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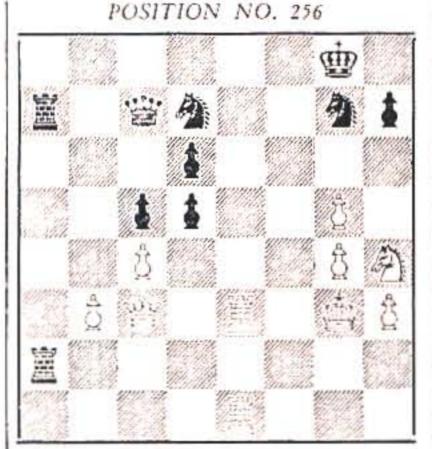
Conducted by

IRWIN SIGMOND

Send solutions to Position No. 256 to reach Irwin Sigmond, 5200 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington 7, Va., by June 15, 1959. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 256 will appear in the July 5, 1959 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.



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Operation

SENSATIONAL NEW MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

Fifteen states smashed their targets, another twelve moved into easy shooting range, sensational gains showed up in many parts of the country, and thrilling races for leadership among the states shaped upall this in the March 5 USCF membership figures. On that date, OPERA-TION M stands 69% achieved.

"The success of OPERATION M now lies with the Membership Committee," said Fred Cramer, USCF Director from Wisconsin and General Membership Chairman. "Powerful finishes are needed, and

appear to be shaping up in many states. Every USCF member is called on to do serious recruiting between now and June 5, the closing date for OPERATION M, to put this grand drive over the top. So many of us have put so much heart into this that we cannot allow it to fall just short of its target. We need help, and I beseech USCF members to provide it."

Tremendous performances have been turned in by California, New York, Minnesota, and many other states, on the basis of net members gained since June 5, 1958. The totals for the leaders follow:

California	150
New York	71
Minnesota	62
Massachusettes	61
Florida	45
New Jersey	30
Mississippi	27
Alabama	25
Wisconsin	23
Pennsylvania	23
Virginia	21

California's challenge for national leadership pressed closely upon New York, as the gap between them narrowed to only 35 members! This thrilling race is reflected in the membership totals on the four report dates during OPERA-

THE LEADERS Percentage of Target As of March 5

	State	Percent	State Chairman
	ARIZ.	170	Mabel Burlingame
	ALA.	156	F. W. Kemp
	R. I.	127	Donald Stetzer
	S. CAR.	126	Lanneau Foster
	MISS.	123	Troy Miller
	CALIF.	117	Harry Borochow
	IOWA	112	William Goetz
	VA.	110	John Matheson
Ш	W. VA.	110	Charles Morgan
	D. C.	107	George O'Rourke
	FLA.	103	Frank Rose
	MINN.	101	Sheldon Rein
П	LA.	100	A. Wyatt Jones
П	TENN.	100	Peter Lahde
П	N. H.	100	George Bart
П	COLO.	96	Juan Reid
П	NEB.	95	Alexander Leipneiks
	MASS.	95	Richard Tirrell
	N. CAR	. 94	Gilliam McMahon
	NEV.	93	Fred Byron
	WIS.	90	Frank Inbusch
	N. J.	90	Edgar McCormick
	OHIO	85	Steve Markowski
	N. Y.	81	Jose Calderon
	ORE.	80	Fred Byron
	VT.	80	John Ishkan

TION M:

Jun 5 Sep 5 Dec 5 Mar 5

New York 372 423 389 443 293 371 California 258 408

Both Harry Borochow, California Membership Chairman, and Jose (Continued on page 2)

NAJDORF-PACHMAN TIE FOR FIRST AT MAR DEL PLATA

FISCHER-IVKOV SHARE THIRD PLACE

Miguel Najdorf of Argentina and Ludek Pachman of Czechoslovakia scored 101/2-31/2 to tie for top honors in the 1959 Mar del Plata classic. Just a half-point behind, with 10-4, came Robert Fischer of the United States and Boris Ivkov, of Yugoslavia.

Fischer got off to a bad start, with two wins, two losses, and two draws in his first six games. His losses, to Rene Letelier of Chile and Pachman were not repeated. After losing to the latter in the fifth round, Bobby played spectacularly to take 71/2 points from his next eight games. He drew with Najdorf, Ivkov, Emma, and Luis Sanchez, winning the rest, and ending with a record of eight wins, two losses, and four draws.

BOSTON JR. TAKES NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR

Seventeen-year-old Jim O'Keefe (also reported as sixteen-year-old) topped a field of thirty-seven entries to become the 1959 New England Amateur Champion, scoring 6-0.

(Further details and some games in the next issue)

WHITAKER WINS WEST FLORIDA

Veteran master Norman T. Whitaker of Shady Side, Md., had his work cut out for him in trying to capture the first prize in the 2nd annual West Florida Open held March 20-22 at the Y.W.C.A. in Tampa, Fla. However, the veteran survived two draws, with 18 year old Florida Junior Champion Bob Bailey and with Dr. R. A. Carlyle of St. Petersburg, to take top honors in the 17 player event with a 5-1 score.

Second to fourth on tie-breaking after scoring 41/2-11/2 were Carl Dover, 17, Orlando; Dr. Carlyle; and Glenn Hartleb of Tampa. Both Dover and Hartleb lost to Whitaker and drew with Bob Eastwood of Homestead, Fla. Carlyle lost to Dover in the opening round.

Defending champion Joel Chalifoux, 18, Tampa, was fifth; and Eastwood, sixth, each with 3½-2½.

In a 12 player companion event, Bill Wheatland of Lakeland won the West Florida Amateur title with 51/2-1/2. Richard Wilson, 17, Tampa, was second with 5-1; and John Jacobs, Gainesville, third with 41/2-11/2.

Kenneth Mowry of Tampa won the New Players title, with Ralph Tindell, Tampa, second; and Tom Jecusco, Tampa, third.

The University of Florida won the five player team title, with Tampa second, and St. Petersburg, third.

Robert C. Eastwood directed the multiple events program that easily eclipsed the previous attendance mark, and added four new members to the USCF.

University of Buffalo Chess Team Victorious on New York Tour

The University of Buffalo Chess Team completed a 4 game road series in New York City during the Easter Vacation winning 2 games, losing 1 and tieing 1. This extended the U.B. Chess Team's season's record to 9 wins, 3 loses and 1 draw.

In New York the U.B. Team defeated Long Island University 4-3 and the U.S. Army New York Detachment Chess Team 41/2-1/2. Then the U.B. Team played a 41/2-41/2 tie with City College of New York. The lone loss was a 6-2 defeat at the hands of Yeshiva University.

The U.B. Road Team and their scores are as follows: Robert Woodworth 3-1, Harvey Selib 3-1, Joseph Baranetsky 21/2-11/2, Kenneth Grieb 2.2, David Rodbard 11/2-1½, Frank Fink 1-0, Joseph Blaustein 1-2, Eugene Pokornowski 1-3, Marvin Winer 0-1 and Anthony House 0-1.

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HOTEL ROME OMAHA, NEBRASKA

July 13-18

1959 U. S. OPEN

SHERATON-FONTENELLE HOTEL OMAHA, NEBRASKA

July 20-Aug. 1

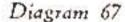
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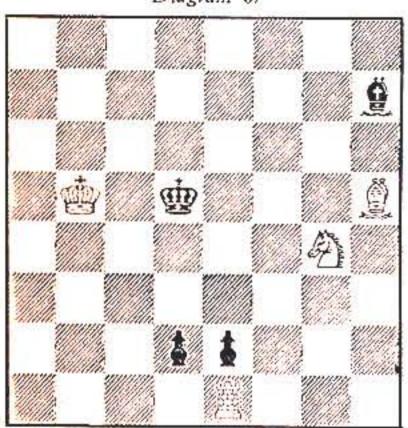
Mastering the End Game By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

The "Quintessence" of Perfection

The heading not only denotes that diagram 67 is the technical height of finesse in the natural sequence of diagrams 64-67, but also indicates that we are full measure bringing in an "encore." A fifth ("quint") speciman of the motif of smothered mate by two minor pieces in the middle of the board!

Firstly, to complete the series, this is Diagram 67 and its solution:





5. B-N6 mate, B-Q6ch; 3. K-N4, BxR; 4. N-B2ch, K-Q6; Solution: 1. N-K3ch, K-Q5; 2. RxP,



Armed Forces Chess by Robert A. Karch

I'll be glad to hear and report on military service chess anywhere on or off the planet! My earthly address is: 16025 Paseo del Campo, San Lorenzo, Calif.

CALIFORNIA—Columnist Bob Karch is leaving for Germany. He will be on the east coast in the middle of June.

VIRGINIA—Mary Jo Russ, Norfolk USO Program Director, reports the first in its series of Rapid Transit Tournaments. There were six military participants, including one WAVE! Scores were:

1.	Claude F. Bloodgood III	5 -0
2-3.	Larry Booritch	31,5-11/2
2-3.	Ed Harris	31/2-11/2
4.	Dewey Howard	2 -3
5-6.	Audrey Weimorts	1/2-41/2
5-6.	Louis Flamos	1/2-41/2

INDIANA — USCF Master Arthur W. Feuerstein is on his way to Heidelberg, Germany.

GERMANY — Mr. Hinle won the bimonthly tournament for the second consecutive time. In the latest event, he tied with Nusbaum at 5-1 but won the playoff 1½-½. The Vogelweh club membership has recently picked up and now totals 25 players on the weekly ladder. A special tournament for the new members in class "C" is being considered.

WORLDWIDE—A new list of the 110 players who are competing in both the 1958 and 1959 All Service Postal Championships has been issued by the Norfolk USO. Here are the top ten rated players as of last March:

1007—Robert E. Cetenski 998—Warren R. Knepper 964—Edward G. Gorniak 946—Donald D. Brand 934—Lon Doughtry 919—R. Knight 918—Frederick H. Kerr 918—Fred Casten 917—J. Garwood

916-C. Parker

Ten players have already qualified for the 1958 ASPC Semi-Finals. They are H. Evans, C. Bloodgood, R. Cetenski, W. Knepper, L. Doughtry, E. Gorniak, D. Brand, S. Ungemach, W. Barterer and R. Billings.

OPERATION M-

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Calderon, New York Membership Chairman, have turned in magnificent jobs. Between them they have put on 226 net new members! And at the present rates, they will end up in a dead heat next June 5 for first place in the nation. A photo finish!

The race for 3rd-4th-5th is another close one, with the big-membership states of Texas, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania elbowing each other for honors, as follows:

	Jun 5	Sep 5	Dec 5	Mar !
N.J.	194	192	212	224
Texas	210	228	219	212
Penn.	178	186	197	201

Full state-by-state totals will appear at right.

WITH THE CLUBS

In the finals for the Individual championship of the various Norfolk, Va. chess teams, R. E. Cetenski of Bayside, Va. won the 6-player double round robin with a convincing 9-1 score. He defeated three of the others in both games, and won one and drew one with second-place Pal Sternberg and third-place Claude F. Bloodgood III, both of Norfolk. Sternberg's score was 7-3, while Bloodgood's was 6½-3½, each being undefeated by any player other than winner Cetenski.

The USCF rated matches continue in Norfolk, an activity which might well serve as an example for other areas of the United States. In January and February, 1959, the following matches were played in Norfolk: Bloodgood-Shook, individual match, drawn 5-5, after each had won four and drawn two; Dr. Acevedo-Bloodgood, won by Acevedo, discontinued after seventh game of scheduled ten game match gave Acevedo his fifth win and a 5.2 score; team match between Norfolk and Virginia Beach, won by Norfolk with a 9-1 score; team match between Norfolk and Portsmouth, won by Norfolk, score 5-1.

The Schenectady Chess Club warmed up for the defense of its Susquehanna Cup title by annihilating the visiting Pittsfield, Mass. YMCA Club, 11½-1½, on March 8.

Winners for Schenectady were Larry Heinen, Mike Valvo, Ted Krieger, Don Kruger, Henry Morawski, George Duncan, Steve Anderson, Ben Smith, Ken Dean, Wayne Morse and Lothar Mayer. Dr. Joseph Weininger drew. At first board, Jim Yunker salvaged the lone win for Pittsfield in a 4½-hour struggle with Frank Valvo.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE CAROLINAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

June 26 through 28, 1959

SOUTHPORT, N. CAROLINA

Play chess in the land of Bluebeard. Beautiful beaches. Uninhabited islands. Fabulous fishing.

For details write Dr. Norman Hornstein, P.O. Box 938, Southport, North Carolina (Paid adv.) Only a few days of OPERATION M remain, yet it is still short of target. The final score is the June 5 tape of the Chess Life mailing list—so your new recruits must be in by June 1 or before. Now is the time to do that bit of recruiting you have been putting off—while it still counts! Mail the recruit's name and \$5 to USCF headquarters. If just 100 members send in 1 new member each, the drive will be a shoo-in! Won't you help?

State-by-state membership a year ago (on June 5, 1958) and membership last March 5, together with state targets are as follows:

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State	Population	June 5	March	5Target	State Chairman
New York	16,243,000	372	443	550	Jose Calderon
California		258	408	350	Harry Borochow
New Jersey		194	224	250	Edgar McCormick
Texas		210	212	280	Harold Bone
Pennsylvania		178	201	275	Mordecai Treblow
Ohio		174	170	200	Steven Markowski
Illinois	9,440,000	142	143	200	John Nowak
Massachusetts		81	142	150	Richard Tirrell
Michigan		131	138	200	Ed Dickerson
Florida		58	103	100	Frank Rose
Minnesota		39	101	100	Sheldon Rein
Wisconsin	CONTRACTOR	67	90	100	Frank Inbusch
Connecticut		83	81	125	Bill Newberry
Virginia		34	55	50	John Matheson
Indiana		45	52	100	Mildred Morrell
North Carolina	4,310,000	42	47	50	Gilliam McMahon
		44	46	60	Boris Garfinkel
Maryland		33		75	
Missouri		3000 133 10	42	1 2 2 2	Don Define et al
Louisiana		28	40	40	A. Wyaft Jones
Alabama		14	39	25	F. W. Kemp
Mississippi		10	37	30	Troy Miller
Arizona		17	35	20	Mabel Burlingame
Washington		22	34	45	(Chairman wanted)
Dist. of Col		22	32	30	George O'Rourke
Oklahoma		34	31	50	Jerry Spann
Kansas		37	31	40	Winifred Killough
lowa		14	28	25	William Goetz
Fennessee		14	25	25	Peter Lahde
Oregon	1,684,000	12	24	30	Fred Byron
Colorado	. 1,580,000	18	24	25	Juan Reid
New Mexico	805,000	31	22	40	Ben Phillips
West Virginia		14	22	20	Charles Morgan
Kentucky	. 3,033,000	22	20	30	William Seay
Nebraska		13	19	20	Alexander Leipneiks
South Carolina	2,303,000	9	19	15	Lanneau Foster
Rhode Island		9	19	15	Donald Stetzer
Arkansas	1,785,000	9	18	25	Jerry Spann
Georgia	The second secon	14	16	25	(Chairman wanted)
Nevada		9	14	15	Fred Byron
Utah		14	13	25	(Chairman wanted)
Maine		8	7	10	John Ishkan
Delaware	The second secon	5	6	10	Boris Garfinkel
New Hampshire		4	5	5	George Bart
North Dakota		6	1	10	Alexander Leipneiks
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Andrew Carlotte The State of the State of the State of the State of State o		3	4	5	Fred Byron
South Dakota	A Committee of the Comm	7	3	1000	Harry M. Walsh
	700 000	4	3	5	Fred Byron
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Wyoming)	450 000		3	5	Alexander Leipneiks
Hawaii	Control of the Contro				Benjamin Ching
Alaska	215,000		1	5	Anthony Schultz

BLACK BEST IN BUFFALO

Roy Black, a USCF Master Emeritus, won the 1959 Buffalo City Championship with a score of 9-1. He won eight games and conceded draws to runner-up George Mauer and to Harvey Selib.

Mauer also finished undefeated but gave up four draws to finish with 8-2.

Third, fourth, and fifth places in the eleven man field went respectively to: Owen Miller (6½-3½), Dr. S. R. Frucella (6-4), and Chester Fell (5½-4½).

(News that the old war-horse is still going strong is gratifying to your editor. If he objects to the adjective "old" ask him just how long ago it was that he was trading pawns and punches with Capablanca, Marshall, Janowski, Schlecter, Maroczy, and other chess giants. We only know that in 1920 the American Chess Bulletins referred to him as "many times champion of the Brooklyn Chess Club." And that wasn't last week!

The news also recalls the days in the early thirties when I was a member of the Buffalo Chess Club, and the frequent flights of imaginative debate, inspired by the news that Roy Black and Ralph White were paired for a tournament or match game. It might go something like this: "So, Black is going to play White. Now if Black gets a chance to play white, White, playing black, may

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expect 1. P-K4, since Black loves the white side of a Ruy. But White, when playing black, especially against Black, will try to cross up white with a Sicilian. On the other hand, if White gets white and Black gets black, Black may expect White's favorite 1. P-Q4, with which White has had considerable success, both as white and black, and even against Black." And so on, ad nauseam. F.M.W.)

VA. TOPS N.C.

A strong team from Virginia invaded North Carolina and for the second year in succession won the Virginia-North Carolina Interstate Trophy Match. Played at the North Carolina State College Armory in Raleigh, the score was 141/2-101/2. An automobile carrying five Norfolk players broke down, and Virginia forfeited five games, but still won convincingly, being just too strong on both top and bottom boards, the top nine scoring 7 points, while the bottom six accounted for 4 points. Some idea of the strength of the event may be obtained from the pairings on Boards 1 to 9: Virginia—Eliot Hearst, Irwin Sigmond, Homer Jones, Walter Muir, Peter Henderson, John Matheson, Jesse Burke, Ernest Knapp, and Clifford Roberson; North Carolina, Oliver Hutaff, Dan Gallik, Norman Hornstein, Henry Stockhold, Albert Jenkins, David Steele, Jim Hagenbuckle, Albert Margolis, Henry Jones.

USCF Affiliates to April 1, 1959

REGIONAL

New England Chess Ass'n
Holds annual championship restricted
to residents of New England, Inquiries
to Richard Tirrell, 30 Mercer St. So.
Boston, Mass.

Southern Chess Ass'n

Holds annual championships weekend of July 4th. Inquiries to R. C. Eastwood, 304 S. Krome Ave., Homestead, Fla.

ALABAMA

Birmingham Chess Club
Meets Tuesday evenings at Central
YMCA, 526 No. 20th St., Birmingham,
Ala. Conducts state champ. Write F.
W. Kemp, Box 114, Palmerdale, Ala.

ARIZONA

Phoenix Chess Club
Meets Friday evenings at Encanto Den,
2700 N. 14 Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. Conducts Ariz. Open and Phoenix City
Champs. Write Mrs. Mabel Burlingame,
3310 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix, Ariz.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Chess Ass'n Conducts State Tournaments, State Champ, Jan. Open champ, July 25-26. Write Raymong E. Lawrence, 205 Berger St., Malverne, Ark.

CALIFORNIA

California State Chess Federation
Sponsors State Championship, State
Open, etc. Official organ: The California Chess Reporter. Write Kyle
Forrest, 853 27 St., Manhattan Beach,

Calif. Bay Area Chess League

Sponsors Northern Calif. Open, S. F. Open and league matches. Write Russell A. Freeman, 6337 Outlook Ave., Oakland 5, Calif.

Chess Friends of Northern California Conducts Open Tourn., Feb.-Mar., Experts, May, East-West Match, Sept., Sheraton-Palace Xmas Tourn. Dec. Write Mrs. Virginia McGinley, 2763 Chelsea Dr., Oakland 11, Calif.

China Lake Chess Club For details write Carl W. Bitzer, 101A Hornet, China Lake, Calif.

Southern Calif. Chess League Conducts Individual Champ, Expert Candidate Tourn. Team Tourn. Write Fred Haeger, 910 So. Montecito Dr., San Gabriel, Calif.

Meets at 108 N. Formosa (Rear), Los Angeles 36, Tues., Wed. & Fri. Nites and Sat. & Sun. afternoons. Tourns. Master, Expert and class all start mid Jan. Sec'y Edythe Langdon, 526 S.

Meets at City Terr. Cultural Center, 3875 City Terr. Dr., Los Angeles 63, Wed. eve. Conducts East Side Open, SCCL Experts and Team Tourn. Sec'y

Alandale, Los Angeles 36.

Angeles 63, Calif.

For details write A. DeBeaubein, 505 Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach, Calif. C.R.A. Chess Club

Bernard Oak, 1155 N. Miller Ave., Los

Tues, eve. at Convair Club House, Write H. Goodwin, Zone 24-1, Convair, Pomona, Calif.

Capital City Chess Club

Meets at Clunie Auditorium, Alhambra & F Sts., Sacramento, Calif., Wed. eves. Conducts City, Club and Regional Tourneys. Sec'y Harold Keith, 2320 Cortez Lane, Sacramento.

Golden Gate Chess Club

Meets at Hotel Broadmoor, 1499 Sutter St., Tues, eve. San Francisco, Calif. Write Henry Gross, 68 Post St., San Frnacisco, Calif.

Mechanics Institute Chess Club

57 Post St., San Francisco 4. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily at above address. Director, A. B Stamer at club address. San Gabriel Chess Club

Meets at San Gabriel Community Ctr.

Meets at San Gabriel Community Ctr. 250 S. Mission Dr., Fri. eve. Sec'y Walter Cunningham, 165 Sandra St., Arcadia, Calif.

Santa Monica Bay Chess Club

Mon. & Wed. eves. at Jocelyn Hall, Lincoln Park, 7th & Wilshire Blvd. Write O. H. Wentcher, 401 Sycamore Rd., Santa Monica, Calif. Van Nuys Chess Club

For details write Hugh Neisler, PO Box 2125, Van Nuys, Calif.

COLORADO

Colorado State Chess Ass'n
Colo. Residents Champ. Labor Day
weekend. Member clubs are Denver,
Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Boulder and
Ft. Collins Chess Clubs. Pres. J. Juan
Reid, Dean of Men, Colorado College,
Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs Chess Club
Meets at Cossitt Hall, Colo. College
Mon. eve. Club tourneys Oct. to April.
Tournament director J. J. Reid at above
address.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut State Chess Ass'n Conducts State Individual and Team Championships, Write T. Reese Putsche, 27 Lexington Rd, West Hartford 7, Conn.

Bristol Chess Club
Meets at Community Hall, Cambridge
Pk. Dev. Quaker Lane, Bristol, Fri. 8
P.M. Pres. Gottfried Kessler, 779 Stafford Ave., Forestville, Conn.

New London Y Chess Club Meets at YMCA, 19 Meridian St., Mon. 8 P.M. Conducts City Champ. Sept. to April. Write to Birger H. Germalm, Rt. 163, Oakdale, Conn.

New Haven Chess & Checker Center Thurs, eve. at YMCA, 52 Howe St. Write Sec'y James Bolton, 249 Highland St., New Haven, Conn.

Courier Postal Chess Club Play is by mail only. For details write Virgil M. Kimm, PO Box 104, Terryville, Conn.

DELAWARE

Atlas Globe Chess Club Meets 2nd and 4th Tues. 7:30 P.M. at Atlas Globe Powder Co. Gen. offices, Fairfield, Wilmington, Del. Company sponsored, Chairman John J. Frey.

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Address Sec'y J. D. Spear at above address

Pan-American Chess Club Meets at Pan-American Union Library, 17th & Constitution Ave. NW, Washington 16, D.C., Sat. 2:30 to 7 P.M. Sec'y, Carlos Merino, 6509 Culmore Court, Falls Church, Va.

FLORIDA

Conducts Fla. State Champ., West Fla. Open, Fla. Gold Coast, open, So. Fla. International, Fla. Masters, North Fla. Open. Annual Meeting Labor Day Weekend. Sec'y Glenn Hartleb, 503 Magnolia, Tampa 6, Fla.

Meets at Satellite Beach Civic Center, 401 Cinnamon Dr., Satellite Beach, Fla. 2nd & 3rd Thurs. 7 P.M. & 3rd Mon. each month. Sec'y Harry L. Hughes, 353 Dixie Way, Eau Gallie, Fla.

GEORGIA

Atlanta Chess Club
Meets Friday evenings at YMCA, 145
Luckie St. NW. Conducts State and City
Championships. Write Dr. Hugh W.
Taylor, 872 Edgewood Ave. NE, Atlanta 7, Ga.

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Chess Club Conducts Individual Championship, team Tournaments, Write Edw. W. Buerger, 2119 Parkview Ct., Wilmette,

Austin Chess & Checker Club Mon. & Thurs. eves. at Austin Town Hall, 5601 W. Lake St., Chicago 44, Ill. Conducts Great Lakes Open. Write Sec. at meeting place.

Hawthorne Chess & Checker Club Meets at Western Electric Co. Restaurant Hawthorne Station, Chicago 23, Fridays 5:30-11 P.M. Sec'y Walter Elliott, Rt. 2, Box 208, Naperville, III. Irving Park YMCA Chess Club

Meets at Y, 4251 W. Irving Pk. Blvd., Fri. 8-12 P.M. Write Sec'y Eva Aronson, 4058 N. Oketa, Chicago, Ill. Rogers Park Chess Club

Meets at Loyola Park Field House, 7001 Sheridan Rd., Chicago, Thurs. 7-10, Sat. 1-5 (except Jul. & Aug.) Sec'y Charles Owen. 456 Ida Place, Glencoe, Ill. Southern Illinois University Chess Club Sat. afternoons at Student Union, Car-

bondale, Ill. Write club at meeting

INDIANA

place.

Ind.

Indiana State Chess Association
Conducts State Tournament 2nd weekend in May, Meets at Captain Logan
Hotel, Logansport, Ind. Write Glen C.
Donley, Lake Cicott, Ind.
Elkhart YMCA Chess Club
Meets at YMCA Bldg., 229 W. Franklin,

Elkhart, Tues. 7:30. Sec'y, Dr. John B.

Hartigan, 323 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart,

Ft. Wayne Chess Club

Meets at YMCA Ships Cabin, 226 E. Washington Blvd., Ft. Wayne, Friday eve. Conducts Ft. Wayne Open. Write President: Fred H. Vietmeyer, 2503 Trentman Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Meets at Memorial Bldg., Batesville, Sat. noon to 9 P.M. Write Sec'y John Blanford, 611 W. Pearl, Batesville, Ind.

Wichita YMCA Chess Club

Meets at YMCA, 424 E. 1st, Wichita Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Conducts Wichita Open. Pres. Robert Leewright, 1409 Fairmount, Wichita 14.

KENTUCKY

Meets at YMCA, 239 E. High St., Sat. afternoons. Conducts State Championships. Write Dr. Wm. A. Seay, 1636 Nicholasville Rd., Leanington, Ky. Louisville YMCA Chess Club

Meets at YMCA, 231 Broadway, Mon., Wed. and Sat. Conducts State Open (Apr.) and Midwest Open (Nov.). Write Sec'y. Patrick Forsee, 3328 Newburg Rd.

Louisiana Chess Association Conducts State Championship Labor Day weekend, Write A. L. McAuley, 4225 S. Liberty, New Orleans, La.

LOUISIANA

MARYLAND

Maryland Chess Association
Meets at Franklin House, 220 N. Franklin
Rd., Baltimore. 1st Thurs. in Jan., Apr.,
July and Oct. 8-10 p.m. Conducts State
championships, Bay Region Tournament,
etc. Pres. George Hermes, 1502 Sheffield
Rd., Baltimore 18, Md.

Meets at Franklin House, 220 Franklin Rd., Thurs. evenings, Write sec'y. William C. Koenig, 810 Braeside Rd., Baltimore 29, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Chess Association Inc.

Annual meeting, Washington's Birthday at Cambridge YMCA, 820 Mass, Avenue, Cambridge. Conducts Mass. State Champ. and Mass. Open, Schoolboy tourney and Boston Open. Sec'y. Harold Dondis, 16 McCarthy Rd., Cambridge, Mass. Western Mass. & Conn. Valley Chess

Association

Conducts Annual Tourney (Feb.) and
Western Mass Tourney (Apr.) Clubs;
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THE "UNCLE BOB" SCRIVENER STORY

"I am 77 years old. Saw my first chess game in the early '90s in New Orleans at the Southern Yacht Club where my father had taken me to see a billiard exhibition between the two greats Ives and Schaeffer. Boy like, I wandered away from the match and found two men engaged in a serious study over a board in one of the smaller nooks in the club. My father found me and explained they were playing chess. He played, but I did not even learn the moves until about 1900, and began playing in Memphis about 1904, when Pillsbury and Marshall were the excitement in American chess. I played in my first Memphis Tournament in 1904 and did not win a game. After the Tournament B. B. Jefferson took me in tow and prepped me for the next year, when he stayed out of the Tournament and I won it.

In 1913 Jeff and I entered our first big tourney, the Western in Chicago, Jefferson won the Tourney. I finished in a tie with E. Michaelsen for 5th and 6th in a field of 18. I played in a number of Westerns until about 1929, when I went into Aviation and dropped out of chess for a number of years. In 1935 our Company, the Chicago and Southern Air Lines, (which later was purchased and became a part of the present Delta Air Lines) moved to St. Louis and I was persuaded by the St. Louis chess boys to try my luck with them. I played in my first St. Louis District Tournament in 1935-6 and was fortunate enough to win it. The next year a newcomer appeared to give us all a run (Erich Marchand). We played in the next five St. L. District Tourneys and each won two and the odd one was won by Edwin Woody, another fine player soon to be lost to chess and claimed by the business world. I am enclosing my first game with Marchand as it was his first experience with the Business Man's Opening. Marchand refers to this opening in his column in Chess Life of Oct. 20, 1957, Pg. 5. Marchand and I have played over one hundred hard battles and I feel sure he has the plus score. A grand opponent and a most sincere personality.

Our Company returned to Memphis in 1941, and except for weekly games in the Veterans Hospitals in Memphis during the war years I did not play chess except a few games by correspondence for another 15 years. About that time the USCF Championship was held in New Orleans, and a delegation headed by Hunter Leslie Weaks represented Memphis. A number of the old timers asked about me, and no one of the Memphis team had ever even met me. They told inquirers that they did not know whether I still played or not. An old timer told them: "Look him up. Make him play in your next City Tournament. He may be rusty but he will beat the socks off of you." So they roused me out of my lethargy and I played in and won the 1955 Memphis Champion-

ship, just fifty years after I had won it for the first time.

Since then I have played in three Alabama Opens, ticing in game scores for first in 1955, but losing to my fine young Memphis player, J. A. Wright, on tie-breaking points. I won the Ala. Open in 1957 finishing ahead of two USCF rated experts, both of whom I played.

In 1956 I had an interesting happening. I finished in a tie for second and third. This was the New Orleans (La. Open) Tourney won by Irene Vines, and a sterling player she is. In this Tourney there were some half dozen USCF Experts, and sharing the 2-3 position with Newton Grant, I finished ahead of Al Buckland, A. L. McCauley, A. M. Lockett, Jr., with a total of 47 New Orleans District players. I received a special prize for the Best Played Game in this Tourney. I am told the Committee was unanimous in this selection. But the best prize was Euwe's Complete Archives in English, and I am now reaping the benefit of this win, since I retired from Delta Air Lines three years ago, and am now doing some study on the openings for the first time in my life. In two Westerns I attended I had not played one single game over the board between tournaments.

I was elected President of the Western Chess Association on three occasions, the first in 1913, and I think the last was in 1928 or 1929.

In the Westerns I played such magnificent players as Sammy Reshevsky, Carlos Torre, A. Kupchik, H. Hahlbohm, Sam Factor, H. Steiner, Norman Whitaker, and many, many others, all of whom taught me something, knowledge

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which enables me now to make a respectable showing in the tournaments I am privileged to enter, and at 77 I have gone thru three (2 Ala., 1 La.) State Opens in the last three years without losing a game. There is no substitute for the experience one obtains in contact with the best in a class.

The game with Whitaker which I enclose is one of two which I have played him in Tourneys. I en-

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close it for a real reason. One, I am proud to have defeated him, as I have the greatest respect for his chess playing ability but another thing seems more important to me: I wanted to beat him more than I did anyone. There is a lesson there for the new timers: if your desire is strong enough you can surpass your usual performances. In this Detroit game I played Whitaker in the 12th or 13th round. Tensions were mounting, Torre and Reshevsky were both much interested, as Whitaker had not lost a game. Numerous behind-the-scenes prizes were being offered by individuals to the first man to beat Whitaker. I hit a nice little jack-pot in winning this game. I am still using in major tournaments the set of men I won that day.

I also enclose a game played in the Florida State Championship of 1926. They had a strong field including John Winter and E. Michaelson of Chicago, and I tied with John Winter for first prize, with Michaelson third. Stoner was then the current Florida champion, and it was my task to take him on in the last round. With the White pieces I obtained an advantage thru combinative means, and was about to win an additional piece, when on his 39th move he touched his Knight to check my King, saw his mistake, and turned down his King with the remark: "I don't have to make blunders to lose to you. I resign." Rather neat I thought, and still do, especially when one considers that here was a champion going down before his own home crowd. So I would like to include that game, as to me it epitomizes a quality in chess players and people that has often impressed me, graciousness, which makes it hard indeed sometimes, to keep pouring it on your very nice opponent, when you are secretly wishing he would do better.

The first twenty-odd years of my business life was spent in banking, and many of my old friends of those days are among my closest, but they are dropping off one by one, and there are few of us left, and there can be no renewals. But many of my chess friends are in the teen-age group, and the future holds a promise of sufficient contacts in a pleasing and exciting field.

B. B. Jefferson, now about 85 or more, has practically retired from all chess. In my opinion, the greatest "amateur" chess player who ever lived! A really wonderful person to know, whose book of chess knowledge has always been open for all to read. I have always basked in the sunlight of his fame and some of the reflected glory has spread over me at times, but he has always been the fountainhead of Memphis chess, and when he goes the world will be a much sadder place.

WESTERN CHESS ASSOCIATION Detroit, Michigan, August 29, 1924 N. T. Whitaker Scrivener White Black 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 23. PxB 2. N-KB3 24. Q-R8ch N-KB3 K·K2 3. P-B4 25. QXNP R-Q P-K3 4. B-N5

QN-Q2 26. RxR KxR 5. N-B3 B-K2 27. Q-B8ch K-B2 6. P-K3 Castles 28. Q-B5ch K-N 29. R-Q Q-B2 7. B-Q3 R-K 30. Q-K3 P-KR4 8. Castles PXP 9. BxBP P-QR3 31. B-K4 B-N2 B-Q4 10. B-Q3 P-B4 32. B-R7 33. R-Q3 BXRP 11. R-B P-N4 12. PXP 34. B-K4 B-B5 NXP 35. R-Q4 P-K4 13. B-N Q-N3 14, Q-B2 36. R-Q P-R4 P-KR3 15. BxN 37. Q-N5 Q-B4ch BXB 16. Q-R7ch K-B 38. K-R **B-K3** 17. P-K4 N-Q2 39. Q-Q8ch B-B 18. P-K5 NXP 40. R-Q6 R-B2 41. R-QR6 R-N2 19. NXN BXN 42. B-B6(b) 20. KR-K Q-N(a) Resigns 21. QR-Q QR-R2 22. P-B4 BXN

(a) If 20,, B-B3, White would have won with Q-R8ch and N-Q5ch.

(b) I used thirty-five minutes on this move, which left me one minute to make eighteen moves, and I had been notified to make the sealed move. I was sure of the move 42. B-B6 and as I turned in the scaled move I told Whitaker what it was. Torre, who had been watching for some time, and who was on pins and needles believing I was not going to make any move in time, said that 42. R-B6 was the best move, I told him I had considered the move carefully but that 42. B-B6 was better because the only two reasonable defenses for Black were 42. Q-K2 when 43. R-R8ch, KxR; 44. QxQ wins. Or if 42., Q-R2; 43. BxR, QxB; 44. Q-Q6ch, wins, Or if 42,, Q-R2; 43. BxR, QxB; 44, Q-Q6ch, wins. Or again 42., Q-R2; 43. BxR, Q-B4; 44. QxBch. Torre quickly agreed that I had made the best move and Whitaker evidently thought so too, for he resigned before resumption of play. It was a highly interesting finish for me for I shall never forget Torre's expression when I told Whitaker my sealed move. I really did not need all the time I used on that last move, but I was just quietly looking at every possible move that could be made. I had long since learned from Jefferson how to win a won game. But, poor Torre, I can still see those beads of perspiration on his brow.

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		19	37		
Sci	rivener			Ma	rchand
1	White			E	Black
1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	16.	PxN	NxP(4)
2.	B-84	N-KB3	17.	RXP	NXR
3.	N-Q2	P-K3	18.	R-KB	B-B3
4.	P-QB3	P-QB4	19.	Q-B3	K-Q2
5.	P-K3	B-Q3	20.	QxNch	K-Q3
6.	B-N3	N-B3	21.	B-N3ch	P-K4
7.	KN-B3	Q-K2	22.	N-B4ch	PxN
8.	N-K5	B-Q2	23.	R-Qch	B-Q4
9.	B-Q3	R-QB	24.	QxBch	K-B2
10.	Q-K2	B-N	25.	BxPch	K-N3
11.	P-KB4	P-KR4	26.	B-Q6	Q-B3
12.	B-R4	Q-B	27.	P-K4	R-B3
13.	0.0	BxN	28.	BxPch	K-R3
14.	BPXB	N-M5	29.	B-N4	Resigns
	B-N6 N	B3)xKP			

WESTERN OPEN, 1926
Wight Scrivener
White Black

KN-B3 1. P-Q4 P-K4 2. P-QB4 The Budapest counterattack to the Queen's Pawn opening. N-KN5 3. PXP 4. Q.Q4 Looks premature. P-Q3 4. Excellent. By this move Black gains quick development. BXP 5. PXP 6. KN-B3 ****** If OxNP, then B-K4 wins.

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SCRIVENER STORY—

(Continued from page 4)

7. P-KR3 QN-B3 NxBP 8. Q-Q 9. KxN B-N6ch 10. Resigns

This game created a lot of comment, as the Budapest was not too well known at the time. It was shown to me by our then and now pal, Marvin Palmer, of Detroit, who got it out of the old German Handbook.

FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Miami Florida 1926

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Sci	rivener			Stoner
-	White	400		Black
1.	P-Q4	P-K3	21. R-N3	P-B5
2.	P-K4	P-K4	22. B-B2	Q-N3ch
3,	PxP	PXP	23. K-B	Q-N3ch
4.	B-Q3	B-Q3	24. B-B6	PxB
5.	N-KB3	N-KB3	25. RxQch	BPXR
6.	Castles	Castles	26. Q-N4	PxP
7.	B-KN5	P-QN3	27. P-B5	QR-Q
8.	N-K5	QN-Q2	28. PXP	RxRch
9.	P-KB4	P-B4	29. QXR	NXP
10.	P-B3	Q-B2	30. Q-Q7	R-K2
11.	N-Q2	B-N2	31. Q-Q8ch	K-N2
12.	R-B3	N-K5	32. P-KN3	
13.	R-R3	BxN		R-KB2ch
14.	QPxB	KR-K	33. K-K2	N-K2
15.	N×N	PxN	34. P-QR4	N-B3
16.	B-B4	N-B	35. Q-N5ch	K-B
	Q-K2	P-QR3	36. PXP	PxP
18.	R-Q	P-N4	37. BxP	N-R4
	B-N3	N-K3	38. B-B5	N-N6
	Q-R5	N-B	39. B-K6	Resigns

Charles Morgan, former West Virginia Champion, gave two simultaneous exhibitions recently. The first, held Bridgeport, W. Va., he suffered only at the Bridgeport Chess Club in one loss against a field of twenty to Richard Fleming.

The second exhibition was held at the Mountainlair on the campus of the West Virginia University in Morgantown. Morgan won fifteen and lost six to: Cletis Pride, Phillip Gallo, Ted Baker, Richard Lee, Joseph Kilbelbek, and Alan Veasey.

CORRECTION: Albuquerque Open announced as "unrated" in Apr. 20 issue, will be 100% USCF rated.

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ONE OF HIS BEST

BOBBY FISCHER, U. S. Champion, states that the following win over the brilliant young master, Edmar Mednis, was one of his best games in the recent national championship. Here is true ambrosia for the tactician's palate, a terrific struggle for the Myrmidon, and a blunder from a master to warm the cockles of the amateur's heart.

IRREGULAR OPENING

MCO 9: p. 348, c. 38 (1:A)
5th Rosenwald—U.S. Championship
New York, 1958

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M. D.

E. Mednis R. Fischer
White Black

7. N-QB3

This unusual move can lead to a galaxy of openings—none of which can give White a theoretical advantage,

2. P-QB4

The world's youngest International Grandmaster is probably fond of the Sicilian. 1., P-Q4 is inviting.

2. N-B3

Since Fischer is determined that the game branch off into the closed Sicilian, it would probably be best to play P-K4. Thus White reserves the option of moving the KN to K2 or to KR3. More important is the possibility of an early P-KB4.

White's setup may also be compared to the King's Indian Reversed or Barcza System. But here too, there is a cause for infelicity. By his first move, White has lost the option to play QN-Q2 and P-QB3 with a stronger center.

7. 0.0 8. P-KR3

The routine prophylactic against N-KN5 so that B-K3 could be played. 8. N-KR4 followed by P-KB4 looks tempting.

8. R-N1!
This move has been recommended by Fine (PCO) in a similar position of the Closed Sicilian. Black will now have great force behind the push of his queenside pawns.

Probably the best counter is to leave his queenside pawns momentarily intact and counter on the right wing. 10. B-N5, P-KR3? 11. B-K3, P-QN4; 12. Q-Q2, K-R2; 13. N-K2 and White can build up ample and rapid queenside protection while planning for N-KR4 and P-KB4.

This indiscreet advance causes White a lot of embarrassment. It is probably the losing move. Fine chances existed after 12. Q-Q2, P-N5; 13. N-Q5! since 13., NxN; 14. PxN, N-R4; 15. B-R6 forces the exchange of Black's powerful fianchettoed bishop. For 15., BxNP; 16. BxR, BxR; 17. RxB, KxB (forced), 18. Q-R6 ch wins otherwise.

Unorthodox but beautifully calculated. Fischer ignores the dogma about weak doubled pawns. In the ensuing position, Black's control of the center and extra Kingside pawns shatter all hopes of a kingside attack for Mednis. Meanwhile White's queenside majority is backward and subject to attack. In addition, they block the movement of the white pieces.

13. BxP Q-B2
14. R-K1 P-N5!
15. N-QR4
15. N-K4, NxN; 16. PxN, R-Q1; 17. Q-K2, N-Q5; 18. BxN, PxB and Black has

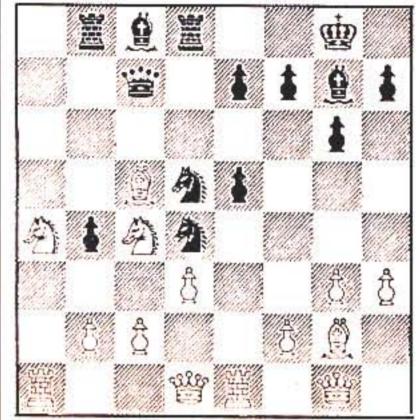
a fermidable position. In view of the command of the vital squares that Fischer possesses, Mednis put up an amazing resistance.

R-Q1!

15. Threatening P·K5.

After 16. Q-K2, N-Q4, N-Q5 is threatening.

16. N-Q5! 17. N-B4 N-Q4! M-F-1



Position after 17., N-Q41

Now Mednis is forced to give Black the two Bishops and undouble Black's pawns due to the threat of P-N6.

18. B/5xN PxB 19. P-N3 B-N2 20. Q-Q2 P-K4

The Maestro almost has a monopoly of every square on the board. Yet his opponent cannot call on the Anti-Trust Act. It is surprising how much Mednis makes of his mite even though he cannot take the game to the Supreme Court.

A tantalizing position. Due to the possession of the two Bishops, Black's game looks overwhelming. However, it is not easy to see how Fischer will win. 21. N-B6 fails against 22. R-R7. It is therefore necessary for Black to deny the QR file to his opponent. The pawn sacrifice at this point is sound since 22. BxN, BxB; 23. QxP, Q-Q2; 24. K-R2, Q-B4; 25. RxR, Q-B6, 26. R-KN1, QxPch and mates. Or 25. Q-Q2, Q-B6; 26. R-KN1, RxR ditto.

22. K-R2! P-R4

A very astute move. 23. BxN!

The only hope to gain mobility. Note that after 23. RxR, BxR. (RxR would draw) 24. BxN, BxB; 25. QxP, Q-Q2; 26. NxP loses after Q-B4. If the prodigy had not played 22., P-R4, then White could have played N-N4 and held the position easily in this variation.

23. BxB 24. QxP RxR! 25. RxR Q-Q2 26. Q-K1

After 26. N-N6, Q-B4; 27. NxB, QxPch, Black picks up the Kingside pawns and retrieves the Knight.

26. Q-B4 27. N-Q2 P-R5 28. N/N-B4 PxPch 29. PxP Q-K3

Although a pawn down, the mobile bishops and inevitability of gaining a passed protected KP favor Bobby.

30. N-K4 P-B4
31. Q-R5??

Probably the time pressure fantasy.

Best for White is 3. N-N5, Q-K2; 32.

P-R4 (Q-Q2 is weaker due to B-R3) P-K5;

As the White Knights are awkwardly placed, they cannot move effectively.

34. Q-Q4

35. R-K8 Q-B6
36. P-R4 Q-B7ch
37. K-R3

Now it is mate in two, a form of self-administered euthanasia that was more aesthetic than 37. K-R1.

Q-N8!

Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

MCO 9: page 27, col. 12 Monthly Improvement Rating Tournament

New York City, 1959

Notes by U.S. Expert Don Define

W. HARRIS W. L. FREDERICKS
White Black
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. B-N5 P-B4

The Schliemann defense, which indicates that Black is out to seize the initiative, is in theory inferior, in practice dangerous.

4. BxN
4. N-B3 is the preferred move here.

4. QPxB 5. NxP Q-Q5

And this is the answer to White's 4th and 5th move in any variation of the Lopez.

6. N-KB3

The tempting 6. Q-R5ch, P-N3; 7. NxNP, PxN is impossible since the queen protects the rook.

6. QxKPch 7. Q-K2 N-B3 8. N-B3 QxQch 9. KxQ

9. NxQ might also be considered since it would preserve the castling option and also would give this knight more future squares (Q4, B4, N3)—since now its 3 best squares (Q5, K4, N5) are taboo.

9.	******	B-Q3
10.	P-Q4	P-QN3
11.	R-K1	0-0
12.	K-B1	B-N2
13.	B-N5	P-KR3
14	RYN	

Giving Black the two Bishops, White cannot retreat to R4 as the pawns will hem him in.

14. RXB 15. N-K5 P-KN4 16. QR-Q1 K-N2 17. N-Q7

Here is White's betrayal showing he is operating without a plan . . . He immediately loses 2 tempi . . . and more.

17. R-B2
18. N-K5 R-K2
19. N-B4 RxRch
20. RxR?

Setting up a pin. White evidently thinks it harmless, looking only for 20., B-R3; 21. P-N3, P-N4; 22,NxB, P-N5ch; 23. N-B4, or 22., PxN; 23. P-QN4.

20. B-R3 21. P-Q3 B-N5! 22. R-K3 P-B5 23. R-Q3

Since Black can force White to this square (12. R-B3 or 23. R-R3 then 23. P-N5), White goes willingly—although it has no particular point in the combination—unless for added psychological effect.

Giving the spur to Knight number one.

24. N-K5

Eliminating Knight number two.

25. RxB P-N5ch
Continuing the plight of the Knights by hooking the rook.

26. R-B4 R-Q1
27. NxP R-Q3
28. N-K7 K-B3
Not 28., RxP; 29. N-B5ch.
29. N-B8 BxRch
The simplest way.

30. PxB RxP
31. NxP RxP
32. N-N5 RxP
33. K-K1 P-B4
34. N-Q6 K-K3
35. N-K4 P-B5
36. N-Q2 P-B6

Since White is helpless against the pawns.

NEW YORK CHESS NEWS

By FRANK BRADY

That adjourned game between Weinstein and Collins in the Marshall CC Championship resulted in a win for Weinstein. The final standings of the tournament finals, all games completed, were: 1. Bakos, 4½; 2. Weinstein, 4; 3. Collins, 3; 4. Sherwin, 2; 5. Santasiere, 1; Halper, ½.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1959, eight midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, invaded the Marshall Chess Club for their yearly team match. Led by Captain Homer Franc, Navy scored 2½ points, with the final score at 5½-2½. Al Holden of Baltimore, Md., and Bob Parker of San Francisco, Calif. were the two winners while Bob Whiting drew with Marshall Club member Frank Brady in the only tied game.

Winners of the Marshall team were Harry Kleeger, Louis Persinger, Dr. R. C. Stephenson, Victor Volk and Ehrich

Lenk.

Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange, a vice president of the United States Chess Federation, won the New Jersey State amateur chess championship tournament with a score of 5½—½. He drew his game with A. Spielman of Ventnor, and won his other matches.

Robin Ault of Cranford gained the second prize, although his score of 5 points was equaled by Robert Durkin of Lyons, and Samuel Caplan of Margate.

Five players finished in a tie at 4—2. They were D. Hamburger, Bridgeville; W. Lukowiak, Belleville; R. Pasano, Red Bank; W. H. Wright, Woodruff, and J. Kirwan, Newark, L. Turman of Trenton tallied 3½ points.

California Intercollegiate
Chess Championship

Imre Barlai of San Diego State College won the 1959 collegiate chess championship of California with a perfect score of 5-0 in a tournament held at California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo on March 27-28. Barlai, 29, escaped from Hungary two years ago and is a mathematics student.

Erenst Mitsunaga, 22, of San Jose State, won second prize with a 4-1 score. Zalton Kocsis, 21, also from San Diego State and another Hungarian, tied with three others at $3\frac{1}{2}\cdot 1\frac{1}{2}$ and won third prize on tie-breaking points.

The 24 entry tournament was a 5-round Swiss, directed by Guthrie McClain.

Nick Forte, 1005 Central Ave., Newport,

Ky., writes:

"This may be a strange question, but do you know of any sources or references to sources regarding the mathematics of chess? I do not refer to such things as computing the total number of possible moves, etc., but rather, actually a mathematical treatment of the theory and play. I have found absolutely no such item although I've searched high and low. This has been somewhat surprising to me especially when one considers the affinity of chess and mathema-

However, I'd be interested in any such leads that you may suggest that could direct me to such related sources."

(Can anyone help? Ed.)

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USCF Secretary Announces Additional Directors

The following list of newly-appointed USCF Directors has been made public by USCF Secretary Marshall Rohland. Some of these are for states which were not represented at Rochester, Minn. at the annual meeting last August; some are replacements for former directors who have been elected USCF Vice Presidents; others are new directors, certified to the USCF by the official certifying organizations of the states concerned. Mr. Rohland asks that the following item receive publicity and the attention of every state organization:

Affiliated state chapters of the USCF must certify their directors to Secretary Rohland, before June 30, 1959. Please attend to this immediately and avoid confusion or embarrassment at Omaha in July. Address your certifications to Marshall Rohland, 484 6 N. 24th Place, Milwaukee 9, Wisconsin.

Mr. Rohland informs CHESS LIFE that Operation M has been so successful in some states that those states will be able to certify more directors than in the past. California is one of those states.

The following list supplements the list published in the September 20, 1958 issue of CHESS LIFE.

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Nicholas Gabor

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

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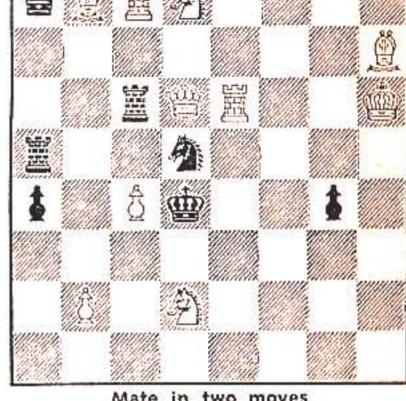
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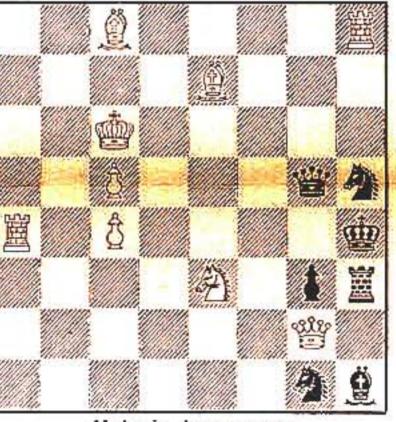
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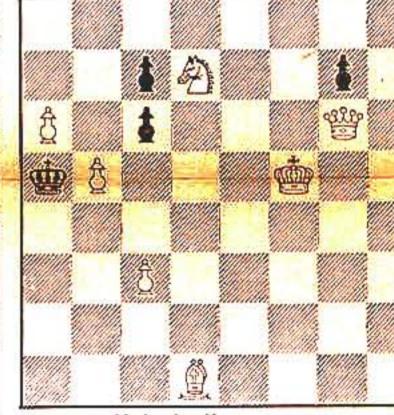


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Mate in two moves



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Chauvenet Tops Strong Field in April Rating Tournament

Russell L. Chauvenet of Silver Spring, Maryland, for years a columnist for CHESS LIFE, went undefeated in five rounds with an almost perfect score of 41/2-1/2, in a field of 25, in the USCF April Rating-Improvement Tournament.

Second on tie-breaking points, was Jack Sandow with 4-1. Sandow is a member of the Queens Chess Club and resides in Flushing, N.Y. Also with 4-1, was Robert (1. N-QR3) Durkin of Lyons, N.J. The medical profession was well represented with Dr. Ariel Mengarini and Dr. Mordecai Schwartz, both scoring 31/2-11/2 and taking 4th and 5th places respectively. A fine performance was registered by Dr. Schwartz, as this was the very first tournament he had ever played in! He drew with Mengarini, who is a USCF rated Master.

Competent adjudications were given by Masters Raymond Weinstein and Francisco Ballbe. (Ballbe is a citizen of Spain and lives in Barcelona-he is temporarily visiting in New York City.)

The following prizes were awarded:

1st—Chauvenet	41/2	- 1/2
2nd—Sandow	4	-1
Top A Player-Michael Hart of NYC		
Top B Player-Valters Adamsons Bklyn	3	-2
Top Unrated Player-Dr. M. Schwartz	31/2	-11/2

Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way."

No. 981 Morra: key 1. QxP threat, 2. N-N3 mate. 1., NN-K4, 2. NxP; 1., QN-K4, 2, N-K6; 1., K-K4, 2, B-N3; 1,, QxN, 2, Q-KB3; 1,, Q-K5, 2. Q-KB3; 1. QxQ, 2. NxQ. Un-pin self-pinning key with good play. No. 982 Driver: key 1. N-B5, threat 2. RxP mate. 1., KxR, 2. N-Q6; 1., RxR, 2. R-Q6; 1., N(3)xR, 2. Q-KN8; 1. N(7)xR, 2. N-K7 mate. No. 983 Fastosky: set 1. BxP ch. 2. RxB; 1,, B-K5 ch. 2. RxB. Try 1. K-K5 and after the N checks 2. RxN mate. This try creates threat 2. R anywhere, Key 1. Q-N5 threat 2. Q-K7 mate. Now the B checks are answered by 2, KxB mate. No. 984 Eaton-Anderson: key 1. N-K3, threat, 2, N-K7 ch. K-N6 and 3, N-Q5 mate, 1,, NRxN, 2, Q-B3 ch.; 1,, KRxN, 2. Q-K2; 1., BxN, 2. Q-B4; 1., NxN, 2. Q-QB2; 1., K-N3, 2. N-B4 ch. etc.

Accent on Youth

USCF Master Emeritus Harold M. Phillips wins brilliancy prize in 1958 New York State Championship Tournament.

USCF Master Emeritus Norman T. Whitaker wins 1959 West Florida Open, and places equal first-second with Jack O'Keefe in 1959 Gem City Open.

USCF Master Emeritus Roy T. Black won the 1959 Buffalo City Championship conceding only two draws, and scoring 9-1 against a strong field.

Wonder when they're going to quit and give us young fellers a chance!

DON'T FORGET

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP-HOTEL ROME OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY 13-18

U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP-SHERATON-FONTENELLE HOTEL OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY 20-AUGUST 1.

Solution Jo What's The Bost Move?

Position No. 252 Bondarevsky-Ufimtsev, Leningrad 1936

Bondarevsky played 1. R-R8ch!, K-B2; 2. B-K8ch!!, NxB; 3. K-N5, and now there is no way to prevent 4. R-KB8 mate. This is a striking example of the danger of momentary inattention in chess; Ufimtsev had played well and had an easily won game until he carelessly placed his Bishop on KN7 reaching our Position No. 252.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: David Ames, Forrest Athey Jr., Robin Rult, R. A. Baker, Harry Bakwin, George W. Baylor, Howard Billian, M. D. Blumenthal, Abel Bomberault, Wesley Burgar, Russ Chauvenet, Armstrong Chinn, Farrell L. Clark, Jack Comstock, Ramon Cook, Peyton Crowder*, Curtin, Tom Cusick, K. A. Czerniecki, Henry Davis, Jesse Davis, Carl Dover, Alex Dunne, Joseph Eisenbach, Raymond Fasano*, Bill Feyer*, Ken L. Fitzgerald*, E. M. Gault, J. B. Germain, Richard Gibian, O. Goddard, Charles E. Goff III., John Gorman, Phyllis M. Grande, Doug Grant*, Eric Greene-baum, Vladimir Gribovsky*, John T. Hamilton, Hugh Hawkes, Earl R. Hawkins Jr., Rea Hayes, Donald C. Hills, Laurence Hodez*, John W. Horning, Viktors Ikauniks, John E. Ishkan, D. W. Johnson, Andy Kafko, Bob Karch, Harry Kaye, Fred D. Knuppel, Frank panty, Mark F. Kotrich*, Jeffrey J. Koliha, David Kornreich, E. J. Kor-Kurtz*, F. D. Lynch, Jack Matheson, Richard E. McConaughy*, Robert F. McGregor*, Robert McGuigan, Steve Meyer, Jack Miller, M. Milstein, Thomas Mueller*, Ed Nash, Kenneth Neeld, Norman Nikodym*, Stuart Noblin*, Vincent D. Noga, James O'Donnell* Craig Olson, G. W. Payne, Robert J. Peterson, Rolf H. Peterson, Joseph Platz, Henry C. Porter, Edmund Roman, George Ross, Frank C. Ruys, R. M. S., Max Schlosser, I. Schwartz, J. G. Scripps, David Silver, Kenneth R. Slaughter, Joseph Sokoloff, Herbert Solinsky, Bob Steinmeyer, R. F. Stiening, T. J. Sullivan, Reinhard H. Thien, F. W. Trask, F. J. Valvo, Harris Wiernik, William B. Wilson, Neil P. Witting, L. E. Wood, Herbert A. Wright, Robert G. Wright, Woody Young, and John Pranter.

The solvers score a heavy victory by 102-3.

*Welcome to new solvers.

NOTE TO "What's The Best Move" SOLVERS

(We realize that we are one solution behind schedule. Please be patient, and keep sending your solutions. We'll catch up soon. Ed.)

Postal Chess Games Wanted

Larry Dulany, 1202 So. 23rd, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, asks CHESS LIFE'S assistance in rounding up some postal chess opponents for him. He says, "I'll play the first 15 to answer, and keep others on a waiting list."

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