items to Frederick H. Kerr, 1776 Sample Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

THE United States Intercollegiate Champion, Edmar Mednis, scored 19 wins and 7 draws in a simultaneous exhibition at the Marshall Chess Club. By not giving up a loss, the NYU master again proved his ability.

This column has reported the fact that William Lombardy of CCNY has become an outstanding rapid-transit player. The results of a recent weekly speed tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club serve as a good example of Lombardy's ability. He won with a score of 9-0. Second place went to Bobby Fisher with 6½-2½. Walter J. Shipman was next with 6-3.

With the United States Intercollegiate Team Championship coming up this Christmas, many colleges are looking toward the new freshman class for added chess strength. The outstanding newcomer to the college ranks will be Charles Kalme of Philadelphia. At the time of his graduation from Central High School, he had obtained the rank USCF Master and the following championships: Pennsylvania State, United States Junior, Tri-State, and Philadelphia City. Kalme plans to enter the University of Pennsylvania.

The correct answer to the first question was CCNY. Yes, City College has won the United States Intercollegiate Team Championship more times than any other college.

As the suburbs of Pittsburgh become more civilized and reach further, such innovations as city water and street numbers appear. For this reason, send all correspondence to me with the "Spirit of '76."

Question 4: What university holds the United States Intercollegiate Team Championship? This title was won in December, 1954. If you are an amateur radio operator, and if you drive a Ford, this answer should come to you with no trouble. If you are one of the first 25 people to send the correct answer, a Mail Chess Set will be yours. This is the ideal set to use on busses, trains, and planes. If you don't know the answer, you can have one for just \$1.50. Correct answers should be sent to the address at the head of this column, and orders should go to the Mail Games Company, P.O. Box 897, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N.Y.

Ft. Benning (Ga.) Chess Club: Election of officers saw Robert A. Karch retained as president, Dan Cummings as secretary, and Doug Cassell as rating statistician. In the "Chess News" column of the post newspaper SFC Karch suggests an All Army Correspondence Championship event, which might take some doing.

			ALCOHOL TO A COMMITTED TO THE PARTY OF THE P										
	1.	Bobby Fischer (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	W12	W18	W4	W5	L2	W21	W17	W9	W8	84-14	46.00
	2	Charles Henin (Chicago, III.)W24	D3	W9	D7	W6	W1	W4	D5	D11	W12	8 -2	51.25
	3.	Arthur Feuerstein (Bronx, N.Y.)D1	D2	W16	W15	L4	W9	W5	W21	W6	W11	8 -2	45.25
	4.	Sydney Geller (Philadelphia, Pa.)W22	W11	W23	L1	W3	W6	L2	D9	W5	D7	7 -3	39.00
-	5.	George Baylor (Hollidaysburg, Pa.)	W14	W19	W23	LI	W8	L3	D2	L4	W17	6 4	30.00
	6.	Thomas S. Levine (Port Washington, N.Y.) W10	D17	W15	W20	L2	L4	D7	W19	1.3	W21	6 -4	28.50
	7.	Sanford Greene (Mount Vernon, N.Y.)D11	D9	D12	D2	L21	W15	D6	D8	W17	D4	54-44	30.75
	8.	David Kerman (Detroit, Mich.)	D18	W10	L9	W12	L5	W23	D7	W21	L1	51-41	25.75
	9.	Kenneth Blake (New York, N.Y.)	D7	L2	W8	W22	L3	W18	D4	L1	D14	51-41	24.75
	10.		W24	L8	W19	D13	W14	L17	W23	L12	W18	51-41	24.50
	11.	Frank Jobin (Quebec, Canada)D7	L4	W28	D27	W23	L21	W12	W18	D2	L3	51-41	23.25
	12.	Carl L. Grossguth (Cranston, R.I.)	LI	D7	D17	L8	W22	L11	W25	W10	L2	5 -5	23.00
	13.	Albert Quindry (Philadelphia, Pa.)	L19	D20	W26	D10	L18	D14	L15	W16	W24	5 -5	22.00
	14.	Billy Adams (Bethesda, Md.)	L5	D27	W16	D17	L10	D13	W26	D22	D3	5 -5	20.25
	15.	Larry Rodgers (Fort Worth, Tex.)	W20	L6	L3	D27	L7	W25	W13	L18	W22	5 -5	19.25
	16.	F. Saksena (Fort Worth, Tex.)L12	W25	L3	L14	W26	L23	W24	W20	L13	W28	5 -5	16.50
	17.	Steven FriedmanD3	D6	D22	D12	D14	W19	W10	LI	L7	L5	43.53	23.00
	18.	William Whisler (Concord, Calif.)	D8	Ll	L22	W24	W13	L9	L11	W15	L10	45-55	18.75
		Andy Schoene (Fort Worth, Tex.)	W13	L5	L10	W20	L17	W22	L6	W26	L25	45-55	18.50
		David Wilkinson (Westwood, N.J.)	L15	D13	L6	L19	L24	W28	L16	W27	W26	41-51	13.00
	-	Charles Weldon (Milwaukee, Wis.) 1.20	L22	W24	W25	W7	W11	L1	L3	L8	L6	4 -6	18.50
		William Butler (Morton Grove, Ill.)L4	W21	D17	W18	L9	L12	L19	W28	D14	L15	4 -6	14.25
		George Marsden (Middletown, Pa.)	W26	LA.	L5	LII	W16	L8	L10	L28	W27	4 -6	13.00
		David Ames (Quincy, Mass.)	L10	L21	W28	L18	W20	L16	W27	W25	L13	4 -6	12,00
	25.	Emanuel Weiss (Bethlehem, Pa.)	L16	W26	L21	D28	W27	L15	LIZ	L24	W19	37-61	10.00
	26.	Douglas A. Cassell (Fort Benning, Ga.)	L23	L25	L13	L16	W28	W27	L14	L19	L20	23-73	9.00
	27.	John E. Davies (Philadelphia, Pa.) L9	D28	D14	D11	D15	L25	L26	L24	L20	L23	2 -8	8.75
		Alex Dunne (Sayre, Pa.)L18	D27	L11	L24	D25	L26	L20	L22	W23	L16	2 -B	6.75
	We	eldon defaulted to Butler in round two.											

U. S. JUNIOR

William Ruth, tournament director, assisted by D. A. Giangiulio.

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) ler tallied wins. Now Fischer forges ahead with 71/2-11/2. Henin and Feuerstein are tied at 7-2 each. Geller has 61/2-21/2. Kerman and Jobin are 5½-3½. Tallying 5-4 are Baylor, Levine, Blake, and Sanford Greene (who has six draws). Tamargo has dropped to 41/2-41/2 score.

Final Round

No startling upsets mar the final round as Fischer coasts into victory with a win over Kerman. Henin, Feuerstein, Baylor, Levine, and Tamargo win; Geller, Greene and Blake draw; Kermin and Jobin lose. Final standings: Fischer 81/2-11/2; Henin and Feuerstein 8-2; Geller 7-3; Baylor and Levine 6-4; Greene, Kerman, Blake, Tamargo, and Jobin 51/2-41/2. Only one forfeit (Weldon to Butler in 2nd round) marred the event, and no player dropped out before the finish-in contrast to adult events where players with low scores in the early rounds frequently become discouraged and vanish.

CHESS MARCHES ON

Charles Henderson, our newly elected president, has finally made chess pay off. He has written a miniature musical comedy-book and music-called the "First Game of Chess". U.P.A., the company that created the famous cartoon characters, Mr. Magoo & Gerald McBoing Boing, bought the story, and it is now in production.

The story is highly original and any serious resemblance to Davidson's Short History of Chess is strictly hysterical. It is the story of the little King who gets tired of going away to battle and decides to invent a game to replace war. Many hilarious situations arise, all of which are concluded to everyone's satisfaction . . . and Chess is born!

It will be released on TV sometime in September. Watch for it! The story with illustrated cartoons will be published by Simon & Schuster. Negotiations are also now under way to make recordings.

With all that publicity, it looks as though Chess is here to stay.

(Republished from the "On the Bulletin Board" column in the June issue of the "Herman Steiner Chess Group News.") the 15-player 6 rd Swiss.

CONN TEAM WINS IN MASS MATCH

Connecticut players invaded Boston to fashion a 15-12 victory over a Massachusetts team at the Boylston Chess Club. Elliot Wolk, chief of the Connecticut raiders, revealed in advance to chess editor Lyman Burgess of the Boston Globe the Connecticut strategy, which was to win the match on the lower boards since Wolk declared that Conn. strength did not fade away as fast on the lower boards. Despite this forewarning, Massachusetts tallied 6-3 on the top boards and then lost the match 10-2 on the lower boards as predicted by Wolk. A return match is scheduled shortly. Here is a brevity from the event, the third board victory of Harry Lyman:

PONZIANI OPENING MCO: page 133, column 1 (b) Connecticut vs. Massachusetts Match

		Boston,	19	756	
	White				Black
R	FRIEDE	NTHAL		н.	LYMAN
(0	onnectic	ut)		(Massa	chusetts)
1.	P-K4	P-K4	12.	QxBP	R-Kt1
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	13.	P-Q4	B-Kt2
3.	P-QB3	P-Q4	14.	Q-B4	Q-K5
4.	Q-R4	Kt-B3	15.	P-B3	Q-B7
5.	KtxKP	B-Q3	16.	B-Q2	QxKtP
6.		KtxF		Q-Kt3	QxR
7.	KtxKt	PxKt	18.	K-B2	B-B3
8.	QxPch	Q-Q2	19.	P-QR4	P-QR3
9.	QxKt	0.0	20.	B-QB1	PxB
	. B-Kt5	Q-K2ch		signs	
11	. K-B1	P-B3			

In the match for Connecticut victories were scored by Wolk, Strazdins, Wysowski, Plock, Mills, Mitchell, King, Rapuano, Penrose, Krofssik, Muntz, Lerman, Benjamin, and Wallach, while for Massachusetts points were tallied by Siff, Lyman, Curdo, Katz, Bourdon, Merkis, Romano, Ducharme, Glickstein, Dondis, and Sveikauskas. Platz and Newberry of Connecticut drew respectively against Keilson and Sheffer on boards one and six. A USCF rated team match.



Winner of the annual Albuquerque Open Championship was Jack Shaw who tallied 5-1, drawing games with runner-up B. E. Thurston and Arthur Innis. Thurston was second, also with 5-1, drawing with Shaw and Innis. Third to fifth with 4-2 each were Leonard Tristram, John Matthews, and W. A. Muff in

SMITH TRIUMPHS SO. TEXAS OPEN

Kenneth R. Smith of Dallas scored 41/2-1/2 to win the South Texas Open Championship, drawing with John B. Payne. Second to fifth with 41 each were Morley Pastinsky of San, Antonio, Hans D. Struck of Corpus Christi where the event was held, Blake W. Stevens of San Antonio, and Robert B. Potter of Dallas, Sixth and seventh with 31/2-11/2 were John B. Payne of San Antonio and Dale McLemore of Austin. In placing second, Pastinsky lost a game to Smith; Struck lost to Pastinsky; Stevens lost to Smith; and Potter lost to Struck.

The Women's title was won by Mrs. Hanni Myers of Corpus Christi by a 2-0 victory over Mrs. Irene Wray of Aransas Pass. The Junior title went to Winifred Flato of Corpus Christi with a 3-0 score; second was George Myers with 2-1 and third Katie Myers with 1-2, both of Corpus Christi.

The Class B event was won by John Freeman of Bellaire with 5-0. Second was Martin M. Cassidy of Corpus Christi with 31/2-11/2, while third and fourth with 21/2-21/2 each were Mrs. Francis Frazier of Dallas and Robert Evans of Corpus Christi. In all 45 players participated in the annual Swiss event.

BERLINER WINS DISTRICT TITLE

Hans Berliner tallied 101/2-11/2 to win the annual District of Columbia Open Championship, losing no games but drawing with Russell Chauvenet, Edmund Nash, and N. T. Whitaker. Chauvenet placed second with 10-2, drawing with Berliner and Romanenko while losing a game to Whitaker. Whitaker was third with 91/2-21/2, losing games to Romanenko and Herbert Avram while drawing with Berliner. This was not a USCF rated tournament as the District of Columbia is not USCF affiliated.

Montreal Chess League (Canada): The En Passant C.C. team of M. Fox, M. Guze, A. Garelick, J. Gersho, C. Podlone, and M. Husid retained the Class A team title with 71/2-41/2. The Royals were second with 61/2-51/2, and the Maccabees third with 6-6.

Vol. X, Number 22 July 20, 1956

Published twice a month on the 5th and 20th by THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION. Entered as second class matter September 5, 1946, at the post office at Dubuque, Iowa, under the act of March 9, 1879.

Editor: MONTGOMERY MAJOR

POSTMASTER: Please return undeliverable copies with Form 3579 to Kenneth Harkness, USCF Business Manager, 81 Bedford Street, New York 14, N. Y.

Major Jopics

By

Montgomery Major

Embellishments on a Simple Rhyme

Simple Simon met a pie-man,
Going to the fair;
Says Simple Simon to the pie-man,
"Let me taste your ware."

Says the pie-man to Simple Simon,
"Show me first your penny."

Says Simple Simon to the pie-man,
"Indeed 1 have not any."

Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes

THERE is often a profound truth concealed in a childish rhyme, and the satires of Mother Goose (for many of them were political satires originally, as was Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels) retain their freshness, not because we remember what they once satirized but because the truth peeps out disconcertingly from behind the simple rhymes.

Chess (like Panurge in Rabelis' Pantagruel) is "subject to a kind of disease, which at that time they called lack of money." It was a disease which also afflicted Simple Simon in the nursery rhyme. For Chess (like Simple Simon) when going to the chess fair is apt to be disconcerted by the request for a penny. Like Simple Simon, Chess frequently must answer: "Indeed, I have not any."

And this is an embarrassing answer when the wares displayed are an International Tournament, an International Team Match, or even a more prosaic matter of paying current bills.

Many ingenious plans have been advanced by various chess enthusiasts to cure that disease known as a lack of money. Most of them, however, hinge upon some sort of compulsion—demand that all players in tournaments be USCF members, insist that all chess clubs pay a per capita tax to the USCF. But the law did not demand that Simple Simon's parents provide him with spending money; and no court is empowered to compel a compulsory membership in the USCF.

Therefore, the cure must remain voluntary—it must come from the conscience and the heart of each chess player. We would not have it otherwise. We believe in the compulsion of the conscience working on the mind of man; we do not believe in coersion from exterior sources.

Thus the USCF can only display to chess players the wide variety of chess benefits and chess events that the pie-man of world chess carries upon his tray; the USCF can only remind chess players that these benefits (as do all benefits in this world) cost a penny. If the chess players provide the pennies, the wares can be purchased.

And until such time as chess players as a class arouse from their dreams of benefits without cost and success without effort, it remains the burden and the honor (for bearing the burden becomes an honor) of the faithful and alert members of the USCF to provide what they can for chess.

In Union circles non-members who share the advantages gained by Union negotiations are contemptuously termed "free riders"; chess has its "free riders" also, but we have not yet reached the point of viewing them contemptuously, although that day may come. Certainly, those who benefit from the services of the USCF, while clamoring for more international participation to gratify their pride in American chess, are "free riders" when they refuse to support with membership the organization to which they thrust their demands and address their criticisms.

Chess suffers from a disease known as a lack of money; no one will deny that statement. What is the cure? First and last, it lies in persuading every chess player in the USA that he should become a member of the USCF. The Federation cannot reach all these players; but the members can. Thus each member should take a missionary vow to convert to USCF membership as many non-members as he can from those he knows in his own club, his own city, and his own state.

But the cure will be slow; chess players are stubborn in their nonconformist ways. So there is a palliative that can be applied by conscientious members to ease the ravages of this disease. The palliative is contribution generously to all chess causes that need funds and issue requests for them. It is, of course, unjust that in this way a few should

USCF Membership Dues, including subscription to Chess Life, semi-annual publication of national chess rating, and all other privileges:

ONE YEAR: \$5.00 TWO YEARS: \$9.50 THREE YEARS: \$13.50 LIFE: \$100.00 SUSTAINING: \$10.00 (Becomes Life Membership after 10 payments)

A new membership starts on 21st day of month of enrollment, expires at the end of the period for which dues are paid. Family Dues for two or more members of one family living at same address, including only one subscription to Chess Life, are at regular rates (see above) for first membership, at the following rates for each additional membership; One year \$2.50; two years \$4.75; three years \$6.75. Subscription rate of Chess Life to non-members is \$3.00 per year. Single copies 15c each.

be made to pay the way for all—but that is the way of the world. It is to correct this injustice that each member should constitute himself a committee of one to interest and gain other members, that the burden may be more widely and equally shared.

Chess in the USA cannot survive if it must copy Simple Simon's

naive comment, stating always: "Indeed, I have not any."

The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Let me begin by congratulating you on the service rendered by your CHESS LIFE column on behalf of college chess in this country. I should apologize for my laxity in failing to send you news from Fordham, as you requested. (Suffice it to say that our match record for 1955-56 was 4-1, including an even break in two meetings with Columbia.)

The important matter which I must take up with you is the Uppsala tournament, a correct picture of which I do not believe the public has received. Your (later qualified) comment that "the bottom boards were too weak for the competition" strikes me as both gratuitous and inaccurate. For the benefit of the members of the U.S.C.F., upon whose support we relied, I would like to offer a personal, first-hand account and analysis of our performance. You will have my sincere gratitude if you grant my views a full airing, either in your column, or, if that has been discontinued for the summer, the letters to the editor section

Edmar Mednis deserves great credit for facing the toughest opposition throughout and emerging with a plus score. Of his two losses, one can be attributed entirely to time pressure (which, incidentally, also prevented his beating Korchnoi), and the other to his employment of his favorite standby, the Dutch Defense. In later encounters, he bravely experimented with the defense.

William Lombardy's record speaks for itself: he achieved the best score on second board, ahead of grandmaster Ivkov.

My own play on third board can fairly he said to have been far below the form of which I have proved myself capable. Not only the dire results but the individual circumstances were a keen disappointment. My team-mates will bear out the following statement: in no less than four games, I built up winning positions (one against Ivkov), but managed to achieve two draws and two losses! The succession of bitter setbacks began to assume a nightmarish quality for me. The following is an extreme but typical example, in which I played White against Lengyel of Hungary: 1. P-QB4, N-KB3; 2. N-QB3, P-B4; 3. N-B3, P-K3; 4. P-KN3, P-Q4; 5. PxP, NxP; 6. B-N2, N-QB3; 7. O-O, N-B2; 8. P-Q3, B-K2; 9. B-K3, P-K4; 10. R-B1, P-B3; 11. N-Q2, N-Q5; 12. N-R4, N(2)-K3; 13. N-N3, NxN; 14. QxN, Q-R4; 15. B-Q5, B-Q2; 16. BxN, QxN; 17. QxP, R-Q1; 18. B-N3, Q-R4; 19. KR-Q1, B-R5; 20. BxP, R-Q2; 21. Q-B8ch, B-Q1. The rest is too tragic to recount. The game ended on move 59, a win for BLACK!

The inexperience of Chuck Witte and Shelby Lyman is largely to blame for our dismal result on fourth board. Charles Witte is a talented player (although I may be prejudiced by his crushing defeat of me in the National Intercollegiate), and he was obviously off form in this tournament, due perhaps to psychological factors. Lyman's worst enemy was the clock. He also threw away two winning positions, through what seemed like carelessness. He is surely a better chessplayer than his score at Uppsala would indicate.

I am grateful for the opportunity of making these observations here, and, I hope, in public print.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY F. SAIDY

Capt., United States Student Chess Team, 1956

INSTALLMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Problemist Jacobs finds a striking solution to the problem of the Printing Deficit a monthly installment contribution until he and other zealous USCF members have wiped the slate clean, Does Mr, Jacobs have any backers?—The Editor.

Dear Mr. Major:
As per usual I always turn to your editorial page first thing when CHESS

LIFE arrives.

Bravo-that appeal should get things straightened out for our printing debt-

I would like to be the first to "come across" with your suggestion.

In the mail right now goes two one dollar bills that have been hanging loose in my wallet today—over to Kenneth Harkness—with the promise of a similar contribution to be mailed to him each month from now on—"Now on" may permit quite a contribution—and then again—with an oldster at 82—the sum might not reach the proportions I might wish it. However it will help—Let's see how many will join in this movement—and just how can a dollar or two per month matter much when so many are buying cars—appliances—and what not on a similar basis.

And don't think for a minute that you are going to get retired from your editorial work on CHESS LIFE come next year end.

charles s. Jacobs

Winchester, Mass.

The Madison team of Dr. L. C. Young, Ronald Rosen, Gerald Rutz, David Arganian, W. Kress, and V. Miller tallied 13-5 to win the annual Wisconsin four-city match at Hawthorne Glen. Milwaukee was second with 111/2-61/2, Racine third with 81/2-91/2, and Sheboygan fourth with 3-15. In the crucial Madison-Milwaukee encounter State Champion Jerome Kraszewski of Milwaukee lost to Dr. Young while John Grkavac on board two for Milwaukee bowed to Rosen, with only Charles Weldon of Milwaukee winning for a perfect score on board four.

Major C. A. Williamson, recent winner of the Iowa State title, won the Qualifying Tourney for the Quad-City Championship with 51/2-1/2. Second was John Warren of Rock Island with 5-1, and third Melvin D. Matherly with 4-2. Veteran Lawrence Maher of Moline, a former Quad-City champ., failed to qualify with 3½-2½. Defending Champion Karl Wiegmann is now playing a four game match with qualifier Warren, while Williamson meets Matherly. Winners of these two matches will play a four game contest for the Quad-City title now held by Wiegmann.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Four weeks' notice required. When ordering change please furnish an address stencil impression from recent issue or exact reproduction, including numbers and dates on top line.

Send membership dues (or subscriptions) and changes of address to KENNETH HARKNESS, Business Manager, 81 Bedford Street, New York 14, N. Y.

Send Tournament rating reports (with fees, if any) and all communications regarding CHESS LIFE editorial matters to MONTGOMERY MAJOR, Editor, 123 North Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, III.

Make all checks payable to: THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

Women's

By Willa White Owens

Address news items and Inquiries

on Women's Chess to Mrs. Willa White

Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon

DERTHA Carrasco deBudinich of

D Chile played Sonja Graf Ste-

venson of the USA in the second

round of the Women's World

Championship Candidates Tourna-

ment in Moscow. Grandmaster Lev-

enfish of the USSR annotated the

game; Dr. Algirdas Nasvitas of

Cleveland read the comments to

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Nowadays, the usual continuation is

Here black wants to play P-B5, but

if this, immediately would follow: 9.

P-QR4, R-N8, 10. N-K5! Now White has

forced an isolated pawn for Black.

After the game, Mrs. Graf Stevenson

explained that she accepted this dis-

advantage for the sake of getting good

play for her pieces. She described her

style as, "Attack, attack, and again

White starts a planned attack on the

If 12., O-O, there could follow

13. R-Q, N-K2; 14. P-K4, to White's ad-

vantage. Therefor, Black takes her

queen from the queen's file and sets

a trap; 13. NxP, NxN; 14. QxN, N-Q5;

15. Q-R2, NxN ch; 16. BxN, BxB; 17.

PxB, Q-N4 ch; 18. K-R, Q-R4, with a

It would still be bad to take the

pawn on Q5, because of the same an-

Other continuations are: 18. Q-K5, NxB

ch; 19. K-B, QxQ; 20. NxQ, R-B; 21. R-

Q, P-B3; 22. R-Q7. Or 20., P-B3; 21.

N-Q3! R-B; 22. KxN, BxNP; 23. R-KN,

B-K5; 24. BxP, K-B2; 25. B-Q4, R-B7ch;

5., NxP; 6. P-K3, N-QB3; 7. B-B4.

Black

Graf Stevenson

P-Q4

P-K3

P-B4

N-KB3

KPXP

N-B3

P-QR3

P-QN4

BXP

B-R2

B-N2

Q-K2!

R-Q

......

0.0

NXN

RXR

N-Q5!

me: and here you are:

Carrasco de Budinich

1. P-Q4

2. P-QB4

5. BPXP

6. P-K3

N-KB3

N-B3

B-K2

8. P-QR3

9. PXP

11. 0.0 12. Q-N3

isolated Queen's pawn.

12.

13. R-Q

14. B-N2

14.

15. NXP

Better would be R-Q2.

15.

16. RxN

17. QXR

18. Q-R5

26. K-Q, BxN; 27. RxPch.

strong attack.

swer from Black.

10. P-QN4

Lake, Ohio.

White

attack."



CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS

By U. S. Expert DR. ERICH W. MARCHAND

Dr. Marchand will answer beginners' questions on this page, if of sufficient general interest. Those wishing a personal reply should enclose stamped, selfaddressed envelope. Address: Dr. Erich W. Marchand, 192 Seville Drive, Rochester 17, N.Y.

1. Answers to Readers' Questions

Gary G. Gentry, Youngstown, Ohio, asks about the Morra Gambit 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. P-Q4, PxP; 3. P-QB3, PxP; 4. KtxP. Wouldn't it be wise to delay Kt-QB3 (for Black) and castle early with a K-side fianchetto? Answer: There are certain difficulties with this idea. It is true that after 4., P-KKt3; 5. Q-Q4, Kt-KB3; 6. P-K5, Kt-B3 Black is in good shape. But 4., P-KKt3; 5. B-QB4, B-Kt2; 6. Q-B3, P-K3 (not 6., Kt-R3; 7. BxKt also not 6., Kt-KB3; 7. P-K5), and Black has a backward QP. 6. Q-Kt3 by White is possibly even stronger. It seems almost necessary for Black to play Kt-QB3 so as to have Kt-K4 ready at the right moment.

R. C. Olin, Tulsa, Oklahoma, asks about the line 1. P-QB4, P-K4; Kt-QB3, P-KB4;
 Kt-B3, P-Q3;
 P-Q3;
 O-O, P-KR3;
 P-QKt3, QKt-Q2; 9. B-Kt2, Q-B2; 10. R-B1, O-O-O; 11. P-QKt4, K-Kt1; 12. P-QR4, P-KKt4; 13. P-QR5, B-K2; 14. P-Kt5, P-B4; 15. P-R6, P-Kt3. He feels that somehow White ought to get more out of this variation. Answer: He should. Instead of 15. P-R6 he should play 15. P-Kt6! For instance 15., PxP; 16. Kt-Kt5, Q-B1 (not 16., Q-B3; 17. KtxKP or 17. KtxKtP); 17. PxP, KtxP; 18. KtxKP!

Donald C. Stulken, Viroqua, Wisconsin, mentions that the Sicilian Defense Dragon Variation avoids the legion of variations in the Ruy Lopez and several other openings but does not particularly avoid the Bishop's Opening. For instance, what if White plays 1. P-K4, 2. B-B4, 3. · Q-B3, 4. P-QB3, etc. Answer: After 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. B-B4 a good reply is 2., P-K3, after which White's B is somewhat misplaced. Also note that if 3. Kt-QB3 (to stop 3., P-Q4), then White foregoes the possibility of P-QB3 and P-Q4. Black can plan on the defensive formation based on P-QR3 and Q-B2. In other words it seems best in this case for Black to depart from the usual Dragon formation involving P-KKt3 and

2. More About the Morra Gambit In Section 1. above the moves 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. P-Q4, PxP; 3. P-QB3, PxP; 4. KtxP was referred to as the "Morra Gambit." Actually Morra himself recommends the P sacrifice only after 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3, which makes some subtle differences. The line without these two moves should therefore strictly speaking not be called the Morra Gambit.

The advantage of playing P-Q4 quickly is seen in the variation 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, P-Q3 (a common move in place of 2. Kt-QB3); 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. P-QB3, Kt-KB3! in which case 5. P-K5 is not so effective as would be if Black had played 2., Kt-QB3 instead of 2., P-Q3. In fact after the latter move White should not play 4. P-QB3, but simply 4. KtxP.

A striking game based on the real Morra Gambit appeared recently in the California Chess Reporter and also in the Chess Correspondent. It went as follows:

SICILIAN DEFENSE Correspondence Game 1955-56

		0.0					
23	White				P	lack	
TI	LLIETTE			GL		MELLI	
1.	P-K4	P-QB4	10.	B-B4		Kt-K4	
2.	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3		BxK		PxB	
3.	P-Q4	PXP	121.00	B-Kt	20	PxB	
4.	P-B3	PXP		Ktxk	and the second	Q-R4	
5.	KtxP	P-Q3		QR-E		P-B3	
6.	B-QB4	P-K3		R-B7	111	Q-R5	
7.	Q-K2	P-QR3		Q-Q3	T	-QKt3	
8.	0-0	B-K2		P-QK	170	41110	
9.	R-Q1	Q-B2	10.00	856 Oct. 74	276	esigns	

A brilliant game, which should serve to give the reader some idea of what can come out of the Morra Gambit either in its proper form or in its modified form,

3. Sacrifices

A beginner should not be too eager to sacrifice material. In fact this is a temptation to which many beginners are subject. To give up a Pawn or two or even a piece for what may or may not look like a promising attack. The soundest rule is "sacrifice only your opponent's pieces."

However, as a player progresses beyond the first stages he begins to notice chances, and should indeed look for chances, to give up material, often in a way which may catch the opponent by surprise, where it can be exactly calculated that the material can be soon recovered and perhaps recovered with interest (measured in material or positional values).

Eventually a player should learn to try an occasional sacrifice where the material cannot be quickly recovered but where he really gets a fierce attack or else perhaps a paralyzing grip on the position. This type of sacrifice is for better players only and requires much care, judgment and planning.

On the other side of the ledgera player must always be on the watch for possible sacrifices by the opponent. This is rather difficult psychologically since a normal person likes to go on his merry way without watching for hidden snares and pitfalls.

Suppose, however, that the opponent does try a sacrifice. What should you do? As usual in chess there is no fixed rule, but there are some general principles which may be helpful. Firstly, one must decide whether to accept the of-

fer. Sometimes there is no choice. If there is, it may be that the opponent has calculated all the consequences which arise when you take the sacrificed material, but not the effect of declining it. Often your decision cannot be based on exact calculation. You may have to judge whether a coming attack will be too strong if you accept. For instance if your K will become dangerously exposed you may decide not to accept even if perhaps you yourself must remain materially down (many sacrifices begin with a piece capturing a P). One warning: do not decline a sacrifice merely because you think your opponent has some clever reason for making it. Judge the position according to what you yourself see in it. If you cannot see any clear reason why not, then accept the offer. Like the man from Missouri, make them show you.

there are several principles to keep in mind. One is the possibility of returning some or all of the material at the right moment, or even of going farther and winding up in a counter-sacrifice. In any case do not be too greedy. This is especially true if the opponent adds more sacrifices to the original one.

Most often a sacrifice is aimed at exposing the K. Then a natural rule is to work hard at getting the K into a safe situation. Often a sacrifice is based on the other side being undeveloped. Hence one should get one's pieces into action as soon as possible. An attack is usually the more dangerous the more pieces the attacker has to work with. Hence exchanging material (especially Q's) usually tends to help the defender. Another defensive idea is to keep lines closed as much as possible.

4. Refuting a Sacrifice ENGLISH OPENING Kodak vs. IBM TEAM MATCH

Black White C. HINAMAN E. MARCHAND P-K5 P-K4 4. P-Q4 1. P-QB4 2. Kt-QB3 P-KB4 5. Kt-Q2 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 White did not care for 5. Kt-K5 since 5. KtxKt; 6. PxKt would leave the KP in a precarious position. The text move sacrifices a P but it is clear that White can quickly recover it by a second sacrifice!

5. KtxP 6. Kt(2)xP QKt-B3 Or 6., KtxP; 7. BxKt, PxKt; 8. KtxP. (a counter-counter sacrifice!) 7. Kt-Kt3 **B-B4** The first real sacrifice.

8. KtxP BxPch Unless this major sacrifice can be played, the preceding P offer seems

to be unsound, a Q-B3 10. P-K4 KKt-K2 KxB Black had perhaps originally planned on 10. P-KKt3. However, this is met by 11. Kt-Q5, Q-B2; 12. KtxPch, etc. 11. Kt-Q5 13. K-K1

KtxKt(Q4) 14. B-K3 12. BPxKt Kt-K4 (Please turn to page 8, col. 1)

Once a sacrifice is accepted,

Watkins Glen, 1956

18.		NxBch						
19.			R-	B!				
	Q-B5?		55 CT	****				
	would							
Vhite	loses a	piece.	Here	the				
is - 20	. R-Q &	ind if	N-B6	, the				
RxB;	22. Q-1	K5! If	20					
YER	A D. 00	D AG	Ter	thic				

P-R3 No b right and W n 21. move R-B7; BxN, 21. Q-K5, Q-B; 22. R-Q8. In this case black is forced to play 20., P-R3! 21. KxN, R-B7ch; 22. R-Q2, RxRch; with better possibilities. Q-K5! 20.

21. Q-N5 N-B6 If now 22, BxN, Q-Q6 ch. White has lost a piece and further resistance is useless.

22. R-Q P-B3 White resigns.

Chess Club of the Oranges (N.J.): Annual tournament was won by E. T. McCormick with a 19-1 score, second Parmelee with 181/2-11/4, third Coughling, fourth Sturdy Smith, fifth a tie between Edison and Pennington, seventh Quillen, eighth Dubeck, ninth a tie between de la Torre and Pittner. Engraved silver spoons are to be awarded the highest six of the twenty players competing. A USCF Club Affilliate.



GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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.

PAVEY'S CLINCHER

Max Pavey of Brooklyn clinched first place in the Manhattan Chess Club Championship by winning in the last round and compiling a 12-3 score. His opponent accepts the inevitable when confronted with the loss of a Rook on the 22nd move.

SICILIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 283, column 92 (e) Manhattan Championship New York, 1956

White Black

R. L. BENEDICTO M. PAVEY

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

2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3

3. P-Q4 PxP

This, the Dragon Variation, was once the favorite, now it has strong rivals in the Boleslavsky Defense (5., Kt-B3; 6. B-K2, P-K4) and the Modern Paulsen Defense (5., P-QR3). 6. P-B4

White adopts the aggressive Levenfish Variation.

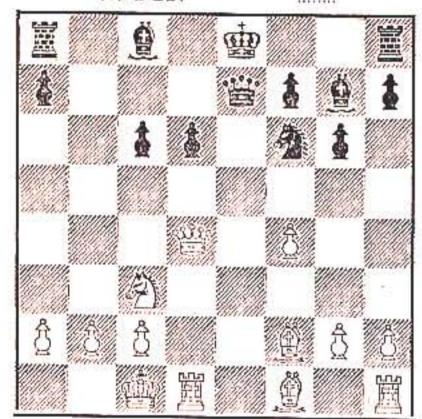
Best: 6., QKt-Q2; and 6., B-Kt2; are not wholly satisfactory. 7. KtxKt PxKt

8. P-K5 Kt-Q2!
Or 8., PxP! 9. QxQ ch, KxQ; 10.
PxP, Kt-Kt5; 11. B-KB4, B-K3! 12. P-KR3, B-R3; 13. BxB, KtxB; with equal chances.

9. PxP PxP 10. B-K3 Q-K2 11. Q-Q4 Kt-B3?

This leaves the White Queen in a very dominating position. Better is 11., B-KKt2! 12. QxB, QxB ch; 13. Kt-K2, R-B1; 14. Q-Q4, QxQ; 15. KtxQ, with an approximately even ending.—Pavey. Or 13. B-K2, R-B1; 14. R-KB1, B-R3; 15. R-B3, Q-Kt8 ch; and draws.

12. O-O-O B-KK†2? Safer is 12., P-Q4. 13. B-B2?



White misses a golden opportunity. Ralph Huerttlen of New Jersey points out that the sacrifice 13. QxQP! QxB ch; 14. K-Kt1, secures a winning attack. Examples—

A. 14. Kt-Q2; 15. B-R6, threatening 16. KR-K1, as well as 16. BxB, RxB; 17. QxKt ch.

B. 14., B-Q2; 15. B-B4, Q-Kt3; 16. KR-K1 ch, K-Q1; 17. Q-K7 ch, K-B1; 18. QxP.

C. 14., Q-Kt3; 15. Kt-R4, Kt-K5; 16. R-K1, Q-Kt2; 17. RxKt ch, B-K3; 18. B-B4.

PERSONAL SERVICE

The Editor of this Department will play you a game by mail, comment on every move, and give you a thorough postgame analysis. Fee \$10.

Mr. Collins will also annotate any one of your games for a fee of \$5.

Chess Life Friday, Page 6

D. 14., B-K3; 15. QxP ch, K-K2; 16. Q-Q6 ch, K-K1; 17. B-Kt5 ch. P-Q4

14. Q-R4

If 14. R-K1, B-K3; 15. B-R4 (15. P-B5? PxP; 16. B-Q3, O-O; 17. BxP? Kt-K5!)

O-O; 16. P-KKt4, Q-Q1: or 14. Q-B5, QxQ; 15. BxQ, Kt-Q2; 16. R-K1 ch, K-Q1; 17. B-Q6, B-B1; and Black's game is satisfactory in both cases.

satisfactory in both cases.

14. Q-Q3

15. P-KKt3

Better are 15. B-Q3 and 15. P-KR3.

15. O-O

16. Q-R5

Threatening 17. B-B5.

16. 17. B-Q3 Better is 17. B-B5.

Black takes the initiative, dislocating his opponent's Knight and hemming in his QB.

R-K1

18. Kt-R4 Kt-Kt5
19. R-Q2 B-K3
With the double threat of 20.,
Q-Q4; 21. QxQ, BxQ; 22. R-K1, KtxP;
and 20., BxP; 21. P-Kt3, Q-R6 ch;
22. K-B1, BxP. Also 20., B-Q4.
20. P-B5?

This loses quickly. If 20. P-KR3, B-Q4; 21. R-Kt1, KtxB; 22. RxKt, BxP; 23. P-Kt3, Q-R6 ch; 24. K-Q1, B-B1; (threatening 25., B-Kt5) and Black has a winning attack. If 20. P-QR3, B-Q4; and Black wins the KRP, Black's cause is lost, but 20. Q-B5, offers stiffer resistance.

20. Q-Q4! 22. R-K1? B-R3
21. QxQ BxQ Resigns
White drops a Rook, not "just" the exchange. E.g., 23. K-Q1, BxR. Or 23. RxR ch (23. R-B1, KtxB; 24. RxKt, R-K8 mate), RxR; and the Rook and QB go. Or 23. R-K2, RxR; 24. BxR, KxtB.

闔

NEAT SACRIFICES

White wins with neat sacrifices of a Pawn and the exchange.

> SICILIAN DEFENSE McO: page 265 Marshall Chess Club Amateur Championship

New York, 1956

White Black
S. RUBIN M. FLEISCHER
1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. B-B4

This move has little book and is old enough to be new and surprising.

2. Kt-QB3

With 2., P-K3! 3. Kt-QB3, Kt-QB3; 4. P-Q3, Kt-B3; 5. B-KKt5, B-K2; 6. Bx Kt, BxB; 7. KKt-K2, O-O; Black has better play.

3. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
Preferable is 3., P-K3.
4. P-KR3

Or 4. P-Q3, for if then 4., B-Kt5? 5. BxP ch, KxB; 6. Kt-Kt5 ch and 7. QxB.

4. Kt-B3
5. P-Q3 P-KKt3
The KB fianchetto is not overly effective against 2. B-B4.

6. O-O B-Kt2
7. P-B3! O-O
8. B-KKt5
Or 8. B-K3 and 9. QKt-Q2

8. P-QR3
9. P-R3 P-QKt4
10. BxKt!?

Parting with a Bishop is a serious matter. Discretion (in this case 10. B-R2) is the better part of valor.

10. BxB If 10., KtPxB? 11. BxB, KxB; 12. PxP.

11. B-Q5 B-Q2 12. P-Q4 P-K3! 13. BxKt

Here, and on the 11th move, B-R2 is

board, no serious weaknesses, and chances of opening the position, Black has a slight advantage.

Black begins to drift. Better is 14., PxP! 15. PxP, Q-Kt3. The player with the two Bishops should open the game.

15. QKt-Q2

B-KKt2

Again, 15., PxP; 16. PxP, QR-B1.
16. Kt-B1 Q-Kt3
17. Kt/1-R2 KR-B1
The wrong Rook. Preferable are 17.,

PxP; and 17., P-B4.
18. Q-Q2 P-QR4

19. Kt-Kt4 Q-Kt2
Safer 19., B-K1. The king-side requires re-strengthening.

20. Kt-R6 ch BxKt?

Correct is 20., K-R1. The text seriously weakens KKt2, KB3, and KR3.

21. QxB P-B3

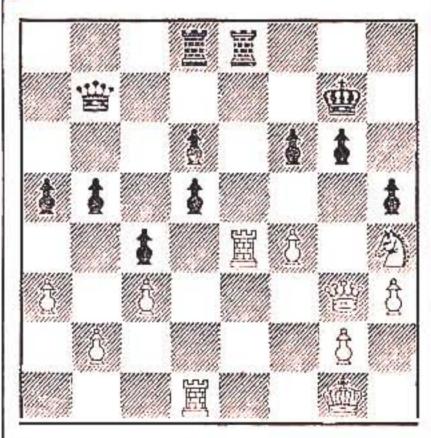
If 21., BxP; 22. Kt-Kt5, P-B4; 23. P-B3, B-Q4; 24. PxP, PxP; 25. KtxKP, BxKt; 26. RxB, R-K1; 27. Q-K3, and White has a strong pull on the position. E.g., 27., RxR; 28. QxR ch, Q-B2; 29. Q-QB6. Or 27., RxR; 28. QxR ch, K-R1; 29. R-Q1. If 21., BxP; 22. Kt-Kt5, BxP; 23. QxRP ch, K-B1; 24. P-B3! BxBP; 25. R-KB1, and White wins.

22. Q-R4 Q-KB2 24. Kt-R2 K-Kt2
23. QR-Q1 P-B5 25. Kt-Kt4 P-R4
A further weakening. The threat to
win the QP or KBP with 26. Q-R6 ch,
K-Kt1; 27. Q-B4 could be anticipated
with 25., R-Q1.
26. Kt-R2 R-Q1 28. Q-Kt3 QR-Q1
27. P-B4 R-K1? 29. Kt-B3 Q-Kt2?

26. Kt-R2 R-Q1 28. Q-Kt3 QR-Q1
27. P-B4 R-K1? 29. Kt-B3 Q-Kt2?
Abandoning the king-side to attack the KP proves fatal. Black should try 29.
......, K-R1; or 29., R-K2.
30. Kt-R4!

A neat sacrifice of the KP which rests

If 30., Q-KB2; 31. P-B5 wins, 31. P-Q5!



White sacrifices the exchange and achieves the decisive break-through.

32, PxR
Or 32., RxR; 33. QxP ch, K-B1; 34.
QxBP ch, K-K1; 35. Kt-B5, Q-Kt3 ch;
36. K-R2, Q-B4; 37. Kt-Kt7 ch, K-Q2; 38.
Q-B5 ch, and wins.

33. QxP ch K-B1

If 33., K-R1; 34. Kt-B5! and White has a winning position. E.g., 34., R-KB1; 35. R-Q5! Q-R2; 36. Kt-K7! Or 34., P-Q4; 35. RxP! RxR; 36. QxR ch, K-R2; 37. QxP ch, K-Kt1; 38. Kt-K7 ch, QxKt; 39. QxR ch, and wins.

34. QxP ch K-Kt1

If 34., Q-B2; 35. Kt-Kt6 ch, K-Kt1;

36. Q-R8 mate.

35. Kt-B5 K-R2

36. R-Q5! Q-Q2
There is no defense, If 36., R-KB1;
37. Q-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 38. Q-Kt6 ch, K-R1;
39. Kt-K7, wins. Now White writes finis quickly by winning the Queen,
37. Q-R6ch K-Kt1 40. RxRP QxR
38. Q-Kt6ch K-R1 41. QxQch Resigns

Join the USCFI It is always a sound

Q-KR2

39. KtxP

SICILIAN DEFENSE MCO: page 277, column 61 Herman Steiner Memorial Tournament Hollywood, 1956

Notes by U. S. Master Ivan Romanenko White Black R. CROSS Z. KOVACS P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtxP Kt-B3 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. QKt-B3 P-Q3 6. B-KK+5 3. P-Q4 PXP This is the Richter-Rauser developing

move, which prevents the Dragon Variation, because if 6., P-KKt3?; 7. BxKt! with demolishing effect on Black's pawn position.

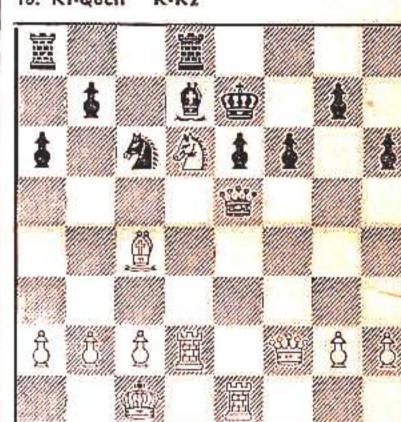
6. P-K3 9. P-B4 P-R3

7. Q-Q2 P-QR3 10. B-R4 KtxP
8. O-O-O B-Q2 11. Q-K1!
11. Kt(3)xKt, QxB; 12. KtxKt, BxKt; 13. KtxP ch, BxKt; 14. QxB, R-Q1; 15. QxR ch, QxQ; 16. RxQ ch, KxR with the better ending for Black, Khachaturow-Tolush, 1940.

11. Kt-B3
The only move. If 11., P-KKt4?; 12.
QKtxKt, PxB; 13. Q-B3 with an irresistable attack.

12. Kt-B5 Q-R4 14. RxB Q-B2
13. KtxQPch BxKt
14., Kt-QKt5 seems in order.
15. R-Q2! QxP 19. Q-B2 P-B3

15. R-Q2! QXP 19. Q-B2 P-B3
16. BXKt QXB 20. B-B4 KR-Q1
17. Kt-K4 Q-K4 21. R-K1!
18. Kt-Q6ch K-K2



White has an ideal attacking position.

21. QxKt 22. RxQ KxR

Black is trying to relieve White's pressure, but at great expense, giving up the Q for R and Kt. But the game is lost anyway!

23. Q-Kt6 QR-Kt1 28. Q-B4 K-K2 29. BxKP 24. P-QKt4 K-K2 BxB 25. Q-B5ch K-B2 30. Q-B7ch K-B1 26. Q-R5ch P-Kt3 31. RxB Resigns 27. QXP R-KRI



QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED MCO: page 161, column 36 Fort Wayne Open Fort Wayne, 1955

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D. White J. O'KEEFE R. L. HEWES 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. PXP KPxP P-K3 2. P-QB4 7. B-Q3 B-K2 Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 P-KR3 8. Q-B2 4. B-Kt5 QKt-Q2 9. **B-R4** Kt-Kt3 P-B3 5. P-K3

This is a strategic error. As White is building up his forces for an assault on the K-wing, the Knight is moving away from the crucial scene. 9., O-O; or, Kt-B1 and then Kt-K3 are better.

1956 CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT The 90 games in English descriptive notation clearly set out in column form. Index of openings, score tables, etc. (1) Smyslov; (2) Keres, etc.

Send \$1 note to the 'British Chess Magazine', 20, Chestnut Road, West Norwood, London, S.E.27, Great Britain

GUEST ANNOTATORS

Norman M. Hornstein, M.D. Ivan Romanenko

10. KKt-K2 KKt-Q2

This is not merely wasting a move; it spells complete surrender of the center to White who has a fine development after his next move.

11. B-K+3 B-R5? 14. P-B3! 0.0 12. 0-0 15. QR-K1 **B-K3** BxB 13. KtxB Kt-B3 16. Q-B2 A loss of tempo. 16, QKt-K2, R-B1; 17. P-K4 seems quicker.

R-B1 17. KKt-K2 QKt-Q2 This Knight's moves are as fruitless as the connivings of Sir Tony Belch. 17., P-B4 can now give some breathing space to Black although he is still

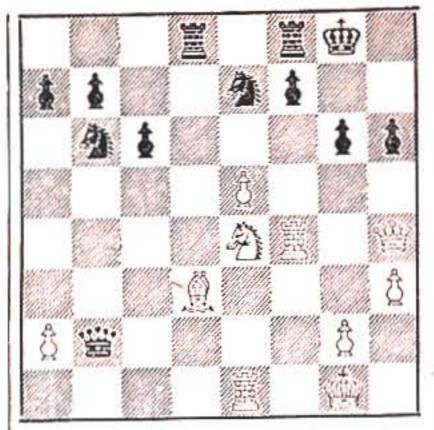
behind in development. 18. P-K4! PXP 19. PXP Kt-Kt3

What, again? 20. P-KR3 P-Kt3 Q-B2 24. QxB 21. Kt-Kt3 QR-Q1 25. Q-Kt4 Kt-K2 22. P-K5 KKt-Q4 26. R-K3

23. Kt-B5 BxKt Or 26. R-B6! followed by 27. P-K6.

29. Kt-K4! Q-88ch Q-Q2 30. R-K1 27. Q-Kt3 QXQP QXP 28. R-B4 31. Q-R4! Q-B4

Herman Steiner (Los Angeles) Chess Group: Annual club election resulted in the following slate of officers: Charles Henderson, president; Eugene Rubin, vice-president: Irving Rivise, treasurer; Lena Grumette, corresponding secretary; Edythe Langdon, membership secretary; Paul Templer, chairman of House Committee; Robert Jacobs, chairman of Educational Committee; George Goehler, chairman of Steering Committee; Eugene Rubin, chairman of By-Laws Committee. The Advisory Board: Jacqueline Piatigorsky, Selma Steiner, Don Maron, and Phillip McKenna. Mrs. Grumette edits the club publication "Herman Steiner Chess Group News". A USCF Club Affiliate.



P-KR4 31.

31. RxB; 32. QxP with overwhelming mating threats.

35. RxP!! KtxQ Q-Q5ch 32. QxKt 36. Kt-B6ch K-R1 33. K-R2 QXB Kt-Q4 37. R-R7 mate 34. P-K6

An excellent mating sacrifice by O'Keefe who won the Fort Wayne Open by 41/2-1/2.

York (Pa.) Y Chess Club: Horst Bottstein with 12-1 (two draws) won the York City and County title for the third time in four years, gaining permanent possession of the rotating trophy. Second and third with 111/2-11/2 each were John M. Schultz and defending champion Amos Edelheit. Dave Schatanoff was fourth with 1012-21/2 in the round robin event. The Junior championship was won by Jay Bortner with 14-1. Paul Vines with 13-2 was second, and third and fourth with 12-3 each were John Miller and Ira Weinstock, Dorothy Holahan was fifth with 91/2-51/2 in the 16-player round robin.

Atlantic Coast Chess Congress

at the Monterey Hotel, Asbury Park, N.J. August 24th to September 3rd, 1956

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

August 24th to August 30th: Atlantic Coast Chess Championship and Fall Rating Tournament.

Open to everybody. Seven-round Swiss; one round each evening. No adjudications. Unfinished games played off following day, 50 moves in 21/2 hours. USCF Tournament Rules. Harkness pairings.

Awards: Winner recognized as Atlantic Coast Chess Champion, awarded special trophy and \$100 Life Membership in the USCF. Runner-up receives tournament-size chess set (value \$19.50) and three-year USCF membership. Trophies for highest-ranking Class A and Class B entrants. Title and trophy to highest-ranking woman entrant, provided five or more ladies compete.

Rated by USCF: This tournament offers contestants of all classes the opportunity to obtain a national rating or improve present ranking for the Fall rating list by playing serious chess under ideal one-round-a-day conditions. In the daytime, players and their families can enjoy surf-bathing, sports and other vacation attractions of Asbury Park. The Monterey Hotel offers special, reduced rates for players and visitors.

How to Enter: Entry fee: \$5. All entrants must be or become USCF members (annual dues \$5.). Play starts 8 p.m., August 24th. Entries accepted at Monterey Hotel up to 7:30 p.m.

August 25th-26th: Skittles Tournament.

Open to everybody, including players in Atlantic Coast Championship and week-end visitors. Six-round Swiss. Three rounds each day, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m. 50 moves in one hour. Unfinished games adjudicated after two hours. Winner gets Skittles Championship Trophy and 3-year USCF membership. Runner-up gets 2-year USCF membership. Entry fee \$2.00. All entrants must be or become USCF members. Entries accepted up to 9 a.m. Aug. 25th.

August 31st, 1 p.m.: Atlantic Coast Lightning Chess Championship.

Open to everybody. Round Robin at 10 seconds per move. Cash and merchandise prizes. Entry fee \$2.00.

August 31st to September 3rd: New Jersey Open Chess Championship. Co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Chess Federation.

Open to everybody. Seven-round Swiss, 50 moves in 21/4 hours, Unfinished gaems adjudicated after 41/2 hours. USCF Tournament Rules. Harkness pairings. One round Friday evening. Two rounds each on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

\$400.00 in Cash Prizes: First: \$25.00. Second: \$75.00. Third: \$50.00. Fourth: \$25.00. Fifth: \$20.00. Special prizes of \$20.00 each to highest-ranking Expert and Class A players, \$10.00 each to Class B and Class C players. Three prizes to highest-ranking juniors: \$20.00 (under age 20); \$15.00 (under age 18); \$10.00 (under age 16). Cash prizes divided in case of ties. No player may win more than one cash prize.

State Title: Highest-ranking N.J. resident wins state title and custody of

silver championship trophy.

How to Enter: Entry fee: \$8.00 (\$4.00 to juniors under 20). All entrants must be or become members of USCF and NJSCF. Combined dues \$7.00 (juniors \$6.). USCF members pay \$2 (juniors \$1) for NJSCF membership, Play starts 8 p.m. August 31st, ends 8 p.m. Sept. 3rd. Entries accepted at Monterey Hotel up to 7:30 p.m. August 31st. Write hotel for special, reduced room rates.

> Congress Director: KENNETH HARKNESS UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

New York 14, N.Y.

Mate The Subtle Way!

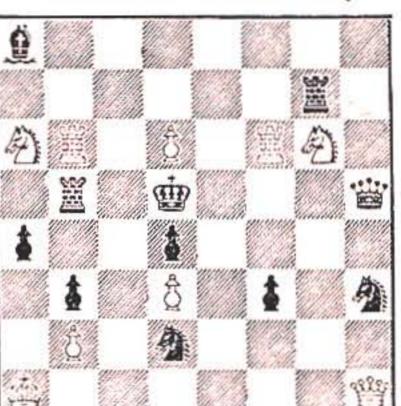
by Nicholas Gabor

All communications concerning this problem-column, including solutions as well as original compositions for publication (two- and three-mover direct mates) from composers anywhere should be sent to Nicholas Gabor, Hotel Kemper Lane, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

Problem No. 687

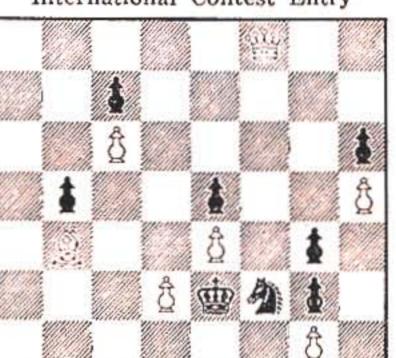
By Edgar Holladay Charlottesville, Virginia

International Contest Entry



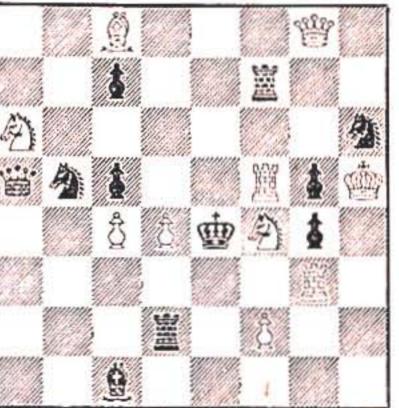
Mate in two

Problem No. 689 By Prof. Byron Zappas Nicosia, Cyprus International Contest Entry



Mate in two

Problem No. 691 By E. Petite Oviedo, Spain International Contest Entry

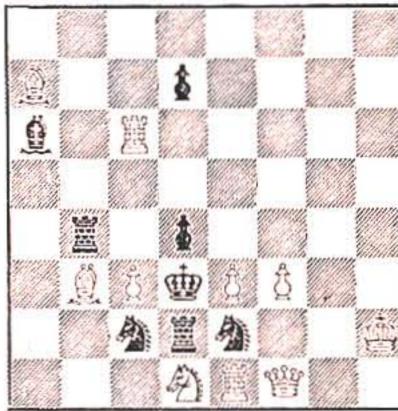


Mate in two

Problem No. 688

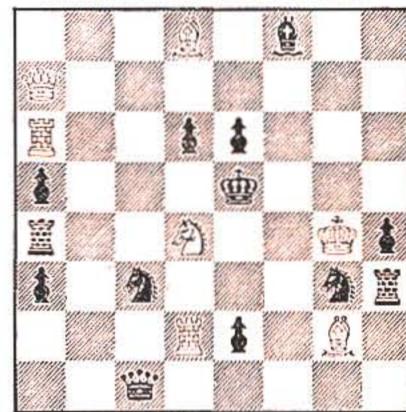
By F. Ravenscroft, Northbridge and F. T. Hawes, Lithgow, N.S.W. Australia

International Contest Entry.



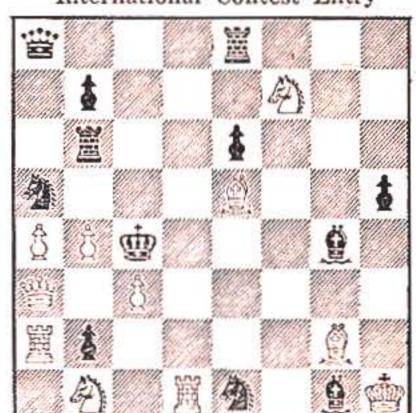
Mate in two

Problem No. 690 By Joseph Korponay Budapest, Hungary International Contest Entry



Mate in two

Problem No. 692 By Alfonso Taliani Pisa, Italy International Contest Entry



Mate in two

Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 671 (Kowalewski): Key 1. Q-R4, threat 2, K-Kt5, 1., RxP, 2-Q-K7, 1., BxP. 2. R-K3, etc. No. 672 (Kowalewski): key 1. Q-R8, threat 2, Q-R1, 1,, RxP, QxQ, etc. No. 673 (Sim): key 1. Q-Kt5, waiting. 1., PxKt, 2. Kt-Kt3. 1. R any, 2. Kt-B2, etc. No. 674 (Sim): key 1. B-Kt5, threat 2. B-B4. 1., QxB, 2. Q-R1. 1., RxB, 2. Q-R8. 1., R(Kt)xB, 2. Kt-B4, etc. No. 675 (Maybee): 1. B-K4, threat 2. Q-Q5. Defenses: KxB, BxB, RxB, Kt-Q3, B-Q3. No. 676 (Maybee): 1. Kt-K7, threat 2. Q-B6. Defenses: K-Kt3, K-Q3. Kt-Kt3, Kt-Q3, etc. 1. B-Q8 as a try is met by 1. Kt-Q3.

BOOST AMERICAN CHESS' By Joining the U.S.C.F.

Chess Life Friday,

81 Bedford St.

CHESS TACTICS

(Continued from page 5, col 3)

So that the Kt can be moved without allowing Q-KB7ch.

14. P-Q3 16. B-Q4 15. Kt-Kt3 Kt-Kt5

Not 16. Q-Q4, KtxB; 17. QxKt, QxP.

16. Q-R5 17. Q-Q3 B-Q2

Here Black might try 17., KtxP;

18. B-K2 (better, however, may be 18.

K-Q1 but not 18. B-Kt1, RxBch, 19. Qx

R, QxKtch), Kt-B6ch!; 20. QxKt, QxR

ch; 21. KtxR, RxQ and Black has only

a P for his piece. Hence the text move

was better.

18. B-K2 Development is one of White's main

Development is one of White's mai aims. 18. P-B4 20. BxKt

19. PxP e.p. BxP
Exchanges simplify the defense.
20. QxB 21. K·Q2

White must try to bring his K to safety and also get his QR into the game. 21. R-B5 23. B-K3 22. QR-K1 P-Q4

Not 23. P-K5 (or PxP); 24. RxB winning White's Q.

Or 23. PxP; 24. Q-Kt3ch, R-B2; 25. KR-B1 forcing another exchange of pieces.

24. KR-B1 R-Q2 25. P-K5
Not 25. K-B1, PxP; 26. Q-Kt3ch, B-Q4
since this opens lines for Black and
also gains him a tempo.

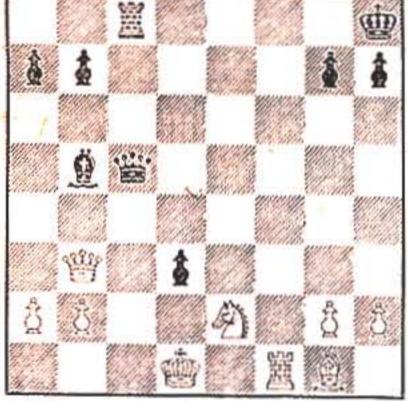
25. P-Q5 27. K-Q1 R-QB1!
26. B-Kt1 Q-Kt4ch
Cleverly played threatening B-R5ch and
Q-B8ch. White feels very uncomfortable

Q-B8ch. White feels very uncomfortable and contrives a combination to clean things up (at the cost of a P).

28. Q-84ch K-R1 29. P-K6 R(2)-QB2

28. Q-B4ch K-R1 29. P-K6 R(2)-QB2 29. B-R5ch is met by 30. P-Kt3, R(2)-Q1 (not 30., RxQ; 31. R-B8 Mate or 30., R(2)-B2; 31. QxR!); 31. P-K7!

30. P-K7 RxP 33. Kt-K2 B-Kt4
31. RxR QxR 34. Q-Kt3 P-Q6
32. Q-B7 Q-B4



White was in time trouble since 35 moves were to be made in 1½ hours. Fortunately he saw that 35. BxQ, Px Ktch; 36. K-K1, PxR_Qch gives away a clear R and B.

35. Kt-B3 Q-R4ch 36. K-Q2 Q-Kt4ch Some beginners follow the rule "Always check; it might be mate!" a most unfortunate precept. Here Black's check was a mistake.

37. B-K3 Resigns
Because of 37. QxPch; 38. R-B2
with Black's Q and B both attacked.

Say you saw it in CHESS LIFE.

Mess Life

PRINTING FUND

To crase the deficit accumulated from 1946 to 1952 in publishing CHESS LIFE, prior to the adoption of the Harkness Plan, which is paying current obligations.

Liquidation of this debt is essential to place the USCF upon a firm financial basis.

Send contributions (marked "Chess Life Printing Fund") to:

KENNETH HARKNESS
USCF Business Manager
81 Bedford St. New York 14, N.Y.

Make all checks payable to: United States Chess Federation

Tournament Life

Send to CHESS LIFE, 123 No. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, III. for applica-

Unless otherwise specified, all tournaments announced in this column are 100% USCF rated. Rating fees, if any, are included in specified entry fee; no additional rating fee for non-members USCF.

August 11-12 & 18-19

Michigan State Championship Ann Arbor, Mich.

Open; at Mich. Union, 530 S. State St.; entry fee: \$7.50 (USCF membership required \$5); 1st prize \$100 plus other prizes and awards; 7 rd Swiss and Speed Tourney; rooms at Union \$4.50-\$6 and dorm rooms \$2; TD Ed Treend; for details, write: John Penquite, 821 Oakland, Ann Arbor, Mich.

100% USCF rated event.

August 24th to September 3rd
Atlantic Coast Chess Congress
Monterey Hotel, Asbury Park, N.J.
Atlantic Coast Championship and Fall
Rating Tournament, Aug. 24 to 30.
Skittles Tournament, August 25-26.
Lightning Championship, August 31st.
New Jersey Open Championship, August
31st to September 3rd.
For details, see announcement on page

August 25-26

Panhandle Open Championship Pampa, Tex.

Open; at Lovett Memorial Library; 5 rd Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs; entry fee: \$4; Two trophies (champion and Panhandle) plus cash prizes; Panhandle title to resident; TD George Koltanowski; for details, write: W. G. Waggoner, Box 283, Pampa, Tex.

100% USCF rated.

seven.

August 31-September 3 Tartakower Memorial Tournament Detroit, Mich.

Open; at Wayne University Student Center, 5050 Cass Ave., Detroit; 8 rd Swiss, 60 moves in 2½ hrs.; entry fee; \$8; registration 8-10 a.m. August 31, 1st rd starts 11:30 a.m.; 1st prize \$500 guaranteed, 2nd prize \$175 probable minimum, 3rd prize \$75 probable minimum, plus Trophies for ranking Class A, B & C, Unrated and Junior players; TD Sylvan Zaft; for details, write: Sylvan Zaft, 18623 Greenlawn Ave., Detroit 21, Mich.

100% USCF rated event.

September 1-3* 4th Annual Heart of

American Open Kansas City, Mo.

Open; at Kansas City YMCA, 404
East 10th; 7 rd Swiss, 40 moves in 2
hrs.; entry fee \$7.50; 1st prize \$150 with
\$100 in class prizes, \$10 for ranking
woman player, \$10 for ranking junior
player under 16, other prizes per entries; for details, write: Mrs. P. W.
Morrell, 820 Roswell, Kansas City,
Kans.

100% USCF rated event.

September 1-3

St. Paul Open Tournament St. Paul, Minn.

Open; at St. Paul .Dispatch-Pioneer Prass Auditorium. East Ath. between Cedar and Minnesota Sts.; entry fee: \$7 with \$3 fee for high school student entrants; first prize \$125 and Trophy, with other cash prizes and trophies and cash prizes for Class A, B, and C.; Robert C. Gove tournament director; 7 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; for details, write: Robert C. Gove, % Downtown YMCA, 9th and Cedar Sts., St. Paul, Minn.

100% USCF rated event.

September 1-3

West Virginia Championship, Open and Junior Wheeling, W. Va.

Open (with Junior restricted to player under 21 at start of tourney); at Wheeling YMCA, Wheeling; 6 rd Swiss, 30 moves in 1½ hrs.; entry fees: \$5.00 for Championship, \$3.00 for Open, \$2.00 for Juniors; trophies; W. Va. Championship and Junior titles restricted to highest ranking residents; for details, write: Charles L. Ritter, 111 Elm St., Wheeling, W. Va.

100% USCF rated event.

September 1-3 Southwestern Open Championship San Antonio, Tex.

Open: at Hilton Plaza; 7 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee: \$5 plus USCF-TCA membership (\$5); guaranteed \$100 first prize and trophies; TD. Allen H. Baker, Jr.; for details, write: Robt. L. Garver, 430 Brees, San Antonio, Tex. 100% USCF rated.

September 1-3 Louisiana State Championship New Orleans, La.

Open; at Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans; 6 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.;
state title to highest ranking Louisiana
player; \$50 first prize with 10 other
prizes of chess equipment and merchandize, trophy to State Champion;
entry fee \$5.00 plus \$1.00 LCA dues
for non-members; TD Newton Grant;
for details, write: Kenneth N. Vines,
8318 Panola St., New Orleans, La.
100% USCF rated event.

September 1-3

Alabama Open Championship Birmingham, Ala.

Open; at Central YMCA, 526 No. 20th St., Birmingham; 7 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee: \$5.00; 1st place prize 60% net proceeds, 2nd 20%, 3rd 15%, 4th 5%, 5th entry fee returned, \$75 first prize guaranteed; Alabama title to ranking resident; TD J. F. Addington; for details, write: F. W. Kemp, Box 114, Palmerdale, Ala. 100% USCF rated event.

C

September 1-3

North Carolina Championship Raleigh, N. C.

Restricted to N. C. residents and service personnel stationed in N. C.; at News and Observer Bldg., 215 S. McDougall St., Raleigh; 6 rd Swiss, 55 moves in 2¼ hrs.; entry fee: \$3.50 plus \$2 NCCA dues; 1st prize \$50 plus trophy and other cash prizes; TD Dr. A. M. Jenkins; for details, write: Dr. A. M. Jenkins, 821 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N.C. 100% USCF rated event.

October 4-January ?

New Haven Open Championship New Haven, Conn.

Open; at YMCA, 52 Howe St., New Haven; one round every Thursday night, starting at 8 P.M. on Oct. 4; 8 to 10 rd round robin or Kirk Holland, 40 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee \$2; small cash prizes; TD William H. Mills; for details, write: William Newberry, 233 Elm St., West Haven 16, Conn.

100% USCF rated event.

October 13-14

3rd Annual Fort Wayne Open Fort Wayne, Ind.

Open; at World Friendship Hall of Fort Wayne YMCA; 5 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 1½ hrs, adjudication after 3 hrs of play; play begins I p.m. Oct. 13; entry fee: \$5.00; prize money 50%, 30%, 20% of prize fund (60% of total entry fees), brilliancy prize awarded by sponsoring Ft. Wayne C. C.; bring chess equipment if possible; for YMCA room reservations, write: W. A. Havel, YMCA, 226 E. Washington, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; for details, write: Donald C. Jones, 3424 N. Washington Rd., Ft. Wayne 6, Ind.

100% USCF rated event.

November 10-12

New Mexico Open Championship Albuquerque, N. M.

Open; at YMCA, 101 Central Ave. N.W., Albuquerque; 7 rd Swiss, 20 moves per hr.; entry fee: \$3.00; Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Junior, title of New Mexico State Champion to highest ranking resident; tournament sponsored by Albuquerque C. C.; TD W. A. Muff; for details, write: R. D. Adair, 202 Dartmouth Dr. S.E., Albuquerque, N. M. 100% USCF rated event.

1st CANADIAN OPEN

August 25 to September 2, 1956 Montreal, Canada

At Redpath Hall of McGill University; 10 round Swiss, 50 moves in 2½ hours (5 hour sessions from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.), adjourned games to be finished on afternoon of following day; open to all; Guaranteed \$1,000.00 in cash prizes with \$300 first prize, \$200 second prize and 8 other cash prizes. Address advance entries (entry fee \$10 plus \$1 CFC dues for non-members) and inquiries to:

D. M. LeDain 5970 Durocher Ave. Montreal 8, Que., Canada

Solution To What's The Bost Move?

Position No. 185

Berliner v. Hunnex, US Open, 1955. Berliner won by 1. RxP!, for on 1., QxBP, 2. B-Q2 would win a piece, while 1., NxP is met by 2. RxNP ch.! KxR; 3. QxNch., K-N3; 4. RxR!, RxR; 5. Q-Q6ch and wins. The more stolid defense by 1, N-Q eliminates the fireworks but after 2. R/7-K7 White's positional advantage is clearly a winning one.

We could not agree that other tries such as 1. P-Q5, 1. B-B4, 1. B-K3, 1. R-K3 or 1. B-R3 are correct. In the variation 1. B-R3, QxB; 2. B-Q5ch., K-R; 3. RxR, RxR; 4. Q-R5 we could not understand the claim of a win, as Black holds an equal game (as by Q-K2) on the return of the bishop.

Two points each are awarded to T. Wayne Beasley IV*, A. Bomberault, W. I. Lourie, Charles Musgrove, I. Sigmond, and W. E. Stevens. Also one point to William B. Wilson who claimed the win for 1. P-Q5 as well as the cor-

rect line.
The solvers lost by 9 to 7.

The solvers lost by 9 to 7.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Irwin Sigmond has kindly consented to take over the job of running What's the Best Move?. Solutions to all problems through 188 should still be sent to Chauvenet, but beginning with 189 in our next issue, Mr. Sigmond will take over in full. We have enjoyed the work at times, but know that Mr. Sigmond will give the readers a much superior job of it, and, we trust, revive the interest which has noticeably declined of late.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CHESS FES-TIVAL: The Sixth Annual Chess Festival in the Sonoma Plaza, sponsored by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, Calif., will be held on Sunday, August 12, 1956 and will be in honor of Ernest O. Anders who originated the idea of these festivals. International Master George Koltanowski will direct the events which will include a short tournament (11 A.M. to 6 P.M.) in "A", "B", ad "C" Class with a special event for women and another for junior (under 15 years of age), entry fee up to August 7th \$1.50 and after that date \$2.50. A simultaneous exhibition will be staged a 3 P.M. (30 boards) with entry fee of \$1.00 for Festival entrants and \$2.00 for others. Entry fees should be sent to Mrs. Lois Mc-Veigh, Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sonoma, Calif. Tables and chairs will be available also for skittles, analyses, problem solving and other events.

North Jersey Chess League: Final standings in the League showed Plainfield victors with 9-0 match points. Orange was second with 7½-1½, and Irvington third with 7-2. A USCF League Affiliate.

FINAL STANDINGS

	LIMAL SIMM	DIM	13	
	w	L	D	Tot.
1.	Plainfield9	0	0	9 -0
2.	Orange7	1	1	71-13
3.	Irvington7	2	0	7 -2
4.	Philidor6	2	1	61-21
5.	Maroczy4	4	1	41-41
6.	Montclair3	5	1	33-53
7.	Elizabeth2	6	1	21-61
8.	Irvington-Polish 2	7	0	2 -7
9.	Northern Valley 0	6	3	14-78
10.	Jersey City1	8	0	1 -8