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STEVENSON, GRESSER TIE!

What's The Best Move?

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Position No. 221



White to play

The Huntington Story

By International Master **GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI**

USCF Tournament Administrator

A good effort by the two stalwarts of chess promotion, Dr. V. S. Hayward (73 years old!) and Dr. S. Werthammer, brought 25 players to the hard-to-get-to Huntington. The organizers had hoped for at least forty participants!

The oldest competitor was R. T. Neel (75) and the youngest Derek Linton (7), both of Huntington. The last named was the most polite and serious youngster I ever ran into!

The Tri-State was won by Donald Burdick. Here's a young lad with loads of talent. For years now he has been far ahead of the field in West Virginia Chess. Would like to see him compete in national tournaments. His style of play reminds me a lot of that of Curt Brasket of Minnesota. Daring, original and deep! Ross Sprague, the Ohio Junior Champ, did well in winning the second prize.

In the Open, Jerry Hanken surprised everyone (including himself) in winning. In the last five tournaments I have conducted, Jerry has been a competitor, and the win was really merited. Foy, an old friend of mine, played steady chess, but drew too easily. Hurt is capable of better, and I

considered him as the most dangerous and strongest competitor in the Open.

It was a pleasant affair and the playing quarters were ideal. The two doctors (Dr. V.S. and Dr. S.) helped each other by giving each other special pills—but it didn't help their score much!

NO USSR STARS GLEAM AT DALLAS

According to Emile Z. Gilutin, president of Dallas International Chess Tournaments, the State Department has advised that it has refused to allow Soviet master David Bronstein to come to Dallas for the international tourney. The ban was the result of Soviet refusal recently to permit American travelers to visit certain areas in Russia.

C. Frederick Tears, Jr., vice-president of the organization, has advised that a substitute for Bronstein would be named, probably from the USA, due to shortness of time.

Scheduled to compete in the event are Svetozar Gligoric, Bent Larsen, Miguel Najdorf, Fridrik Olafson, Samuel Reshevsky, Laszlo Szabo, and David Yanofsky. USCF President Jerry Spann will speak at the opening banquet ceremonies.

Share U. S. Women's Championship, Karff Third, Aronson & Slater Fourth

In a thrilling and close finish defending Champion Mrs. Gisela Kahn Gresser of New York and U. S. Women's Open Champion Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson of Palm Springs tied for first place with 9½-1½ each, and became U. S. Women's Co-Champions. Since the U. S. Women's Championship was also the FIDE Zonal Tournament, the victors, Mrs. Gresser and Mrs. Stevenson, have qualified to represent the USA in the Women's World Championship Candidates Tourney in Holland next year.

Former U. S. Women's Champion Miss Mona M. Karff was third with 7-4, while tied for fourth with 6½-4½ each were former U. S. Women's Open Champion Mrs. Eva Aronson of Chicago and Mrs. Kathryn Slater of New York.

A special prize was awarded to Miss Karff for her victory over Mrs. Stevenson as the best played game of the tournament. Another special prize went to Mrs. Mary Selensky of Philadelphia for her victory over Mrs. Aronson as the most brilliant game.

In wining Mrs. Gresser lost no games but drew with Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Aronson, and Mrs. Slater. Mrs. Stevenson lost one game to Miss Karff and drew with Mrs. Gresser. Miss Karff in third place lost games to Mrs. Gresser, Mrs. Aronson, and Mrs. Grumette, while drawing with Mrs. Slater.

VAN ESSEN TOPS IN RED DIVISION

Roland G. Van Essen placed first with 4-0 in the California Regional Open (Red Division) at the College of Sequoias. Don Grant was second with 3-1, a loss by Forfeit. Third to fifth with 2-2 each in the 10-player Swiss were Tom Cochran, Craig Johnson, and Bruce Fahrney. This event was also directed by A. E. Hoerchner.

CROSS VICTOR IN SO CALIF

James B. Cross of Los Angeles scored 9½-½, a drew with Robert Hamman, to win the Southern California Preliminaries of the State Championship. Robert Cross of Santa Monica was second with 8-2, a loss to James Cross, and draws with Louis Rojas and Robert Hamman. Third to fifth with 7-3 each were Gene Rubin and Saul Yarmak, both of Los Angeles, and Louis Rojas of La Habra. Sixth to ninth in the 44-player Swiss with 6½-3½ each were Robert Hammon of Van Nuys, Irving Rivise, Stephen Sholomson, and Sam L. Geller of Los Angeles. The event was held at the Herman Steiner Chess Club and directed by Ralph K. Hagedorn.

U. S. WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP Final Standings

1. Gisela K. Gresser (New York) 9½-1½
2. Sonja Graf Stevenson (Palm Spgs.) 9½-1½
3. Mona May Karff (New York) 7-4
4. Eva Aronson (Chicago) 6½-4½
5. Kathryn Slater (New York) 6½-4½
6. Lena Grumette (Los Angeles) 6-5
7. Nancy McLeod (San Francisco) 6-5
8. Lucille Kellner (Detroit) 5-6
9. Mary Selensky (Philadelphia) 5-6
10. Olga Higgins (Santa Barbara) 2½-8½
11. Mildred Morrell (Haddonfield) 2-9
12. Lemoire Simon (Los Angeles) ½-10½

FOTIAS TRIUMPHS IN CALIF REGION

Chris Fotias tallied 3½-½, a draw with R. E. Baker, in the California Regional Open (Blue Division) at College of Sequoias at Visalia. Tied for second with 3-1 each were Robert E. Baker, John Bricker, and A. E. Hoerchner, while Robert Boles was fifth with 2½-1½ in the 11-player Swiss directed by A. E. Hoerchner.

MARTIN TRIUMPHS AT SANTA MONICA

Raymond J. Martin tallied 6½-1½ to win the Santa Monica Bay Open, losing one game to Robert Sale and drawing with George McMahon. Second and third with 6-2 each were Robert D. Sale and Emil Bersbach, formerly of Indiana. Sale lost games to Bersbach and Herbert Abel; Bersbach lost to Martin and drew with Abel and R. Harshbarger. Herbert T. Abel was fourth with 5½-2½, while fifth and sixth with 5-3 in the 19-player Swiss were George McMahon and Ralph Clark. Paul Wrangell directed the event.

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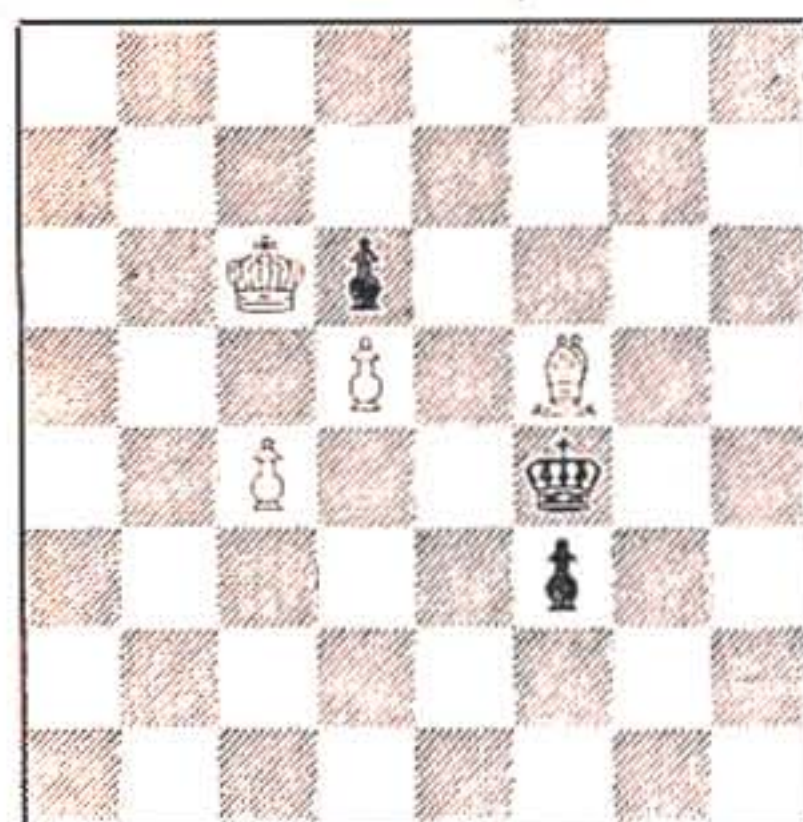
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U.S. INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 26-30, 1957
Erie, Pennsylvania

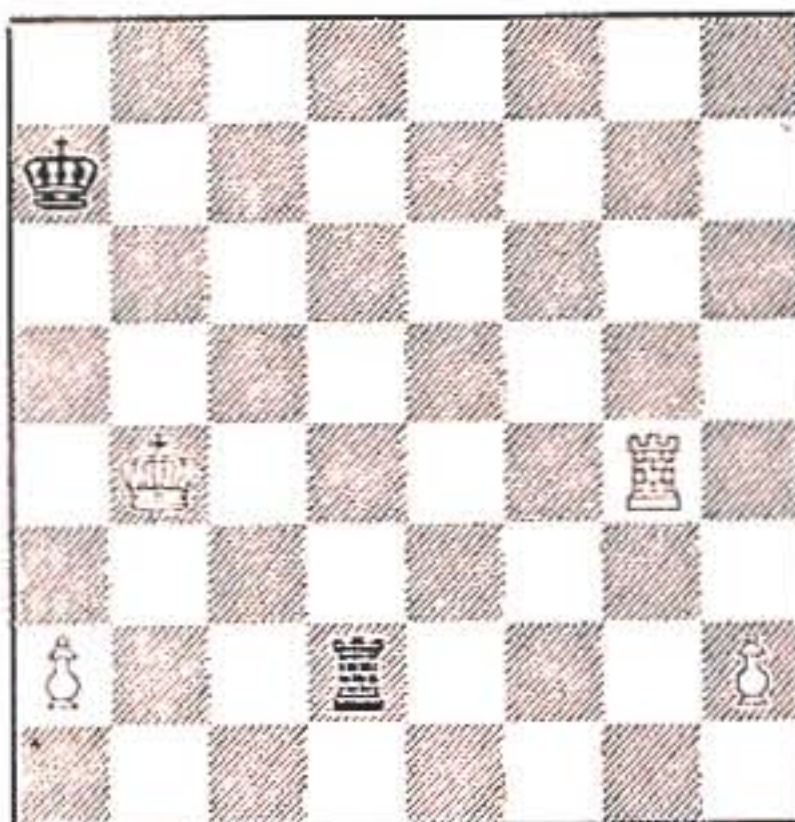
Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 213
Friedl vs. Hajda
Czechoslovakia, 1920



White to play and win

Position No. 214
Gligoric vs. Petrosian
USSR, 1957



White to play and win

IN Position No. 213, there is only one move by the Bishop in order to win, and the rest is easy. If 1. B-Q3, Black draws by 1., K-K6!; 2. B-B1, K-B7; 3. B-R3, K-Kt6.

Position No. 214 is from the fourth round of the USSR-Yugoslavia team match. Eight rounds with eight boards were played for a total of 64 games. The USSR team won by a score of 42 to 22. This position is reminiscent of Position No. 179 (Parmelee vs. Hudson in the U. S. 1956 Chess Amateur Tournament) which could have led to a similar finish.

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.



John Rather of Snyder, N.Y. tallied 6-2 to win the Buffalo City Championship at the Queen City Chess Club. Rather lost one game to Chester Fell and drew one game each with Sam Frucella and Roy T. Black in the double round event. Chester T. Fell, Jr. was second with 5½-2½, while Sam R. Frucella was third with 4-4. The Class A event was won by John Mauer with 8-1, losing one game to Harvey Selib. Second and third with 5-4 each were Andrew A. Gage and



Samuel Traina. Harvey Selib was fourth with 4½-4½. Matthew Kastrain and Ralph J. Nasca tied at 4½-1½ for the Class B, Section 1 title but Katrein won the playoff. Third and fourth with 3-3 each were Lyle Henninger and Al Laubacher. Frank Weibel with 5-1 won the Section 2 event with Joe Milliotto second with 4-2. Third and fourth were Timothy Hogan and Jerome Kobos with 3½-2½ each. Katrein and Weibel drew a 5-game playoff match for the Class B title with 2½-2½ each.

DUBECK WINS N. J. AMATEUR

Leroy Dubeck of Maplewood, a student at Rutgers, won the New Jersey Amateur Championship at East Orange with a 4-1 score on tie-breaking points. Second to fourth, also with 4-1, were Leslie Ault of Cranford, Herbert Hickman of East Orange, and Robert Durkin of Atlantic City. Edgar T. McCormick directed the event.

DURKIN ATTACK New Jersey Amateur East Orange, 1957

White	Black
R. DURKIN	L. DUBECK
1. Kt-QR3	23. QxB
2. P-KB4	24. KtQ
3. P-K3	25. BxR
4. Kt-KB3	26. K-Kt2
5. B-K2	27. B-B3
6. P-Q3	28. R-K1
7. BxB	29. B-Q2
8. O-O	30. P-B6
9. B-K2	31. P-B4
10. P-KKt4	32. R-KB1
11. Q-K1	33. KxR
12. Q-Kt3	34. P-QKt4
13. B-Q2	35. B-B3
14. R-B2	36. PxP ch
15. P-B5	37. B-Q4
16. R-Kt2	38. K-Kt2
17. BxKt	39. K-Kt3
18. PxP	40. P-R4
19. B-B3	41. K-Kt2
20. R-Q2	42. K-B2
21. Q-Kt2	43. B-Kt7
22. Kt-QKt5	BxPch
	Resigns

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BURDICK TAKES TRI-STATE MEET

Donald Burdick of West Virginia scored 4-1 to win the annual Tri-State title in an event restricted to the State Champions and runners-up of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, losing one game to R. Noel of Ohio. Ross Sprague of Ohio was second with 3-2, losing to Burdick and drawing with D. Spiro and S. V. Reyes. Tied for third with 2½-2½ each were D. Spiro and S. V. Reyes of Pennsylvania, while Dr. S. Werthammer of West Virginia and R. Noel of Ohio scored 1½-3½ each.

HANKEN TOPS OHIO VALLEY

Jerry Hanken of Covington, Ky. scored 4½-½, a draw with Edward Foy, to win the Ohio Valley Open at Huntington, held concurrently with the Tri-State Championship. Second to fourth with 4-1 each were Edward Foy of Charleston, W. Va., John Hurt, also of Charleston, and Tom Bergquist of Huntington, W. Va. Foy drew with T. Lycik and Hanken; Hurt lost to Hanken; and Bergquist lost to Hanken. Charles Morgan of Huntington was fifth with 3½-1½, losing a game to Paul Sayre and drawing with R. Lee. Sixth to ninth in the 19-player Swiss with 3-2 each were Paul A. Sayre, H. McClung, R. T. Neel, all of Huntington, and R. Lee of Morgantown, W. Va.

ERKES CAPTURES MARYLAND JUNIOR

Robert Erkes, 15, scored 4½-½ to win the Maryland Junior Championship in Baltimore, drawing with runner-up Frank Kelly who also scored 4½-½ but was second on Solkoff. Lance King placed third with 4-1 score. Sam Sloan with 3-2 placed 1st in the under 16 division, with Leon Shargel second, also with 3-2, and Dennis Wortman third with 2-3. In a special round-robin novice event for players under 12 years, Ruth Ann King, 10, and John Connally, 10, shared first place while third and fourth went to Creighton Sloan, 11, and Tom McCarthy, 9. William C. Koenig directed both events.

MONTREAL OPENS CHESS CENTER

On November 3 the Montreal Chess Center, 1537 Van Horne, opened its doors and some two hundred chess enthusiasts attended the opening ceremonies. Membership in the Center is \$10 per year, with a special \$5 per year dues for students. The Center will be open every day and evening of the week, and will cater to chess players of all classes from experts to beginners. Special features of the Center include two large rooms devoted to chess play, a lounge, and a library which starts off with some 200 books contributed by M. Guze. In the basement is a very large room for tournament and exhibition use. The successful promotion of the chess center was largely due to the energy and enthusiasm of a small group of players headed by M. Moss and D. A. MacAdam.

College Chess Life Conducted by Frederick H. Kerr

College clubs and players are urged to send news items to Frederick H. Kerr, Nittany 32-11, Box 275, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

BEFORE the tournament begins on December 26, a very important meeting of the ICLA Assembly will be held. Every member club should make a special effort to have its delegate present at that meeting. There is still time to join the League and have your group represented at this meeting.

The deadline for reservations for free rooms at the Intercollegiate was December 1. If you failed to send in your reservation in time, plan to make the trip anyway. There will, no doubt, be some cancellations, and the chances are that a room will be found for you. If the demands turn out to be larger than the supply, rooms can be found easily in Erie hotels. Players from the following schools have already indicated that they will attend the Intercollegiate: (note—this column was written before Thanksgiving) Lehigh, Indiana, Pitt, Army, Fordham, Bryn Mawr, Oklahoma, Pace, Haverford, Pennsylvania, Penn State, Indiana State Teachers, Slippery Rock State Teachers, and Buffalo.

Two USCF masters, Anthony Sady of Fordham, and Charles Kalme of the University of Pennsylvania, expect to compete at Erie. Down through the years the Intercollegiate has proved that the dark horse has a chance. In most such tournaments, the favorites have been pushed down to third or fourth place. Sady and Kalme will have to fight tradition in addition to the other players in order to take the H. Arthur Nabel Trophy home this year.

This reporter would like to wish all his readers a Very Merry Christmas. He also hopes to see all the collegiate chessers in Erie on the day after Santa pays his visit!

BRING SETS AND CLOCKS!



North Carolina defeated Virginia 4-2 at Raleigh, N.C., in a battle between ranking players representing the two state chess associations. The North Carolina winners were Donald Burdick, Duke University, over Col. John D. Mathews of Arlington; Dr. Norman M. Hornstein, Hope Mills, over Clifford Roberson of Roanoke; Dr. A. M. Jenkins, Raleigh, over Leonard Morgan of Roanoke; and Dr. Stuart Noblin of Garner over Carl Sloan, University of Richmond. Virginia's points were scored by Chess Life staffer Irwin Sigmond at first board over three-time North Carolina champion C. C. Crittenden, and Charles Rider of Norfolk over Dan Riano of Raleigh. After the match plans were discussed for a return engagement at Richmond, Va., next spring involving a larger number of players.



TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion

Object Lesson

THIS game was played in the recent tournament match between the USSR and Yugoslavia. It is not of any particular theoretical interest although Black, once out of his difficulties, displays superb skill in handling the position.

The real reason I bring this game to the reader's attention is to give him an "object lesson." Even grandmasters can and frequently do blunder. Therefore ordinary players should realize that they are more likely to err unless they examine their moves carefully before playing. Obviously neither Pirc nor Tolush had done this simple task. The result: an amazing series of mysterious "rook moves?" were played at a point where White had a definitely winning position. Black taught White a useful lesson "How to win a lost game!" I do think this is one lesson White did not care to have.

ENGLISH OPENING

White
PIRC
(Yugoslavia)

1. P-QB4 P-KB4
This move is considered in present day theory to be too dangerous before White has committed himself by either P-Q4 or P-Q3. If White essays the latter, then 1. P-K3 is preferable.

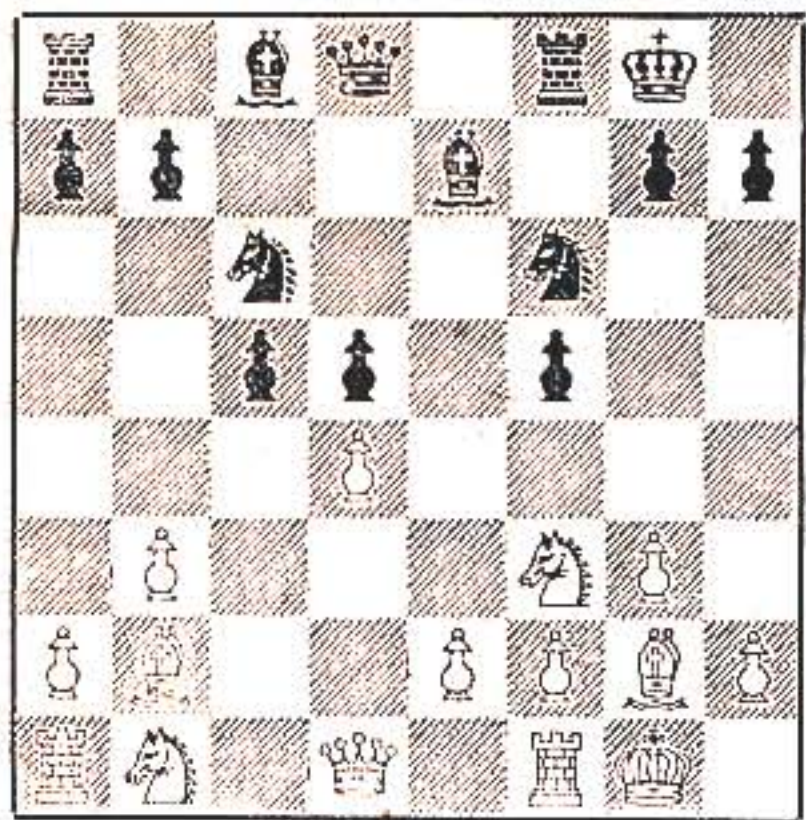
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
3. P-KKt3 P-K3
4. B-Kt2 B-K2
5. O-O O-O
6. P-Q3

The point! Black has disclosed his plan too early with the result that White already prepares to gain decisive control of the center with an eventual P-K4.

6. P-Q4
Black may still equalize with 6. P-Q3.

7. P-QKt3 P-QB4
Black takes chances against too great odds. Better might be: 7. B-Q3; 8. B-Kt2, Q-K2 followed by QKt-Q2 with P-K4 in mind.

8. PxP! PxP
9. B-Kt2 Kt-B3
10. P-Q4!



10. P-QKt3
Black takes the lesser of two evils. If 10. P-QB5?; 11. Kt-K5, (A) Ktx Kt; 12. PxKt, Kt-K5; 13. Kt-B3! and White wins a pawn; (B) Kt-QR4; 12. PxP, PxP; 13. QKt-Q2, B-K3; 14. R-B1, R-B1; 15. Q-R4 and White also gains a puny pawn.

11. PxP
Saddling Black with the famous "hanging pawns". See Nimzovich for further details.

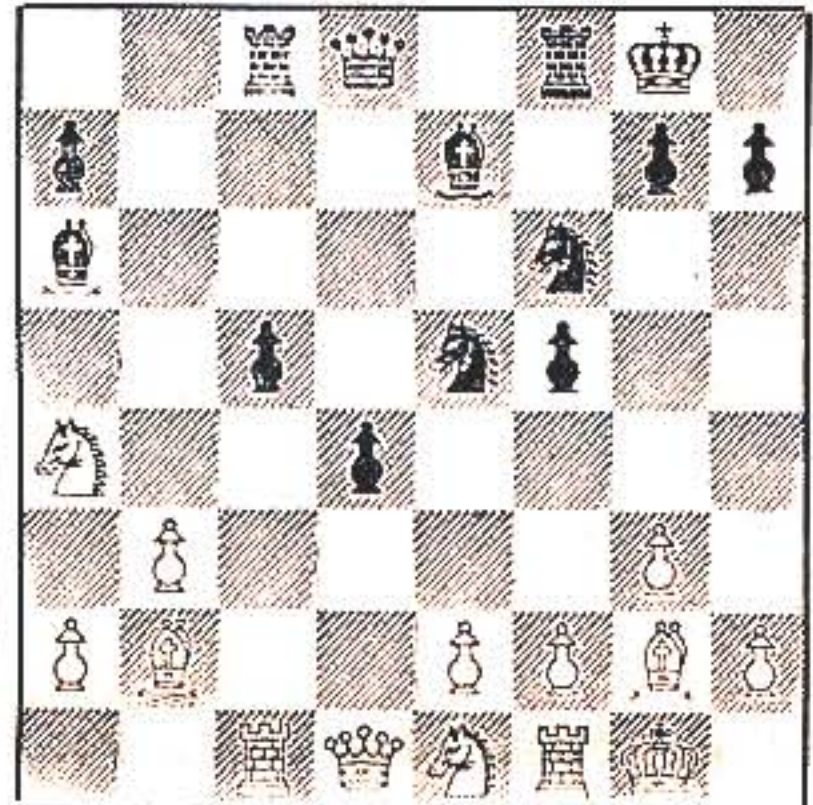
11. Pxp Pxp
12. Kt-B3 B-R3
Generous question marks for this move??? I must admit, however, that there is some difficulty finding a move for Black. We come now to the ugly part of the game.

13. R-B1
Only one question mark for this move. White wins speedily with Kt-KKt5.

13. R-B1?
Both sides are unaware of what is threatening! Black must take measures to defend himself! 13. P-Q5; 14. Kt-QR4, Kt-K5 is suggested so as to complicate the game somewhat by 15. P-Q6 should White play 15. Kt-Q2. 14. Kt-K1?

White continues to sleepwalk. Kt-KKt5, no illusion, still wins.

14. P-Q5
15. Kt-R4 Kt-K4



White no longer has any advantage. It may well be that he has a disadvantage! "Moral"—"Never miss two forced wins in a row. Your opponent is likely to become alert and find a win later on."

16. Kt-Q3 KtxKt
17. PxKt Kt-Q2

Threatening Kt-K4 with the win of the QP.

18. R-K1 Kt-Kt3!
19. KtxKt PxKt
20. P-QKt4!

Both sides begin to awaken from their long slumber but Black remains with a slight pull on the position.

20. K-R1
21. Q-Kt3 R-QB2
22. P-QR4?



Ooops! Spoke too soon! Better was 22. PxP, PxP; 23. P-B4.

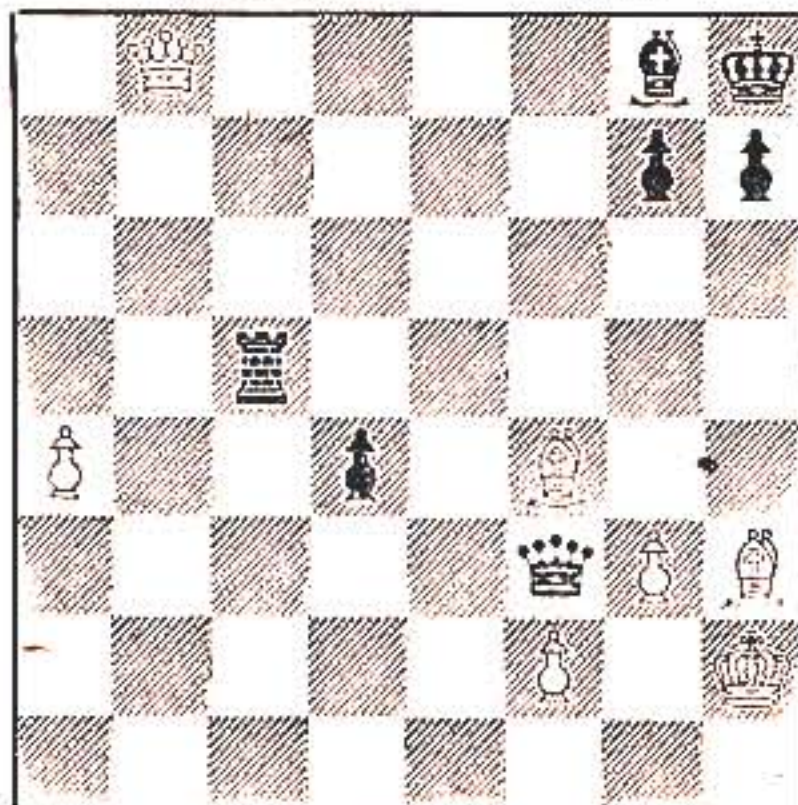
22. P-KB5
23. R-K6
P-Kt5 must be played to relieve the pressure on the QP.

23. B-KKt4!
24. PxQBP
White must lose material. Black menaces P-B5.

24. BPxP
25. RPxP BxR
26. BxP RxQBP
27. B-Q2 Q-B1
28. RxB Q-B4

White has a pawn for the exchange but this is not sufficient. Black wins easily.

29. B-B4 BxP
30. R-Kt8 B-B5
31. Q-Kt4 RxR
32. QxRch B-Kt1
33. K-R2 Q-R5ch
34. B-R3 Q-B6



Does Black deserve to win this game? Evidently, White resigned.

Analytical Wrangles

This column will be devoted to analytical comments submitted by readers of CHESS LIFE, preferably in discussion of various annotations or suggestions appearing in CHESS LIFE to which the reader offers dissent or elaboration. Master and Amateur alike are invited to air their views.

Dear friend,

All I can say is, "Well I'll be damned." Never has a position had me quite so puzzled. It's the old, old story: Why move a K into safety when he's not in any danger. The correct move is 13. K-Q2 (1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-QB3, N-KB3; 3. B-B4, N-B3; 4. P-B4, NxP; 5. N-B3, NxN; 6. QPxN; PxP; 7. BxP, B-K2; 8. BxPch, KxB; 9. Q-Q5ch, K-K1; 10. N-N5, BxN; 11. BxB, N-K2; 12. Q-Q4, R-B1!). The principal reason is that the K has to be nearer the center of the board in certain possible end-games, e.g., 13. P-KR3; 14. QxNP, PxP; 15. KR-KB1, RxR; 16. RxR, P-Q4; 17. R-B8ch, K-Q2; 18. RxQch, KxR; 19. P-KN4, B-Q2; 20. K-K3, etc. and 13. P-Q4; 14. QR-K1, R-B2; 15. RxNch, RxR; 16. R-K1, (Here the K protects the R which cannot be captured with a check.) B-K3; 17. RxB, RxR; 18. BxQ, RxB; 19. QxRP, R-KB3; etc.

The reason for the deluge of corrections which you have received pertaining to this position is that when I prepared my errata sheet, I selected a few friends to send it to, particularly for its importance re 6. P-Q4, in the 3. N-N5, NxP line, and when this too was in error I felt morally obligated to make it right somehow, even if it took me all summer. Each of my various tries I thought was right at the time, but then a defence would show up and I'd have to start all over again. But 13. K-Q2 looks like it would stick, having all the ear marks of a strong move, and the analysis appears conclusive. Am sorry to have done so badly on this. We live and learn.

WEAVER W. ADAMS

P.S. There is another nice variation: 13. K-Q2, R-B2; 14. QR-K1, P-KR3; 15. BxN, RxB; 16. QxNP, P-Q4; 17. KR-B1, wherein the white K is again well posted at Q2.

Elmhurst (Ill.) Chess Club defeated the Racine Chess Club 4½-1½. Winning for Elmhurst were John Zilic, Charles Musgrove, Doyle Satterlee, and Keith Swartz. Louis Larsen tallied for Racine, while Charles Adams of Elmhurst drew with Jim Egan of Racine.

Chess Life In New York By Aben Rudy

THE attitude of the Fourth Estate to Caissa's realm is well known. Chess is unmercifully caricatured to a point well beyond recognition. The general public identifies the tournament chess player with those hirsute bohemians, devoid of any motion and meriting a double forfeit, who may be found reposing in any chess cartoon. Newspapers, rather than dispel these notions, seemingly taken delight in encouraging them. For what end, I know not.

Now, though, it is my unpleasant task to inform, or rather to alert, readers of this column to a new and most malicious practice; the application of which may be tremed, for lack of a better phrase, "Fischer-baiting". Indulged in by self-styled truth-seekers, it is a practice which can be only of the greatest disservice to our beloved game.

What, in essence, is Fischer-baiting? It is the systematic depreciation of the character and intelligence of Bobby Fischer. Several articles illustrating this theme have lately fallen into my hands. Unfortunately, Fischer-baiting appears to be on the up grade.

To all who knew Bobby, a recent essay appearing in the staid New York Times was recognized as an infuriating assemblage of distortion and fabrication. But what of the millions who didn't know him? These millions are now undoubtedly under the impression that Bobby is an "idiot savant"—more idiot than savant, I may add. All Fischer does and all Fischer knows, according to this article, is Chess. He lives, sleeps and dreams Chess. In terms of righteous wrath it is further noted that our Bobby keeps a chess set at his bedside!! The writer apparently assumes the normal person keeps his chess set in the refrigerator!

To report all the above is to report utter nonsense. Certainly Fischer enjoys chess. That cannot be denied. But Fischer does not enjoy chess to the absolute exclusion of all other activities. Fischer, let it be known, is a very proficient tennis and table-tennis player, as any one of his many victims will reluctantly testify. Fischer, too, is an avid hockey fan. He sees as many "Ranger" games as his crowded schedule will allow. And (this will come as a surprise) Fischer is quite a promising ventriloquist.

Thus, the true picture of Fischer is not one of a chess hermit, but rather of an extremely lively lad endowed with numerous talents. Remember this the next time a Fischer-baiting article comes your way.

North Jersey Chess League: After three rounds of play Plainfield holds the lead with 3-0 match score, followed by Northern Valley with 2-1, Irvington with 2-1, and Ind. Veterans with 1½-½. Nine teams are contesting in the current league season. A USCF League Affiliate.

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Major Topics

By
Montgomery Major

Le Roi Est Mort. Vive le Roi!

The old order changeth, yielding place to the new.

TENNYSON—The Passing of Arthur.

ELSEWHERE on this page is the announcement of the appointment of Fred M. Wren, author of the "Tales of a Woodpusher", as Editor of CHESS LIFE, as of January 1, 1958. We do not propose to list his qualifications for the post, being content to state that we consider CHESS LIFE most fortunate in persuading him to accept the responsibility and the tribulations that are an inherent part of the task. However, we do feel it is both fitting and just to state that we wish the new Editor all success in the arduous task he has accepted, and that we hope the readers of CHESS LIFE will at all times accord him the friendship and support they have granted his predecessor.

Introducing: Mr. Fred M. Wren

By JERRY G. SPANN

USCF President

I AM pleased to announce that Mr. Fred M. Wren of Perry, Maine, best known to chess players everywhere for his famous TALES OF A WOODPUSHER (CHESS REVIEW SERIES), will take over the Editorial Reins of CHESS LIFE on January 1, 1958. Fred retired last year after a fine 34 year career in the U.S. State Department, a portion of which was served Abroad where he developed cordial and lasting friendships with most of the "greats" in the International Chess Fraternity.

Fred started out the Century in Sherman, Maine, first seeing the light of day in year 1900. After finishing High School he served with the Army in France during World War I, then returned to matriculate at the University of Maine. He taught in Maine High Schools for three years before beginning his distinguished career in the Immigration and Consular divisions of the State Department. He married Frances Gove of Perry in 1922 and is still married to her, with 2 adult children, both of whom were born in Holland.

Chess career: He learned the moves in 1926; Director Canadian Chess Federation 1938-1946 and Vice President 1941-1946; five times city champion of Halifax; twice Nova Scotia champion; co-founder and two-time winner Maritime Championship Tournament; and has written many articles of human interest type for CHESS

(England), CANADIAN CHESS CHAT, and CHESS REVIEW, 1935-1956. Fred states that there were three high spots: 1) His successful fight to include 14 year old Yanofsky on Canadian Team for Buenos Aires, 1939; 2) having Euwe tell him in Zurich in 1953 that his WOODPUSHER articles were read and enjoyed in Holland; 3) Being considered for the post of Editor of CHESS LIFE.

Following in the experienced footsteps of an Editor of the eminence and competence of Mr. Montgomery Major is a fearsome undertaking indeed, and it took a great deal of persuasion. I have assured Mr. Wren of the 100% cooperation of Contributors and Membership. I know you all join me in giving Fred a warm and hearty welcome.

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THE USCF SECRETARY REPORTS

GENTLEMEN:

Since the required time has passed since the mailing of the ballots, I have tabulated them, and the results are as follows:

I APPROVE	57
I DISAPPROVE	0
I ABSTENTION	

the appointment of Mr. Elliott E. Stearns, Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. Kester Svendsen, Norman, Okla., by President Spann to serve with him on the Contract Committee.

I APPROVE	42
I DISAPPROVE	16

of the Proposed Affiliation and National Rating Regulations (effective March 1, 1958).

There are 4 ballots yet to come in which should be counted, but they will obviously not effect the result.

Most comments came from those Directors who disapproved of the Proposed USCF Affiliation and National Rating Regulations. In fact, I was quite impressed with them, and I am enclosing a few of them. I would like to point out that it would not be absolutely necessary to invoke these regulations merely because they have been approved.

The Californians are quite opposed to this new system, and mentioned that they have their own Rating System, and might use it if this proposition passed. Here are some of the other comments:

"I disapprove of the second proposition for the following reasons:

1. Our state assn. annually sponsors a Team Tournament which we wish to have USCF rated. It is unlikely that we could induce each team to become a USCF affiliate. Many of our teams are entered by small clubs who are not well-organized.

2. I strongly oppose the "franchise fee" until such time as the USCF officers and Business Manager prove to be more cooperative with state chapters. Our state chapter will soon submit a letter on this matter to the USCF President."

"Regarding No. 2: I was under the impression there was to be a further airing of the differences of opinion pointed out at the last Directors' meeting. It at least appeared to me that Mr. Phillips had valid objections and that, at that time, they were not very convincingly met.

Concerning this rating system it appears that we have builded ourselves a big bomb, and it is now in the process of blowing us up. Let Edgar McCormick have a crack at running the rating system, and I think you will find they can be handled for what the fees collected bring in.

I work as a mathematician for the AEC and have some familiarity with the processing of data, and the tales of excessive cost that have been given us sound rather fishy."

"As to the matter of expense, I think an intensive study should be made of the rating procedure, with a view to simplifying the mechanics. But the goal should be to rate more tournaments, not less."

"If the new Rating Regulations go into effect fewer tournaments will be rated, and the USCF ratings will be less realistic. Some states will have to bank more on their own rating systems. The result will be that the USCF Rating System will lose its meaning."

MARSHALL ROHLAND

Secretary, USCF

4846 N. 24th Place

Milwaukee 9, Wis.

cc: Jones

The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:

By a unanimous vote, the officers of the Connecticut State Chess Association have requested me to convey to you an expression of their gratitude for your devoted service as Editor of Chess Life.

W. H. C. NEWBERRY

President,

The Connecticut State Chess Assn.

On my own behalf, may I add:

GRATES PERSOLVERE DIGNAS NON OPIS EST NOSTRAE. . .

No Politics? What is Russian Chess?

Dear Sir:

I subscribe to CHESS LIFE because I wish to see therein articles about chess not about international politics.

The Nov. 5th issue of CHESS LIFE contained a laudatory article by one Aben Rudy about Paul Benko, Hungarian chess player; praising not only his chess talents (to which no objection can be made) but also praising his political outlook.

It was stated that Benko's family emigrated from France to Hungary prior to World War 2. Presumably, therefore, they preferred Fascism under the Horthy dictatorship, to democratic France. This type of person America can do very well without. And this type of article by Aben Rudy CHESS LIFE can do very well without.

RICHARD STRASBURGER

Red Bank, N.J.

Editorial Comment: Since Paul Benko was less than nine years old when his family migrated to Hungary, he cannot be held accountable for this decision. And since Paul Benko, since reaching an age of self-determination, has consistently endeavored to escape from the shackles of Communistic rule (although a chess master holds a favored status in such regime), we must disagree wholeheartedly with Mr. Strasburger and declare that in our opinion Mr. Benko is precisely the type of person for which the USA has always been a refuge from oppression. Incidentally, we do not believe Mr. Strasburger meant to imply, in condemning the praise given Mr. Benko's political outlook, that Mr. Benko would have been more acceptable if he had not participated in the Hungarian revolt of last year but had instead supported the bloody rule of the USSR in suppressing it.

Presidio (Monterey) Chess Club: Robert M. Seaman tallied 5½-1½ in the Summer Candidates Tourney, drawing with Nick Tripolski. Second to fourth with 4-2 were Daniel M. Powelattis, Don K. Bissonnette, and Thomas C. Young, Sr.,

while Alexander Parvu, Jr. was fifth with 3½-2½. But Seaman lost the title match to defending club champion Sergius von Oettingen by a 4-1 score. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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Poor Opening

YEARs ago comparatively little importance was attached to the opening. The difference between the strength of masters was so great that the better player was able to extricate himself from an inferior position caused by a poor opening. The situation is quite different now. Very few players can afford to give a master an appreciable advantage in the opening and expect to survive.

In the seventh game of my match against Donald Byrne, he chose the Benoni Gambit. Although this defense has been experimented with lately by Keres and others, it is a poor defense leading to a stagnated position if properly handled by White. After White's 14th move, P-B4, Black's pieces were almost completely paralyzed. At no point after that did Black have any opportunity for any counter-action.

White built up his advantage slowly, and after 29. Q-B4 Black was hopelessly lost.

BENONI GAMBIT

MCO: page 284, column 18, note (g)
D. Byrne-S. Reshevsky Match
New York, 1957

White: **S. RESHEVSKY** Black: **D. BYRNE**

1. P-Q4
The King's Opening was not resorted to in this match.

1. Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-B4
3. P-Q5

With this move only can White hope to obtain an opening advantage.

3. P-K4
Black has better chances for equality with 3. P-K3; 4. Kt-QB3, PxP; 5. PxP, P-Q3 followed by either B-K2 or the fianchettoing of the KB.

4. Kt-QB3 P-Q3
5. P-K4
Less effective is 5. P-KKt3, P-KKt3; 6. B-Kt2, B-Kt2; 7. P-K4, O-O; 8. KKt-K2, Kt-K1; 9. O-O, P-B4 with equal chances.

5. B-K2
Fianchettoing this Bishop is even less promising for Black.

6. B-Q3 O-O
7. KKt-K2 Kt-K1
Rearranging his pieces in case White decided to attack with P-KR3 and P-KKt4.

8. B-K3
White is leaving himself the option of castling on either side.

8. QKt-Q2
Weak was 8. P-B4; 9. PxP, BxP; 10. BxB, RxB; 11. Kt-Kt3, R-B2; 12. QKt-K4 and Black's K3 square must eventually come under the control of White's forces.

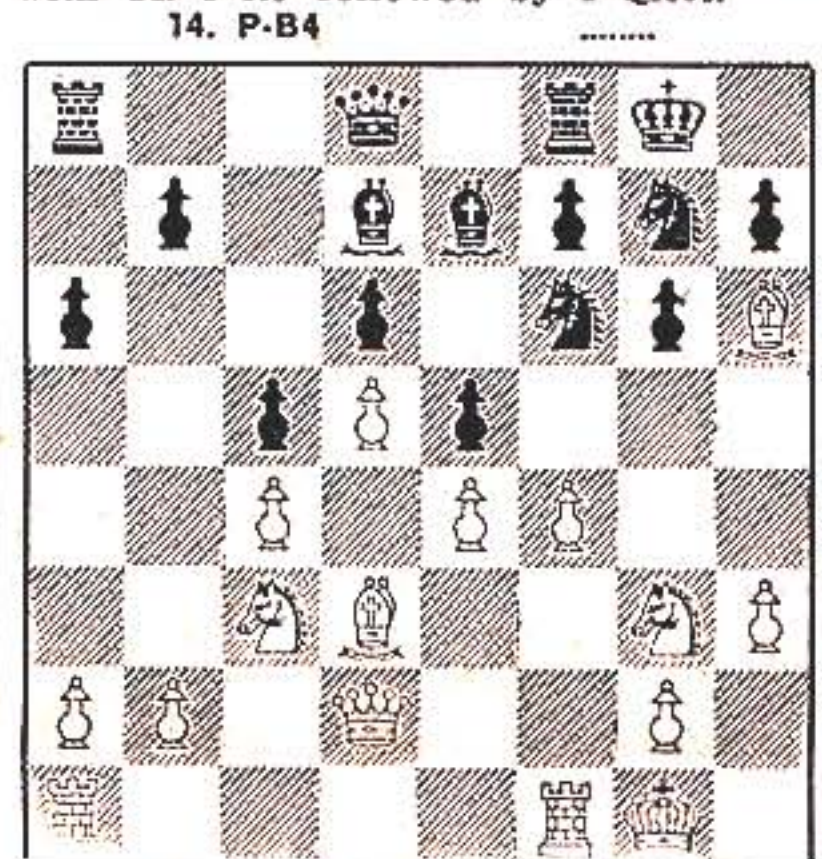
9. Q-Q2 P-QR3
10. Kt-Kt3
Seriously to be considered was 10. P-KKt4 which would, of course, be a declaration of war.

10. Kt(Q2)-B3
11. P-KR3
To prevent Kt-Kt5. A good alternative was 11. P-B3, P-KKt3 (otherwise Kt-B5); 12. B-R6, Kt-Kt2; 13. P-KR4-5 with good attacking possibilities.

11. P-KKt3
12. B-R6
Among other things, this move prevents P-KR4-5.

12. Kt-Kt2
13. O-O B-Q2
Overlooking the strength of White's next move. Correct was 13. K-R1 and if now 14. P-B4, Black can meet it successfully with 14. Kt-Kt1; 15. BxKt ch, KxB; 16. P-B5 and Black's position, although cramped, is quite tenable. After 13. K-R1 White's

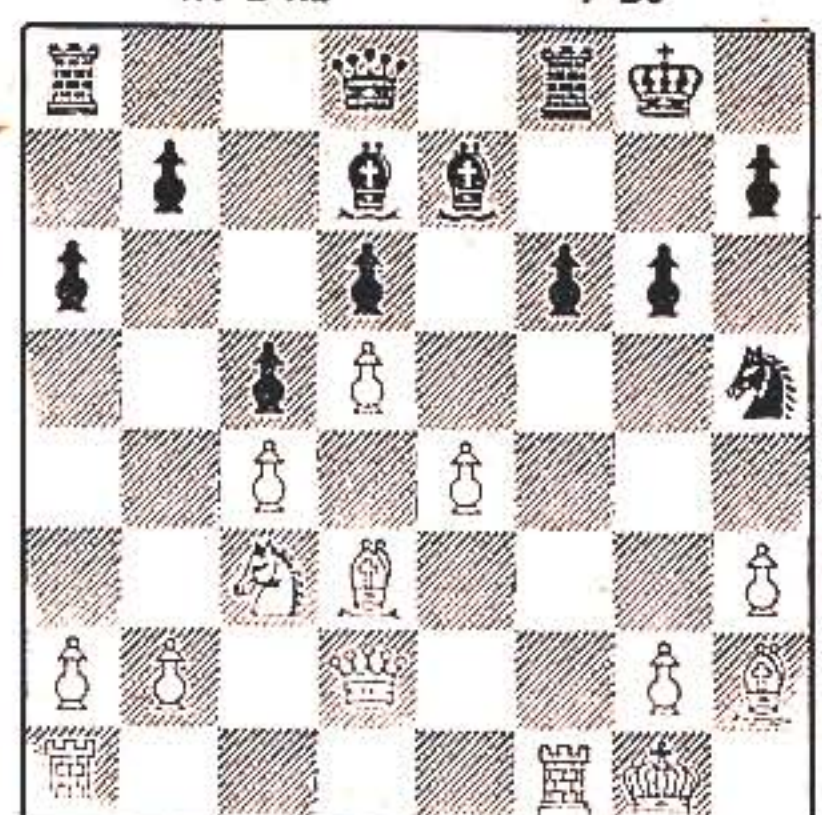
best would have been to abandon, at least temporarily, the advance of the KBP, and begin action on the Q-side with 14. P-R3 followed by P-QKt4.



14. PxP
Otherwise 15. P-B5 is most unpleasant.

15. BxP
Black must now reckon with the threat of P-K5. 15. Q-B2; 16. QR-K1 and the threat remains.

15. Kt(B3)-R4
16. KtxKt KtxKt
17. B-R2 P-B3



Best under the circumstances. If 17. Q-B2; 18. P-KKt4, Kt-Kt2; 19. Q-R6 or QR-K1. The text move not only weakened Black's King position and created a hole at his K3, but also completely shut in his KB. Black's only chance to free his pieces is to strive for an eventual P-KB4.

18. Kt-Q1
White's obvious course is to bring all of his pieces to the K-side for a possible breakthrough. The Knight is, therefore, heading for K3 and perhaps to KKt4-R6.

18. P-QKt4
A desperate diversionary stroke which, however, tends to weaken Black's Q-side position.

19. Kt-K3 Kt-Kt2
The beginning of the effort to effect P-B4.

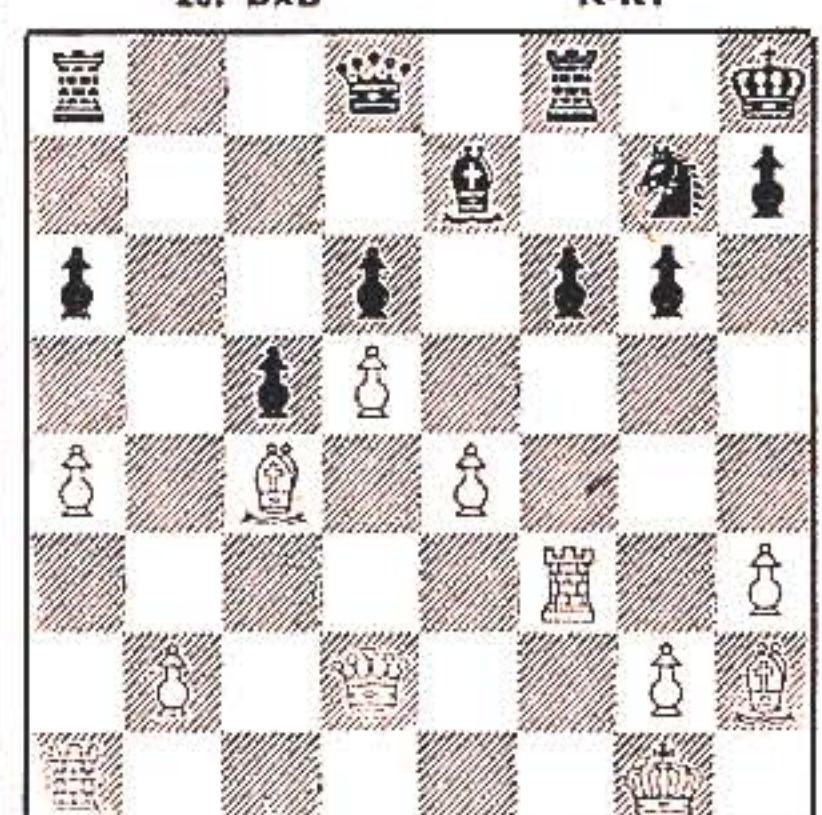
20. R-B3
In order to double Rooks on the KB-file.

20. PxP
21. KtxP

Also good was capturing the pawn with the Bishop, since Black would not have been able to improve his position by playing P-B4. After 21. BxP, P-B4 there would have followed: 22. P-K5, PxP; 23. P-Q6 ch, B-K3; 24. BxKP, with the upper hand.

21. B-Kt4
22. P-QR4
Best. 22. QR-KB1 is not as good on account of 22. P-B4; 23. PxP (if 23. P-K5, simply 23. PxP; 24. Kt or BxP, QxP), BxKt; 24. BxB, KtxP and Black's chances have improved considerably.

22. BxKt
23. BxB K-R1



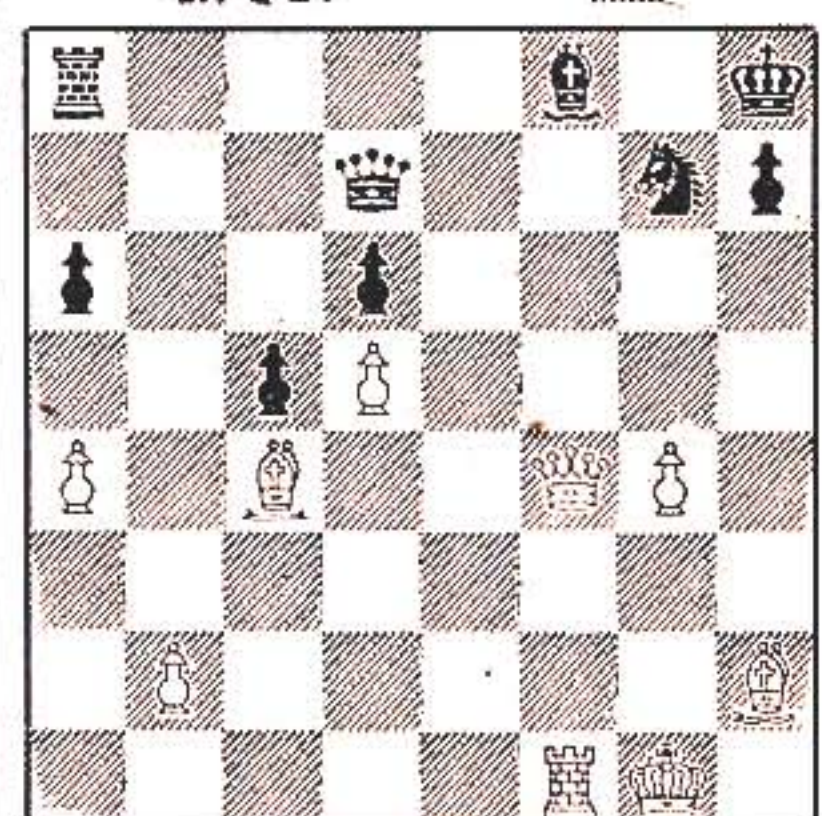
Preparing for P-B4. 23. P-B4 is bad because of 24. P-K5, PxP (otherwise P-K6); 25. P-Q6 ch, K-R1; 26. PxP! (26. BxP is, of course, simpler), QxQ; 27. PxR ch, RxQ; 28. BxP, R-K1 (if 28. P-R3; 29. R-Q3, Q-QB7; 30. B-B3 followed by R-Q7); 29. B-B3, Q-Q3 (29. Q-QB7 is also ineffective because of 30. B-Q3, Q-Kt6; 31. B-Kt5 with the double threat of BxR and BxKt ch winning the Queen); 30. R-Q3, Q-B5 (30. Q-QB3; 31. QR-Q1 followed by R-Q7); 31. B-B7, R-KB1; 32. R-Q7, and wins.

24. P-KKt4
So that if Black plays P-B4 then Black's King will be dangerously exposed to attack.

24. P-B4
24. Q-Q2 was better but still insufficient to hold on.

25. KPxP PxP
26. QR-KB1 PxP
If 26. Q-Q2; 27. P-R5, PxP; 28. RxR ch, RxR (28. BxR; 29. Q-B4 as in the game); 29. RxR ch, BxR; 30. Q-B4 followed by PxP with an easily won end-game, because the QRP cannot be defended.

27. RxRch BxR
28. PxP Q-Q2
Black is attacking two pawns.



29. Q-B4
With the nasty threat of QxB ch, RxQ; RxR mate.

29. B-K2
29. K-Kt1 is no better because of the same reply as in the game.

30. B-Q3
Threatening 31. Q-K4 and QxP mate.

30. P-B5
Giving up a pawn for temporary relief.

31. B-B2
31. QxP is good enough, but White wants more than a pawn.

31. Kt-K1

There is nothing better. For if 31. Q-K1; 32. Q-K4, Q-Kt3; 33. QxB, QxB; 34. Q-B8 ch. 31. B-R5; 32. Q-K4, Kt-K1; 33. R-B8 ch, K-Kt2; 34. QxRP ch winning the Queen.

32. K-R1
In order that Black should not have a check. Inadequate is 32. Q-B7 on account of 32. QxP ch; 33. K-R1, Q-Kt2 and White can't make further progress. If 32. Q-K4, Kt-B3; 32. Q-Q4 ch, K-Kt1; 33. B-B5 (threatening B-K6 ch), B-B3 saves Black.

32. Kt-B3
33. Q-R6 was the immediate threat. 32. B-B3 fails on account of 33. P-Kt5, B-Kt2; 34. Q-K4, BxP; 35. R-B8 ch, K-Kt2; 36. QxRP ch.

33. P-Kt5
The loss of a piece is unavoidable.

33. R-KB1
33. Kt-Kt5; 34. Q-B7 wins. If 33. Kt-R4, the following neat finish could have come about: 34. Q-Q4 ch, Kt-Kt2 (34. K-Kt1; 35. B-B5, etc.); 35. R-B7, R-KKt1; 36. Q-R4, P-KR4; 37. QxP ch, KtxQ; 38. R-R7 mate.

34. PxKt BxP 39. B-KKt3 R-K1
35. QxQP Q-KKt3 40. R-K1 R-KKt1
36. R-KKt1 Q-R3 41. K-R2 R-Q1
37. Q-B4 QxQ 42. P-Q6 Resigns
38. BxQ BxP

Black must give up a piece for the passed pawn.



Pan-American Chess Club (Washington, D.C.): Elected as officers for coming year: Dr. Osvaldo Chaves (Ambassador of Paraguay to the United States) president, Carlos Urrutia vice-president, Jorge Grossmann secretary, Ulices Consuegra alternate secretary, Arthur E. Gropp treasurer and team captain, Cesar A. Macchiavello alternate treasurer, Rafael I. Gutierrez tournament. These and Dr. Luis Quintanilla, honorary president, and Dr. Joaquin Fornoselle Bacardi, past president, constitute the board of directors. A USCF Club Affiliate.

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UNVEILING OF THE ESOTERIC

To many chess players, midgame maneuvers by the masters remain an impenetrable mystery. Some of the secrets are laid bare in this encounter between Attilio DiCamillo, the Philadelphia Master, and George Meyer, the former Bavarian Master and present Washington, D. C. Speed Champion, on the warm pullulating soil of North Carolina.

RUY LOPEZ (Center Attack)

MCO: page 251, column 107

Carolinas Open Championship
Greensboro, 1957

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D.

White: G. MEYER Black: A. DICAMILLO
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. P-Q4
3. B-Kt5 P-QR3

Usual is 5. O-O; but in either case, Black does best to transpose to the text below. A classic example is Morphy-Lowenthal (1858): 5. P-Q4, PxP; 6. P-K5, Kt-K5; 7. O-O, Kt-B4 (....., B-K2 is best); 8. BxKt, QPxP; 9. KtxP, Kt-K3; 10. KtxKt, BxKt; 11. Q-K2, B-QB4; 12. Kt-B3, Q-K2; 13. Kt-K4 and Black can no longer safely castle.

5. PxP
Horowitz analysis disposes of other moves, and modern masters adopt the text exclusively.

6. O-O B-K2 7. P-K5
7. R-K1 has lost favor since Reshevsky-Euwe, 7., P-QKt4; 8. P-K5, KtxP!; 9. RxBt, P-Q3!; 10. R-Kt5, PxP; 11. RxBt, Kt-R4 (Dubrovnik, 1950) or after 9. KtxKt, PxP; 10. QxP, O-O; 11. QxP, R-Kt1 in Fuderer-Euwe, Beverwijk, 1952.

7. Kt-K5 8. R-K1
An exciting alternative with many traps is 8. KtxP to which Black has three replies: KtxKt, O-O, or Kt-B4.

8. Kt-B4 9. BxKt
Here DiCamillo states that 9. KtxP, O-O favors Black. First, one recalls the lovely MCO trap, 9. KtxP, KtxB; 10. Kt-B5, B-B1; 11. Kt-Q6 ch, PxKt; 12. PxP ch, B-K2; 13. PxP, KtxKP; 14. Q-Q6, O-O; 15. RxBt wins. However, after Di's 9., O-O; 10. Kt-B5 still leads to equality. A nintending try after 9. KtxP, KtxKt; 10. QxKt, O-O; 11. Kt-B3, P-Q3; 12. B-B4, B-K3, modifying Euwe's prescription in one of my correspondence games vs. Kenneth Williamson, Alabama Champion, gave Black easy equality.

9. QPxP 11. Kt-QB3
10. KtxP O-O
A crucial position in this variation.

11. R-K1
The newer and more attractive move is 11., P-B4! Then if 12. P-B4?, Kt-K3; 13. Kt-B3, B-Kt5 with the better position for Black. Or if 12. Kt/3-K2, Kt-K3; 13. KtxKt, QxQ; 14. RxQ, BxKt; 15. Kt-Q4, B-B1!

12. B-B4
This move proves that an adage is not necessarily an axiom. It follows the Nibzowitch precept 'Overprotect the advanced pawn.' Yet it seems to lead to

a lost game for White. Best is 12. B-K3, B-B1; 13. Q-R5!, P-KKt3; 14. Q-Kt5, QxQ; 15. BxQ, P-R3; 16. B-B6 with a plus for White.

12. Kt-K3 13. KtxKt QxQ
Black obtains control of the Open file and two powerful Bishops.

14. KtxQ
Black still has an edge after 14. QRxQ, BxKt; 14. P-QR3 (to prevent the disrupting B-QKt5), QR-Q1. His Q-side pawn majority and two Bishops in support are powerful.

14. BxKt 16. KR-Q1 P-QB4
15. Kt-K3 QR-Q1

The purpose of this move is to play 17., R-Q5 (attacking the B) and doubling the Rs on the open Q-file.

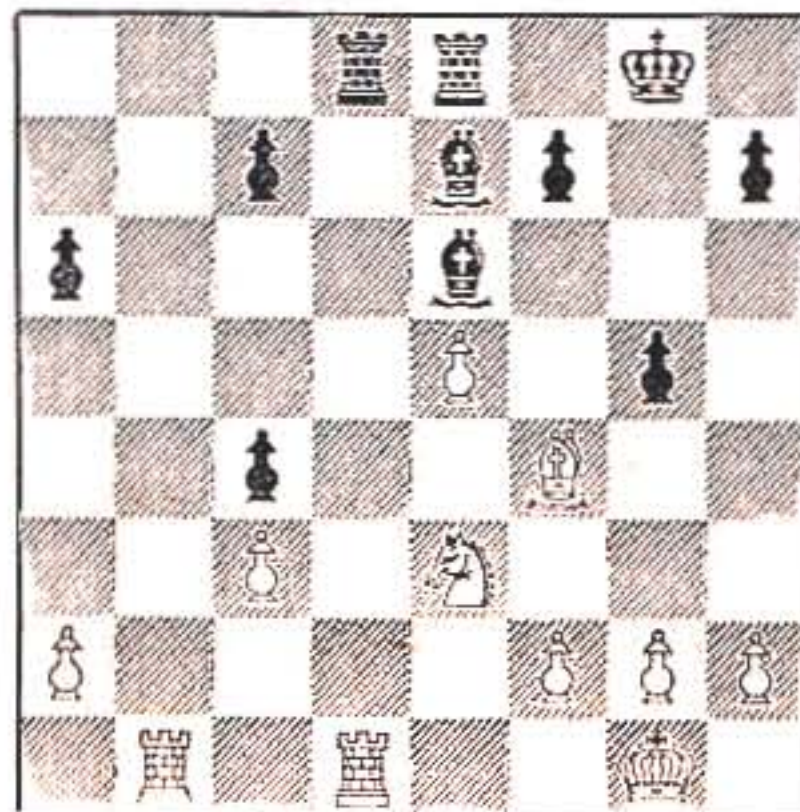
17. P-QB3

Practically forced but a new weakness is created on Q6.

17. P-QKt4

In spite of the fact that one pawn is doubled, the Q-side pawns spell out Black's forthcoming victory.

18. P-QKt3 P-B5 20. QR-Kt1 P-Kt4
19. PxP PxP



A Machievellian tactic that puts the Bishop out of communication with the main battleground, gives Black's King a loophole, thus allowing his Rs to advance.

21. B-Kt3 RxBch
DiCamillo shows that this move is better than R-Q6 as he is now enabled to place the remaining R on the mighty seventh rank.

22. RxB R-Kt1
The threat of mate prevents Kt-Q5.

23. P-KR3 P-QB3 25. K-R2 P-KR4
24. R-Q2 R-Kt8ch

This threat to the Bishop leaves the White Knight vulnerable and gives more scope to Black's KB.

26. P-B3 B-QB4 27. B-B2 B-Kt3
This move looks as mysterious as a gesture by a Hindu temple dancer. It has three materialistic ends: 1) Prevents a check; 2) Protects the Bishop; 3) Puts White almost in zugzwang.

28. Kt-Q1
In dire straits, one hesitates to call this move a blunder. If 28. R-B2, P-R4 (to play P-QR5, R6 and R-Kt7); 29. Kt-Q1, B-KB4; 30. R-Q2, RxBt!; or 30. R-Kt2, BxB!

28. RxBt! 32. RxP BxBP
29. RxB BxB 33. RxP BxBch
30. R-Q8ch K-Kt2 34. K-Kt1 B-Kt7
31. R-QR8 B-K2 Resigns

(The annotator takes pleasure in thanking the winner for his helpful notes.)



ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR 1 Kt-QR3! DURKIN ATTACK

U.S. Open Championship
Cleveland, 1957

Notes by U. S. Expert H. V. Hesse.

White: R. DURKIN Black: J. W. COLLINS

1. Kt-QR3

As far as I know, this move was first played and elaborated on by Robert Durkin, who says, "If I play Kt-QR3 on the second move my opponent might suspect that I am unskilled in

the art, whereas on the first move he will know it, and the surprise is more enjoyable." Incidentally, Durkin has been playing this move for twenty years.

It is not to be expected that such a line will give White any advantage, but he should get interesting equal games, e.g. 1. Kt-QR3, P-K4; 2. Kt-B4, Kt-QB3; 3. P-K4, B-B4; 4. Kt-B3, P-Q3; 5. Kt-K3, Kt-B3; 6. P-Q3, to give a single possibility.

1. Kt-KB3 2. P-KB4
White now gets a form of the Dutch Defense, with colors reversed.

2. P-Q4 4. P-K3 B-Kt2
3. Kt-B3 P-KKt3 5. B-K2

5. P-B4 is an excellent alternative, once Black plays P-B4 this is not possible because of the reply P-Q5.

5. O-O 7. P-B3
6. O-O P-B4

Building up the Stonewall formation, White's game is satisfactory.

7. Kt-B3 9. Q-K1 B-B4
8. P-Q4 Q-Kt3

Or 9., Kt-K5; 10. Q-R4, P-B3 with an extremely difficult position for both sides. The text move gives White an opportunity to occupy Q4.

10. PxP QxBP 12. QKt-Q4 B-B1
11. Kt-QKt5 QR-Q1

Or 12., B-K5, but Black is reserving this square for the Knight.

13. KtxKKtP 14. QxKt Q-R4
KtxKt 15. Q-B3

For if 15. Q-Kt7, K-K2! and to his other threats Black adds QR-KKt1, trapping the Q.

15. BxKt 17. P-Q5
16. QxB QxP

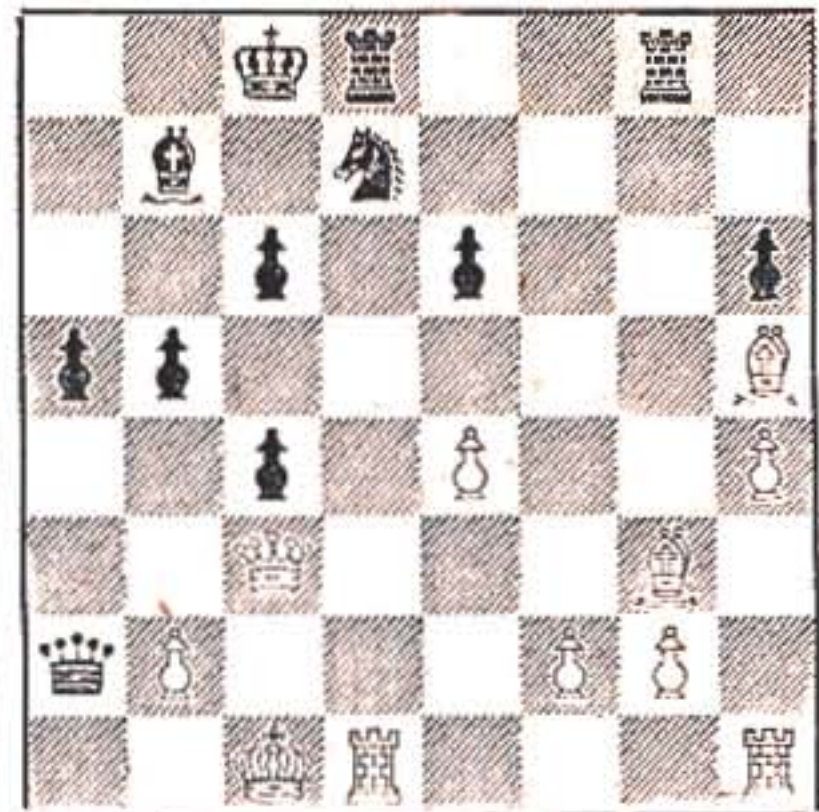
This is the time for White to strike if he is to justify his play to this point. The defense hangs on a hair.

17. O-O-O 18. PxKP PxP
18., Kt-B4; 19. B-K2 gives White too much play, for his Q now has access to K5.

19. B-K2

The crisis is past (and the game immediately builds to another). The point was that if 19. RxBt, RxR (not KxR; 20. Q-Kt7 ch); 20. QxR ch, R-Q1 and White drops his Q because on 21. QxP, Q-R8 ch; 22. K-B2, Q-Q8 ch; 23. K-B3, Q-Kt6 mate. Now RxBt is threatened.

19. KR-Kt1 20. B-R5 P-R4!



Black needn't (and, indeed, couldn't) take time out for defense.

21. B-B7 P-Kt5 22. Q-Q4
Or 22. Q-Q2, Kt-B4; 23. Q-B4, Q-R8 ch;

24. K-B2, P-Kt6 ch; 25. K-B3, Kt-R5 ch;

26. KxP, B-R3 ch; 27. KxP, QxP ch;

28. KxKt, Q-Kt5 mate.

22. P-B6 Resigns

23. PxP P-Kt6

White either is mated or loses his Q

after 24. Q-Q3, P-Kt7 ch; 25. K-Q2, P-Kt8(Q) ch and 26., QxQ. There was a certain poetic justice in the final sac of the gambit pawn to bring the game full circle.



BRIEF AND LOGICAL QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

MCO: page 154, column 1

Annual Club Championship
Center Moriches, 1957

Notes by D. Stubblebine

White: D. STUBBLEBINE Black: B. SUNRAY

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-B4 P-K3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 4. B-Kt5 P-KR3

Black prefers to avoid the complications of the Vienna Variation after 4., B-Kt5 ch. A sharp contest results from the Russian Variation 4., PxP; 5. P-K4, P-Kt4; 6. P-K5.

5. B-R4 P-KKt4
Black fears the pin and becomes over-anxious to trade off the hostile QB.

6. B-Kt3 Kt-R4 8. BxB KtxB
7. B-K5 B-Kt2

This Knight remains inactive throughout the game. Straight development would have been better.

9. PxP PxP 12. Kt-K5 P-B3
10. Kt-B3 P-QB3 13. P-KKt4 B-R2
11. P-K3 B-B4

Best. If 13., PxKt; 14. PxP, KtxP;

15. Q-R5 ch and 16. PxP. Or 14., PxP; 15. QxP with a decisive attack.

14. Kt-Q3 Kt-Q2 15. Q-K2
Threatening P-K4.

15. Q-B2 16. O-O-O

The position has reached a point where White can afford to get his King to safety before attacking. The center is fluid and White's pieces are aggressively placed.

16. O-O-O 18. K-R1 K-R1
17. K-Kt1 K-Kt1

Black wastes time. He should try to centralize his Kt via K3.

19. B-Kt2

To connect the Rooks and occupy the important long diagonal.

19. Kt-Kt3 20. P-KR4
White doesn't fear, Kt-B5. He prefers a diversionary action on the opposite wing.

20. Kt-B5 22. Kt-B5
21. PxP BPxP

If 22. RxP, BxKt; 23. QxB, RxR and wins.

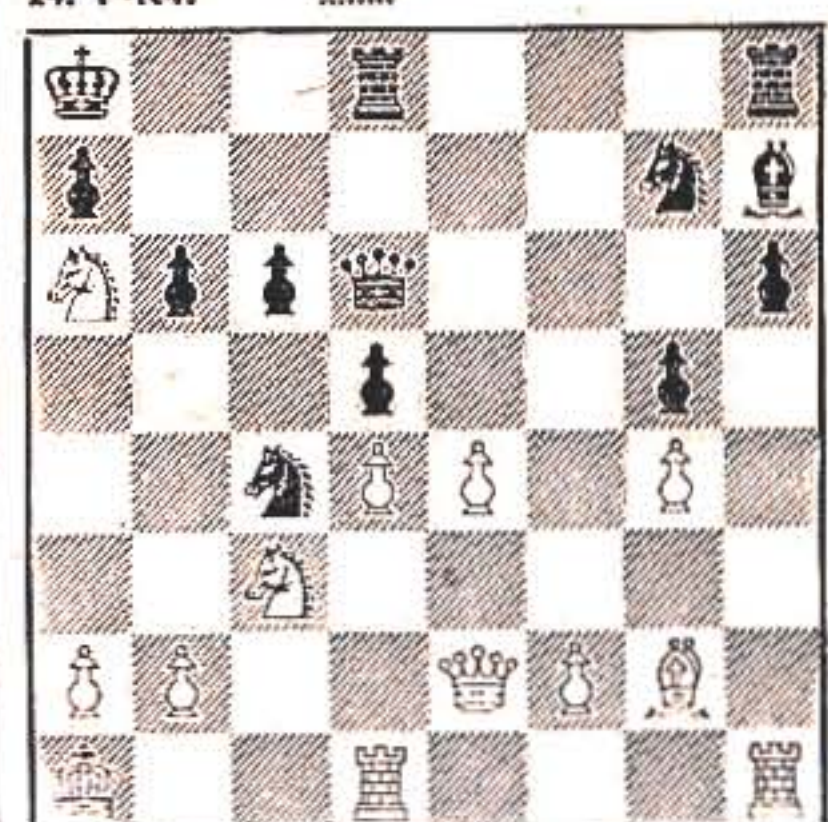
22. P-Kt3
A fatal weakening of the King's field.

23. Kt-R6 Q-Q3
If 23., Q-Kt2; 24. P-Kt3 (24. KtxP

would win if it were not for 24., RxKt), QxKt; 25. PxKt, QxP; or 25., PxP; 26. QxQ or 26. BxP ch.

24. P-K4!

.....



At last! 24. BxP

What else? If 24., PxP; 25. QxKt

and wins. If 24., KR-K1; 25. P-K5

when 26. KtxP is decisive. If 24., Q-K2; 25. PxP, QxQ; 26. KtxQ, PxP;

27. BxP ch, RxB (forced); 28. Kt-B7

ch and wins. Finally if 24., K-Kt2;

25. PxP and wins again.

25. KtxB QR-K1

If 25., PxKt; 26. QxKt wins.

26. KtxQ RxQ 27. KtxKt PxKt

Despair!

28. BxP mate

A very taxing game, but most refreshing!



SURPRISE FINISH KING'S INDIAN REVERSED

MCO: page 225, column 62 (g:A)

U. S. Open Championship
Cleveland, 1957

Notes by U. S. Master Saul Wanetick

White: D. RICHARDSON Black: S. WANETICK

1. P-K4 P-QB4

One of the strongest defenses, Black avoids being tied down in the center as happens in the Ruy Lopez.

2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 6. O-O Kt-B3
3. P-Q3 P-KKt3 7. QKt-Q2 O-O
4. P-KKt3 B-Kt2 8. P-QR4
5. B-Kt2 Kt-QB3

So that P-QKt4 would be impossible for Black when White plays Kt-B4.

8. P-Q4
Preventing Kt-B4.
9. Pxp?
Freeing Black's game. 9. R-K1 is better.
9. KtxP 11. R-K1 B-Kt2
10. Kt-B4 P-Kt3 12. B-Q2
Threatening to trade Black's KB.
12. P-KR3 14. P-R5 R-B1
13. Q-B1 K-R2
If 14. P-QKt4 then P-R5 with advantage to White.
15. Kt/3-K5! Kt-Q5!

Here this Kt cannot be easily dislodged because of the unfortunate position of the White Queen.

16. Pxp Pxp 17. R-R7 R-B2
It is at this point that I was hoping for a future move with my QB where the White R would be en prise.

18. Kt-Kt4?
18. KtxQKtP does not win a pawn because in all variations White will lose a piece when the Black Queen goes to Kt1. 18. Q-Q1 is preferable as White can drive away the Kt by P-QB3.

18. P-B4!
Putting a pawn to work and giving a R some scope. 19. KtxRP would leave the Kt stranded.

19. Kt/Kt4-K3?
K5 should be played.

19. KtxKt
Finally my wildest dream comes true!

20. P-Kt1??
R-Kt is best, but allows an attack after P-B5.

20. BxB
The R is en prise.

21. RxR Kt-B6ch!
Ein zwischenzug.

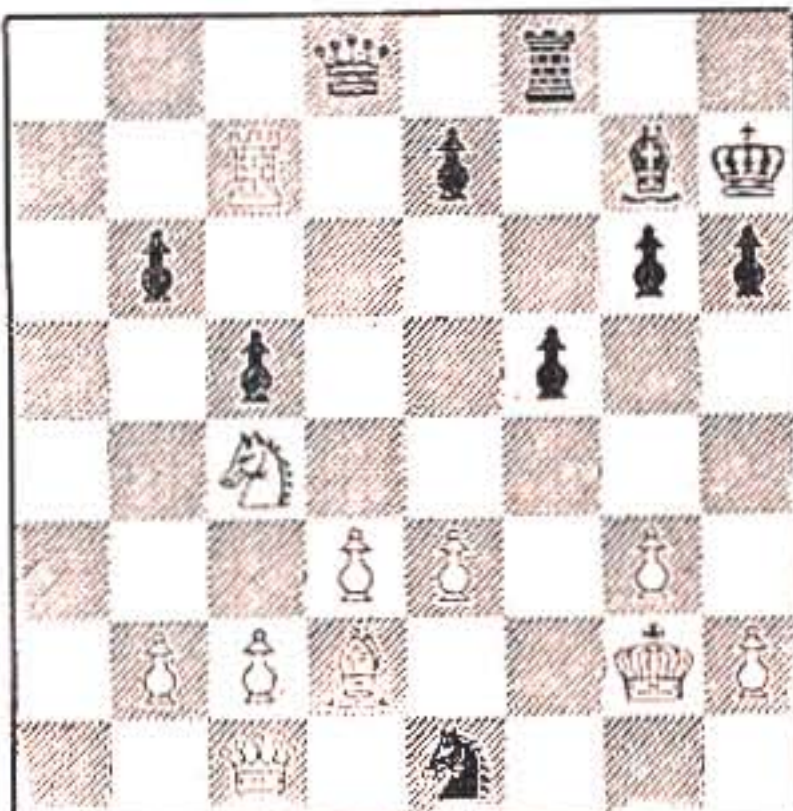
22. KxB KtxRch Resigns



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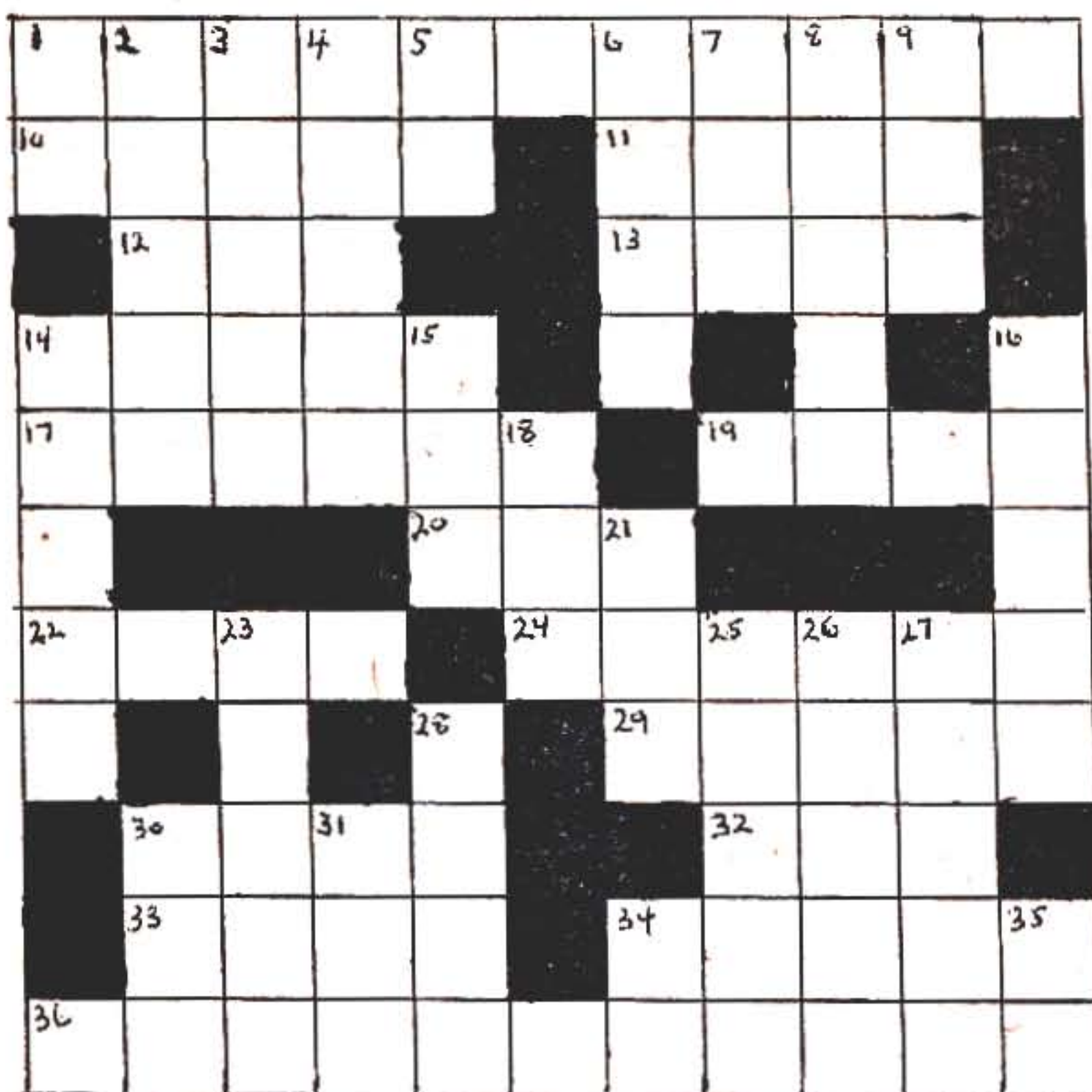


Idaho Chess Association: After a slow start the state team matches are under way. Nampa bested Boise 5½-1½ in first meeting but lost 4½-2½ in return encounter. Victors in 1st match for Nampa were Dr. D. Groenig, J. Stanke, R. Parker, E. H. Horstman, and J. Williamson while A. B. Ellis drew. W. Jennings scored for Boise with C. H. Stewart drawing. In 2nd round C. H. Stewart, J. Cosmo, M. W. Wright and G. Rasor won for Boise while N. Skirmants drew. E. H. Horstman and C. E. Harris tallied for Nampa with R. Parker drawing.

A Chess-Word Puzzle

By Charles E. Gersch

(Solution will appear in the next issue of CHESS LIFE)



DEFINITIONS

ACROSS

1. Chernev called it "the heart of chess".
10. Tiny, as an advantage.
11. One of eight on the chessboard.
12. "Chess-Glance".
13. Pawn and two, for example.
14. Chessplayer's cry.
17. Former world champion.
19. Part of the name of a defense.
20. Girl's nickname.
22. Paul Morphy's middle name: abbr.
24. One variety of chess.
29. Trophy.
30. Become fatigued.
32. To obtain by a close margin, as, to—out a win.
33. First name of a CHESS LIFE columnist.
34. Part of the title of a book by Fine.
36. Variation within the Queen's Gambit Declined.

DOWN

1. Initials of the famous "drawing master".
2. Where the 1949 U.S. Open was held.

3. Ends the game.
4. One of the Eternal Combatants.
5. He: French.
6. First name of a hypermodern grandmaster.
7. Boy's nickname.
8. Purported origin of a group of defenses.
9. Approves of: colloq.
14. Tournament accessory since 1880's.
15. Mr. Harkness, to his friends.
16. Australian chess magazine, "Chess".
18. Hit gently.
21. 19th Century master.
23. First name of grandmaster of the 1920's.
25. Stahlberg is one.
26. Captured.
27. Spaces.
28. Transmit, as moves.
30. Russian grandmaster.
31. Ministerial title: abbr.
34. First word in many annotations.
35. Southeast: abbr.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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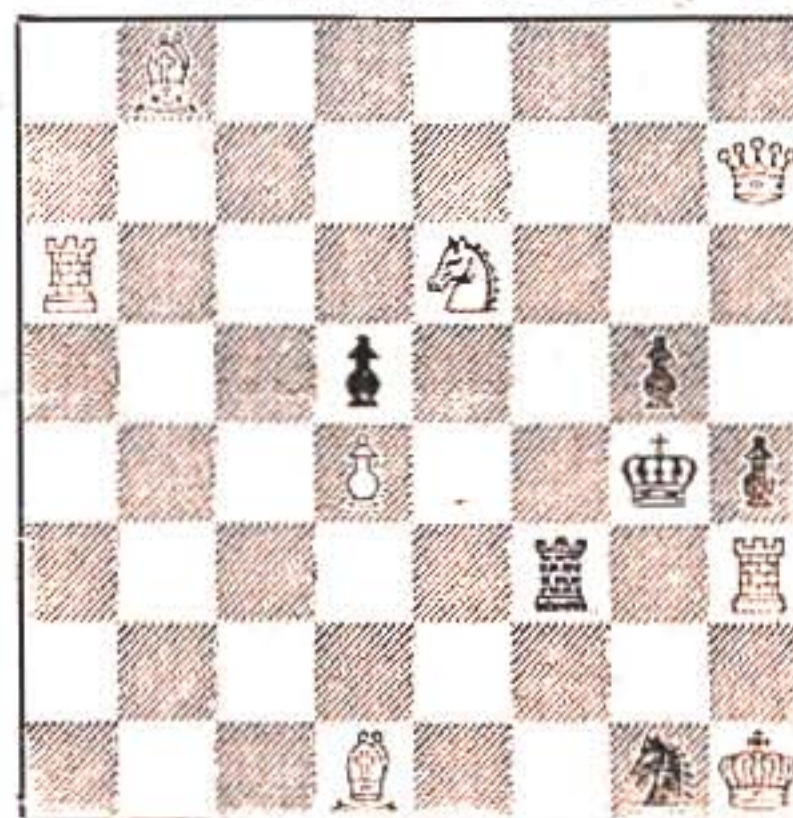
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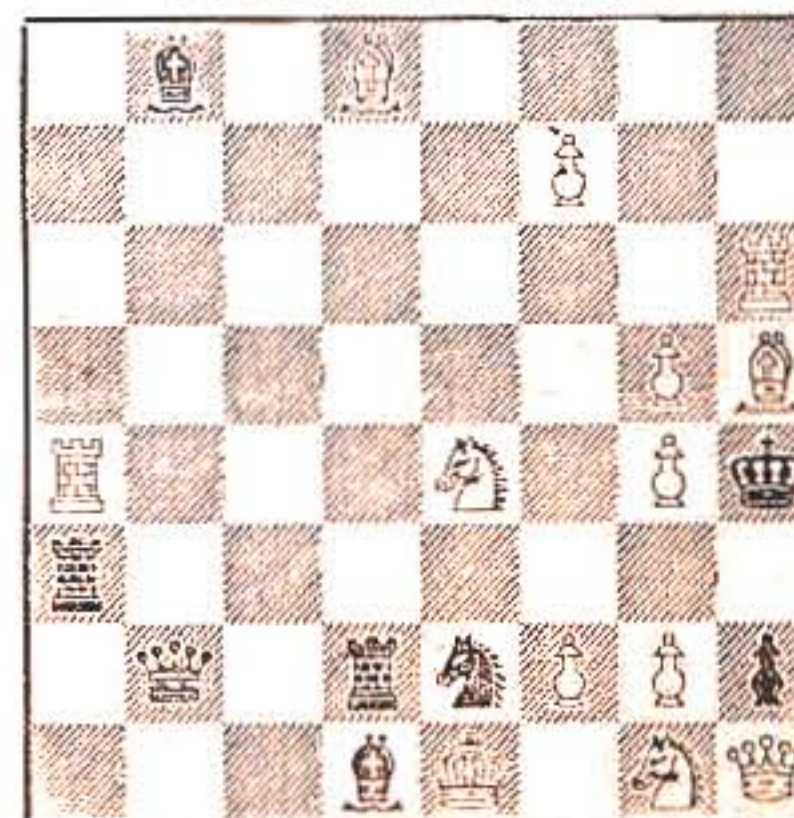
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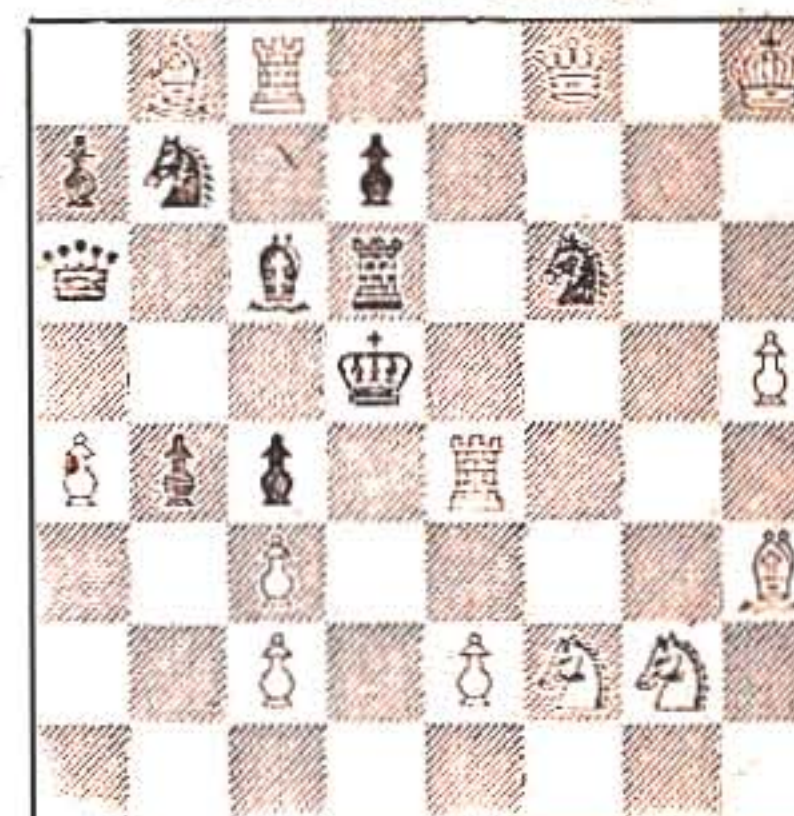
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Mate in two

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Mate in three

Solutions-Mate the Subtle Way!

No. 825 Taliani: intention 1. P-Q4 with threat 2. N-B7. Cook 1. N-B7 ch! K-B4, 2. N-N7 mate. No. 826 Dimitrow: key 1. NxP with the double threats of 2. N takes either N. The keypiece may be captured by 6 ways leading to 6 variations, 4 of them exploiting the self-pin. No. 827 Riesveld: the tries 1. Q-N8 and 1. P-B8 (Q or R) are met by 1., N-N3. Key 1. Q-KR2 changing the set mates after the checking moves of the queen. No. 828 Welikij: set mates: 1., KxN, 2. Q-K6 and 1., K-Q4, 2. Q-B5. In these set mates the self-pinnings of the NB3 are used. After the key move: 1. N-B6 threatening 2. R(3)xN, the pinning functions of the BR8 are shifted over to those of the RR6: 1., KxN, 2. R-KN3 and 1., K-Q3, 2. R-Q3. No. 829 Riley: key 1. Q-K5, threat 2. QxR and 3. B-Q4. No. 830 Hjelte-Andersen: key 1. Q-N2, threat 2. B-B2 and 3. Q-N8 mate. If 1., P-N4, 2. B-QB3: 1., R-N4, 2. B-R5; 1., K-B5, 2. Q-B ch!: 1., P-K3, 2. N-K2 ch!

Solution To What's The Best Move?

Position No. 218

Smyslov-Petrosian, Zurich 1953
The winning move is 1. Q-Q6! defending his KRP and preparing to queen his QP. If then 1. N-B7ch; 2. K-R4, P-KN4ch; 3. K-R5, Q-KB4; 4. Q-KB6!, and Black is defenseless because 4. QvQP allows mate in two. Or if 1. P-KN3; 2. P-Q8(Q), N-B7ch; 3. K-R4, Q-KR5ch; 4. K-N3, N-R8ch; 5. K-B4, QxRPch; 6. K-K4, and White escapes the checks. Finally, if 1. QxBP; 2. P-Q8(Q), N-K4ch; 3. K-B5, and again White escapes the checks winning easily.

In the game, Smyslov played 1. QxNch, PxQ; 2. P-Q8(Q). Here a draw was agreed to because both grandmasters saw that if either tried to win the other could force perpetual check.

Other tries at White's first move are not satisfactory. If 1. P-Q8(Q), Black mates in two. If 1. QxQ or 1. Q-K4ch, White loses his QP after the exchange of queens, and, contrary to the opinion expressed by some of our solvers, Black has all the winning chances in the resulting ending. If 1. Q-Q4, Black forces perpetual check by 1. QxRP.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: David Allen*, Bill Bundick, A. Dunne, Ed. Gault, Edmund Godbold, J. R. Goodwin, John W. Horning, Jack Matheson, Stephen Meyer, Ed Nash, George W. Payne, John A. Pranter, Bob Raven, George Ross*, Frank C. Ruys, Bob Steinmeyer, Walter Stellmacher, W. E. Stevens, George V. Tiers, Francis Trask, Hugh Underwood, William B. Wilson, and Neil P. Witting. The solvers suffer a narrow defeat against this position by 23-27.

Solutions

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 213: 1. B-B8!, K-Kt6; 2. B-R6, P-B7; 3. P-B5, and White wins. If 1. P-B7; 2. B-R3, K-Kt6; 3. B-B1, and wins.

Position No. 214: 1. P-KR4, RxP; 2. K-B5, R-R7; 3. R-QKt4, K-R3; 4. K-B6, R-B7 ch; 5. K-Q6, R-B8; 6. K-K6, R-B4; 7. K-B6, K-R4; 8. R-KB4, K-Kt3; 9. K-Kt6, R-B8; 10. P-R5, R-Kt3 ch; 11. K-B7, K-B2; 12. R-B6, K-Q2; 13. P-R6, R-KR8; 14. K-Kt7, K-K2; 15. R-KKt6, R-KB8; 16. P-R7, R-B2 ch; 17. K-R6, and Black resigned.

R. W. E. DeWolfe of Hartford has gained recognition in a special article in the Hartford, Conn. Times for his seven years' work in teaching chess in the "Institute of Living" programs in service clubs, at schools and community groups in and around Hartford. Mr. DeWolfe has been particularly successful in demonstrating to the Hartford School Board that chess could be used to hold the attention of "academic floaters" in the high school and could be used to teach how to think by the mental processes developed in learning chess.

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Christmas Holiday Tournament Kansas City, Mo.

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January 18-19

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December 26-30

U.S. Intercollegiate Championship Gannon College, Erie, Pa.

See special announcement on page 5

Solvers' Ladder - What's The Best Move?

(Includes solutions to positions through No. 218)

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J. Comstock***	34	J. Davis	14	R. Woodworth	5	M. Brooks	1
J. Germain	33	J. Kreuger	14	G. Covington	4½	W. Goetz	1
J. Ishkan	33	E. Nash****	13	S. Marshall	4½	E. Haller	1
H. Underwood*	30½	J. Matheson	12½	A. Bomberault*	4	P. Leith	1
A. Kafko	29½	J. Scripps	12½	T. Curtis	4	E. Martin	1
R. Seiden	29½	G. Blair	12	V. Guala	4	D. Mela	1
H. Roberts	27	A. Valueff	11½	K. Keemer	4	D. Oderr	1
J. Horning	25½	R. Baker	11	C. Geerz	3	G. Ross	1
I. Schwartz*	24½	G. Tiers	11	F. Kemp	3	L. Scanlon	1
J. Weininger*	24½	D. Johnson	10½	P. Klebe	3	J. Yehl	1
L. Ware	22	H. McClellan	10	T. Reagor	3		

The published ladder includes only those solvers who have submitted at least one solution during the last three months. Other solvers may resume at any time with full credit for their previous solutions.

We congratulate Mr. George W. Payne of Webster Groves, Missouri, on his successful climb to the top of our ladder. Mr. Payne wins the Quarterly Ladder Prize and may start another climb from the foot of the ladder.

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