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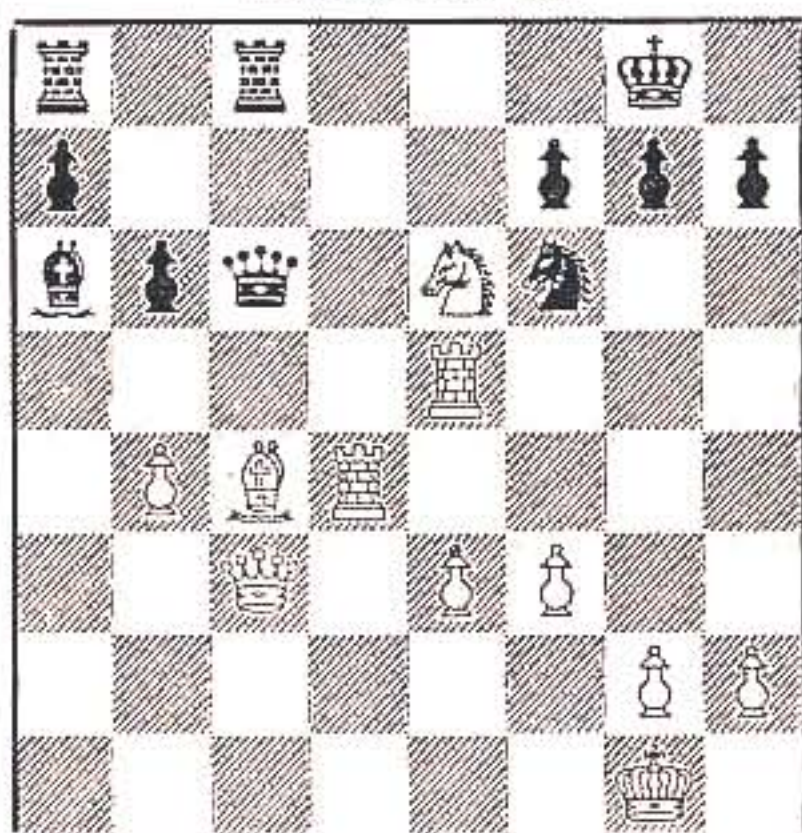
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Position No. 258



White to play

FISCHER SETS NEW RECORD

Everything Bobby Fischer does is news in the chess world, and almost everything he does sets a record of some sort. We are sorry to report that he set one in Santiago, Chile, following the Mar del Plata classic, in which he tied for third and fourth places with Ivkov, behind Najdorf and Pachman. At Mar del Plata he lost two games. He lost only two in the Portoroz Interzonal. He has gone through a U.S. Open and two Rosenwald-U.S. Championships undefeated. But in Santiago, in a twelve-round round robin, he dropped four games, losing to Pachman and Ivkov, who finished in a 9-3 tie for 1st place, and to Sanguinetti of Argentina, and Jauregui of Chile.

Third place was taken by Pilnik who scored 8-4. Bobby wound up in a three-way tie with Sanguinetti and Sanchez, with 7½-4½, for fourth to sixth places.

LATE NEWS FROM EUROPEAN TOURNAMENTS

After adjourning his first-round game two pawns down against Swiss master Walther, Bobby Fischer played brilliantly, utilizing the "bishops of opposite colors" theme to draw in 67 moves. He then defeated Bhend of Switzerland, and Olafsson of Iceland, and at the end of three rounds shared the lead in the strong international tournament at Zurich with Gligoric of Yugoslavia, with 2½-½, a half-point ahead of Tal, who was upset in his first-round game with Bhend. Barcza, Duckstein, Keres, and Bhend were tied at 1½-1½.

The Women's World Championship Challengers' Tournament at Plovdiv, Bulgaria, ended in victory for Mme. Kira A. Zvorvkina of the USSR with a score of 11½-2½. Mme. Nedelikovic of Yugoslavia was second with 10½-3½. Mme. Larissa Volpert, USSR Woman Champion, was third with 9½-4½, with Mme. Keller-Herman of East Germany and Mme. Rootare of the USSR tied at 9-5. Mrs. Gisella Kahn Gresser of the U.S.A. was in eleventh place with 5½-8½.

ROTOV SOUTH JERSEY WINNER

The annual tournament for the championship of the South Jersey Chess Association, recently played at Hammonton, New Jersey, was won by Dr. Michael Rotov, who scored 6-1.

Second to fourth places, after 5-2 ties, went to Philip Selvagg, Thomas Jorgensen, and Ludwig Turman. Fifth place was taken by Dr. Leonard Streitfield, with 4½-2½. Then came a seven-way tie for sixth to twelfth places by the following, who placed in the order listed after tie-breaking, each having scored 4-3: Lewis E. Wood (who directed the tournament); Alan Spielman; George Cade; Thomas Benham; Harry Wall; Herbert Wright; and Henry Booth.

Although this is Dr. Rotov's first tournament victory, he has placed near the top in several other New Jersey events. He is a native of Yugoslavia, having come to the United States in 1951, and is now employed as a psychiatrist at the State Hospital, Ancora, N.J.

Alan Spielman, the only player to win from Dr. Rotov, won the prize for highest scoring junior player in the tournament.

Highest scoring Class B player: Three way tie between Wall, Wright, and Booth, each with 4-3.

Class C honors were taken by Stephen Meyer, who broke even with 3½-3½.

ZANGERLE WINS HURON VALLEY AMATEUR

Karl Zangerle won four and drew one to score 4½-½, and took first place in the Huron Valley Amateur tournament played in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Gary Abram also won four and drew one, taking second place on tie-breaking points. Tied for 3rd-7th places with 4-1, and placed in the order listed on tie-breaking, were: T. A. Jenkins, Don Napoli, Edward Barwick, Lewis Hamilton, and Paul Fisher—the latter being the only out-of-Michigan player to achieve a plus-score in the 52-player event, although six entries were registered from Indiana.

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MEMBERS

From: Dick Tirrell, Mass. Membership Chairman
To: Fred Cramer, General Membership Chairman

Many thanks for your fine letter; it made me realize my labor in this cause was truly appreciated.

Massachusetts will more than go over the top, but I am pressing for a substantial margin, to show the whole country how we in the Bay State feel on the subject of organized chess.

In the fall when the Metropolitan League meets, I am going to attempt to convince league officials to make membership 100% U.S.C.F. I have tried before, but I believe there will be no opposition this time.

I have a new member for Colorado. Please send me the name of the State Chairman . . .

Now I wish to congratulate you on the fine way you organized and conducted this drive. The task was tremendous. You deserve praise not only from me but from all lovers of the game of chess!

From: Ed Dickerson, Mich. Membership Chairman

To: Fred Cramer, General Chairman
The first Huron Valley Amateur and Experts Tourney was a success for OPERATION M. The Amateur produced 17 new and 1 renewal at the desk, and 5 more from the Lansing local chairman—a total of 23.

The quota still looks tough, but every little helps. Our Michigan Amateur will be under way May 23, and we'll get new memberships in immediately. You'll see results in the Michigan Bulletin.

From: Gilliam McMahon, N. C. Chairman

To: Fred Cramer, General Chairman
You may be sure that North Carolina will have its quota by June 1! You are really doing a bang-up job on OPERATION M. Norman (Hornstein) and I are getting married this Saturday.

From: Frank Rose, Florida Chairman
To: Fred Cramer, General Chairman
Thanks for your very welcome letter informing me Florida doing not too badly in OPERATION M. Thanks for the membership tape and for passing my column around.

Eastwood informs me we have four new members from West Florida Open, and I added more here. Things are going well in Florida, chessically-speaking. We are in the middle of the South Florida Team League matches, with no friction and lots of fun. We're moving steadily forward, getting more and more players.

I'll grind out some more USCF members before June 5. Incidentally, your Chess Life stuff is great!

From: Harry Borochow, California Chairman

To: Fred Cramer, General Chairman
I'm particularly thankful to Jose Calderon for his kind words. I've actually dug up 3 or 4 new members for New York, which shows impartiality as to locale.

54 new members obtained by Guthrie McClain last September at the California Open, Henry Gross promising new ones in a Northern tournament he is helping run for OPERATION M, Southern California readying the 100% USCF rated Experts Candidates Tournament—there are plenty of Californians who deserve thanks for the great job they achieved. All I did was start the ball rolling—and there we must give credit to Jerry Spann, whose ideas all seem to pay off, because we like our new president, and what he's done to cement internal relations as well as external, with his able leadership. You too, Fred, have had a colossal job of keeping OPERATION M so well coordinated.

Besides those mentioned, our showing comes from concentrated efforts of such as Herbert T. Abel of Santa Monica CC, Fred Haeger and H. D. Rader of San Gabriel CC, Robert Hammon of Van Nuys CC, Burt Thatch, Long Beach CC, Capt. E. B. Edmondson, Mather AFB, Neilen Hultgren, Pasadena CC, Frank Hufnagel and Lena Grumette of Steiner CC, as well as many, many able assistants and coordinators. Not the least credit goes to Isaac Kashdan, who has given all publicity requested in his Los Angeles Times Chess column, leading to a good number of inquiries and memberships.

Am initiating the final month (May)

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by

PAUL LEITH, New York

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Mastering the End Game

By WALTER KORN, Editor of MCO

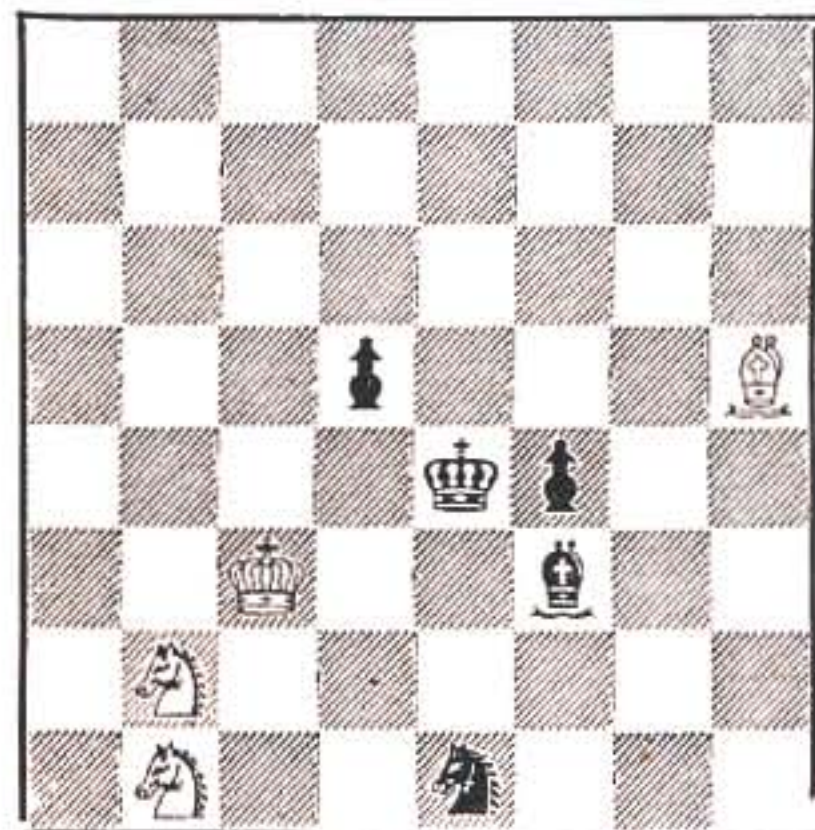
The "Quintessence" of Perfection

Diagram 67, (June 5 issue) composed in 1943, is the work of the British composer Harold M. Lommer who applied his fantastic analytical precision to perfecting many known themes, as well as inventing new ones.

In diagram 68 below we present a "pendant," also by Lommer (1943), to the same topic, thus concluding the serial begun in the Diagram 64.

(Solution—Page 8, col. 1)

Diagram 68



White to move



Armed Forces Chess

by Robert A. Karch

All chess news concerning the army, navy, air force and marines may be sent to Claude F. Bloodgood III, 9541 20th Street, Norfolk 3, Virginia for inclusion in this column.

This is my last essay. Your new columnist will be the energetic Virginia gentleman, Claude F. Bloodgood III.

The small success that has been achieved here is due, in large part, to the efforts of others.

Eugene B. Hoeflin, who now lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, was the pioneer news reporter for this column. Without his continuous support, we would not have survived those early days.

New Yorker Paul Leith furnished the names of many servicemen who showed an interest in chess. Altho most of these leads did not develop into good news sources, the by-product is our present personal correspondence covering matters of mutual interest in historical chess research.

Contact was quite early reestablished with old friend Donald O. Halgren and his chess club in Germany. Don built the organization from the ground up. At first he did everything: president, ratings, tournament director and published a weekly bulletin. Now, three of these jobs have been farmed out and the club just about operates without him! This is a chess promoter's dream and, in my opinion, qualifies as an outstanding example of organizational work.

Captain Edwin F. O'Brien furnished brief reports while he was at Fort Benning, Georgia, but then was swallowed up in Korea. I hope my successor will hear from him again after the captain "rotates" back to the United States.

John D. Matheson, representing both the American Chess Foundation and the USCF in Washington, D.C., will undoubtedly have much good news to release concerning the special armed services chess project he has been nursing through the Pentagon.

Of course, a real source of news has been our future columnist, Mr. Bloodgood. Along with the continuous all-service postal chess championships, he has organized, directed and played in a regular series of Norfolk USO tournaments.

In closing, thanks go out to numer-

OPERATION M—

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as Jerry Spann Month, and by the middle of next week will have a letter out to each California member. Here's to over the top on OPERATION M!

From: Fred Kemp, Alabama Chairman
To: Fred Cramer, General Chairman

I am pleased to say we have 5 more. We depend primarily on rated tournaments to boost our membership, but we point out the advantages of USCF membership and try to do two selling jobs, one to come to the meet, and the other to join USCF.

In no way should I be singled out for praise. . . boosting our state membership has been a group effort.

From Don Define, Missouri Chairman
To: Fred Cramer, General Chairman

I see we have 7 new members, and altho that is a 20% increase, it is far from enough. If the boys have been dragging a bit, perhaps the Missouri Open will bring in some new members. I have not been of much help, having been in Ohio on this intensive course, but wait until September 1 when I get back to Missouri! In the mean time, I'll do some writing and help where I can.

With The Clubs

James Yunker and Fred Townsend each scored 5-1 to split top honors in the Pittsfield YMCA Chess Club's Rookie-of-the-Year tournament. In a Veteran's tourney for oldtimers, Samuel Riseberg won with a 6-0 score. Club co-champion John Semeniw placed second with a 3½-2½ tally.

Henry Niedzienski, Henry Rock, and Tom Bishop of the Pittsfield club are each spending two hours a week teaching the game to grammar and junior high school students. To date, 92 boys are enrolled in the chess classes, held both at the YMCA and the Boys Club.

Two tournaments were recently held for the more advanced junior chess-players. Jimmy Treat won the Boys Club event with a 13-3 record, and Jeff Yost won the YMCA tournament with an 8-2 record. (In the first nine rounds, Yost suffered only two draws, but then was mated in four moves in the final round).

In a pair of interclub matches, the YMCA drubbed the Boys Club twice, by scores of 4½-1½ and 4-0. The top boys from each club also played a match against the Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, and were defeated by a 6-0 score. An effort is now being made to form a schoolboy league in Western Massachusetts.

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ous others who may have sent in a news item on a one-time basis. Every bit of effort was appreciated. I urge all regular contributors to continue under the "new management."

Tradition is a splendid thing; a people, a country—value their national traditions. We Americans take great pride in our former greats—Morphy, Pillsbury, Marshall—who by their exploits abroad, brought fame to our country and to our people.

The U.S. Open, which takes place this year at Omaha, Nebraska, (July 20-Aug. 1), is one of our finest chess traditions. Since the first event, which ushered in the twentieth century, it has taken place every year, Omaha being the 60th annual event. I know of no other national tournament, with the possible exception of New Zealand, which can boast of such a long, uninterrupted record.

The future of the U.S. Open is in our hands; the unusually large participation in recent years points to a bright future. But its past is history, and it has been a glorious past.

The West can take a bow, for it was the Western Chess Association that originated the U.S. Open Tournaments and ran them until 1933. The American Chess Association was sponsor till 1938, and the U.S. Chess Federation from 1939 to date.

Excelsior, Minnesota was the birthplace, the first three tournaments being held there (and seven others through 1915). Chicago was the host ten times between 1903 and 1937. The U.S. Open has spanned the country; from Boston to Long Beach, California, from New Orleans to Minneapolis. Altogether, 33 cities gave it welcome, among them New York City in 1939. Truly, a national event!

The U.S. Open has played an important role in the development of chess in our country. It has given players from smaller chess centers the chance to play against and make friends with players from big chess centers. The large prizes raised through contributions of business firms and individuals of the host cities have attracted some of our best players and thus raised the prestige of the U.S. Open to a high level. Its results are published in chess magazines throughout the world.

The U.S. Open on occasions has become a part of the local tradition of a city or state, as for example the 1958 event at Rochester, Minn., where it was featured as a part of the Minnesota Centennial Celebration. More than once, city Mayors have greeted the event officially. At Milwaukee, 1935, Mayor Hoan, at the official banquet, outlined the recreational program, which included chess, provided by the Department of Municipal Recreation and Adult Education. Across City Hall were huge banners with the inscription: "Welcome, American Chess Congress." In June 1954, de Lesseps S. Morrison, Mayor of New Orleans, proclaimed the U. S. Open week (Aug. 2-9) as official "Chess Week," and urged "our citizens to do everything possible for the enjoyment of our distinguished visitors." Local organizers of every U.S. Open should strive for similar official recognition.

Starting with 1947 at Corpus Christi, Texas, it has been a Swiss, twelve rounds, with the exception of 1953, when thirteen rounds were played; preliminaries in 1946 were also Swiss. Before 1947, not only was there a round robin final, but round robin preliminaries when necessary. For example at Milwaukee, 1935, there were

three preliminary sections with ten players each; then eleven in the finals (Master Tournament), the others divided into Consolation Masters and Class A Tournaments. In 1936 at Philadelphia, with fifty players, there were four preliminary sections, all round robin. But when at Corpus Christi eighty-six players showed up, the Swiss finally came into its own. Since then, the highest number of contestants was 181 at Milwaukee, 1953, with Cleveland, 1957 close behind with 175.

Now for the winners. International Grandmaster Reuben Fine has the best record, a six times winner (1932, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41) and tied for first (1934). Dr. Edward Lasker comes in a good second, a five times winner (1916, 17, 19, 20, 21). The only three times winner is International Grandmaster Larry Evans (1951, 52, 54). Twice winners and once tied are International Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky (1931, 1944) and tied, 1934; and International Master I. A. Horowitz (1936, 43), tied, 1938 (a play-off match with International Grandmaster I. Kashdan ending in a 5-5 tie). The first event in 1900 and the third in 1902 were won by L. Uedemann, originator of the telegraphic chess code. Other early double winners were E. P. Elliott, G. H. Wolbrecht and B. B. Jefferson. In all, in 59 events, fifteen players have more than once either won or tied for first place.

The U.S. Open has also attracted Canadians, Latin-Americans and even visitors from Europe. In 1918, at Chicago, the winner was B. Kostich of Yugoslavia; in 1924 at Detroit, the meteoric Carlos Torre of Mexico. In 1942 at Dallas, seventeen year old A. Yanofsky tied for first place with the late Herman Steiner. In 1947 at Corpus Christi, among the top twenty-four were six of the nine participating Latin-Americans; Miguel Cuellar and Augusto Sanchez being among the four who tied for sixth place. In 1955, International Grandmaster N. Rossolimo of France (who has since become a United States citizen) copped first prize at Long Beach, California. And as everybody knows, last year at Rochester, Minn., it was the "unknown" Cuban, Eldis Cobo Arteaga, who triumphed.



HOW CHESS GAMES ARE WON

America's Number 1 Player Illustrates the Technique of Victory
By International Grandmaster **SAMUEL RESHEVSKY**

A SURPRISE SACRIFICE

The Dutch player, Van den Berg is not recognized as an outstanding master. He is however, well known as a great theoretician. Dr. Max Euwe and I were once discussing an opening variation. Dr. Euwe finally suggested that we consult Mr. Van den Berg regarding the latest analysis of this particular variation. I was told by Dr. Euwe that Mr. Van den Berg remembers hundreds of games by heart, including the tournaments they were played in. He has been a collaborator of the famous "archives" for years.

I was pitted against Mr. Van den Berg in the 12th round of the Israeli International Tournament. I had to win in order to keep up with the leader, Laslo Szabo. The opening was one of the latest variations of the King's Indian Defence. I managed to get a passed pawn. This, instead of being an advantage, turned out to be a disadvantage. I had to use all my resources to find adequate measures of defending this pawn.

My opponent played the mid-game superbly. I was beginning to get worried. On my 27th move I suddenly saw a combination which looked extremely promising. It involved sacrificing my queen for a rook and a bishop, plus positional superiority. My opponent being in time trouble, I decided to plunge into this sacrifice. This turned out to be sound, and my opponent's resistance collapsed quickly.

King's Indian Defence

MCO: Page 321, Column 71, Note (a)
Israeli International Tournament
Tel-Aviv, 1958

Reshevsky White	Van den Berg Black
1. P-QB4	N-KB3
2. N-KB3	P-KN3
3. P-KN3	B-N2
4. B-N2	O-O
5. O-O	P-Q3
6. P-Q4	N-B3

Here black chooses one of the newest set-ups in the king's Indian Defence. The purpose is to prepare for P-QN4, exerting pressure against White's QBP. The other two alternatives are: 6., QN-Q2 followed by P-K4, etc. or 6., P-B4 followed by N-B3. At the present time the text-move gives White more difficulty of obtaining an opening advantage.

7. N-B3	P-QR3
8. P-KR3	.....
8. B-B4 followed by R-B1 is a good alternative. Also to be recommended is 8. P-QN3, R-N1; 9. B-N2, P-QN4; 10. PxP, PxP; 11. R-B1.	
8.	R-N1
9. B-K3	P-QN4
10. PxP	PxP
11. N-Q2	B-Q2
12. R-B1	.....

Here I was considering playing 12. N-N3 (in order to take away the square QR4 from Black's knight); but after 12., P-N5; 13. N-N1 (if 13. N-R4, N-R2 and the knight is under serious attack) forcing the knight to be out of play.

Also playable was 12., P-N5; 13. N-R4, N-QR4.

13. P-QN4	N-B5
14. NxN	PxN

I achieved what I started out to do—get a passed pawn and give Black a doubled-pawn. These theoretical advantages remain theoretical only, because of the following facts: 1. My passed pawn can not be advanced with ease. 2. Black's doubled-pawn is not a disadvantage in this particular instance, since one of them is a passed pawn far in the enemy's territory.

Obviously, to support his QBP with P-Q4.

16. Q-Q2	P-Q4
17. B-N5

With the logical intention of preparing P-K4.

17.	R-K1
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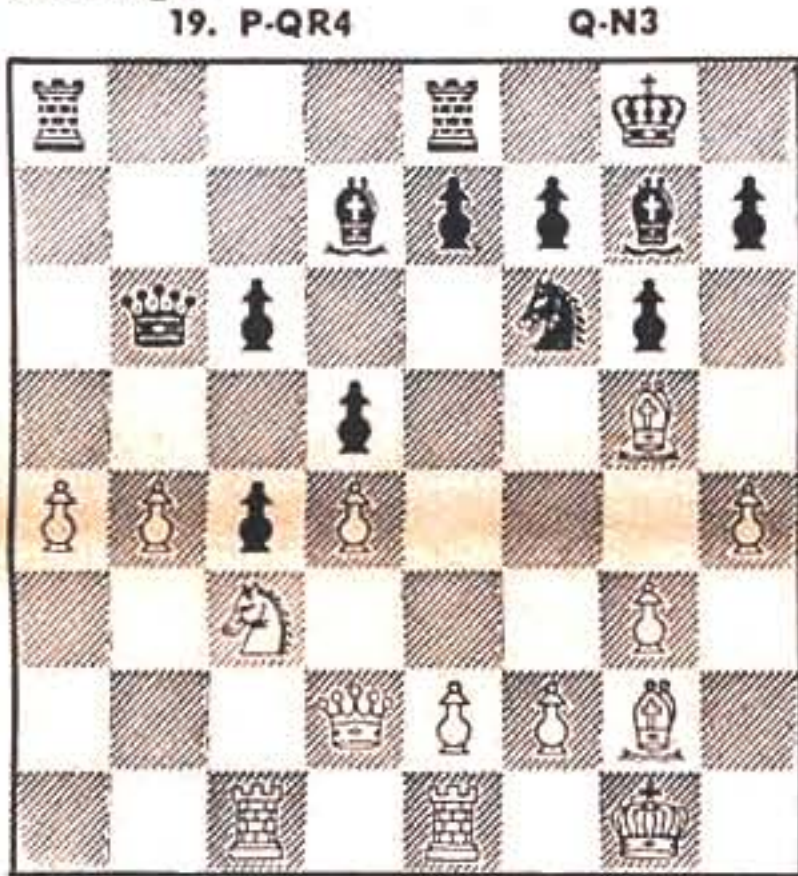
Well played. Black is preparing to play P-K4 himself.

18. KR-K1
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The immediate 18. P-K4 produces nothing: 18. P-K4, PxP; 19. NxP, NxN; 20. BxN, BxRP; 21. KR-Q1, B-N5; 22. P-B3, B-Q2; 23. RxP, Q-N3 with even chances.

18.	R-R1
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Of course, not 18., P-K4, because of 19. BxP, RxP; 20. B-B4 winning the exchange.



Position after 19., Q-N3

Interesting was 19., P-K4; 20. PxP (20. P-K4, PxQP; 21. QxP, P-KR3!) RxP; 21. B-K3 (not 21. P-K4? P-Q5! 22. BxN, PxN and wins) followed by B-Q4 with slightly the better of it.

20. P-N5
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Stronger was 20. R-N1 followed by P-R5 and N-QR4-QB5. The result of the text-move was that White was left with a weakened passed queen-rook pawn.

20.	P-K3
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Bad would have been 20., PxP because of 21. BxN, PxP (21., BxB; 22. NxQP followed by NxBch winning the exchange) 22. NxQP, Q-Q3; 23. PxP, BxNP; 24. N-B3, B-B3; 25. P-Q5, B-N2; 26. N-K4 and Black is in trouble.

21. PxP	BxP
22. R-N1	Q-R4
23. KR-KB1	N-Q2
24. B-B4	B-B1

White's passed pawn is not an asset; it is, rather, weak and feebly protected. Black's pieces seem to be well-posted. Should Black have been able to gain control of the QN file, White would have been in real trouble.

25. Q-N2
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Intending to play B-Q2.

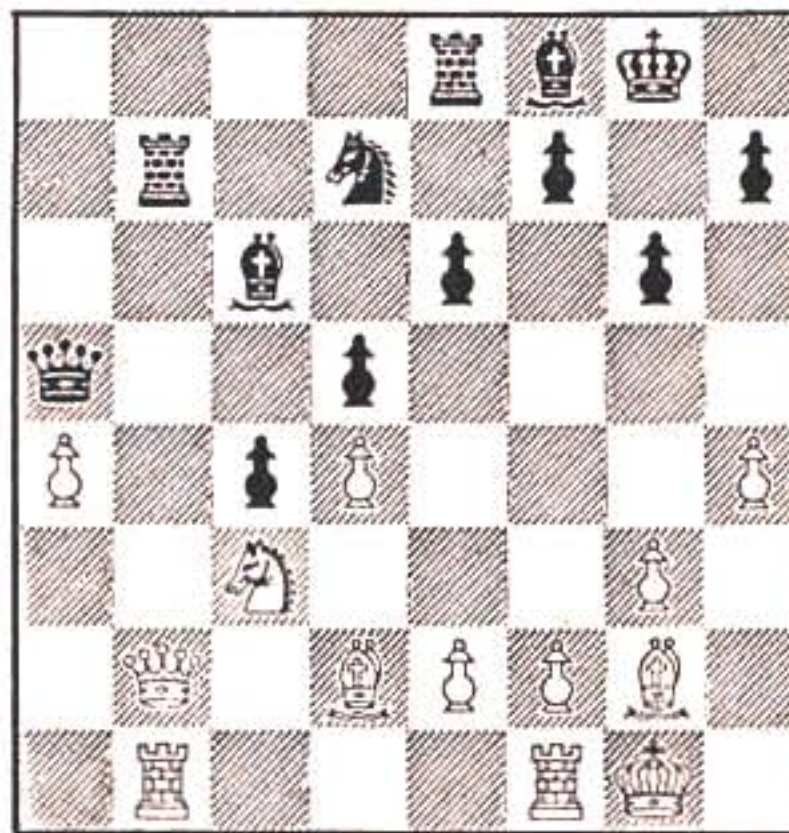
25.	R-R2
26. B-Q2	R-N2

(See diagram top next column)

Correct was 26., Q-R3.

27. QxR
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There is very little doubt that my opponent did not see this sacrifice. Ordinarily, of course, a rook and a bishop are not sufficient material for a queen. In this particular case, however, there are the additional, important considerations of White's passed pawn and gaining control of the seventh rank.



Position after 26., R-N2

27.	BxQ
28. RxB	Q-Q1

There is nothing better. For instance, if 28., N-N3; 29. N-K4; Q-R3; 30. N-B6ch, K-R1; 31. RxP and wins. If 28., N-B3; 29. N-Q4, Q-Q1; 30. B-R5!

29. R(B1)-N1	B-N2
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Black's pieces are almost completely out of play.

30. N-N5	K-R1 (Diagram)
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Position after 30., K-R1

30., N-N3 loses on account of 31. N-B7, R-K2; 32. R(N1)xN, RxN; 33. R-N8.

31. P-R5
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White's passed pawn is now something to be really concerned about.

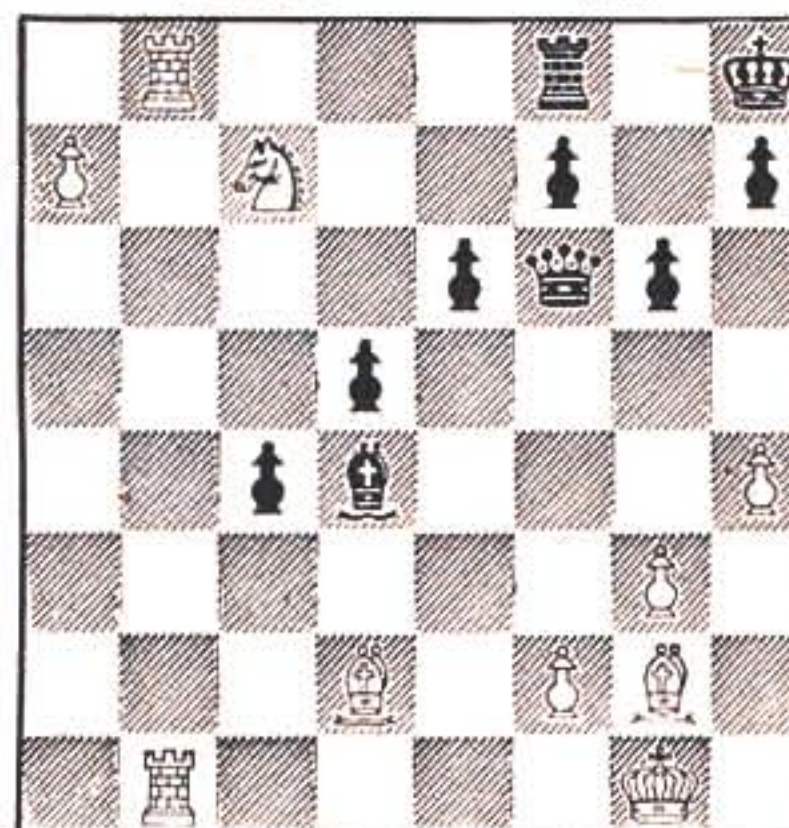
31.	N-N1
32. N-B7	R-B1
33. P-K3	.....

Protecting the queen-pawn. White need not be in any hurry. Black is not going anywhere.

33.	N-B3
34. P-R6	NxP

Obviously a desperate attempt to get some counter-play; but if Black sits back and does nothing, he is going to be strangled slowly but surely.

35. PxN	BxP
36. P-R7	Q-B3
37. R-N8	.....



Position after 37. R-N8

37. B-K3 was also sufficient to win, but after 37., BxB; 38. PxP, Q-B6; 39.

R-N8, QxPch; 40. K-R2, QxRP; 41. RxRch, K-N2; 42. R-B3, Q-R7 and Black would have been able to put up longer resistance.

37.	QxPch
38. K-R2	BxP
39. RxRch	K-N2
40. NxKPch	K-B3
41. R-KB1	.....

This is the move that White had in mind when he made his 37th move.

41.	Resigns
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THE U.S. OPEN—

(Continued from page 2)

In recent years, the man who chose the place and guided the organization of the U.S. Open was our dynamic Tournament Director, George Koltanowski, a truly great organizer and journalist. In this case, "Let George Do It" has worked out just fine.

The desire to be a part of a fine American tradition, and to make Omaha the biggest and best event should draw former contestants and attract new ones. The prizes should attract the masters. But there is still another important factor. Never before has the U.S. Open title gone twice in succession to players from other countries. Omaha may be "invaded" by European immigrants to Canada who recently ran off with top prizes in the Montreal City Championship and the 1958 Canadian Open at Winnipeg. It is up to our masters to regain the title.

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Kibitzer's Mailbox

Dear Mr. Wren,

The latest issue of Chess Life (of Apr. 5, 1959) pointed up quite clearly what is so wonderfully right and so terribly wrong with chess, chess players and the U.S.C.F. in particular.

First of all, I understand why the Jan. 5 issue was so popular. It had everything — master play and master news, games and problems, a fine reminiscence by Harlow Daly, and even the Old Woodpusher's best short game.

Chess is so extraordinary. It has so many facets, not the least of which—as Tony Santasiere feels so strongly—is the artistic and esthetic. Yet many chess players act like boorish egomaniacs and only over a cup of coffee do they blossom out into human kind. What brought this on? Well, there are these two letters on your editorial page, one by Calhammer, the other by Ault.

Calhammer puts the finger on the sorest point of the U.S.C.F.—the fight for survival by means of the rating system. With it we have a tiger by the tail. The new rule of selecting the four best tournaments per year for rating only spotlights the rating system for the gimmick it is — to attract new members. In this, I believe, it is really very successful. But why does one have to juggle statistics in order to attract new members when such an excellent journal, as Chess Life now is, apparently cannot do the job? Or can it? Has it been tried to sell chess for the love of the game alone, without the brand of Madison Ave. evangelism shown by our USCF President, or the slick promotion of the Business Manager? These are good and well-intentioned men. I would like them to be my friends, but I think their actions are mistaken.

Now to Robin Ault's endeavor to introduce the master point system to chess. I know this young and pleasant man from the two Amateur Championships which I attended at Asbury Park. In fact I thought it was mostly the younger generation, which he exemplifies, that was most interested in the rating system. They are still improving their game and are looking for tangible evidence of this in their rating, whereas those of us, who have reached the peak of their playing strength, whatever this may be, were reconciled to it and looked for other rewards in their hobby. I must have been wrong, for I venture to say that of those 25 New Jersey master point players at least 50% fall into the second category of those who will never improve their game. No accumulation of master points, down to the second decimal point, can change that fact.

I know Masters and Experts who profess indifference to the U.S.C.F. rating. Yet I also know one Expert, a modest, sincere, and hard-worker for chess, who has done much for the U.S.C.F. and whose great ambition it is to make the Master class. Where will this madness lead us? Most U.S.C.F. members, if they think deeply enough about it, will come up with different answers. I personally feel that the only way the game should be sold is for the love of it. Yes, I want the U.S.C.F. to be solvent, but I do not really care so much whether we have an extra 1000 or 2000 new members if they join for the sake of a rating rat-race. Also, I am not worried about our international representation. I suspect a good part of that eagerness is to satisfy our collective ego as we do our individual ones on the local scene. We do not help youngsters like Bobby Fischer by pushing them into chess careers. They may be happier in other professions. Sam Reshevsky can attest to that.

In chess, as elsewhere, there is nothing admirable about the dilettant, nor, by himself, about the professional. It would serve us well to re-examine ourselves and the U.S.C.F. organization, and not without a sense of humor, particularly in the matter of ratings. As I started to explain in the beginning of this letter my ideal is the esthetic approach of a Santasiere, the gentle one of a Daly, and the serene approach of the lovable Woodpusher, which I think you are.

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MORE ABOUT THE EIGHT QUEENS

Dr. Weingart's letter in the May 5 issue referred to statements made the Tenth Edition of Dr. W. W. Rouse Ball's book, "Mathematical Recreations." USCF member and former United States Amateur Champion Clinton Parmelee of Newark, N.J. wrote to inform us that the 12th edition of Dr. Ball's book listed 12 basic solutions to the problem, two of which placed a queen on a corner square. Mr. Parmelee pointed out that several of Dr. Weingart's solutions were duplicates. A few days later we received the following letter from University of Florida Chess Club members, confirming Mr. Parmelee's theory. Run for cover, men—the electronic computers are taking over! Any odds that the 1970 world championship will not be contested by the latest IBM creation, and its USSR equivalent?

Box 3457, Univ. Sta., Gainesville, Fla.
May 6, 1959

Dear Mr. Wren,

The discussion of the "eight queens" problem in the May 5, 1959 Chess Life was of considerable interest to the members of the University of Florida Chess Club, because we had found a complete solution to it only last year with the aid of an IBM 650 digital computer. We programmed it to search for all possible solutions in a systematic manner and to print each solution as it came to it. Once it had typed all combinations resulting from placing the first queen at either KR1, KN1, KB1, or K1 it turned itself off, because the other solutions would obviously be symmetrical. In twenty minutes the computer had discovered 46 solutions, which surprised us considerably as our theory had predicted the final number would be a multiple of four (from symmetry on the horizontal and diagonal axes, but not on the vertical). However upon combining the equivalent solutions we found 11 ordinary ones, and one very interesting symmetric one reproduced below, which accounted for the discrepancy.

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The solutions are given in the same order that the IBM 650 discovered them. Upon comparison with Dr. Weingart's list of 15 we found that his 2nd & 6th are identical with our 11th, the 4th & 5th with our 12th, his 3d & 12th with our 8th, and his 13th & 14th with our first. Also the 9th is an obvious misprint, probably either our 5th or the symmetric solution, which he otherwise omits completely. This list of 12 unique solutions or 92 in all is necessarily complete, because every possible position was tried.

While IBM computers are, of course, not designed for such games, they can be made to play simple forms with a seemingly great intelligence. This particular one is programmed to play a game called Quad, which is a three dimensional tic-tac-toe on a four by four by four board, with such skill that even though it always goes second, it rarely has been beaten (theoretically the person moving first can force a win). The computer could be taught to solve mates in two or three with a limited number of pieces on the board, but it would take vast improvements in their power of analysis before they will be able to tackle the great game itself with any success.

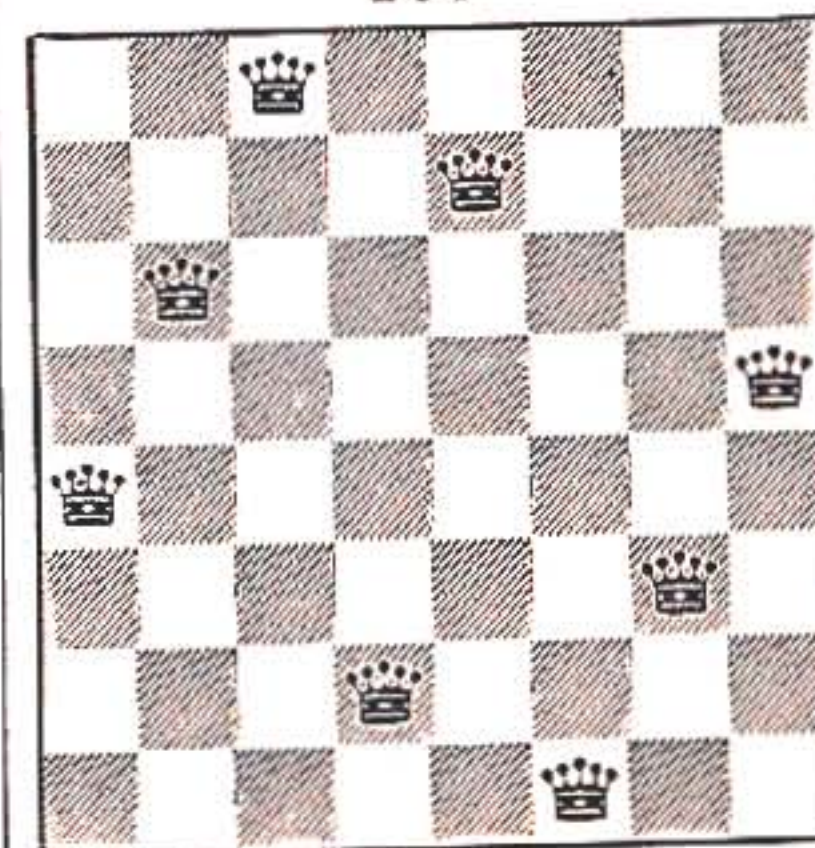
Sincerely, Tom Lucas, Bob Szereml

The solutions are:

- 15863724
- 16837425
- 24683175
- 25713864
- 25741863
- 26174835
- 26831475
- 27368514
- 27581463
- 35281746
- 35841726
- 36258174

At right is the symmetric solution found by our Florida researchers. And for lack of space we hereby close our columns to further discussion of the 8 queens. Thanks to all, especially Sonia Graf Stevenson, whose list of 82 solutions, 16 with a queen in a corner, was received just as we go to press. F.M.W.

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

MY BEST GAMES OF CHESS 1931-1954. By S. G. Tartakower.

Translated and edited by H. Golombek. Princeton: D. Van Nostrand Co., xiv, 197. \$5. USCF price, \$4.40.

Chess players everywhere must have wondered, when Tartakower's death in 1956 was announced, whether he had completed his "autobiography"—the collection of his best games from 1930 on. This handsome edition, handsomely translated and edited by Harry Golombek, answers that query and finishes a memorial to one of the most bizarre and interesting geniuses ever to emerge upon the scene of chess. Whatever the cold statement of tournament standings, Tartakower games glow with originality and appeal. He felled the mightiest in his time; and fell himself before some appalling patzers. He was easily the most romantic of the hypermoderns, and his games will be replayed long after those of his less imaginative but more successful contemporaries are forgotten. His annotations combine the wit of a Napier with the perception of an Alekhine; one finishes a Tartakower game refreshed by a sense of the inexhaustible delights of chessplay. Each of the hundred games given here carries a diagram of the crucial position; and the book contains dozens of "snapshots" from other games—a diagram, the moves, and notes. At the USCF bargain rates for members, this is a four-star value.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- June 20-21—San Bernardino Open, YMCA, 5th and F Sts., San Bernardino, Cal. (CL 6/5/59)
- June 20-21—West Texas Open, 401 West Texas St., Midland, Texas. (CL 6/5/59)
- July 2, 3, 4, 5—Southern Chess Congress. 3 separate tournaments: OPEN, SCA CHAMPIONSHIP, and AMATEUR. Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Ala. (CL 6/5/59)
- July 2, 3, 4, 5—Western Open, Astor Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (CL 5/5/59)
- July 3, 4, 5—Midwest Amateur, Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. (CL 6/5/59)
- July 4, 5, 6—National Capitol Open, Washington Chess Divan, Washington, D.C. (CL 5/20/59)
- July 25-26—Arkansas Open, Elks Club, Hotel Springs, Arkansas (CL 6/5/59)
New Jersey State Junior, Penn-Atlantic Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. (CL 5/20/59)

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A new Canton YMCA Chess Club of 30 members has been organized at Canton, Ohio, with the following officers: Charles M. Corbett, president, Anthony Kramanek, vice president, and J. N. (George) Petrison, secretary-treasurer. Meets Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at Central Y. Visitors welcome.

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THE JACK COLLINS STORY

For more than six years the readers of CHESS LIFE have been receiving in each issue a page of games edited by United States Master John W. Collins, with annotations either by him or by his guest annotators. This page of CHESS LIFE is carefully studied by the masters and players of other countries, and the chess columnists of those countries frequently adopt one or more of Jack's games, either with or without permission, for publication in their own papers. (See the Wade-Brown game on page 6)

It was, therefore, not unexpected that a substantial number of readers should have nominated him as an American chess personage about whom they would like to know more—the subject for a special article in CHESS LIFE. Frank Brady volunteered to get the story for you; Jack cooperated, as usual; and here it is.

THE HAWTHORNE CHESS CLUB



By
Frank R. Brady



In the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, there's a home that most people might pass by and think of with no special significance. To many though, this unique residence is known as the "Hawthorne Chess Club" and to those who know better, it's the home of Chess Master John W. Collins, the subject of this story.

Jack is well known in the chess world as a master of the first order and has contributed a great deal, over the years, to the game. He has been U.S. Correspondence Champion and has held the much coveted title of N.Y. State Champion, in addition to placing first in such events as the Marshall, Hawthorne, and Brooklyn chess club championships. (There was at one time a real "Hawthorne Chess Club," which was founded by Jack and conducted in his home many years ago on Hawthorne Street in Brooklyn).

He is currently a contributing editor for CHESS REVIEW and is well known for his interesting column in CHESS LIFE. Recently he completed, with Walter Korn, the monumental revision of "Modern Chess Openings," 9th edition.

Originally from Newburgh, N.Y., he spent his early childhood in Canada and moved to Brooklyn while in his teens. He learned the game from an upstairs neighbor and took an immediate interest in it. One of his first books was the 5th edition of MCO and he played every column in it no less than 5 times! His interests other than chess range from philosophy and psychology to literature and history. He has a specialized interest in the Great Emancipator, and owns quite a library of Lincolnia.

Jack has a remarkable ability for understanding youngsters and steering them on the right chessroad. His patience and encouragement have made him a favorite among some of the most talented players to come upon the American scene. The Byrne brothers, Raymond Weinstein, Bobby Fischer and Bill Lombardy are just a few who have spent their formative years under the tutelage of Jack's influence. Bobby is still a constant visitor to the Collins residence and spends as much as 2 to 3 afternoons a week there. Jack's most recent find is Salvatore Matera, an eight year old Flatbush boy, who has been playing only since Christmas, and who already shows phenomenal progress! Jack's sister Ethel, an R.N., who lives with him, offers a friendliness and gracious manner which makes her equally a favorite with Clara Collins, a cousin, Louis J. Wolff, Henry Eckstrom, Jack Battell, Sara and Al Kaufman, and the other chess people who regularly gather there.

Their home is interestingly furnished with chess-a-knacks of all types. Oil paintings, lamps, curtains, statues, and glassware are just a few of the items that are designed with chesspiece and chessboard patterns. There is a small gallery of photographs of the chess "greats" that have visited there and on inquiry, one would find that almost every famous player in the United States has visited Jack and spent time playing and talking chess with him. Many players have cut their Knight's teeth on his extensive and definitive chess library of over 400 volumes.

Jack has been physically disabled all his life and yet his determination, his hard work and his courage have enabled him to reach great heights as a chess player and what is most important, as a human being. I hope that I shall always have the privilege and the honor of calling him my friend.

Delightfully modest about his games, it was like pulling teeth to get Jack to commit himself about them. The following comments are my own, para-quoted from some statements that he made:



The interesting point of this game is the finish, executed in a typical Collins', calm, style.

Preliminaries

ICCA World's Correspondence Championship, 1948

White	Black
Frutsaert	Collins
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. N-Q2	N-QB3
4. KN-B3	N-B3
5. P-K5	N-Q2

6. P-B4	P-B3
7. BPxP	KPxP
8. B-N5	PxP
9. NxP	Q-B3
10. N(Q2)-B3	B-N5+
11. B-Q2	BxB+
12. QxB	O-O
13. BxN	PxB
14. R-QB1	P-B4
15. NxN	BxN
16. RxP	Q-KN3!
17. K-B1	RxN
18. PxR	B-R6+
19. K-K2	R-K1+
20. K-Q1	B-N7
21. Resigns	

If: 21. R-K1, Q-N8+

22. Q-B1, Q-Q6+
23. Q-Q2, RxR+
24. KxR, Q-B8 mate.



Here White's two center pawns develop a Black toothache—deep and annoying!

Marshall Chess Club Championship 1952

White	Black
Collins	Pilnick
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	B-N2
4. P-K4	O-O
5. N-B3	P-Q3
6. B-K2	QN-Q2
7. O-O	P-K4
8. B-K3	N-N5
9. B-N5	P-KB3
10. B-Q2	N-R3
11. Q-B	N-B2
12. B-K3	P-B3
13. Q-B2	Q-K2
14. KR-K	N-Q
15. QR-Q	P-KB4
16. B-N5	N-B3
17. P-B5	PxQP
18. PxQP	Q-Q2
19. B-B4+	K-R
20. P-K5	N-N5
21. P-K6	NxKP
22. BxN	QxP
23. BxB	KRxB
24. P-KR3	Q-B4
25. B-K7	Q-B5
26. PxN	PxN
27. PxQBP	QxNP
28. N-K5	BxN
29. RxB	Q-QB5
30. B-B6+	K-N
31. R-K7	R-K
32. R-Q4	Q-N4
33. P-R4	Q-N3
34. Q-R2+	Resigns



How does one stand a chance against the co-reviser of MCO, 9th edition? Here White springs an old book trap—taken from his files!

Marshall Chess Club Championship 1953

White	Black
Collins	Saidy
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KB3
3. N-QB3	B-N5
4. Q-N3	N-B3
5. P-Q5	N-Q5
6. Q-Q	P-K4
7. B-Q2	P-Q3
8. P-K3	N-B4
9. Q-R4+	Resigns



A shock Bishop move is the key to this win against a formidable opponent.

Metropolitan Chess League Staten Island vs. Marshall 1958

White	Black
H. Macormac	Collins
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-QR3
6. B-K3	P-K4
7. N-N3	B-K3
8. B-K2	B-K2
9. N-Q5	NxN
10. PxN	B-B4
11. O-O	O-O
12. Q-Q2	N-Q2
13. N-R5	Q-B2
14. QR-B1	B-N3
15. P-KB4	P-B4
16. PxP	NxP
17. Q-N4	B-B3
18. P-QN3	R-B2
19. Q-N6	B-N4
20. N-B4	NxN
21. BxN	R-K1
22. B-B2	QxQ
23. BxQ	BxR
24. RxB	P-B5
25. K-B2	B-K5
26. P-B3	R-B4
27. R-K1	K-B2
28. RxR	RxR
29. B-Q3	KR-KR

30. BxR	RxB
31. P-B4	P-N4
32. P-KR3	K-K2
33. P-R3	P-KR4
34. K-B1	P-N5
35. PxP	PxP
36. P-B5	K-Q2
37. B-R7	PxP
38. BxP	R-K4
39. Resigns	



QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 256, c. 23

N. Y. Metropolitan League 1959

White	Black
DR. A. MENGARINI	J. W. COLLINS
(Commercial)	(Marshall)
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-KB3	P-QN3
4. N-B3	B-N2
5. B-N5	B-K2
6. Q-B2	P-B4
7. P-K4	PxP
8. NxP	N-B3
9. NxN	BxN
10. B-Q3	Q-B2
11. O-O	N-N5
12. P-B4	BxB
13. Q-K2	P-KR4
14. P-KR3	BxBP
15. PxN	B-R7ch
16. K-R1	PxP
	Resigns



PITTSBURGH TOPS PENN INTERCOLLEGIATE

The University of Pittsburgh won the annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship by defeating Penn State, Lehigh, and Haverford, compiling a 3-0 score in the tournament sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, played at Haverford College early in May.

Pittsburgh's four-board team was strong in depth and in the pinches. Luther Henry, at Board 1, scored 2-1, losing only to Carl Johnson of Lehigh. This was Pittsburgh's only loss, as T. L. Kent at Board 2 scored 2½-½, after drawing with Eckmann of Penn State, Lester Shapiro at Board 3 made a clean sweep with 3-0, and George Rockman, the Board 4 anchor-man scored 2½-½, Lester Shapiro at Board 3 made a clean sweep with 3-0, and George Rockman, the Board 4 anchor-man scored 2½-½, after conceding a single draw to Hofer of Lehigh.

Penn State took second place in the team meet, with a 2-1 score. Lehigh and Haverford tied for third and fourth places, after drawing their match, with ½-2½ scores.



Reader Kenneth Halstead of Pound Ridge, N.Y. chides Tony Santasiere for the melancholy tone of his poetry recently published in CHESS LIFE, and we believe that the following inspiring stanzas will find a permanent niche in chess literature.

Dear Tony:
Why talk of Death while there are kings to capture,
And queens to love and guard against the foe?
Fair queen that fills the faithful heart with rapture
When she is dancing lightly to and fro!
And, though her life, alas, is not eternal,
And all is darkest gloom when she is gone,
There's always hope that she will rise
supernal
From ashes of the ever lowly pawn.
(Kenneth Halstead—1959)



GAMES BY USCF MEMBERS

Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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

WALTER HARRIS

Walter Harris, a seventeen year old senior at Commerce High School, scored 14½-½ to win the Junior Championship of the Marshall Club. Walter hopes to compete in the U. S. Junior Championship in Omaha during July and the following game with John Gorman (who shared 3rd to 5th) testifies he is well primed for it.—JWC.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: page 313

Marshall Junior Championship
New York, 1959

Notes by Walter Harris

White	Black
J. GORMAN	W. HARRIS
1. P-K4	P-Q3
2. P-Q4	P-KN3
White is invited to play 3. P-QB4.	
3. P-QB4	.....
And he accepts the invitation.	
3.	B-N2
4. N-QB3	N-KB3
5. P-B3	.....

The opening has transposed into the Samisch Variation of the King's Indian Defense.

5.	O-O	7. KN-K2	P-B4
6. B-K3	QN-Q2	8. P-Q5	.....

This move wastes valuable time. Better is 8. Q-Q2.

8.	P-QR3
9. Q-Q2	R-N1

Perhaps 9., R-K1, to avoid the exchange of Bishops, is better.

10. B-R6	.....
Preferable is 10. N-B4, preventing 10., P-QN4, and planning N-Q3, P-B4, and P-K5.	

10.	P-QN4	13. PxP	N-K4
11. BxB	KxB	14. N-B1	P-K3
12. P-QN3	PxP	.....	.....

If 14., R-N5? 15. P-QR3, Q-R4 16. R-R2, etc.

15. B-K2	N-R4	18. P-KR3	Q-R5
16. O-O	P-B4	19. Q-K1	.....
17. P-B4	N-N5!	.....	.....

If 19. PxB, PxP (threatening 20., P-N6) 20. BxP (forced) QxB with the better game for Black.

19. N-N6!



Position after 19., N-N6!

On 19., QxQ? 20. RxQ, N-R3 (best) 21. BxB, PxB 22. P-K5, the advantage swings to White.

20. PxB	.....
Better is 20. R-B3.	
20.	PxNP
21. N-Q3	.....

White should eliminate the dangerous NP with 21. BxP.

21.	P-K4
22. Q-Q2	.....

This hastens the end.

22.	NxR
23. RxN	.....

If 23. KxN, PxP, with threats of 24., Q-R8ch, followed by P-N6ch or P-B6, winning.

23. P-N6

Resigns

ROUGH AND TUMBLE

A rough and tumble affair in which Black sacrifices a Pawn in the opening, wins a piece in the mid-game, returns it, and then scores on the strength of a passed KRP in the ending.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 314, c. 37 (e)

Metropolitan League Match
Boston, 1958

White	Black
K. MERKIS	J. VILKAS, JR.
(Lithuanian)	(Bolston)
1. P-QB4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-KN3
3. P-K4	P-Q3
4. P-Q4	B-N2
5. P-B3	P-K4
6. P-Q5	O-O
7. B-K3	P-B3

Black plays to open the QB file. Alternatives are 7., P-QR4, 7., P-B4, 7., N-K1, and 7., N-R4.

8. Q-Q2	PxP
9. BPxP	N-R4
10. P-KN4?	.....

This allows Black to sacrifice a Pawn advantageously. Correct is 10. O-O, P-B4 11. PxP, PxP 12. B-KR6.

10.	N-B5!
11. BxN	PxB
12. QxP	P-B4

Threatening 13., PxKP.

13. NPxP	PxP	17. O-O-O	B-R5
14. Q-N3	K-R1	18. Q-Q3	B-N5
15. N-R3	PxP	19. Q-N5?	.....
16. PxP	B-B3	.....	.....

A fishing expedition. White ought to play 19. B-K2, followed by 20. QR-B1 and 21. KR-N1. After the text-move he loses material.

19.	N-Q2
20. R-Q3	.....

There is no way to save both the QR and KN.

20.	N-K4	23. RxR	BxR
21. R-N3	P-QR3	24. PxB	BxN
22. Q-N3	RxBch	.....	.....

Now, a piece ahead, Black wins easily.

25. R-R1	Q-N4ch
26. K-N1	QxP
27. QxP	Q-Q6ch
28. K-R1	R-KB1
29. Q-K7	R-B8ch
30. RxR	QxRch
31. N-N1	N-B5
32. Q-Q8ch	K-N2
33. P-N3	Q-B3ch

Black returns the piece, calculating that the KRP cannot be stopped. An alternative win is 33., N-K4 34. QxP Q-KB5.

34. QxQch	KxQ
35. PxB	B-N7
36. N-Q2	K-K4

Quicker is 36., P-KR4.

37. K?N2	P-KR4	42. P-Q6	P-R7
38. K-B3	P-R5	43. P-Q7	P-R8=Q
39. P-B5	PxP	44. P-Q8=Q	Q-Q8ch
40. K-Q3	P-R6	.....	.....
41. N-B4ch	K-B5	.....	.....

Black gets there first.

45. N-Q2	BxPch
46. K-B3	Q-B7 mate

ONE MORE TIME

(The slick "London Illustrated News" gave the following game (published in "Chess Life" July 20, 1957) a fine boxed mid-page presentation recently, commenting favorably not only upon the quality of the game as a game, but also upon the annotations, and upon the presentation of them in "Chess Life." For the benefit of the hundreds of new USCF members who may not have seen it, we present it once more. F.M.W.)

FIREWORKS AT THE FINALE

Despite lugubrious Talmadgomania, Georgia's chess talent endureth like the cactus blossom in the desert of White vs. Black. Brad Wade, former State Cham-

pion and runner-up in this tourney, pirouettes to an Apache finale in which the dagger can be thrown in multitudinous directions and yet pierce the heart of his adversary.

FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO: page 45, column 15
Georgia State Championship
Atlanta, 1956

Notes by Norman M. Hornstein, M.D.

White	Black
B. WADE	E. BROWN
1. P-Q4	P-K3
2. P-K4	P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
4. B-Kt5	B-K2
5. P-K5	KKt-Q2
6. BxB	.....

6. P-KR4 is the celebrated Alekhine-Chatard Attack. Annotators are still strongly divided as to whether the best answer is then 6., P-QR3 or, P-QB4 or, P-KB3.

6. QxB 7. P-B4 This is probably White's best move and a good example of 'overprotecting the advanced pawn'.

7. O-O Inviting complications. 7., P-QR3 followed by P-QB4 saves Black from headaches. The text presupposes good nerves or the availability of one of the new tranquilizing drugs.

8. P-QR3 Quite unnecessarily quiet. MCO gives 8. Kt-B3, P-QB4; 9. Q-Q2, Kt-QB3; 10. O-O-O with many attacking chances for White. More adventurous is Rellstab-Stahlberg (Kemerl, 1937): 8. Kt-Kt5, P-QB4; 9. P-B3! in which White ignores Kt-B7 and chases Kt-Q6 eventually for a win worthy of the classics.

8. P-QB4 9. Kt-Kt5 In view of the previous move, this intrusion of the Kt lacks punch. 9. PxP is better.

9. Kt-QB3 It is strange that this plausible move yields White the advantage. 9., PxP gives Black at least equality. He can ignore the threat to the QR, e.g.: 9., PxP; 10. Kt-B7, P-B3. Then 11. Kt-B3 (as in MCO where White has not lost a tempo by P-QR3), PxP; 12. PxP, KtxP! or 10. Kt-B7, P-B3; 11. KtxR, PxP and Black has a winning advantage.

P-B3 White now has a formidable position.

10. Q-Q1 A grievous loss of time. 10., PxP; 11. PxP, P-B3 is Black's last hope with many defensive possibilities.

11. Kt-B3	PxP	14. P-KR4!	P-QR3
12. BxP	Q-Kt3?	15. BxP!!
13. B-Q3	K-R1

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15.	PxKt
15.	KxB; 16. Kt-Kt5 ch is also deadly.
15. Kt-Kt5	P-Kt3
17. BxP!	PxB
18. P-R5

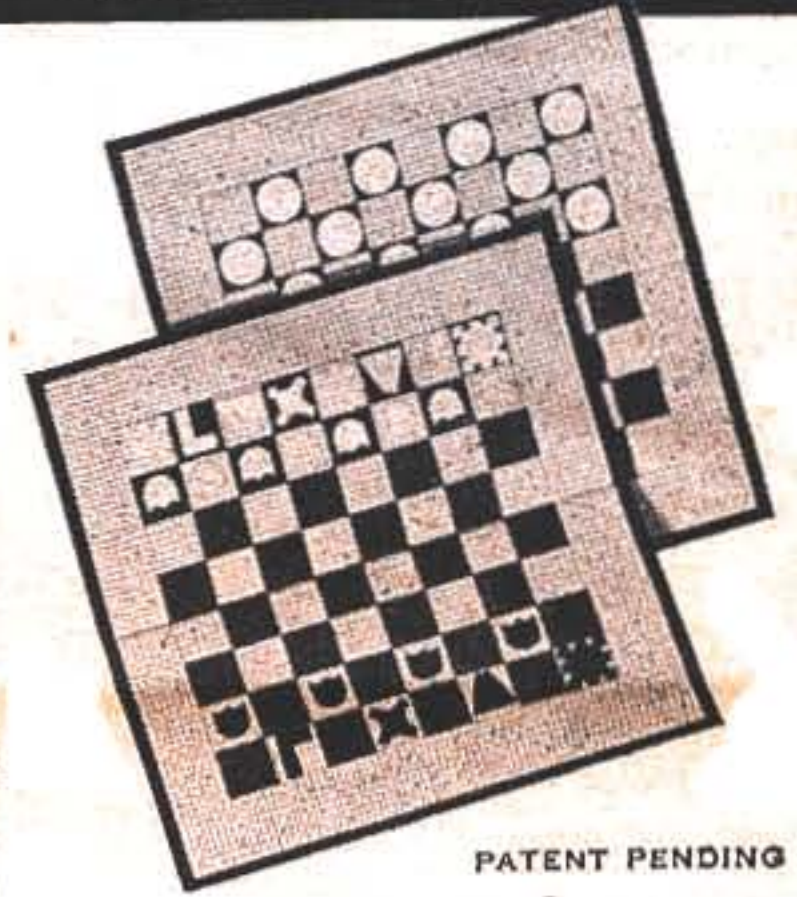
White has now sacrificed two pieces to disrupt the King Field. Mr. Wade calls it the crucial position. Test position would be a better name as

Black has long passed the crisis in spite of the innumerable replies he has at hand. All his pieces are on the wrong side of the board.

18. QxP Among the possible answers, the former Georgia Champion gives: 18., KtxQP; 19. PxP ch, K-Kt2; 20. Q-R5, Kt-B7 ch; 21. K-Q1, Q-Q5 ch; 22. K-B1, Q-K6 ch; 23. K-Kt1; or 18., QKtx KP; 19. PxP ch, K-Kt2; 20. BPxKt, KtxKP; 21. Q-R5, Kt-Q6 ch; 22. K-Q2, QxP; 23. Q-R6 ch, K-B3; 24. QxR ch, KxKt; 25. Q-R6 ch, K-B4; 26. Q-R5 ch, K-K5; 27. Q-K2 ch, K-B4; 28. QxKt ch. 19. PxPch K-Kt2 21. Q-R5 mate 20. KtxPch KxP

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Wesley Burgar went undefeated through the Huron Valley Experts Invitational event recently played at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and scored 4-1 to win first prize. Conrad Batchelder won two, drew two, and lost one, to finish second with 3-2. Ronald Finegold placed third on tie-breaking points, after having tied with Kazys Skema, who also scored 2½-2½, and who finished in fourth place.

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HYMAN GORDON TOPS STEINER MASTER EVENT

The 1959 "Masters" Tournament, sponsored by the Herman Steiner Chess Club of Los Angeles, California, was won by Hyman Gordon who compiled an astounding score. He went undefeated through a ten-round Swiss, conceding only a single draw to eleventh-place Morris Gordon, winning nine, for a 9½-½ score. He defeated the players finishing second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenth, twelfth, and thirteenth, a vivid illustration of how every added Swiss System round serves to bring together the strongest players in an event.

Irving Rivise took second place, losing to Gordon and Standers, and drawing with Burke, for a 7½-2½ score. Simon came third on tie breaking, just nosing out Standers who placed fourth, after each had scored 6½-3½. Hammon, with 6-4 was fifth. Burke and Barry finished sixth and seventh, respectively, after their 5½-4½ tie had been broken.

Sixteen players completed their schedule, with Gene Rubin acting as Tournament Director.

SIX-WAY TIE FOR 1959 CONNECTICUT STATE TITLE

Feeling that the State Championship Title is too important to be withheld or conferred by the vagaries of any tie-breaking system, the Connecticut State Chess Association has decreed that the six players who tied for 1st place (with 5-1 scores) in the recent state championship tournament must play it off for the title. The six players involved, and who are now engaged in the playoff, are: Gerardo Budowski, Theodore Edelbaum, William Newberry, L. C. Noderer, Anthony Suraci, and Elliot S. Wolk. Forty-nine players competed in the event which was directed by William H. Mills.

HANKEN 1959 CINCINNATI CHAMP

Twenty players competed in the ten round Swiss sponsored by the Parkway Chess Club of Cincinnati, Ohio. Jerry Hanken lost his fourth-round game to Bert Edwards, but won all the others, finishing with 9-1, a full point and a half above second-place (and defending champion) Charles Heising, who lost to Hanken and Graves, drew with Hayes, and won seven for a 7½-2½ score. The value of the extra rounds in bringing together the strongest players in an event was demonstrated by the fact that Hanken played opponents finishing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, and 15th, while Heising played 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 17.

Eugene Warner lost to Hanken, Heising and Riesenbeck, then won seven for a 7-3 score and third place. Bert Edwards took fourth place with 6½-3½. Rea Hayes was fifth, with 6-4. Ron Weidner topped a five-way tie with Riesenbeck, Graves, Lajcik, and Gil, who placed in that order behind him on Solkoff points, after each had scored 5½-4½.

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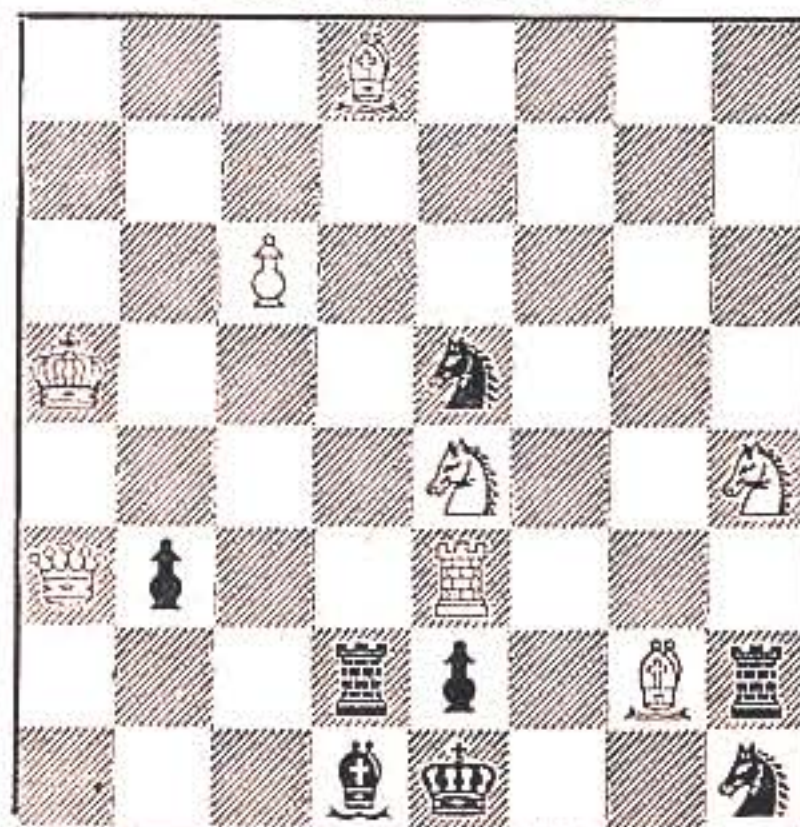
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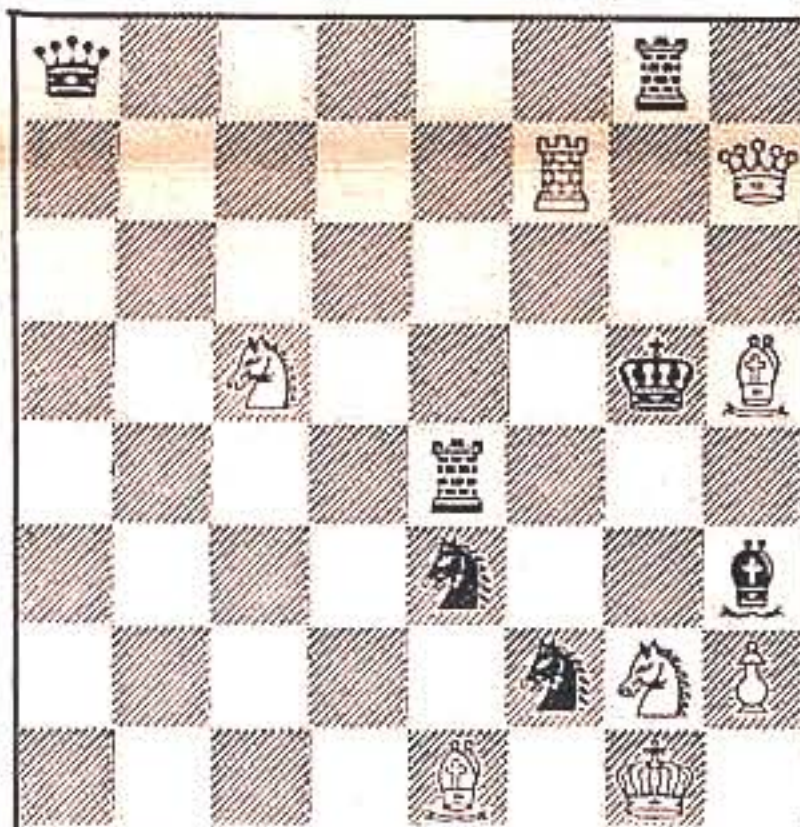


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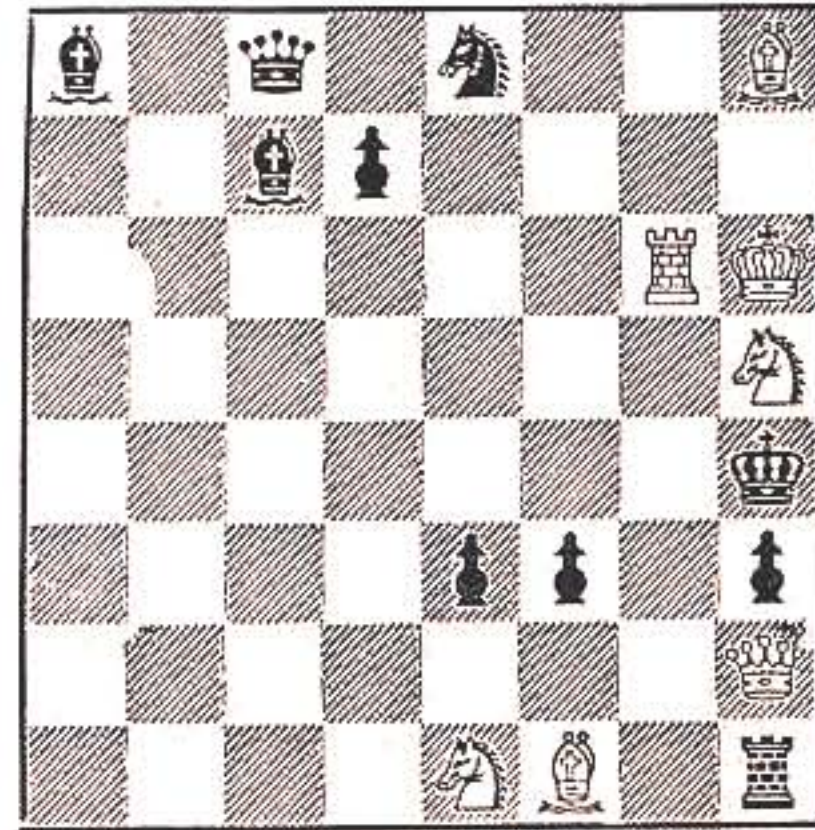


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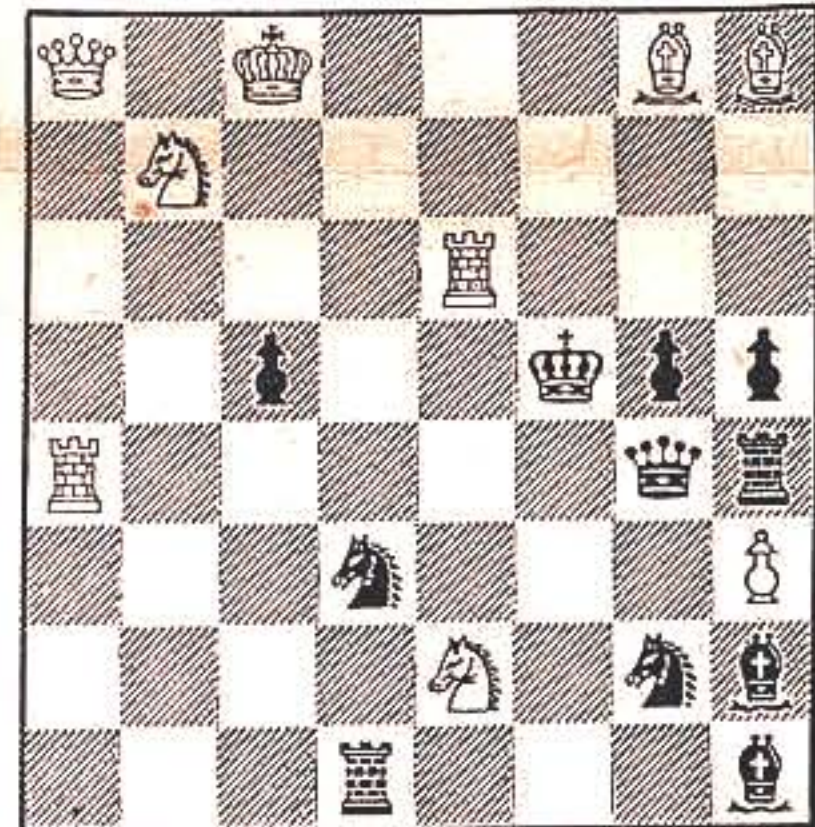


Mate in two moves

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Mate in two moves

Solution to "Mate the Subtle Way."

No. 985 Duff: key 1. Q-B5 threat 2. NxN. If 1., NxN, 2. B-N8; if 1., NxP, 2. NxR; if 1., QxP, 2. N-Q4; if 1., PxN, 2. QxN etc. No. 986 Giordano: key 1. N-N3 waiting. 1., K-Q3, B5 or Q4, 2. Q-K4; 1., K-B3, 2. Q-K7; 1., K-K3, 2. Q-B5. No. 987 Holladay: key 1. Q-Q8 threatening 2. BxQ. If 1., P-K3, 2. B-K8! If 1., N-K3, 2. RxQ; if 1., N-N4, 2. N-N6; if 1., N-B5, 2. N-B3, but the most appealing variation follows after 1., Q-K4, 2. B-R3!! No. 988 Rubens: keymove 1. B-B6 waiting. 1., K-B, 2. RxB etc. 1., B-K3 or B4, 2. KxB etc. The real play follows 1., B-B, 2. R-K7 ch! and if 2., K-B, 3. B-N7, while after 2., K-Q, 3. N-B7. After 1., B-B3, 2. R-B8ch! K-Q2, 3. R-Q8.

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SOLVERS' LADDER "Mate the Subtle Way"

This list includes credit-points for solutions received up to the 15th of May ending with Problem No. 988 of the April 5 column. Names marked with asterisks * indicate solvers who reached top now or earlier. The 2 top-solvers of the present list: E. Roman and T. Sullivan will receive the usual book award. 1000 of their points are canceled. For the benefit of new solvers we repeat: credit-points for 2-movers: 2 and for 3-movers 4 points. Cooks, if any, are awarded with regular points, but double credits are given if indicated with the intended keymove. Constructive criticisms and suggestions of problems may also bring extra points to the solvers.

*E. Roman .....1056	*A. Starzdins 406	Rev. Schick 262
*T. Sullivan .....1010	O. R. Buchanan 368	*Dr. Schwartz 294
S. Heinemann 820	Dr. Bullockus 300	H. Schramm 234
P. H. Smith 798	J. Haliburton 320	G. C. Smith 206
I. Sigmond 732	G. Heimberg 348	D. E. Bengé 168
W. J. Couture 766	*E. Korpanty 380	W. Farrell 174
R. M. Collins 690	Dr. Britain 252	R. A. Hedgcock 192
W. Curtin 692	W. Crowl 244	Dr. Hollander 104
J. W. Horning 684	*E. T. Dana 230	*J. Ishkan 120
L. A. Ware 600	W. E. Fillery 204	Sfc. Karch 192
*K. Lay 630	H. Leef 250	P. Leith 190
R. O'Neil 578	L. L. Lussier 222	R. S. Raven 126
Wm. VanDragt 452	A. C. Otten 228	*Dr. Reider 154
S. Spiegel 482	*G. W. Payne 222	J. Schmerl 106
P. J. Smith 438	*A. Salmon 254	H. A. Wright 166

Welcome to new solvers joined recently:
C. Boris 16; Th. Cunningham 20; D. Brad 14; W. Gribowsky 14; G. L. Hadley 14; Dr. Herzberger 20; L. J. Jacobsen 4; S. Lubinsky 10; MacGilvary 24; Sgt. Miller 4; F. K. Ouchi 8; E. Roethler (renewed) 122; D. J. Thompson 20; G. Trefzer 6; L. Tuills 6; Bill Weick 6; Dr. Weissmann 18; L. R. Whitman 8. Solvers Alex Filipovich and R. W. Wittemann may try again.

Others in alphabetical order:
Mrs. Blencoe 10; *K. Blumberg 76; *J. M. Boge 30; R. E. Burry 98; D. Campbell 52; Doc Campbell 52; C. Douglas 76; J. Crider 30; Goodspeed 44; Goodwin 72; Halgren 30; Sgt. Hamel 58; Bob Hamilton 22; D. E. Hamilton 20; Wm. Hofmann 24; Jersawitz 10; Labowitz 84; Lagowski 8; Rev. Leonard 96; Limperis 14; Lincoln 50; Meyer 28; O'Quin 46; Rosenbleeth 14; Schaaf 12; Sinder 38; Sloan 12; Stein 78; Thompson 60; Vander Doos 2; Wall 56; Webster 52; Wiester 90; Wood 34; Woodworth 54.

*Solution To
What's The Best Move?*

Position No. 254

Samaritan-Reicher, Bucharest 1951

Samaritan played 1. RxBch1, KxR; 2. PxP, Q-R4 (Black must guard his K4 square so as to meet 3. B-Q4 with P-K4; if, however, he plays Q-KN2, then 3. R-KBsq ch, K-Ksq; 4. B-Q4, P-K4; 5. Q-K3, etc.); 3. R-KBsq ch, K-Ksq (If K-N2, then 4. B-Q4ch, P-K4; 5. P-N4, etc.); 4. Q-Q4, P-K4; 5. Q-QB4!, and Reicher resigned.

This is all quite pretty and very convincing but, as many of our solvers demonstrated, hardly necessary. Black's position is hopelessly bad, and the prosaic 1. B-B5 is sufficient to exploit the situation. Accordingly, we are allowing full ladder credit for either 1. RxBch1 or 1. B-B5.

We are not allowing double credit for both solutions because we consider 1. RxBch "best." Neither are we allowing credit for 1. N-K4, 1. N-R4, nor 1. B-Q4 because these moves allow Black more defensive chances than either of the moves being accepted for credit. 1. N-K4 is met by P-Q4; 1. N-R4, by Q-K2; and 1. B-Q4, by P-Q4, 2. Q-KB3, Q-K2; etc.

Correct solutions are acknowledged from: David Ames, Harold Arneson, Forrest Athey Jr., Robin Ault, Harry Bakwin, George Baylor, Howard Bilian, Joe Bohac, Abel Bomberault, Duke Chinn, Jack Comstock, Ramon Cook, Peyton Crowder, Curtin, K. A. Czerniecki, Henry Davis, Joseph Eisenbach, E. Gault, J. B. Germain, John Gorman, Peter Gran*, Uldis Grava, H. M. Hawkes, Rea Hayes, J. Heatherington, Donald C. Hills, F. L. Hooley, Homer Hyde, Viktors Ikauniks, Andy Kafko, Bob Karch, Sara Kaufman*, H. Kaye, E. J. Korpanty, M. Ladacki, F. D. Lynch, Jack Miller, M. Milstein, Thomas Mueller, Ed Nash, Rudd T. Neel, Kenneth Neeld, William Newberry, Vincent Noga, Craig Olson, G. W. Payne, Joseph Platz, Henry Porter, Edmund Roman, George Ross, D. W. Rystrom, I. Schwartz, Kenneth Slaughter, Randall Smith, Herbert Solinsky, Bob Steinmeyer, W. E. Stevens, Richard Strasburger, Edward Strehle, F. Trask, H. C. Underwood, F. J. Valvo, Andus Varnik, Joe Weininger, William Wilson, Neil P. Witting, Herbert A. Wright, and R. G. Wright. The solvers score by 68-4.

* Welcome to new solvers.

*Solution to Korn's End
Game Studies, Page 2*

Diagram 68

Solution: 1. N-Q2ch, K-K6; 2. NxB, NxN; 3. N-Q1ch, K-K5 (if 3., K-K7; 4. K-B2, P-Q5; 5. B-N4! etc. wins); 4. N-B2ch, K-K6; 5. N-N4ch, K-K5; 6. B-N6 mate!

At the same time, Diagram 68 shows another ingenious finesse, the "pin and wait" (5. B-N4!), two examples of which we will offer next time.

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July 2, 3, 4, 5

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August 1 and 2

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September 4, 5, 6, 7

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