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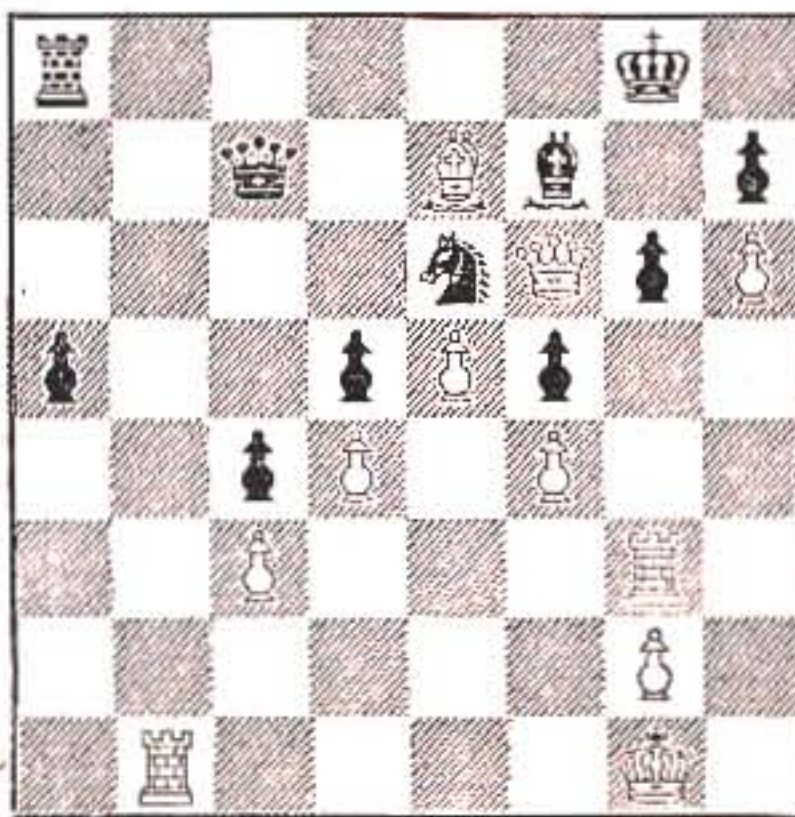
Friday, October 5, 1956

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## What's The Best Move?

Conducted by  
IRWIN SIGMOND

Position No. 193



White to play

SEND solutions to Position No. 193 to reach Irwin Sigmond, 5200 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington 7, Va., by November 5, 1956. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 193 will appear in the November 20, 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.

## Translation of an Article From "Boletin De Ajedrez"

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del Distrito Federal Mexico, D. F., edited by Col Araiza

### EXCLUSIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: SENSATIONAL!!! CARLOS TORRE RETURNS TO THE CHESSBOARD!!!

We have absolutely trustworthy information that our national glory, the genial Mexican chessplayer Carlos Torre, feels himself completely cured of those grave ills which he has suffered for the space of 30 years! and accordingly has manifested the real Torre in Victoria City, Tamps. This resolution to return to the chessboard will strengthen and encourage in a grand way whatever National Chess Team that the Provincial Federation may arrange to compete abroad, and if it is arranged to send a Mexican Team to Russia, it will be our great Carlos Torre who will head such team. In addition it is certain that Torre will participate in the Open Tournament at Madero City in the coming year. We congratulate the many Chess Clubs in our country named "Carlos Torre" on the most wonderful possibility that Carlos Torre, in person, will visit them.

NOTE: Almost the last important contest in which Carlos Torre participated before the shadows gathered him in was the 1926 Chicago Master Tournament, conducted by the Western Chess Association in which Torre scored 8-4, placing third behind Frank J. Marshall and Geza Maroczy.—Editor.

## RUSSIA TAKES TEAM TOURNEY

To the surprise of no one the USSR won the International Team Tournament with 31-13. Tied for second with 26½-17½ each were Hungary and Yugoslavia. Argentina was fourth with 23-21.

Austria won Section One of the Consolation event with 28-16, with Iceland second with 27-17. The Philippines topped Section Two with 24-12, the Saar second with 23-13.

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

USSR	31-13	Czechoslovakia	20½-23½
Hungary	26½-17½	England	20-24
Yugoslavia	26½-17½	Romania	19-25
Argentina	23-21	Switzerland	19-25
Bulgaria	22-22	Denmark	19-25
W. Germany	22-22	Israel	15½-28½

### CONSOLATION TOURNEY

Section One			
Austria	28-16	Holland	21-23
Iceland	27-17	E. Germany	20½-23½
Sweden	26½-17½	France	19½-24½
Belgium	23½-20½	Poland	19-25
Finland	22½-21½	Chile	19-25
Colombia	21-23	Norway	16½-27½
Section Two			
Philippines	24-12	Mongolia	18½-17½
Saar	23-13	Scotland	17½-18½
India	20½-15½	Greece	17-19
Iran	19-17	Ireland	13-23
Puerto Rico	18½-17½	Luxembourg	9-27

## HESSE TRIUMPHS IN PENN STATE

Herman V. Hesse tallied 6-1 to win the Pennsylvania State Championship in a 54-player Swiss at the Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club of Philadelphia. David Hamburger scored 5½-1½ for second place. Third to eighth with equal 5-2 scores on weighted points were Thomas Gutekunst, Charles Kalme, J. Glenn Waltz, John A. Hudson, Ralph J. Kneeream, and Janis Sube. Charles Kalme, as ranking junior, was accorded the Junior Championship. Mrs. Rachel Guinan of Philadelphia tallied 4-3 to win the Pennsylvania Women's Championship, outpointing former woman's champion Mrs. Mary Selenky who scored an even 3½-3½. Thirty-five of the 54 players came from metropolitan Philadelphia.

A rapid transit, held prior to the championship event, lured 13 contestants and was won by Joseph Shaffer, with Saul Wachs second and Charles Kalme placing third. William A. Ruth, assisted by D. A. Giangiulio, directed the events.

## The Pampa Story

By GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

USCF Tournament Administrator

I say it can be done!

Over Labor-day week-end a great number of tournaments took place all over the United States, and had each player who participated in these tournaments, joined the USCF, our ranks would have been many hundreds more, these hundreds after finding out the benefit of belonging to the USCF would pioneer amongst their friends. Am I dreaming? No ladies and gentlemen. As I said above it can be done. The committee in Pampa were convinced, as were the 42 participants at the Panhandle open. They ALL JOINED THE USCF, who in turn gave one trophy, 1 gold medal, 3 silver and three bronze medals to the first three placed, and then to the first and second B player as well as to the first and second C player. On top of all that the players received at the end of the tournament a new tentative rating. Here is just one comment of the many I received after the tournament in Pampa: From Benjamin E. Thurston, Albuquerque, N. Mex.:

Dear Mr. Koltanowski: Let me congratulate you on the fine way you ran the recent Panhandle Open. I thought it went much better than in 1955. Also, I want to tell you that I think your idea for medals for the separate classes in the tournament was great and most successful. Probably, we shall copy it for the 1956 New Mexico open. I urge that you get this practice adopted throughout the U.S. tournaments.

Money tournaments should NOT be abolished, but surely the majority of players, playing in a two-day or three-day tournament would prefer the official USCF medals. Thanks to the Pampa Chess Club a start was made and I am convinced that the idea can be sold to most clubs in the United States.

As most of you know, I shall be starting on a tour this coming Fall. Will be very happy to play in any chess club. (I always am!). I intend to organize a number of these OPEN AMATEUR Championships in connection with my exhibition in a number of places, so that the groundwork can be laid for a long range program for the near future.—In all other clubs, I expect to impress the leaders there on this most recent idea, which helps stimulate chess activity and will bring more players of all ranks to the local chess club.

Here is a pat on my back (hope you won't mind my quoting the IBM Chess Club Bulletin of September 12, 1956). "The Fall season was ushered in with a flying start last Friday (Sept. 7) by one of the most interesting exhibitions since the last time Mr. Koltanowski was here. He proved an able speaker as well as a chess master, and seldom have we seen an audience so en rapport until 1:15 a.m. (In the simultaneous I won 24, drew 5 (Leonard Graf, Fred Bartholy, John Shaw Van, Dick Wick Hall and Lynn Bryant) and lost 1 (Chester L. Hinaman). Fred Bartholy, a great chess lover, has a quilt over

his bed, which has a large chess king embroidered on it! Patent Attorney for the Anso Co. in Binghamton, Fred learned the game in Hungary from his two elder brothers, who beat him constantly until he bought a book and studied secretly, then he wiped the floor with them. They refused to play him after a while, as they claimed he had used unfair tactics by reading a chess book. By the way, you should see his chess library now!

My next article (soon I hope) will show some sensational new innovations that have been started for United Chess and we may also have the first announcement of the US OPEN for 1957!

I still say, IT CAN BE DONE... but won't you help?

## TEAM TOURNAMENT PRELIMINARIES

Section One			
USSR	28½-4½	Sweden	14½-13½
Bulgaria	19½-8½	Norway	9-19
Switzerland	18-10	Puerto Rico	7-21
Poland	15-13	Saar	5½-22½
Section Two			
Yugoslavia	23½-4½	Austria	13-15
Israel	18-10	France	12½-15½
Denmark	16½-11½	Mongolia	7½-20½
Holland	16-12	Scotland	5-23
Section Three			
Argentina	24-8	Finland	14½-17½
W. Germany	23-9	India	12½-19½
England	22-10	Luxembourg	5½-26½
Iceland	21-11	Ireland	4-28
Chile	17½-14½		
Section Four			
Hungary	23-9	Belgium	14½-17½
Czechoslovakia	21½-10½	Philippines	10-22
Romania	21½-10½	Greece	8½-23½
E. Germany	18½-18½	Iran	8½-23½
Colombia	18-14		

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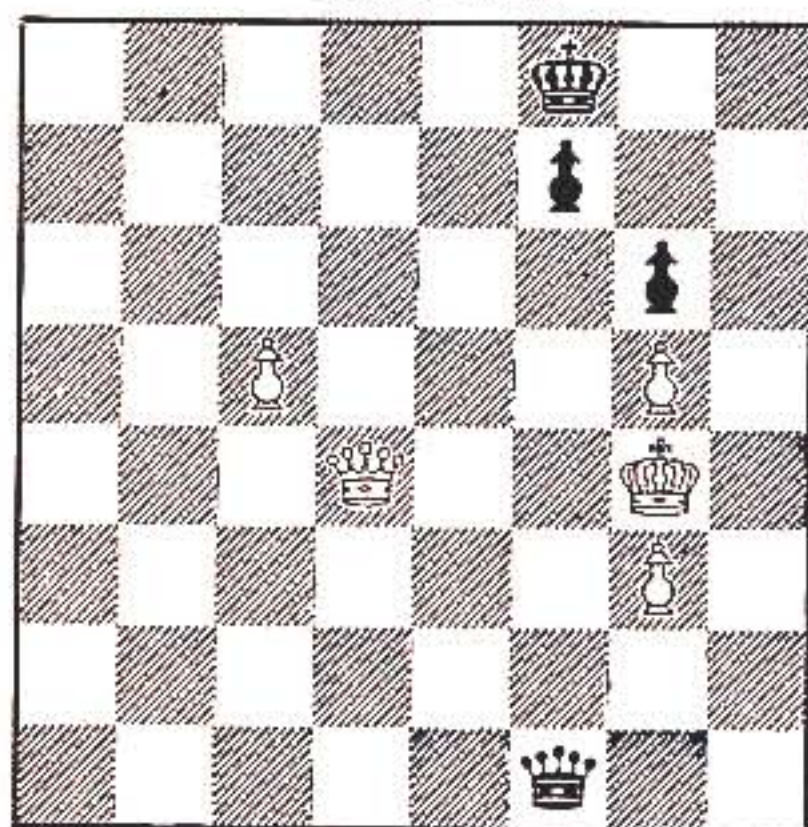
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# Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 185

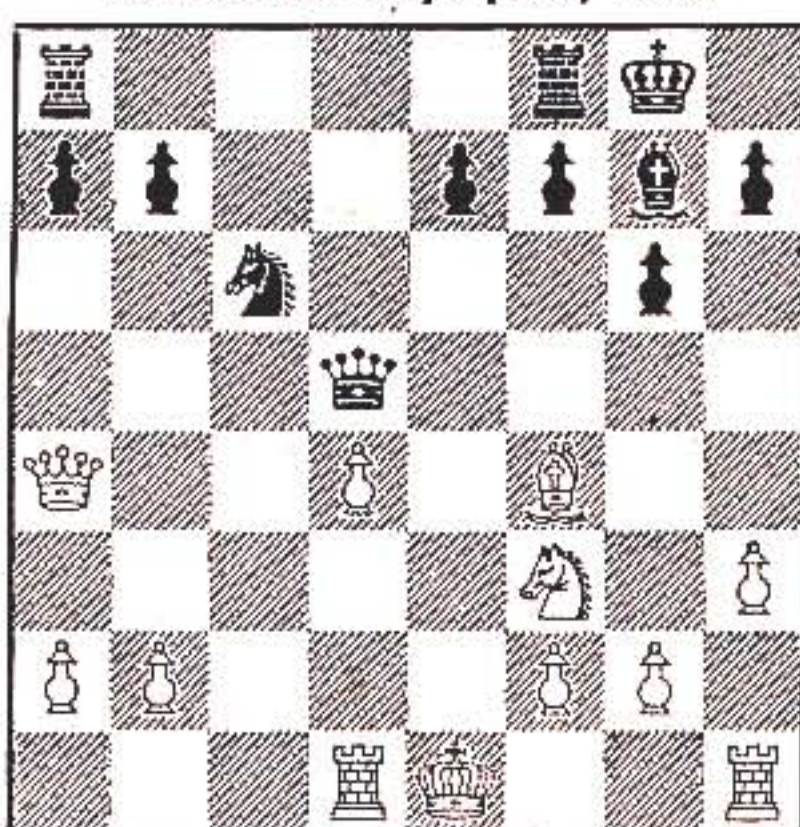
G. Borisenko vs. V. Simagin  
USSR, 1955



Black to play and win

Position No. 186

O. Benkner vs. N. Padevsky  
12th Chess Olympiad, 1956



Black to play and win

**I**N Position No. 185, Black made one move and White resigned. Position No. 186 occurred in the four-board match between the Saar and Bulgaria during the record-setting (34 countries) 12th Chess Olympiad held in Moscow during September. In the game, White resigned after Black's fourth move.

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.



Edmar Mednis is first among New York Latvian players. He met the three ranking players of the recent Latvian Tournament (Rankis, Pamiljens, and Zirnis) in a double round event for the Latvian title. Final results: Edmar Mednis 4½-1½, John Pamiljens and Peter Zirnis 3-3 each, and August Rankis 1½-4½. In the hard-fought battle Mednis was forced to concede one draw to each of his three opponents.

## 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. Humphrey Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois

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



## PRINTING FUND NOT YET ENOUGH

The CHESS LIFE Printing Fund is growing steadily, but still is not enough despite the generosity of numerous readers. While there was never any expectation that sufficient would be collected to completely retire the deficit, it would be a happy augury for the future if enough could be collected from individual chess players to make a noticeable dent. Below are a few comments from contributors:

Certainly all who enjoy and benefit from the game of chess should make an effort to show appreciation for what Chess Life and the U.S. Chess Federation are trying to do for us. If everyone can help just a little, we might generate enough enthusiasm to get out of debt, and then continue to grow without getting into the same trouble again.

**JOHN P. A. GREENWOOD**

This small contribution is far less than the pleasure which the Chess Life gives me.

**DR. RICHARD R. RIGLER**

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Chess Association on Labor Day, shortly before the final round in our 1956 state championship tournament, the twenty players present readily and gladly contributed the enclosed amount to the United States Chess Federation. We want you to apply this to the Chess Life Printing Fund as our small boost to the USCF and to American chess.

**STUART NOBLIN**

As of September 15, the Fund stood as follows:

Previously listed .....	\$181.00
Lewis J. Isaacs .....	25.00
Players in North Carolina	
Closed Championship .....	12.50
Mrs. Eva Aronson .....	10.00
Emil Reubens .....	10.00
Mrs. Morrill Goddard .....	5.00
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George Covington .....	2.50
Frank Fillery .....	2.25
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Peter Muto .....	1.00
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## MRS. VINES TOPS IN LOUISIANA

By a half-point margin Mrs. Irene Vines became the first woman to be champion of Louisiana and the second woman to hold a state title in the USA; the other was Mrs. Belcher who won the Vermont title two years ago. Scoring 5½-½, Mrs. Vines of New Orleans conceded one draw to Robert Scrivener in the final round. Second and third on Coons points with equal 5-1 scores were Newton Grant of Monroe and Robert Scrivener of Memphis. Grant lost one game to James Noel and Scrivener drew with Mrs. Vines and Alwyn Buckland. Fourth to eighth with 4½-1½ each were Alwyn Buckland of New Orleans, John Freeman of Bellaire, Tex., Kenneth Vines of New Orleans, Woodrow Crew of Shreveport, and Gary Erdal of New Orleans. Nine to fourteen in the 47-player Swiss with 4-2 each were James Noel of Shreveport, A. L. McAuley and A. M. Lockett, both of New Orleans, Fenner Parham of Natchez, Miss., Dr. Richard Rigler of Baltimore, Md., and David Walsdorff of New Orleans. The event drew players from Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Maryland and Louisiana, and was directed by Newton Grant.

## ROECKER TOPS IN IOWA OPEN

The second annual Iowa Open Championship, a three-day 7-rd Swiss event, was won by John Roecker, youthful Peoria, Ill. player, who won all seven of his games, among them a victory over Hugh Myers, also of Peoria, nationally-rated expert. In second place, losing only to Roecker, was Myers with 6-1. Winning Class A honors was Dr. A. W. Davis of Ames, Ia. with 5-2; second in Class A was John Warren, Moline, Ill., with 4-3. J. B. Smith, East Moline, Ill., was the Class B winner, while John Freund, Davenport, Ia., was second. Class C honors went to H. J. Krebill, Fort Madison, Ia., and Mrs. Heide Ferguson, Algona, Ia. A handsome engraved trophy with five-inch king atop was presented the winner. The event was held at the Tri-City Chess and Checker Club, Hickey Bldg., Davenport, Ia., and 15 players competed.

## POSCHER TAKES OHIO STATE MEET

Paul Poschel, University of Illinois graduate student, won the Ohio Open Championship at Columbus with 6½-½, drawing with T. Anderson. R. McCready placed second with 6-1 and won the Ohio State title as ranking resident player, losing one game to Poschel. Third to fifth with 5-2 were T. Anderson, Charles Heising, and Walter Mann. Sixth to eleventh with 4½-2½ each were D. Fidlow, H. Snyder, E. E. Stearns, V. Nutschall, R. Ling and R. Lake. M. Hill scored 4-3 in the 40-player Swiss to win the Ohio Junior title and Mrs. Willa Owens took the Ohio Women's title with 3-4 score. Only one player withdrew from the event—after five rounds.

## 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, Pennsylvania.

**A**LTHOUGH Virginia Polytechnic Institute does not have an organized chess club, an elimination tournament was held for the school championship. Robert Bonwell of Roanoke took the title ahead of Arthur Old of Tidewater. Almost 150 players participated in this event. Mr. Joe W. Guthridge, co-ordinator of student activities, writes that a club may be formed at V.P.I. in the near future.

The team representing Case Institute of Technology has qualified along with the Cleveland Chess Club in the eastern division of the Cleveland Chess League. These teams will compete against the Cleveland Latvians and the Atlantic Internationals for the metropolitan championship.

Michael Cesanek has transferred to the Pennsylvania State University from Muhlenberg College. Last year he took the unofficial Pennsylvania intercollegiate individual championship by winning every game on first board in the state team finals. Mike is a welcome addition to the Nittany Lion team.

Collegiate chess has hit Vermont. Rutland defeated Castleton Teachers College by a score of 12½-5½. Williams College of Massachusetts took a match from the Bennington Area Chess Club by 7½-6½. Bennington then took on New York's Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and lost 7½-4½.

Daniel Fidlow is now the city champion of Richmond, Virginia. He finished second in the tournament with 4-2. Robert Feeney won with 6-0, but he does not live in Richmond and cannot hold the title. Fidlow is the chess star at the University of Richmond.

Fordham University, the United States Intercollegiate Team Champion, was the correct answer to question 4.

Question 9: Eliot Hearst, vice-president of the USCF for college chess, is an instructor in psychology. Can you give the name of his school? If you are one of the first 5 to do so, you will have the pleasure of a fine smoke. The Mail Pouch Tobacco Company will give you a package of Kentucky Club Aromatic Mixture for sending me this answer. If you don't know where to buy postal cards, go to your tobacco store and get some Kentucky Club—its great!

Madison (Wis.) YMCA Chess Club has been organized, meeting at the YMCA, 207 West Washington Ave., Madison, Wis. on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. William Sims is acting chairman of the committee to draft by-laws and Robert J. Watson is director of the tournament that is already started to rank the members. There will be a class for beginners on the first Tuesday of every month. Visitors are cordially invited to attend the club.





# Directory of USCF Affiliates

(Continued from Issue of September 5)

## NEW JERSEY

**Independent Chess Club** (July 31, 1956).  
Open tournament in November, invitational tournaments for masters and expts. invitational High School championship. Meets Sunday afternoons, Tuesday evenings at 102 N. Maple Ave., East Orange, N.J. Address Edgar T. McCormick at meeting place.

**Hammonton Chess Club** (Oct. 30, 1956).  
Member club of S.J. Chess Assn. Address Dr. Leonard Strelfeld, 125-A Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N.J.

**Millville Chess Club** (November 30, 1956).  
Member club, S.J. Chess Assn. Address Guy Fisher, 913 N. 5th St., Millville, N.J.

**Trenton Chess Club** (May 30, 1957).  
Meets Mondays 8 p.m. at YMCA Annex, 505 E. State St. Address Andrew J. Sloan, 441 E. State St., Trenton 9, N.J.

**Log Cabin Chess Club** (May 30, 1957).  
Sponsors Eastern States Open. Meets at 30 Collamore Terr., West Orange, N.J. Address E. Forry Laucks at meeting place.

**Greater Wildwood Chess Club** (Oct. 30, 1956).  
Member club, So.J. Chess Assn. Meets Mondays 7:30 p.m. at Recreation Center, 243 E. Rio Grande Ave. Address Thomas Jorgensen, 136 W. Lavender Rd., Wildwood Crest, N.J.

**Woodbury Chess Club** (April 30, 1959).  
Meets Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Church, Broadway and Center Sts. Address Herb. A. Wright, 447 Elm St., Woodbury, N.J.

## NEW MEXICO

**Albuquerque YMCA Chess Club** (July 31, 1957).  
Conducts State Open Championship in November. Meets Fridays 6 p.m. Saturdays 12 noon, at YMCA, 101 Central Ave. N.W. Address Fred A. Driscoll Jr., 5313 Alice Ave. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M.

## NEW YORK

State Chess Association is not affiliated.  
**Brooklyn Chess Club** (January 31, 1958).  
Meets Tuesdays, Fridays, 7 p.m. at Brooklyn Academy of Music. Address Leonard Bader, 130 Martense St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Civic Center Chess Club of Brooklyn** (August 31, 1956).  
Meets Sundays 1 p.m. at War Memorial Recreation Center, Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn. Address Oliver Leeds, 272 Van Buren St., Brooklyn 21, N.Y.

**University of Buffalo Chess Club** (Dec. 31, 1956).  
Address c/o Carl M. Nepokroeff, 191 Brinkman St., Buffalo 11, N.Y.

**Queen City Chess Club of Buffalo** (May 30, 1959).  
Conducts Lake Erie Open in October, city championship November-February. Meets daily 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 410 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo 22, N.Y. Address club at meeting place.

**Jamestown YMCA Chess Club** (January 31, 1957).  
Conducts Chautauqua Co. championship in Spring. Meets Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. at YMCA, 4th St. Address Edwin Johnson, 183 Camp St., Jamestown, N.Y.

**IBM Chess Club** (May 30, 1959).  
Meets Fridays 7:30 p.m. at IBM Country Club. Address Chairman, House Activities, IBM Country Club, Watson Blvd., Johnson City, N.Y.

**City College Chess Club** (Dec. 31, 1956).  
Meets Wednesdays at college. Address Nathan Bley, 1724 Park Place, Brooklyn 33, N.Y.

**Manhattan Chess Club** (Sept. 30, 1956).  
Club's quarters at 100 Central Park South, New York 19, N.Y. open daily from noon on. Address secretary at meeting place.

**Marshall Chess Club** (March 31, 1959).  
Club's quarters at 23 W. 10th St., New York, N.Y., open daily from noon to midnight. Address secretary at meeting place.

**New York Academy of Chess and Checkers** (Aug. 31, 1957).  
Club's quarters at 212 W. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. open daily from noon on. Address secretary at meeting place.

**Port Authority Chess Club** (Aug. 31, 1956).  
Meets Wednesdays 5 p.m. at Port of New York Authority Bldg., 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N.Y. Address Betty Guala, Rm. 1503, at meeting place address.

**Niagara Falls Chess Club** (January 31, 1957).  
Meets Fridays 8 p.m., September through May, at Echo Club, 341 Portage Rd. Conducts Niagara County championship in May. Address Robt. E. Robinson, P.O. Box 192, Youngstown, N.Y.

**I.M.C. Industrial Chess League** (April 30, 1957).  
Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 8 p.m., at Kodak Park, 1669 Lake Ave., Rochester. Team tournaments October-May. Address John Schlauch, c/o Hawkeye Works, 20 Avenue E., Rochester, N.Y.

**Kodak Office Chess Club** (May 30, 1957).  
Meets noon weekdays at Kodak Office Recreation Center, 343 State St. Address Sherman E. Nelson, Eastman Kodak Co., 343 State St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

**Reeves Chess Club** (April 30, 1957).  
Meets Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. at Cafeteria, Reeves Inst. Corp., Zackendorf Blvd., Garden City. Address R. E. Pokorny, c/o Reeves Instrument Corp., Zackendorf Blvd., Garden City, N.Y.

**Kodak Park Chess Club** (Nov. 30, 1956).  
Meets alternate Mondays 7:30 p.m. at Bldg. 28, Kodak Park. Address Joseph J. Minella, KPAA Office, Bldg. 28, Kodak Park, Rochester 4, N.Y.

**Rochester Chess and Checker Club** (January 31, 1957).  
Meets every afternoon, and Wednesday evenings, at 360 Main St. East, Rochester 4, N.Y. Address secretary at meeting place.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**North Carolina Chess Association** (April 30, 1959).  
Invitational tournament in March, State Open in June, closed championship on Labor Day weekend. Address Dr. Norman M. Hornstein, Southport, N.C.

**Cape Fear Chess Club** (Nov. 30, 1956).  
Conducts Southeastern N.C. Open October-March. Meets Tuesdays 7 p.m. at Community Center, Orange & 2nd Sts. Address M. J. McChesney, 1115 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, N.C.

**Bismarck Chess Club** (March 31, 1957).  
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at World War Memorial Bldg. Address Johannes Folstad, 506 - 2nd St., Bismarck, N.D.

**Grand Forks Chess Club** (April 30, 1957).  
Meets Wednesdays 8 p.m. at YMCA, North 5th St. Address Melvin Johnson, YMCA, Grand Forks, N.D.

**OHIO**  
**Ohio Chess Association** (July 31, 1957).  
Open championship Labor Day weekend. Dues include USCF membership. Address Willa White Owens, 124 South Point Drive, Avon Lake, O.

**The Cleveland Chess Association** (October 30, 1956).  
City closed and open championships, team tournaments in Club, Industrial and Scholastic Leagues. Address Association at 1374 W. 117th St., Cleveland 7, O.

**The Atlantic Chess Club** (Dec. 31, 1956).  
Meets Thursdays 7:30 p.m. at 1374 W. 117 St., Cleveland. Address Joseph Chavayda, 3028 W. 100th St., Cleveland, O.

**Cleveland Twist Drill Chess Club** (May 30, 1959).  
Meets Fridays 7:30 p.m. at Cafeteria, 1242 E. 49th St., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Address secretary at meeting place.

**Toledo YMCA Chess and Checker Club** (Nov. 30, 1956).  
Annual Silver Knights tournament January-February. Meets Thursdays 7:30 p.m. at YMCA, 1110 Jefferson Ave. Address Steven L. Markowski, 609 Manhattan Bldg., 518 Jefferson Ave., Toledo 4, Ohio.

**Greco Chess Club** (April 30, 1957).  
Conducts Miami Valley Open February. Meets Thursdays 8 p.m. at YMCA, 19 Greene St., Xenia. Annual dues of \$5 include membership in club and USCF. Address Dr. H. B. McClellan, 200 Rogers St., Xenia, O.

**Emanu-el Chess Club** (April 30, 1957).  
Meets Sundays 3 p.m. at Temple Emanu-el, Room 206, 5th and Fairgreen, Youngstown. Address Larry Briskin, 58 Thornton Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

**Youngstown University Chess Club** (Dec. 31, 1956).  
Meets Main Bldg., Rm. 112, 410 Wick Ave. Address Wm. Tassian, President, 228 Lord Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

**OKLAHOMA**  
**Oklahoma Chess Association** (April 30, 1957).  
State championship between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Address Bob Virgin, c/o Tulsa Engraving Co., Court Arcade Bldg., Tulsa 6, Okla.

**OREGON**  
No affiliates in this State.

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Pennsylvania State Chess Federation** (Sept. 30, 1956).  
Restricted State Championship over Labor Day weekend. Dues of \$6.00 include USCF membership. Address T. C. Gutekunst, 1463 S. Jefferson St., Allentown, Pa.

**Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club** (March 31, 1957).  
Club's quarters open daily at 1616 Locust St., Philadelphia. Address secretary at meeting place.

**University of Pennsylvania Chess Club** (January 31, 1957).  
Meets Mondays, Fridays, 12-6 p.m., at Huston Hall, 34th and Spruce, Philadelphia 4. Address club at meeting place.

**Pittsburgh Chess Club** (January 31, 1957).  
Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Saturday afternoons and evenings, at Downtown YMCA, 304 Wood St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Address Adam K. Bert, 522 Park Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**P.S.U. Chess Club** (Oct. 31, 1956).  
Meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. at 7 Sparks Bldg., University Park. Address Robt. DeJisffe, Box 165, Nittany P.S.U., University Park, Pa. Summer address: 214-21st Ave., Altoona, Pa.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
No affiliates in this State.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
No affiliates in this State.  
(Please turn to page 4, col. 2)

## At New Jersey Open



Charles Keyser (left), President of the New Jersey State Chess Federation, congratulates the trio who tied for third, fourth and fifth prizes. Prize-winners (L to R) are Charles Witte, Orest Popovych, and Morton Siegel.

## ... Photography by Monterey Hotel Photos



Master Emeritus I. S. Turover of Washington, D.C. (left) plays an offhand game with Senior Master Alexander Kevitz, adjudicator at the N.J. Open Championship in Asbury Park. Turover was awarded the Brilliancy and Best-Played-Game prizes.



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## The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major,

It seems that opinions vary considerably on the 'opening draw' occurring in Swiss tournament play. In giving my own opinion, I may as well follow the points outlined in Mr. Bisno's letter published in August, but please note that no malice is intended. Now for the split-hairs:

1. When a player is supposed to show the public the stuff he's made of, should it be in individual games or rather in his entire overall tournament showing? Suppose a player is likely to be paired with Reshevsky whether he wins or draws. Wouldn't it be logical to make a draw as soon as possible in order to conserve some of that vital stuff, to avoid fatigue, and to get a little more time for preparation. As far as that goes, a draw might allow a player to avoid a particularly strong opponent yet enable him to place just as high, when playing said strong opponent could ruin his chances with a loss. Maybe an agreed draw in one round could allow a player to finish with the same score but with a higher set of tie-breaking points.

2. Of course the premature agreement of a draw will (or more safely said, may) cause a change in the standings of others. Regardless, 50% of the players will finish in the bottom half.

3. It is no doubt that many agreed draws would finish otherwise, but let's take another example. Suppose that by drawing a game I could be paired with Master Ulvestad or Master Zemgalis in a local tournament. My pairings would not be changed if I won the tournament game, but if I lost, my chances would be ruined. In an undecided position, of course I'd take a draw. It would be a great opportunity to get to play either of these people and I wouldn't want to hurt my chances.

Unfortunately, this could be considered a moral problem, but I think I know the perfect solution. Ban the Swiss System. In a round robin a player must play to win if he is to show. In a swill however, things are so indefinite that showings may be way out of proportion to actual player strengths. Of course, that's encouraging for the not-so-strong player (and I happen to belong to that group), but it does make the above possible. Well, if it isn't possible, why are draws agreed to prematurely?

In a recent tournament, I reached a state of mental exhaustion by the last round. My opponent allowed me to force a draw by repetition, not thinking I was playing for a draw. I could not have won the game and I had one game adjourned. I lost the adjourned game and my drawn-with opponent received a bottom half prize. No draw was actually prearranged. What about situations like this?

DENNIS E. HAMILTON

*We publish below extracts from a letter describing the new method used in North Carolina to apportion cash prizes among players with equal game scores. This method differs from the USCF regulation governing all USCF directly sponsored events in which it is provided that cash prizes for all positions held in a tie on games won shall be divided equally among the players tied for those positions without regard to any tie-breaking points.—The Editor.*

Dear Mr. Major:

We have introduced a new method for dividing prize money among players with tied scores, especially where multiple ties are involved. The simple use of a tie breaking system is unfair, since situations arise in which large prize differentials would sometimes be determined by small point differentials. Likewise, it is too simple to say that all players with equal point scores are equally deserving of duplicate prizes, in as much as a great difference in opponent strength may be involved. As a compromise answer to this problem, we have included in the Tournament Regulations the statement:

Players with equal game scores will be considered tied, except for prizes, where to be tied, a player must have within two S.M. points of the top man in his group. Tied prize winners will divide prize money evenly.

The use of a two point SM differential to break ties for prize money appears to be a most logical solution to the problem of multiple ties. . . .

ALBERT M. JENKINS, M.D.  
Raleigh, N.C.

## The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

**WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT, AMSTERDAM, MARCH-APRIL 1956.** Paper, 38 pp., electrotpe offset. British Chess Magazine, 20 Chestnut Road, West Norwood, London, Great Britain. \$1.

ALL ninety game scores of the tourney won by Smyslov appear in this neat volume, together with tables, indexes, and a brief introduction. Thirty-five of the games ended in decisions, and many of the stand-offs are real draws. Five of the ten players bunched at 9½ points, only 2 behind the winner. Petrosian was the only winner against Smyslov; but he was also the only player to blunder away his queen to Bronstein. Keres was second, Szabo third (on tie-break). The others, Spassky, Bronstein, Geller, Filip, Panno, and Pilnik, all turned in wins; in this company, even back-marker Pilnik's 5 points may be called respectable.

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### TEXAS

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Meets Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. at Lindale Recreation Bldg., 3133 Swantner Drive. Address club, P.O. Box 42, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Dallas YMCA Chess Club (February 28, 1957).

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Meets Fridays 7 p.m. at Room 285, Bldg. 2. Address Capt. Wm. D. Lee, 209 Morgan Ave., Van Horne Park, El Paso, Tex.

Fort Worth Chess Club (Dec. 31, 1956).

Meets Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m., at YMCA, 512 Lamar St. Dues include membership in USCF. Address Frank R. Graves, 202 Farm & Home Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

Pampa Chess Club (Nov. 30, 1956).

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San Antonio Chess Club (May 30, 1957).

Meets Thursdays 7 p.m. at Woodlawn Gym, 1103 Cincinnati. Address Allen H. Baker Jr., 1811 Edison Drive, San Antonio, Tex.

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Wisconsin Chess Association (March 31, 1957).

State championship in May, North-Central Open in November. Address Association at 229 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 2, Wis.

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Conducts County championship October-November. Meets Mondays 7:30 p.m. at Douglas Park Community House, 2221 Douglas Ave. Address Arthur Domskey, 1519 Hamilton Ave., Racine, Wis.

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Meets Tuesdays 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 15 Taylor Ave., Manasquan, N.J. Address E. G. Pulver, 372 Perrine Blvd., Manasquan, N.J.

Atlanta Chess Club (August 31, 1957).

Meets Fridays 7:30 p.m. at YMCA, 145 Luckie St. N.W., Atlanta, Ga. Co-sponsors state championship, Sept., conducts city championship, March. Address T. C. Kindel, Secy., 2231 Belvedere Ave. S.W., Atlanta 11, Ga.

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Encanto Chess Club (July 31, 1957).

Conducts state open championship Labor Day weekend. Meets Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. at "The Den," 2700 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. Address C. E. Hunter, 2935 W. Lincoln, Phoenix, Ariz.

The October issue of Canadian Chess Chat will be a special number devoted to the First Canadian Open Championship at Montreal and will serve as a tournament book for this event. It will probably be the last issue edited by founder D. A. MacAdam, who is bowing reluctantly to his doctor's orders to take life more leisurely and retiring as editor. Chess Chat was founded in 1947 and has become the outstanding chess publication of Canada, being the official organ of the Chess Federation of Canada. An editorial committee will share the labors heretofore borne variantly by MacAdam alone, hoping to maintain the high level and standard set by the founder.

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# LARRY EVANS ON CHESS

By International Master LARRY EVANS



## The Fall of a System

THE following game was crucial. It decided the title in the last round of the recent Canadian "Open" championship. Sherwin, needing only a half point to insure himself of a tie for first, adopted a dubious system with which Black has scored some striking successes in the past (notably Horowitz's victory over Reshevsky in the Rosenwald, 1955-56, and Panno's victory over Bisguier at Goteburg, 1955). Here, after move 14 White achieved a positional stranglehold. How? The strategical principles are of sufficient general interest to warrant inclusion of the whole game. For an opening advantage, properly exploited, should cut right into the endgame.

### BENONI COUNTER GAMBIT

White: EVANS Black: SHERWIN

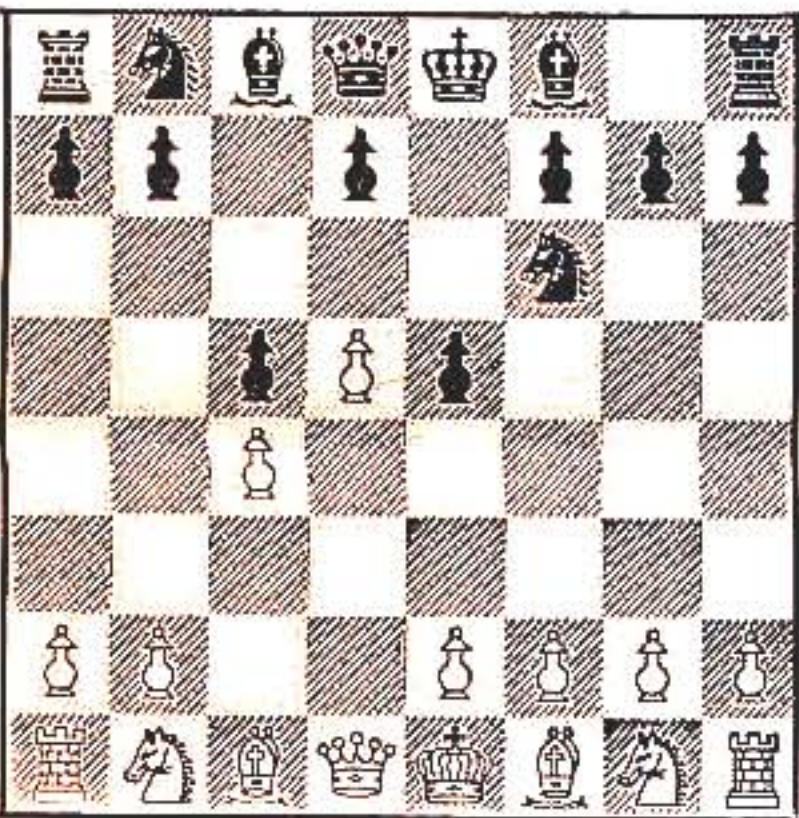
- 1. P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-QB4

This introduces the "Benoni." It leads to sharp counterplay, and may be Black's best way to inject an early struggle into the game.

- 3. P-Q5

And this is White's best way to hold his advantage. Several recent games have shown that the natural 3. N-KB3 permits Black full equality after PxP; 4. NxP, P-K3!

- 3. P-K4



Position after 3. P-K4

Sherwin adopts this system when he is playing for a win. At the time of this game, he and Lombardy were tied for first with 7½, whereas I trailed by a half point. A win would have assured Sherwin clear first (Lombardy offered Vaitonis an early draw), but after the first dozen moves the pressure was off, and he gladly would have settled for a draw.

At New Orleans, "Open," 1954 (where we also met in the last round), Sherwin chose 3. P-K3; 4. N-QB3, PxP; 5. PxP, P-Q3 which gives Black more chances because he can operate on the semi-open K-file.

If the Benoni is to be played at all, Black must renounce 3. P-K4, as this game shows.

- 4. N-QB3 P-Q3
- 5. P-K4 P-KN3
- 6. B-Q3

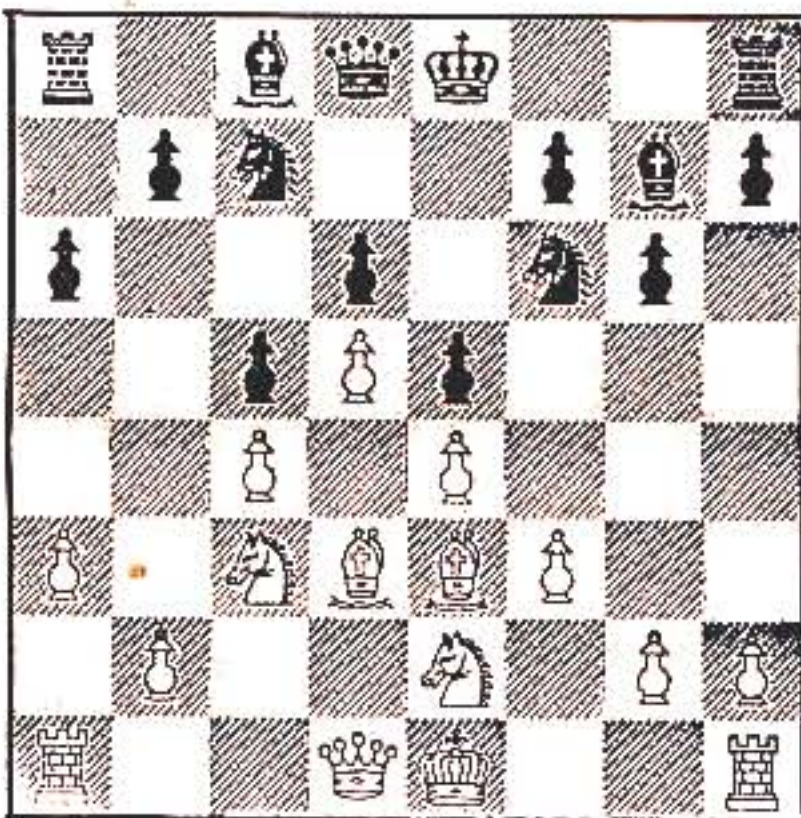
A good place for the Bishop. It ob-

serves two key diagonals: KB1-QR6 and QN1-KR7. It exerts masked pressure on each of Black's breaks: at QN4 and/or KB4.

- 6. B-N2
- 7. KN-K2 N-R3

This has become a commonplace maneuver. The Knight is headed for QB2, where it will support the eventual P-QN4. It is a question whether Black might do better to castle immediately, and bring the other Knight around (via K1 and B2) to support this advance.

- 8. P-B3 N-B2
- 9. B-K3 P-QR3
- 10. P-QR3!



Position after 10. P-QR3!

Already Black is strategically lost! It is White who breaks first at QN4. White has the ideal flexible position. He has an attack on both wings. If Black castles, P-KN4 followed by P-KR4, as in the game, is impossible to meet. The theme of the rest of the game is "attack on both wings." Black is lost!

- 10. O-O
- 11. Q-Q2 KN-K1
- 12. P-KN4

Here it comes!

- 12. P-R3

Sherwin took a long time deciding on this ultra-conservative move. The point is 13. BxP? loses to Q-R5ch. Black's only other chance to free his game lay in 12. P-B4. But after 13. NPxP, PxP; 14. B-N5!, B-B3; 15. R-KN1, BxB; 16. RxB, K-R1; 17. PxP White wins a Pawn, with a strong attack yet to follow.

The text succeeds in locking the K-side. Black must do it—to prevent the attack. White is happy to do it—for now he is free to operate on the Q-side without worrying about counterplay.

Against Panno, Bisguier made the mistake of castling on the K-side. The key to White's strategy is to leave his King in the center until Black has committed himself.

- 13. P-KR4 K-R2
- 14. N-N3 B-Q2

Now Black is threatening P-QN4 himself. So the time has come—

- 15. P-N4 P-N3

Forced—and an admission of strategical defeat. All Black's best laid plans have gone awry. Equally hopeless is 15. P-N4, P-N3; 16. P-N4, P-N3; 17. P-N4, P-N3, with a potent Pawn majority.

- 16. R-QN1 R-R1
- 17. P-R5

The moment has come to close it up. White has decided that control of the QN file is decisive.

- 17. P-KN4
- 18. O-O R-KN1

Black can only mark time.

- 19. PxP NPxP
- 20. R-N3 N-B3
- 21. KR-N1 B-KB1
- 22. B-QB2

This Bishop is headed for QR4. Once Black's Q-Bishop goes, White can penetrate on QN7.

- 22. QN-K1
- 23. N-Q1

This Knight is headed for K3—where it will threaten to occupy the hole at KB5.

- 23. N-N2
- 24. Q-K2

This has three ideas. (1) To prevent a sacrifice on KN4, which is Black's only hope for counterplay. (2) To make way for the Bishop on Q2, where it can be shifted to QR5. (3) To clear a path for the Bishop, and in so doing clearing K3 for the Knight. It is only a question of regrouping.

- 24. B-K2
- 25. B-B2

Do I hear any protests. Slightly inconsistent with the last note! Yes. But White has decided that 26. B-Q2, B-R5; 27. R(3)-N2, BxB; 28. RxB, R-QN1 allows Black to free his game by too many exchanges. Hence the Bishop is headed for K1 instead of Q2. The loss of time means nothing in closed positions. Now 25. B-B2, B-R5 is met by 26. R(3)-N2, BxB; 27. QxB, and still Black cannot contest the QN file.

- 25. Q-B1
- 26. N-K3

Just in time to prevent any annoying sacrifices on KN4. Another point, incidentally, to stationing the Knight on K3.

- 26. B-Q1
- 27. B-K1 B-B2
- 28. Q-Q1

Black wants to bring this "bad Bishop" to QR4 and exchange it. Why "bad"? Because this Bishop is hemmed in by its own Pawns.

- 27. B-K1 B-B2
- 28. Q-Q1

Returning to the old idea of B-R4.

- 29. Q-Q1
- 29. R-N7 B-B1
- 30. R(7)-N2

A slight finesse. If now 30. B-Q2; 31. B-R4, and White has gained a tempo. It would be the same position prior to move 29, except that the Rook is on N2 instead of N3, where it blocks B-R4.

- 30. R-K1
- 31. B-R4 R-K2
- 32. B-B6 R-R2
- 33. Q-R4

This is a waste of time, but White is marking time until the time-control. The winning idea is to trip on the QN file (by R-N3, R(1)-N2, and Q-N1). White gets around to this in due time.

- 33. N-N1
- 34. K-N2 N-B3
- 35. Q-B2 N-N1
- 36. B-B3 N-B3
- 37. R-N3 K-N1
- 38. R(1)-N2 K-R2
- 39. Q-N1 K-N1
- 40. N(3)-B5!

The time has come. Now Black must part with his Q-Bishop by force.

- 40. NxN
- 41. NxN BxN
- 42. KPxB

The point of White's strategy has now become readily apparent. QN7 is ripe for invasion, and the Bishop on B3 prevents the counterplay which normally would be available with P-K5. The immediate threat, of course, is R-N8.

- 42. K-R2
- 43. R-N7 RxR
- 44. RxR K-N2

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Al Wills of New Orleans won the annual Louisiana Speed Championship with 9-2 score; second also with 9-2 was A. L. McAuley, also of New Orleans. James Noel of Shreveport was third with 8-3 in the 12-player event.

## Women's Chess Life

By Willa White Owens

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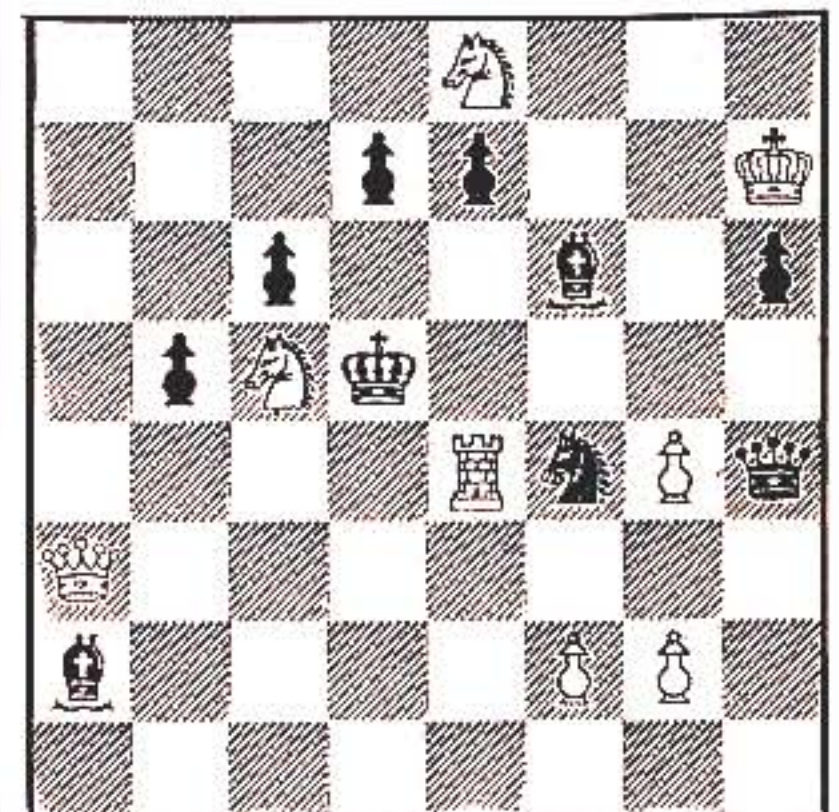
IN California, the Herman Steiner Group has about forty female members! A program of beginner's classes, tournaments, and other activities has kept this club constantly expanding.

One new woman member has attracted much interest and speculation on her chess future. I'll have to let Mrs. Lena Grumette tell you about it in her own inimitable fashion:

"I've been making like a chess teacher in ten easy lessons—teaching a friend, Estelle Wagner, who had finally grown tired of listening politely to my chess chatter and had decided to find out what it is all about. Ever eager to initiate the unsuspecting, I undertook to show her a thing or two.

"It soon appeared, however, that I myself had been the unsuspecting one. In no time I discovered I had a demon on my hands, who absorbed everything my struggling efforts could produce in the way of books, lessons, etc., and still clamored for more. Finally, in self-defense—or orneriness—I gave her a 'three-mover' chess problem to practice on. A three-mover to a rank beginner of three months' standing!! From then on she lived and breathed that chess problem. All sense of reality vanished. Nothing mattered but the problem, the board and chessmen. She overworked each piece until every conceivable move or combination of moves had been made (she may even have discovered some new ones.) She called me at all hours of the day, 1:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., before, during, and after meals, to discuss her latest variation. I'd given up trying to solve the problem myself after the second day, and I hoped she would concede defeat by that time. But I failed to reckon with her extraordinary tenacity, perseverance, and powers of concentration!

### The Problem



White mates in three

Seventy-two hours after I gave her this problem she showed me the solution. She had found the key move and worked out the mate in every variation! And they say

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## HAWTHORNER WINS MICHIGAN

USCF Senior Master Donald Byrne of Ann Arbor, formerly of Brooklyn and the Hawthorne C. C., took time off from his quest for a Ph. D. at the University of Michigan to win the State Title. His knack for winning Pawns and decisive king-side attacks is shown in this thirty-eight mover from the Seventh (Semi-Final) Round.

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

MCO: page 156, column 12, (e:A)  
Michigan State Championship  
Ann Arbor, 1956

White: **D. BYRNE**, Black: **J. WASSERMAN**  
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3  
2. P-QB4 P-K3  
3. K1-KB3  
Byrne played this move twice in the tournament, 3. Kt-QB3 once.  
3. P-Q4  
Wasserman chooses the Orthodox Defense. The Queen's Indian Defense (3. P-QKt3) is a good equalizer.  
4. K1-B3  
If 4. B-Kt5, B-Kt5 ch; 5. Kt-B3, PxP; 6. P-K4, P-B4.

4. B-K2  
The Semi-Tarrasch Defense (4. P-B4; 5. BPxP, KtxP) is more active.  
5. B-Kt5 QKt-Q2  
6. P-K3 P-KR3  
The precise move is 6. P-B3.  
7. B-B4

The effect of preserving the QB, which this and the next move accomplish, is to give Black a cramped position.

7. P-B3  
Not 7. Kt-R4? 8. PxP, KtxB; 9. PxKt, PxP; 10. KtxP.

8. P-KR3! O-O  
9. P-R3  
Or 9. Q-B2, 10. O-O-O, and 11. P-KKt4, with rosy attacking prospects.

9. R-K1  
Better is 9. PxP; 10. BxBP, Kt-Q4.  
10. R-B1 Kt-B1  
11. P-B5!

With Black unable to make the prescribed P-K4 counter, this entering wedge is particularly strong.

11. Kt-Kt3  
12. B-R2 Kt-Q2  
If 12. P-Kt3; 13. P-QKt4, PxP; 14. KtPxP, and the wedge-pawn remains.

13. B-Q3 Kt/2-B1  
14. O-O B-B3  
15. P-K4! P-K4?

Faced with 16. P-K5, and indefinite cramp, Black tries the thematic break he has worked for—and loses. Relatively best is 16. PxP; although White maintains his grip on the game.

16. PxKP KtxP  
If 16. PxP; 17. PxP (17. BxP, is good too) PxP (17. QxB; 18. QxQ, PxQ; 19. PxP, KxP; 20. KR-Q1, and White wins a Pawn) 18. PxP, KxP; 19. B-Q6, wins the QP (19. B-B4? 20. Kt-Q4).

17. KtxKt BxKt  
If 17. PxP; 18. BxP, QxQ; 19. KRxQ, BxKt; 20. BxB, RxB; 21. R-QB! RxP; 22. R-K1, and White has a winning position.

18. BxB RxB  
19. P-B4  
White finds the flaw in 15. P-K4.  
19. R-K1  
20. PxP Q-R4

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If 20. PxP; 21. KtxP, QxKt? 22. B-R7 ch, wins the Queen.  
21. Kt-K4

If 21. PxP? QxP ch.  
21. PxP R-Q1  
22. Kt-Q6

Better is 22. R-K2.  
23. Q-R5

Now Byrne wins the QP or the BP and launches a direct king-side attack.  
23. Q-B2  
24. QxQP B-K3  
25. Q-B3

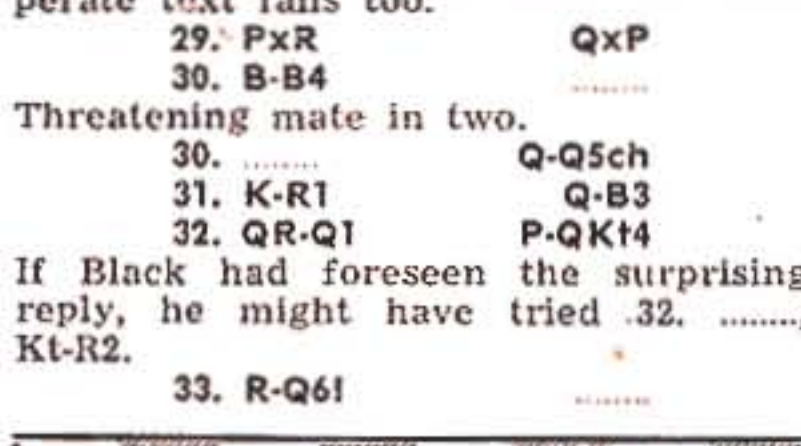
25. QxP? loses a piece.  
25. QR-Kt1 27. P-QKt4 B-B3  
26. P-B5 B-Q2 28. Q-R5

Threatening 29. P-B6.  
28. RxB

If 28. Kt-R2; 29. P-B6! KtxP; 30. RxB, PxR; 31. QxP, wins. The desperate text fails too.  
29. PxR QxP  
30. B-B4

Threatening mate in two.  
30. Q-Q5ch  
31. K-R1 Q-B3  
32. QR-Q1 P-QKt4

If Black had foreseen the surprising reply, he might have tried 32. Kt-R2.  
33. R-Q6!



A star move!  
33. BxPch

If 33. Q-K2; White has a nice choice of 34. RxB, 34. BxP ch, and 34. P-B6. And if 33. QxR; 34. QxP ch, K-R2; 35. Q-Kt8 mate.

34. KxB Q-K2 36. RxPch! KtxR  
35. B-Q5 P-Kt3 37. QxKtch K-B1  
Or 37. K-R1; 38. QxP ch, K-Kt1; 39. R-KKt1, and White mates.  
38. QxRPch Resigns

Vigorous play by the new Champion.

## KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 92, column 63  
Tartahower Memorial Tournament  
Detroit, 1956

Notes by U.S. Master  
Ariel Mengarini, M.D.

White: **A. MENGARINI**, Black: **R. UHLMAN**  
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Q-B2  
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3

A move which I introduced in the Ventnor City Tournament of 1941 as an antidote to the Gruenfeld Defense. Against it Black essays a line which I had underestimated, making a counter-gambit out of it, with surprising and devastating results.  
3. P-Q4 66. PxP KtxP  
4. PxP B-B4! 7. Kt-KB3  
5. Q-R4ch P-B3

Black's gain of several tempi in return for which White has an apparently sound central pawn, makes for a position with explosive potentialities. Hence the plausible text is not sufficient. In return Black deserves the greatest credit for finding the move which permits him to capitalize on his advantage in time.  
7. P-K4!! 8. P-K3

Unwilling to spend more time capturing pawns which have no bearing on the position, White seeks to mobilize his K-side. In fact, after 8. PxP, Kt-K5; 9. P-KKt4 (what else?), Kt-B4; 10. Q-KB4, BxKt; 11. RxB, Kt-Kt5 White is in no less trouble.  
8. BxKt! 13. K-K1 PxP  
9. RxB B-Kt5ch 14. B-Kt5 Q-Kt3  
10. B-Q2 BxBch 15. BxKt PxB  
11. KxB O-O 16. QxQP Q-R4ch  
12. R-Q1 Kt-K5ch 17. P-Kt4

This pawn advance later helps Black to open up more lines for his pieces. No sooner does White repair his defenses in one sector than something else gives way.  
17. Q-KB4 19. PxP QxP  
18. Q-Kt2 P-B4! 20. Kt-Q2

This attempt to dislodge Black's terrible Kt is frustrated by a beautiful combination. It is clear, however, that on other tries Black pours in the open Q-side with his Rooks and at the very least captures the QRP before White can disentangle himself.  
20. Q-QR4 22. Q-Q4 KR-Q1!!  
21. P-B3 QR-Kt1

23. PxKt  
I had no recourse. After 23. QxKt, R-Kt7 and wins in a few moves because after my Kt falls, my King can't get out of there fast enough. No more castling this game!  
23. RxQ 26. KR-B1 R-Kt7  
24. PxR Q-B6 27. R-B3 RxP  
25. K-K2 QxP Resigns



There is nothing left but to chalk this one up to experience, viz.: It is generally unrewarding for a player to accept a pawnless return for a backward position. Black showed a nice adaptability in playing 7. P-K4!! after seemingly having committed himself to a fianchetto development of his KB. It must not be thought, however, that he was taking any extra risk in offering a second pawn. Any less energetic course would fall to back up the initial pawn sacrifice and would allow White to consolidate. A gambit is that kind of a game, all or nothing at all.

## NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

MCO: page 107, column 34  
Heart of America Open  
Kansas City, 1956

Notes by U.S. Expert Claude Hillinger  
White: **C. HILLINGER**, Black: **C. WEBERG**

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. P-QR3 BxKtch  
2. P-QB4 P-K3 6. PxP O-O  
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 7. PxP PxP  
4. P-K3 P-Q4 8. B-Q3 Kt-K5?

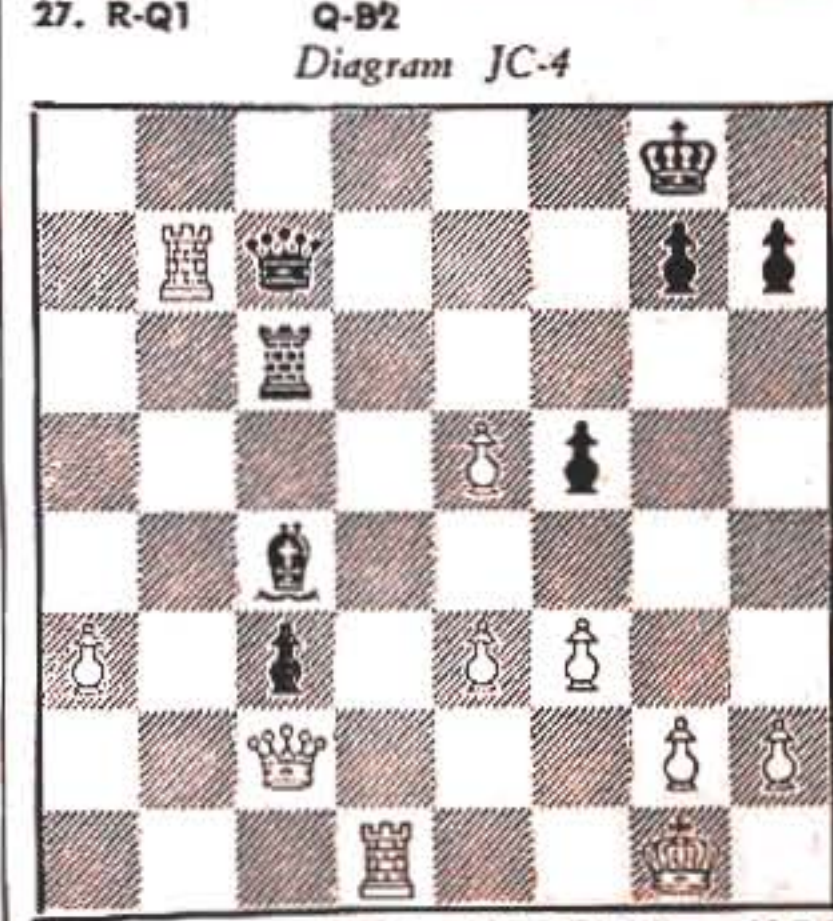
This and his next move are weak since the remaining Black Bishop is completely shut in.  
9. Q-B2 P-KB4 11. O-O P-B3  
10. Kt-B3 Kt-Q2 12. P-QB4  
Opening up the game for the Bishops.  
12. R-B3  
A futile attacking move in an inferior position.  
13. PxP PxP 16. Q-R2 B-K3  
14. Q-Kt3 Kt-B1 17. P-B3! Kt-Q3  
15. Kt-K5! R-Kt3  
If Kt-B6; 18. Q-QB2! winning a pawn.  
18. B-Q2 P-QR4 20. R-B5! ?  
19. QR-B1 Kt-Kt3  
Winning the exchange. More solid

would have been 20. KtxKt, PxKt; 21. P-K4! with an iron grip on the position.

20. KtxKt 24. Q-QB2 RxB  
21. PxKt Kt-B5 25. RxB R-B3  
22. BxKt PxB 26. R-Kt5  
23. BxP P-B6

Tempting Black's next two moves. Had he seen the danger, he might have played 26. Q-B2; 27. R-Q1, P-KKt3! In that case White still has technical difficulties to overcome due to Black's advanced pawn.  
26. B-B5? 28. RxP!!  
27. R-Q1 Q-B2

Diagram JC-4



28. QxR 32. Q-K8ch K-B4  
29. R-Q8ch K-B2 33. P-Kt4ch  
30. QxPch K-K2 Resigns  
31. Q-B8ch K-K3

## TWO BISHOPS ON THE SEVENTH RANK

Knowledge that two Rooks on the seventh rank form an overwhelming combination has long been an appurtenance of every chess player. In the following game with the National Junior Correspondence Champion, an utterly new thesis is propounded. Namely, that two Bishops on the seventh rank may spell absolute damnation.

## KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

(Yugoslav Variation)  
MCO: page 89  
Correspondence Game, 1956

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D.  
White: **E. GODBOLD**, Black: **N. M. HORNSTEIN**

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. Kt-KB3 P-Q3  
2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 6. O-O Kt-B3!  
3. P-KKt3 B-Kt2 7. P-Q5 Kt-QR4  
4. B-Kt2 O-O

This move, which has become so fearsome in the last two years, proves that the boring adage 'nothing is ever new' (so popular with some annotators) should be thrown in the ashcan together with the works of Spengler—the only serious philosopher of the repetitive theory. In 1951-52, the Chess Correspondent printed an encyclopedic review of the King's Indian. At that time, master play only revealed 7. Kt-Kt1 usually leading to an advantage for White. The text move, however, has won so many master games that 7. P-Q5 has almost been given up.  
8. Kt-Q2  
The best move. If 8. QKt-Q2, P-B4; 9. P-QR3, P-QKt4!  
8. P-B4  
Spassky's move 8. P-B3! may be better. The Kt cannot be trapped by QKt4 after Black plays Kt-K1.  
9. P-QR3 Kt-Q2 10. Q-B2  
Euwe states that this is an improvement over 10. R-R2, Kt-K4; 11. Q-B2, B-B4!; 12. P-K4, B-Q2; 13. P-KR3, P-QKt4 with superiority for Black partly on account of White's weakness at Q3. This suggestion (originally of Bouwmeester) is adopted in the text but still seems to give Black an advantage.  
10. P-QR3 11. QKt-B3 Kt-K4!  
With this move, Black enforced his next move with complete freedom of all his pieces. Positionally one should



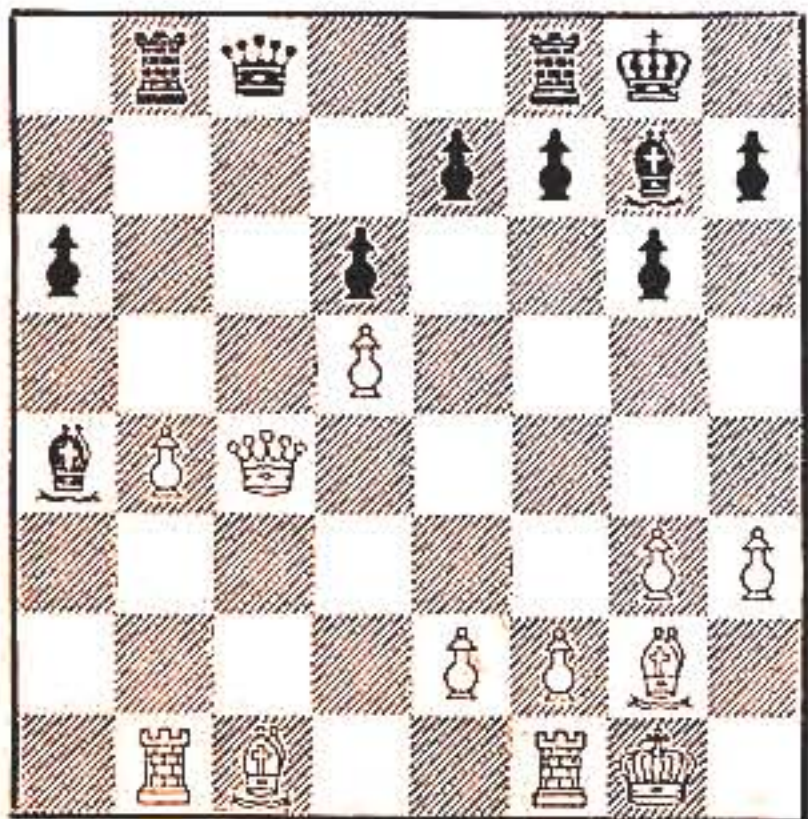
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then take note, that he is better off than White because the fianchettoed Bishop has much more sweep than his counterpart. This is the secret of Black's later win and underscores the weakness of 7. P-Q5—the old standby. 12. Kt-Q1 P-QKt4 14. R-Kt1 PxP 13. Kt-K3 B-Q2 15. P-R3 Q-K1 A cute move, which makes White's last trappy maneuver a tempo deficit. On the previous move, White had no better than the general exchange of Kts at QB4 when Black still would have had more range of motion.

16. Kt/3xP 18. QxKt R-Kt1! 17. KtxKt KtxKt 19. P-QKt4

White has to get his Bishop out, but the text move gives Black a definite edge. 19. P-QKt3 was better. If 19. QxRP, B-Kt4; 20. Q-R4, BxKP; 21. R-K1, B-Q6; 22. R-R1, BxKtP; 23. BxB, RxB; 24. Q-B6, Q-Kt4 and Black stands better. 19. B-Kt4! 20. Q-B2 P-B5 Normally a single passed pawn is not too dangerous. Here the mobility of Black's two Bishops turns the lowly pawn into an actual attacking piece—for a minute but important moment. The threat is P-B6 and B-R5. 21. P-QR4 BxP 22. QxBP Q-B1!



Here Black despises the win of the exchange by 22. R-B1; 23. QxP, B-B7 because White can then at least draw with the passed QKtP.

23. QxQ KRxQ 25. QR-B1 B-Kt7 24. B-Kt5 B-B7

Two Bishops on the Seventh! This ecclesiastical pair puts the advocates of the two Rooks to shame. For nothing can now stop the QRP from reaching the Eighth (Heaven, I presume).

26. QR-K1 RxP 30. P-B4 P-R6 27. BxP R-Kt3 31. B-B1 R-R1! 28. B-Kt5 P-QR4 32. P-K4 B-Q5ch 29. B-Q2 P-R5 Resigns

Such is the Glory of Correspondence Chess and the temporality of worldly books and the everlasting infinitude of the variations.

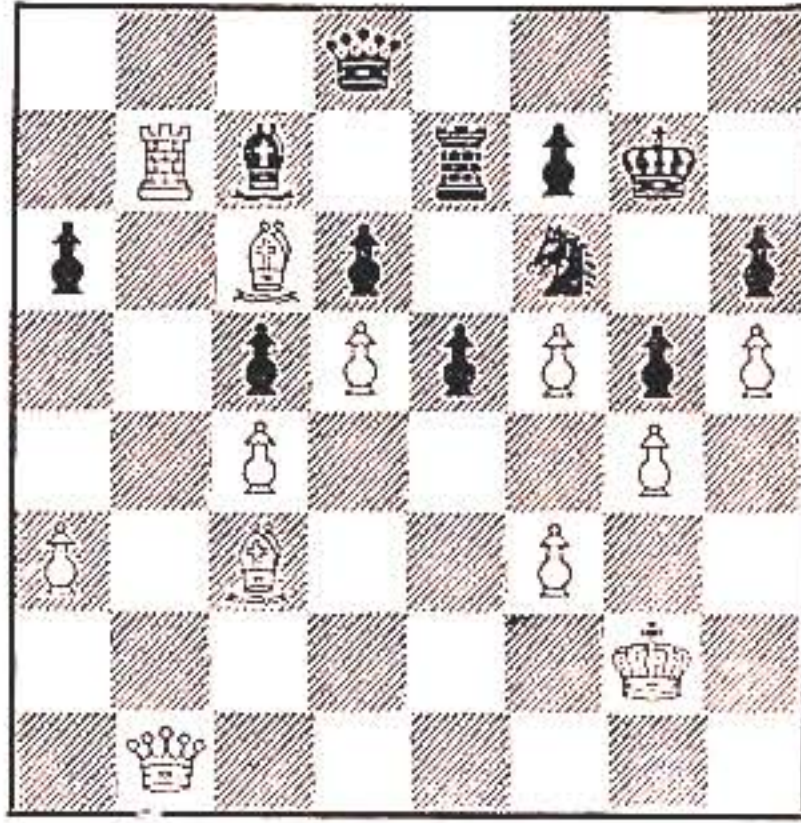
For the third straight year, Donald Burdick is the Huntington City Champion. Burdick, W. Va. Co-Champion, scored 10½-½, drawing with Dr. S. Werthammer. Charles Morgan, a former City champion, finished second with 9-2 and Dr. Werthammer was third with 8½-2½. Surprise of the tournament was Paul Sayre who beat Morgan and Werthammer and led the field for several rounds; Sayre finished with 7-4. Thirteen-year old Jack Abraham tallied 5½-5½ in the 12-player event. The rapid transit tourney was also won by Burdick, with Morgan second, and Werthammer and Sayre tied for third.



Arpad Elo tallied 6-1 to win the annual Wisconsin Speed title at Watertown, Wis: Second, also with 6-1, was 1955 Speed Champion John Grkavac. Third and fourth with 5-2 scores were Richard Kujoth and Marshall Rohland, while fifth and sixth in the 24-player event with 4½-2½ each were Dr. L. C. Young and Ernest Rozzals.

## EVANS ON CHESS

(Continued from page 5, col. 3)



Position after 44. ...., K-N2

Black seems to have consolidated. Now one move smashes all his illusions.

45. R-R7! Threatening, of course, R-R8. 45. B-R4 Desperation, in extreme time pressure. A pretty ending arises after 45. N-Q2 (to meet R-R8 with N-N1). White then wins with 46. P-B6ch!, KxP; 47. Q-R7!

46. RxR White is eager to permit Black no counterplay, such as might arise after 46. BxB, QxB; 47. RxR, Q-Q7ch; 48. K-R1, Q-KB7 though it is true 49. Q-Q1 now wins. White selects a roundabout, but sure, winning method instead.

46. BxB 47. Q-N7 48. R-B7 Threat: R-B8. 48. B-R4 49. R-B8 50. Q-N8 51. RxB 52. R-K8!

A strong simplification. 52. QxP, PxP ch; 53. K-R3, P-B7; 54. QxQ, P-B8=Qch; 55. K-N3 submits White to a host of checks, though it is likely he can escape the perpetual.

52. Pxpch 53. KxP NxR 54. QxN Q-B3 55. Q-K3 Q-R8 56. K-N3 Q-KB8 57. Q-B3

Better is 57. Q-B3ch. Now Black occupies the dark square KB3 with his King. The win is there, but White has technical difficulties. What he must do is bring his extra Bishop into play.

57. Q-K8ch 58. K-R3 K-B3 59. B-N7 P-R4 60. B-B6 Q-B8 61. B-N5 Q-K8 62. K-N2

It is interesting that once White closes the game with P-QR4—which he is not foolish enough to do—the game can no longer be won!

62. Q-K4 63. B-R4 Q-N7ch 64. K-R3 Q-B8 65. B-N3! Black is now in Zugzwang! If 65. K-K2; 63. P-B6ch! wins. On 65. Q-K4; 66. Q-N3 does the trick.

65. QxP 66. Q-B3ch K-K2 67. P-B6ch K-Q2 68. Q-K3! P-R5 69. Q-K7ch K-B1 70. Q-K8ch K-B2 71. Q-B6ch K-N1 72. QxPch K-B1 73. Q-B6ch K-N1 74. QxRP and wins.

## WOMEN'S CHESS

(Continued from page 5, col. 4)

women lack the essential qualities of masters!!

"Incidentally, Estelle who joined the Herman Steiner Chess Group last night, won two games from a player there who has been playing chess for two years. I predict....."

Kodiak (Rochester) Office Workers Chess Club: Ludwig Bach scored 3-1 to win the club double round Class A event. George Hanney was second with 2-2. In Class B James Rockwell scored 4½-1½ with John Bower second with 3½-2½, and Donald McDill third with 3-2. A USCF Affiliated Club.

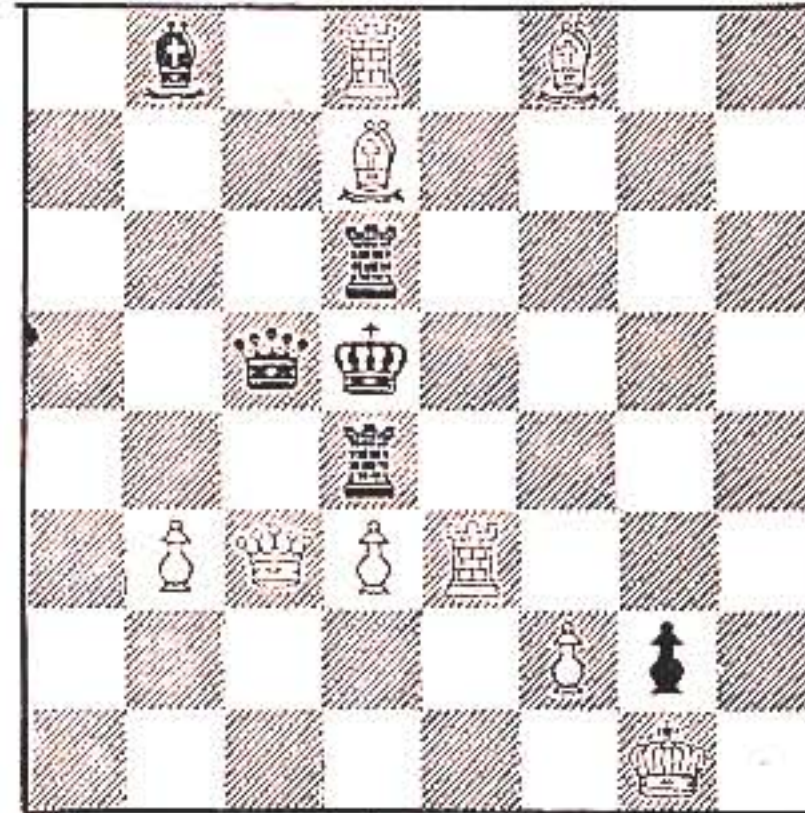
## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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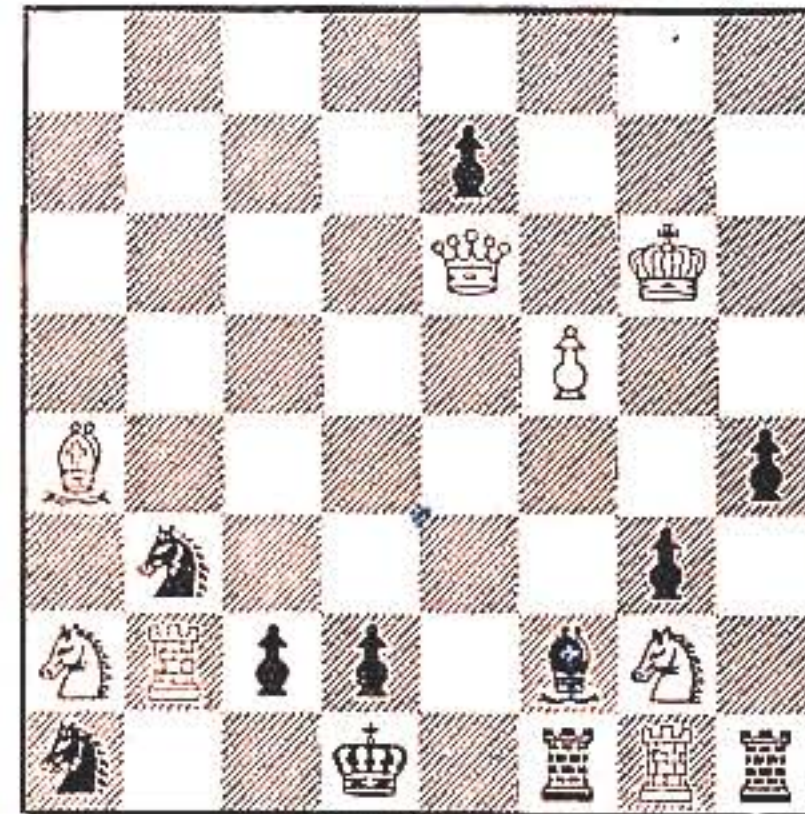
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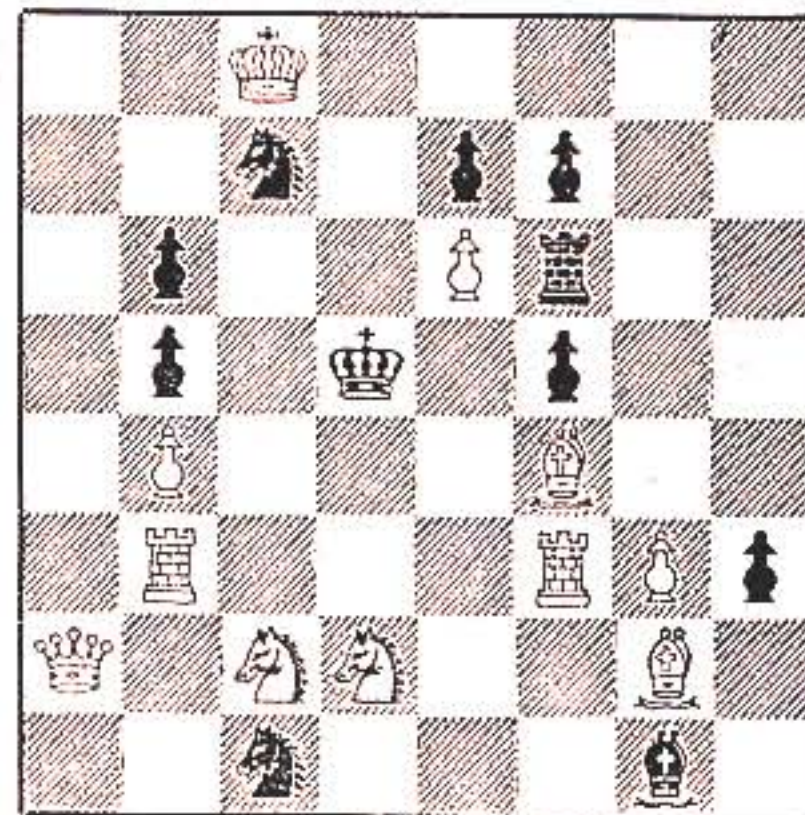
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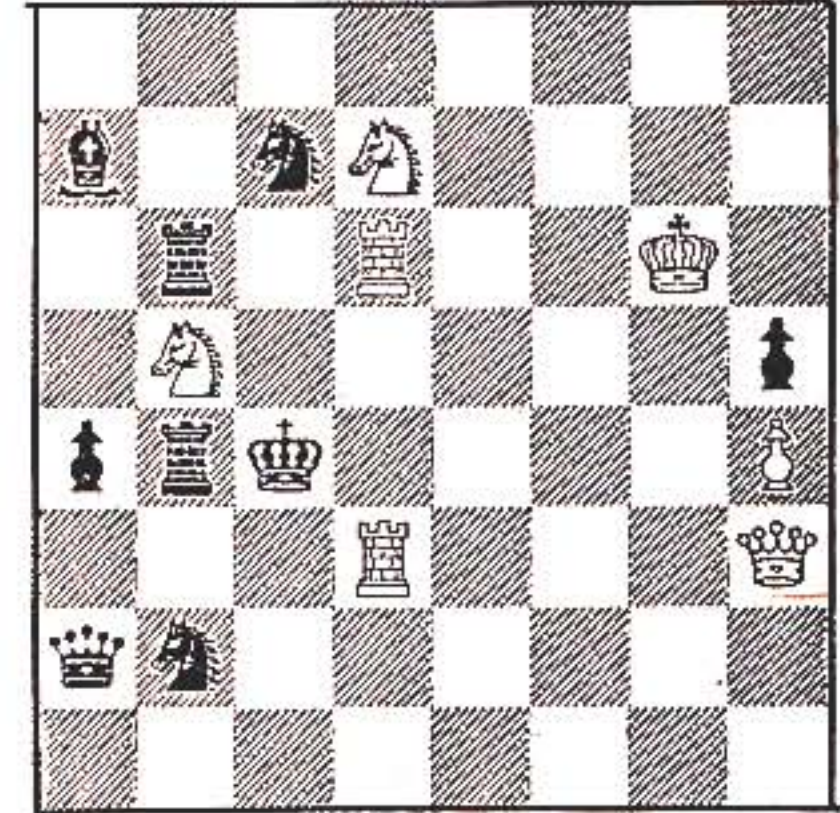
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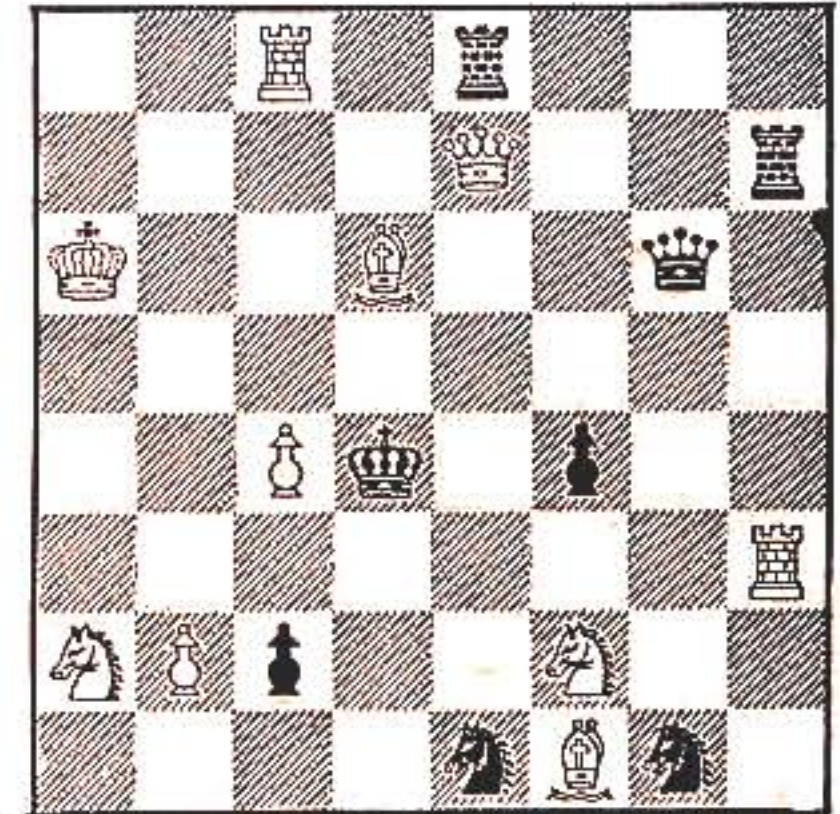
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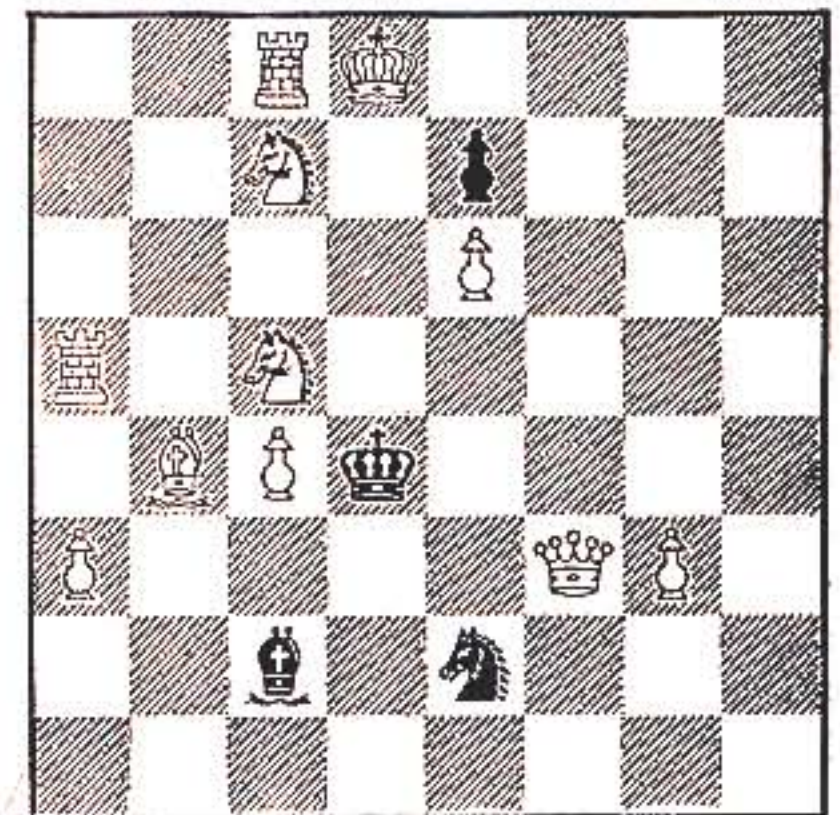
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Mate in two

## Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 699 Linden: Set: 1. ...., R-Q3 ch! 2. QxR; 1. ...., B-K6 ch! 2. QxB; 1. ...., Q-B5 ch! 2. BxQ. Many unsuccessful tries. Key 1. R-R5 ch! giving 2 flights. 1. ...., 1. Q-B3 threat 2. QxKN. 5 fine variations after the defenses of the 2 knights and RxQ. No. 704 Groeneveld: set play: 1. ...., P-B4, 2. N-K3; 1. ...., N-B4, 2. N-Q6; 1. ...., N-N4, 2. PxP. Key 1. Q-N2, threat 2. Q-K4. Changing the set play with 5 R-Q5, 2. Q-Q6; 1. ...., B-B4, 2. Q-Q3 etc. No. 700 Linden: Set: 1. ...., KxB, 2. QxN; 1. ...., N any, 2. QxBP; 1. ...., N-B6, 2. QxKP. Tries: 1. BxN or NxQ, B-R2? Key 1. N-Q5 threat 2. RxN. Changing the flight and unpinning the queen! No. 701 Haring: 6 seemingly workable places for the Q as tries. Only 1. Q-R4 functions completely. No. 702 Haring: As in the previous entry, 5 good tries with the Queen. Only correct move is 1. Q-K6 with 2 threats: 2. R-Q3 and 2. Q-N3. No. 703 Groeneveld: set play: 1. ...., NxB, 2. N-Q4; 1. ...., NxP, 2. N-N7. Key variations.

ATTENTION SOLVERS!

Corrections: No. 684 (Bartolovic): Key 1. Q-KKt1. No. 706 (Lubell): Black Knight on QKt1.



Solution To  
What's The Best Move?

Position No. 190

Endgame study by N. D. Grigoriev  
White draws by 1. K-Q5!, K-N7 (not 11. ...., KxP; 2. K-K4, K-N7; 3. K-K3 and White wins); 2. P-R4, KxP; 3. P-R5, K-K6; 4. P-R6, P-B7; 5. P-R7, P-B8(Q); 6. P-R8(Q).  
If White had played 1. K-K5, Black would now win by 6. ...., Q-QR8ch. Similarly, if White had played 1. K-B5, Black queens with check at his fifth move and wins by 6. ...., Q-QR8 or 6. ...., Q-KBsq. On any other first move by White, Black wins by 1. ...., KxP.  
Correct solutions are acknowledged from Billy Adams, Robin Ault\*, George W. Baylor, M. D. Blumenthal, Abel R. Bomberault, Donald Burdick, G. Chapuis, George Chase, Edmund T. Dana\*, S. J. Einhorn, Jesse Davis, Robert Fenton, Ivan Frank, Winton D. Fulk\*, Eric L. Gans, J. B. Germain, Edmund Godbold, V. Guala, Dennis E. Hamilton, Thomas G. Harris, R. B. Hayes, R. A. Hedgcock, P. R. Heilbut, John E. Ishkan, Andrew Kafko, Stanley Kaimowitz\*, Harry Kaye, Russell H. Kime, John Krueger, F. D. Lynch, M. Milstein, Charles Musgrove, Edmund Nash, James R. Naylor\*, George W. Payne, James W. Plunkett\*, Edward B. Powell, Herbert J. Roberts, Edmund Roman, Frank C. Ruys, Barry Schimmel, I. Schwartz, Robert E. Seiden, Bob Steinmeyer, W. E. Stevens, Francis Trask, Davis A. Walsdorf Jr., Harris Wiernik, William B. Wilson, Neil P. Witting, L. E. Wood, and Phil Work. ½ point goes to Roy E. Daniels\*.  
The solvers win by 52½-11½.  
\*Welcome to New Solvers.

Solutions

Finish It the Clever Way!

Position No. 185: 1. ...., P-B4 ch! and White resigned. If 2. PxP e.p., Q-B4 ch and 3. ...., Q-R4 mate; if 2. K-R4, Q-R8 mate.  
Position No. 186: 1. ...., KtxQP!; 2. KtxKt, QxKtP!; 3. R-R2 (if 3. R-B1, P-K4), Q-K5 ch; 4. B-K3, B-K4! and White resigned.

Kenneth R. Smith tallied 10½-1½ to win the Dallas City title in a double round event, losing no games but drawing once each with C. F. Tears, Robert Hux, and R. B. Potter. C. F. Tears was second with 8½-3½, and Robert Hux placed third with 7½-4½. Robert B. Potter was fourth with 7-5.



The St. Louis "Yanigan" Tournament was finally completed (held up by one unplayed game) with Ernest R. Straedey scoring 8-0 for the victory. James Plunkett, a promising youngster and newcomer, tallied 6-2 for second, losing games to Straedey and Osborn. Marvin Osborn placed third with 5-3, and Paul A. Orth was fourth with 4½-3½ in the 9-player round robin.



In the recent "Heart of American Open" at Kansas City, James Plunkett of St. Louis won the Junior title, and Mrs. P. W. Morrell of Kansas City, Kans. retained the Women's title. The 46-player event was directed by William Ward of Parkville, Mo.

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October 12-14

Swenson Memorial Tourney  
Omaha, Neb.

Open; at Omaha YMCA, 17th & Harney; begins Friday Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.; 5 rd Swiss; entry fee \$1; Memorial trophy to winner; 40 moves in 2 hrs.; defending champion David Ackerman. 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 1 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.

October 20-21

Lake Erie Open Championship  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Open; at Hotel Buffalo, Washington and Swan Sts.; 5 rd Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fee: \$5 for Junior players, \$7 for all others; 1st prize \$75, second prize \$25 plus trophies, and trophy to ranking Junior as Lake Erie Junior Champ; for details, write: William Rusch, 482 Lisbon Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 100% USCF rated event.

November 10-11

Maryland Junior Championship  
Baltimore, Md.

Restricted to residents of Md. under age of 21 before Nov. 10th; at Maryland Chess Club, 1216 St. Paul St.; 5 rd Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hrs; entry fee: \$2 (\$1 refunded after end of 5th rd); medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Juniors (under 21) and same for boys (under 16); TD W. C. Koenig; for details, write: William C. Koenig, 810 Braeside Rd, Baltimore 29, Md. 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.

November 10-12

Massachusetts Open Championship  
Newburyport, Mass.

Open (A & B Class); at Newburyport YMCA, 13 Market St.; 6 rd Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hrs.; entry fees: \$10 for Class A, \$5 for Class B; top prizes in cash; TD Bartlett Gould; for details, write Bartlett Gould, 15 Walnut Street, Newburyport, Mass. 100% USCF rated event.

November 23-25

Tennessee Open Championship  
Kingsport, Tenn.

Open; at Civic Auditorium, Kingsport; 6 rd Swiss; register by 7 p.m. EST, Friday Nov. 23, play begins 8 p.m., last round ending 6 P.M. Nov. 25; entry fee: \$4; 1st prize 50% of entry fees, 2nd prize 25% of entry fees, trophy for ranking Tennessee resident; for details, write Thomas W. Finucane, 1434 Watauga St., Kingsport, Tenn. 100% USCF rated event.

November 22-25

6th Mid-West Open Championship  
Lincoln, Neb.

Open; sponsored by Lincoln Chess Club at YMCA Green Room; 6 rd Swiss, 40 moves in 2 hrs., 20 per hr. thereafter; entry fee: \$10 for USCF members (\$11 for non-members); guaranteed 1st prize of \$150 and 2nd prize \$100, total minimum prize fund \$500; cash prizes for A, B, C rated players; bring clocks and sets; for details, write: Barton Lewis, 3540 Mohawk St., Lincoln, Neb. 100 USCF rated event.

November 23-25

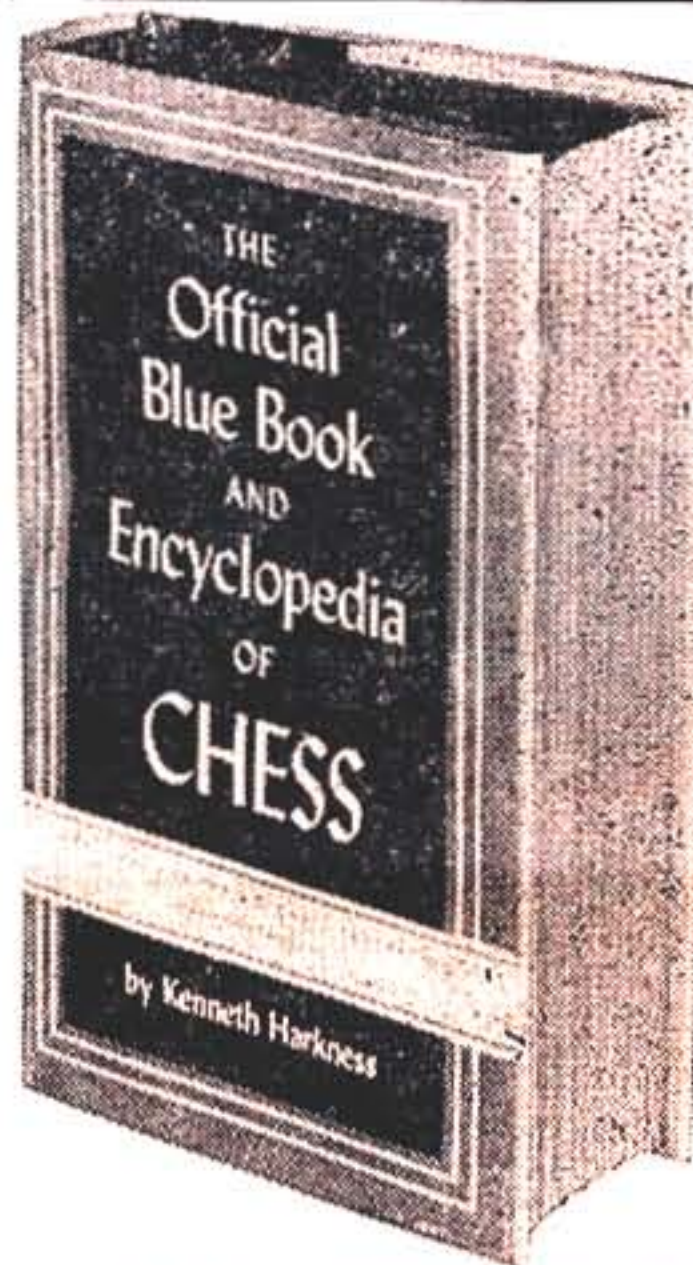
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