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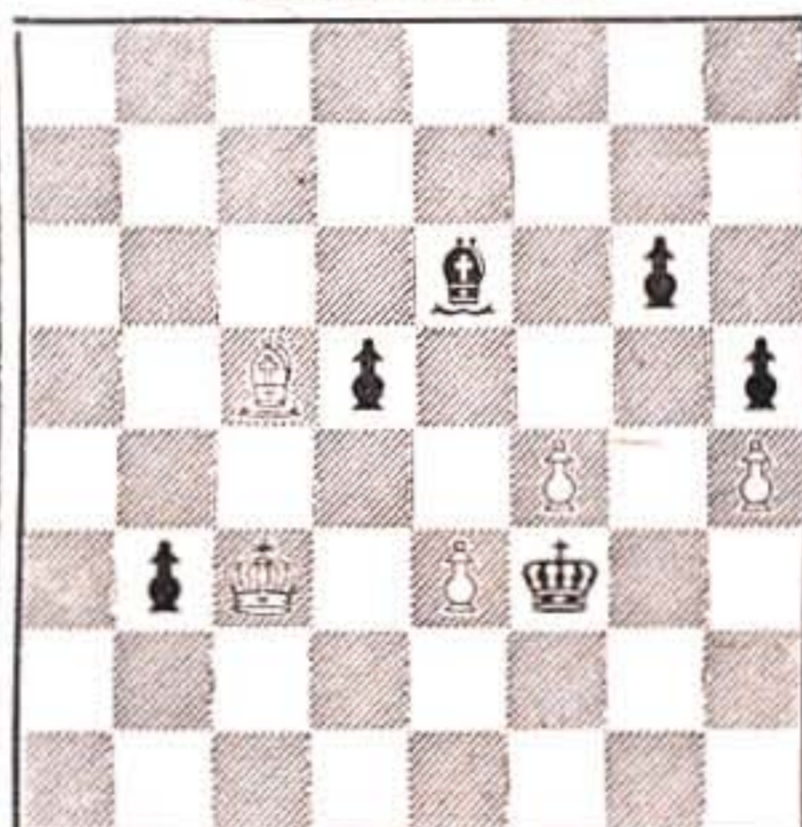
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What's The Best Move?

Conducted by
IRWIN SIGMOND

Position No. 260



Black to play

Send solutions to Position No. 260 to reach Irwin Sigmond, 5200 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington 7, Va., by Aug. 15, 1959. With your solution, please send analysis or reasons supporting your choice of "Best Move" or moves.

Solution to Position No. 260 will appear in the September 5, 1959 issue.

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RUSSELL CHAUVENET OF SILVER SPRING, MD. AND LISA LANE OF PHILADELPHIA RELAX WITH THEIR TROPHIES OVER A QUIET GAME AFTER THE U.S. AMATEUR TOURNAMENT AT ASBURY PARK, 1959. (Photo by Harkness)

(Several of the best games played by the new Amateur Champions will appear in the August 5 issue of CHESS LIFE)

Operation M = 1000 NEW MEMBERS

FINAL REPORT

(Part 2)

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IS THRILLING SUCCESS! By FRED CRAMER

Chairman, USCF Membership Committee

OPERATION M has scored a big win!

On June 5 USCF membership reached 3820, against 2668 a year ago. The net gain is 1152 members, well over the target of 1000 set for the membership campaign for the year.

This is a whopping forty-three percent gain! Growth of such proportions testifies to an organization on the march! After these many years, a strong and respected American chess organization is becoming fact, rather than hope. Obstacles, dissention, acrimony, all have cleared away; leaders of the game in all parts of the country are joining the cause so long undone; a new spirit of inspiration is abroad everywhere.

Quarterly Gains Still Accelerating

Beginning slowly, OPERATION M added 172 members between June 5 and September 5, 1958. The drive spread from state to state, and from state to city, and between September 5 and December 5 the gain was 219. With increasing tempo the need for support for organized chess was spread from local chairmen to committeemen, and between Dec. 5 and March 5 we added 293. In the final quarter, between March 5 and June 5, the snowball effect of all this work became obvious, with 468 new members (net) added. So at this date we haven't seen peak yet: we're still sharply on the upgrade. Much untapped territory remains, and many state and local chairmen are eager to continue forward.

The states leading during the drive, in net members gained, are listed below, together with the gain and the name of the State Membership Chairman:

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|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| California | 238.....Harry Borocho | Wisconsin | 30.....Frank Inbusch |
| New York | 105.....Jose Calderon | Alabama | 30.....Fred Kemp |
| Massachusetts | 69.....Dick Tirrell | Arizona | 28.....Mabel Burlingame |
| Minnesota | 66.....Sheldon Rein | Louisiana | 24.....Wyatt Jones |
| New Jersey | 60.....Ed McCormick | Oregon | 21.....Fred Byron |
| Florida | 53.....Frank Rose | Iowa | 20.....William Goetz |
| Michigan | 44.....Ed Dickerson | Nebraska | 20.....A. Liepnieks |
| Pennsylvania | 44.....Mordecai Treblow | Illinois | 20.....John Nowak |
| Mississippi | 43.....Troy Miller | Connecticut | 19.....Bill Newberry |
| Virginia | 37.....John Matheson | Dist. of Col. | 19.....George O'Rourke |

Twenty-three states exceeded the targets set for them, and another thirteen states came very close. Leaders, with percentage of target attained, are Ariz. 225; Ala. 176; Neb. 165; Miss. 161; Calif. 124; Va. 142;

(Continued on page 2)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 37 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 33

In the annual North-South match played at Fresno May 31, Guthrie McClain's team triumphed in a 70 board struggle. Some of the top-board results were: 1. Imre Konig (N) drew with Irving Rivise (S); 2. Pruner (N) lost to Almgren (S); 3. Ramirez (N) lost to Borocho (S); 4. Henry Gross (N) lost to Ronald Gross (S).

USCF President Jerry Spann visited the match to present to Master Emeritus Borocho a silver trophy for winning top honors in the OPERATION M membership campaign.

MANHATTAN C.C. DOWNS MARSHALL

The Manhattan Chess Club has just won the annual battle with the Marshall Chess Club. This win, reversing the 1958 decision, also permitted Manhattan to regain the championship of the Metropolitan Chess League. The score reported to CHESS LIFE was 6½-3½ with two adjourned games to be played off.

Manhattan CC winners were: Reshevsky (who is reported to have defeated Seidmann by trapping his queen in 14 moves), Shainswit, Horowitz, and Siegel. Tony Santasiere was the only winner for Marshall. Lombardy drew with Bakos, new Marshall CC champ; and Pal Benko drew with Sherwin.

BENKO WINS GREATER NEW YORK OPEN

Pal Benko scored 5½-½ (the draw was with Lombardy) to win the event. Finishing in the order listed (each with 5-1) were: 2nd, Lombardy; 3rd, Weinstein; 4th, Bisguier; 5th, Sherwin; 6th, Hearst; 7th, Brandts; 8th, Owens. Two grandmasters, 17 masters, and 27 experts were among the 107 entrants. (Details in next issue)

ALBUQUERQUE OPEN WON BY JACK SHAW

Jack Shaw, Max Wilkerson and Warren Miller each won three and drew two to tie with 4-1 scores in the Albuquerque Open. But Shaw's double median points (sum of all opponents' median points) gave him a slight edge over Wilkerson, who took second place. Miller, a full half-point behind the leaders on the first median application, placed third.

The twenty-four player event, sponsored by the Albuquerque Chess Club, was directed by Club President W. A. Muff, who also played, scoring 3½-1½ to top a three-way tie for fourth place. Fifth and sixth places went to Jose Rodriguez and John Freeman, respectively. The following players, after scoring 3-2, placed in the order of listing: Max Burkett, Kent Pullen, Owen E. Miller, Max Miller, and Dr. H. M. Johnson. Players from Texas and Oklahoma failed to keep the home town boys from occupying the top spots, with Freeman of El Paso and Burkett of Memphis, Texas (6th and 7th places, respectively), placing highest for the visitors.

Fourteen of the twenty-four players were enrolled as new members of the USCF, an outstanding example of how mandatory USCF membership for rating purposes does not keep players away from tournaments.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

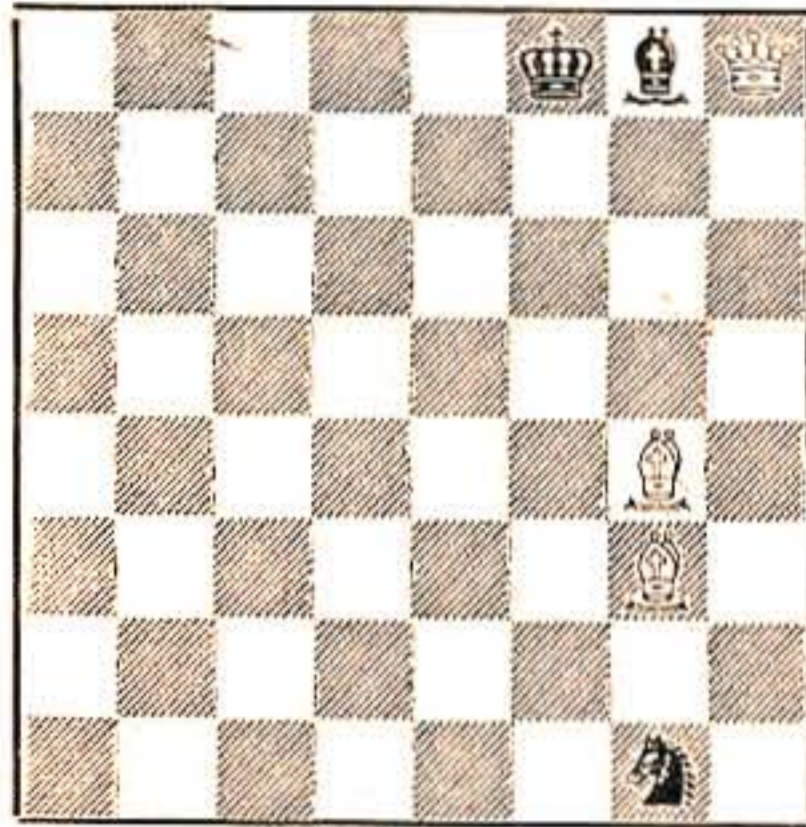
Mastering the End Game

By **WALTER KORN**, Editor of MCO

THE "PIN AND WAIT"

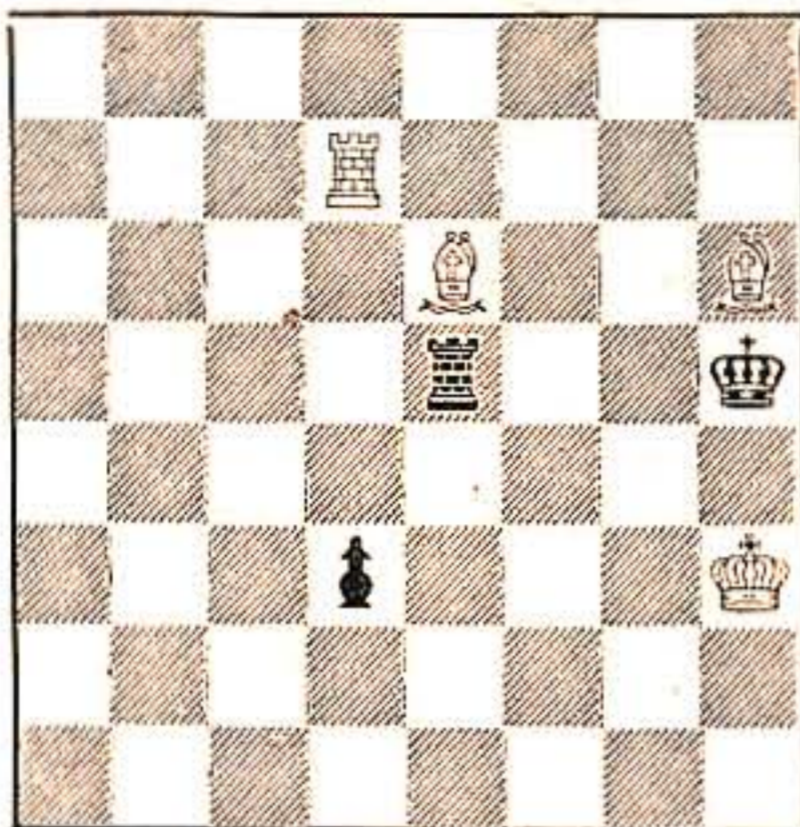
In Lommer's study (dia. 68) we showed a waiting move which retained a pin for White, forced Black's move who had to give up protection, and lost. Here are two more samples of such maneuver in twin diagrams 69 and 70.

Diagram 69



White to play
W. Neustadt, 1929

Diagram 70



White to play
G. Mattisson, 1930

Diagram 69

In diagram 69: 1. B-Q6ch, K-B2; 2. B-B4, K-B1; 3. B-R6ch, K-B2; 4. B-K3!, K-B7; 5. B-B5ch, K-B2; 6. BxN, K-B7; 7. B-B5ch, K-B2; 8. B-N4 winning Black's Bishop.

Diagram 70

In diagram 70: 1. R-Q5!, RxR; 2. B-K3!!, R-KN4; 3. B-B7ch, R-N3; 4. K-R2!! A tempo maintaining the pin and forcing Black to give up the Rook.

(OPERATION M—Continued from Page 1)

N.H. 140; D.C. 137; Iowa 136; La. 130; R.I. 120; S.C. 120; W.Va. 115; Fla. 111; Ore. 110; Minn. 105; Tenn. 104; Colo. 104; N.C. 102; N.J. 102; Mass. 100; Nev. 100; Vt. 100; Md. 97; Wis. 97.

California Now Tops Nation

California is the new number-one chess center of the nation. The unbounded enthusiasm in all parts of the state, and the working organization led by Harry Borocho, California Chairman, pushed membership to 496, just 19 ahead of the 477 scored by New York State where Jose Calderon, State Membership Chairman, and a working organization showed a handsome gain of more than one hundred members.

Membership Chairmen Edgar McCormick and Mordecai Treblow lead their respective states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania into third and fourth places, both passing up the important state of Texas, where the spirit of OPERATION M has yet to take hold. Steve Markowski managed to keep Ohio in sixth place, by a strong closing which made up a year-after-Cleveland deficit incurred earlier. Ed Dickerson's Michigan passed up John Nowak and Illinois, moving into seventh place, altho both states finished powerfully in the final quarter.

Minnesota, Florida, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Arizona, Alabama, and Virginia also advanced their standing in the national rankings. The final "cross table" follows, showing the state and the state membership chairman, together with the statistical data in columns as indicated: (A) Population, 000 omitted; (B) Membership June 5, 1959; (C) Membership June 5, 1959; (D) Net gain during OPERATION M; (E) Target; (F) Percent of target achieved.

| | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | |
|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| CALIF. | 13,240 | 258 | 496 | 238 | 350 | 142 | Harry Borocho |
| N. Y. | 16,243 | 372 | 477 | 105 | 550 | 87 | Jose Calderon |
| N. J. | 5,515 | 194 | 254 | 60 | 250 | 102 | Edgar McCormick |
| PENN. | 11,070 | 178 | 222 | 44 | 275 | 81 | Mordecai Treblow |
| TEXAS | 8,709 | 210 | 211 | 1 | 280 | 76 | Harold Bone |
| OHIO | 9,000 | 174 | 177 | 3 | 200 | 89 | Steven Markowski |
| MICH. | 7,340 | 131 | 175 | 44 | 200 | 88 | Ed Dickerson |
| ILL. | 9,440 | 142 | 162 | 20 | 200 | 81 | John Nowak |
| MASS. | 4,920 | 81 | 150 | 69 | 150 | 100 | Richard Tirrell |
| FLA. | 3,633 | 58 | 111 | 53 | 100 | 111 | Frank Rose |
| MINN. | 3,195 | 39 | 105 | 66 | 100 | 105 | Sheldon Rein |
| CONN. | 2,271 | 83 | 102 | 19 | 125 | 82 | William Newberry |
| WIS. | 3,726 | 67 | 97 | 30 | 100 | 97 | Frank Inbusch |
| VA. | 3,625 | 34 | 71 | 37 | 50 | 142 | John Matheson |
| MD. | 2,800 | 44 | 58 | 14 | 60 | 97 | Boris Garfinkel |
| IND. | 4,385 | 45 | 57 | 12 | 100 | 57 | Mildred Morrell |
| MISS. | 2,112 | 10 | 53 | 43 | 30 | 161 | Troy Miller |
| LA. | 2,957 | 28 | 52 | 24 | 40 | 130 | Wyatt Jones |
| N. C. | 4,310 | 42 | 51 | 9 | 50 | 102 | Gilliam Hornstein |
| ARIZ. | 1,008 | 17 | 45 | 28 | 20 | 225 | Mabel Burlingame |
| ALA. | 3,045 | 14 | 44 | 30 | 25 | 176 | Fred Kemp |

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| MO. | 4,190 | 33 | 43 | 10 | 75 | 58 | Donald Define et al |
| WASH. | 2,602 | 22 | 41 | 19 | 45 | 91 | (Chairman wanted) |
| D. C. | 859 | 22 | 41 | 19 | 30 | 137 | George O'Rourke |
| OKLA. | 2,189 | 34 | 39 | 5 | 50 | 68 | Jerry Spann |
| N. M. | 805 | 31 | 35 | 4 | 40 | 88 | Ben Phillips |
| IOWA | 2,705 | 14 | 34 | 20 | 25 | 136 | William Goetz |
| NEB. | 1,380 | 13 | 33 | 20 | 20 | 165 | Alexander Leipneiks |
| ORE. | 1,684 | 12 | 33 | 21 | 30 | 110 | Fred Byron |
| KANS. | 2,087 | 37 | 31 | 6* | 40 | 77 | Winifred Killough |
| KY. | 3,033 | 22 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 87 | William Seay |
| TENN. | 3,444 | 14 | 26 | 12 | 25 | 104 | Peter Lahde |
| COLO. | 1,580 | 18 | 26 | 8 | 25 | 104 | Juan Reid |
| W. VA. | 2,008 | 14 | 23 | 9 | 20 | 115 | Charles Morgan |
| UTAH | 790 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 25 | 80 | Gaston Chappuis |
| ARK. | 1,785 | 10 | 19 | 9 | 25 | 76 | Jerry Spann |
| R. I. | 853 | 9 | 18 | 9 | 15 | 120 | Donald Stetzer |
| S. C. | 2,303 | 9 | 18 | 9 | 15 | 120 | Lanneau Foster |
| GA. | 3,681 | 14 | 18 | 4 | 20 | 90 | (Chairman wanted) |
| NEV. | 231 | 9 | 15 | 6 | 15 | 100 | Fred Byron |
| MAINE | 900 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 70 | John Ishkan |
| N. H. | 560 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 140 | George Bart |
| VT. | 389 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 100 | Harry Walsh |
| DEL. | 394 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 50 | Boris Garfinkel |
| IDAHO | 616 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 60 | Richard Vandenburg |
| S. D. | 684 | 7 | 3 | 4* | 10 | 30 | Alexander Leipneiks |
| N. D. | 646 | 6 | 3 | 3* | 10 | 30 | Alexander Leipneiks |
| MONT. | 638 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 60 | Fred Byron |
| WYO. | 308 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 60 | Alexander Leipneiks |
| ALASKA | 215 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 40 | Anthony Schultz |
| HAWAII | 450 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 20 | Benjamin Ching |

*Loss

UNITED STATES SEEDED TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN AUGUST

Mr. E. Forry Laucks, president of the Log Cabin Chess Club of West Orange New Jersey, announced at his home to a committee of chess officials, and to the local press, that he would personally sponsor a U. S. Seeded Tournament held in the honour of the Silver Anniversary of the Log Cabin Chess Club, August 7 to 23, 1959. The top ten players in the country will be invited to participate in this important chess event, and by the enormous prize fund that is being donated by Mr. Laucks it is almost a certainty that all who can will participate. \$3,450.00 will go to the prize winners, of the men's tournament, in the following amounts: \$1200.00 for 1st, \$1000.00 for 2nd, \$500.00 for 3rd, \$250.00 for 4th, \$150.00 for 5th, \$100.00 for 6th, \$80.00 for 7th, \$65.00 for 8th, \$55.00 for 9th, and \$50.00 for 10th.

Six of the nine rounds will be conducted at the Log Cabin Chess Club in West Orange, and three rounds will be conducted at Mary Bain's Chess Studio on 42nd St. in New York City.

Though Bobby Fischer may be in Europe at the time the tournament takes place, efforts will be made to have him return in order to take part. The committee consisted of Jerry Spann, (via loudspeaker telephone!), together with Edgar T. McCormick, Mary Bain, Frank Brady, Larry Evans, William Lombardy, James Sherwin and Ralph Houghton. Spann will fly into New York to officiate at the opening ceremonies of this event, which will, in his words, "be remembered for many years to come." Schedule of play follows:

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| Round 1..... | August 7..... | Log Cabin C. C. |
| Round 2..... | August 8..... | Log Cabin C. C. |
| Round 3..... | August 9..... | Log Cabin C. C. |
| Adjourn..... | August 10..... | Log Cabin C. C. |
| Round 4..... | August 11..... | Mary Bain's |
| Round 5..... | August 12..... | Mary Bain's |
| Adjourn..... | August 13..... | Mary Bain's |
| Adjourn..... | August 14..... | Mary Bain's |
| Round 6..... | August 15..... | Log Cabin |
| Round 7..... | August 16..... | Log Cabin |
| Adjourn..... | August 17..... | Log Cabin |
| Adjourn..... | August 18..... | Log Cabin |
| Round 8..... | August 19..... | Mary Bain's |
| Adjourn..... | August 20..... | Mary Bain's |
| Adjourn..... | August 21..... | Log Cabin |
| Round 9..... | August 22..... | Log Cabin |

Further details concerning rules, lineup of players, director, etc. will be announced later.

Mr. Laucks originally planned to sponsor the 1959 U. S. Women's Championship tournament concurrently, as an anniversary feature. It was, however, impossible to arrange for this, since several of the leading women players of the country had made other plans for this period, and would be unable to compete. The 1959 U. S. Women's Championship will, therefore, be played in December in the New York area.

The following players have accepted invitations to compete: Bisguier, Sherwin, Benko, Lombardy, Cross. Steinmeyer is only invited master who has refused. Others, including Reshevsky and Robert Byrne, have not yet decided. Tournament director not yet chosen.



HOW CHESS GAMES ARE WON

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

Temptation of a Pawn

Winning of a pawn is usually enough to win a game between two good players. It is, therefore, quite understandable that a player is often tempted to grab a pawn when the opportunity arises. Such greedy action has resulted in losing won games. Great self-restraint and self-control are necessary in such tempting situations.

A. Rosenberg of Israel is a man in the twenties. He is one of the most promising of the young Israeli chess players. Like all the other Israeli players, he lacks in international experience.

He chose the King's Indian Defence against me, gaining approximate equality. On the 17th move I could have chosen a normal continuation, which would have slowly built up a slight advantage for me. Instead, I decided on a course, which won a pawn for me. My king-position was slightly exposed as a result of this. My opponent's pieces also obtained greater mobility. A long struggle ensued.

On his 42nd turn my opponent, in order to avoid the exchange of queens, sacrificed the exchange. The resulting ending was theoretically won for me, but my opponent held out tenaciously until the 80th move.

King's Indian Defence

MCO: Page 317, Column 54, Note (e)
Israeli International Tournament
Tel-Aviv, 1958

S. Reshevsky White
A. Rosenberg Black

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| 3. P-KN3 | B-N2 |
| 4. B-N2 | P-Q3 |
| 5. N-KB3 | QN-K2 |

More precise is 5. O-O retaining the option of resorting to other lines, like 6. P-B4 or 6. N-B3.

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| 6. O-O | O-O |
| 7. Q-B2 | |

In order to answer 7. P-K4 with 8. R-Q1.

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| 7. P-B3 | P-B3 |
| 8. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 9. N-B3 | R-K1 |
| 10. P-KR3 | |

This is the normal line of this variation. It is usually continued: 10. Pxp; 11. NxP, P-QR4; 12. B-K3, N-B4, etc. White has the better chances.

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| 10. Q-B2 | |
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This is a less committing move than 10. Pxp. Another move that has been experimented with is 10. Q-K2, but with little success.

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| 11. B-K3 | N-B1 |
| 12. KR-Q1 | |

It is difficult to say at this point whether 12. QR-Q1 is preferable. I thought that the action would be mainly concentrated on the queenside. I, therefore, kept the QR on the queen-side.

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| 12. N-R4 | |
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Intending an eventual P-KB4.

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| 13. P-B5 | KPxP |
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13. QPxP; 14. Pxp! (threatening the win of a piece with 14. P-KN4) BxKP; 15. NxB, QxN; 16. P-B4, Q-B2; 17. Q-B2, P-N3; 18. P-K5 with an excellent position.

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| 14. Pxp | QxP |
| 15. Bxp | Q-K2 |

Better was 15. BxB; 16. RxB, Q-K2. The gaining of the tempo with the rook would have been insignificant. The move played allowed white to cut off black's king-bishop from active play.

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| 16. P-K5 | B-K3 |
| 17. N-K2 | |

Threatening 18. P-KN4.

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| 17. B-R3 | B-R3 |
| 18. B-B5 | Q-B2 |
| 19. B-Q6 | |

The bishop is now excellently posted, hindering the mobility of black's rooks.

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| 19. Q-B1 | |
| 20. K-R2 | N-Q2 |

White's position is much superior. His pieces are, by far, better posted.

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| 21. P-KN4 | |
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I decided to win a pawn. In doing so, I allowed my opponent's pieces too much freedom. Had I realized this, I would have chosen the logical, positional continuation—21. N(B3)-K4.

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| 21. N-B5 | |
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The only move. 21. N-N2 loses a piece—22. P-N5.

22. Q-Q2 P-KN4
Forced. For if 22. NxN; 23. QxB followed by N-N5, winning.

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| 23. NxN | PxN |
| 24. P-N5 | B-N2 |
| 25. QxP | N-N3 |
| 26. B-B1 | N-Q4 |

The knight is well posted here.

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| 27. Q-KR4 | B-B4 |
| 28. R-K1 | N-K2 |
| 29. B-B4 | |

Tempting but ineffective is 29. BxN, RxB; 30. P-N6, Q-K3; 31. QxPch, K-B1 and black regains his pawn with an improved position.

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| 29. N-N3 | |
| 30. Q-N3 | |

White is a pawn ahead, but it is still very difficult to make progress. The principal reason is the fact that white's king position is unsafe.

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| 30. B-K3 | |
| 31. B-Q3 | |

To exchange bishops would be freeing black's queen from its inactivity.

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| 31. B-B4 | |
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Black is, of course, content to repeat removes.

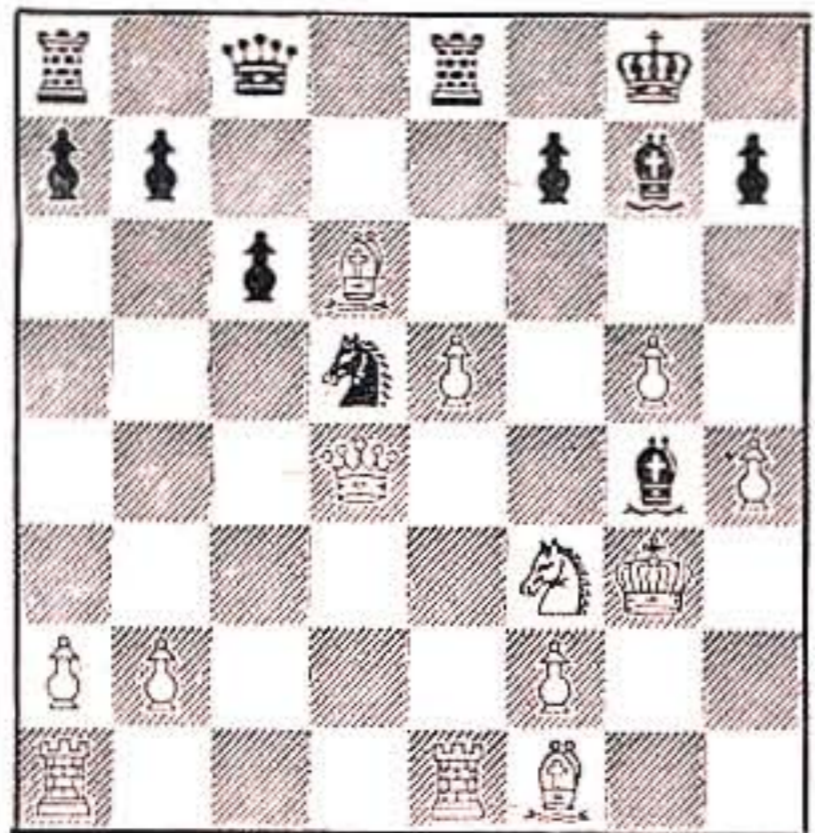
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| 32. B-B1 | N-K2 |
| 33. P-KR4 | B-K3 |
| 34. Q-B4 | |

34. P-R5, N-B4; 35. Q-B4, NxB; 36. Pxp, BxNP; 37. QR-N1, B-R1 and black would have improved his chances considerably.

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| 34. N-Q4 | |
| 35. Q-Q4 | B-N5 |

Black's tactics are to keep white busy defending his pieces.

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| 36. Q-K4 | B-B4 |
| 37. Q-Q4 | B-N5 |
| 38. K-N3 | |

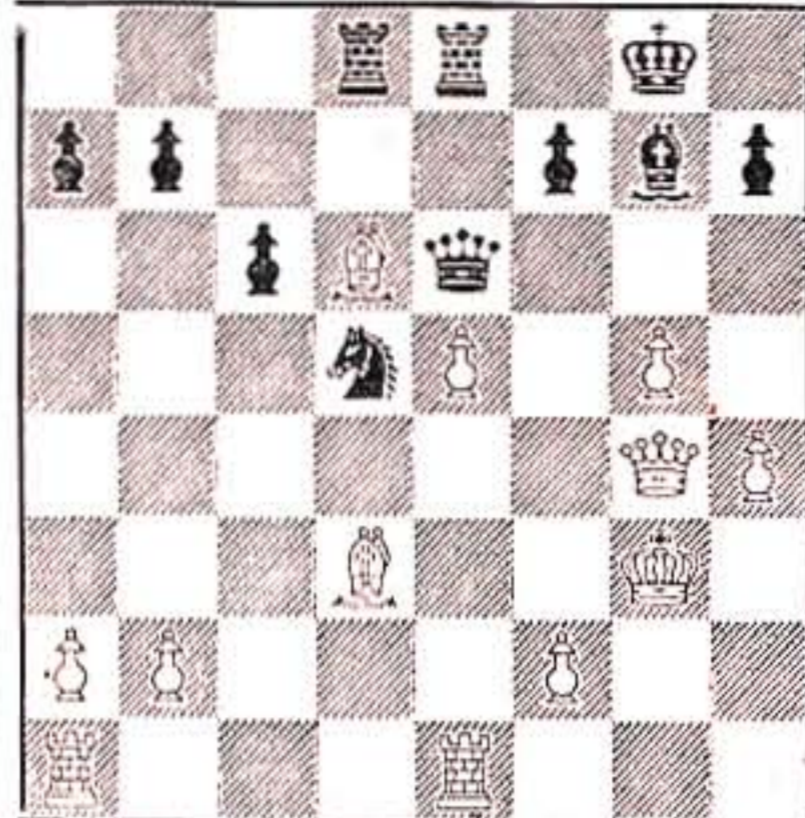


Position after 38. K-N3

The king is also a piece!

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| 38. BxN | |
| 39. KxB | Q-B4ch |
| 40. K-N3 | QR-Q1 |
| 41. B-Q3 | Q-K3 |
| 42. Q-KN4 | |

(See diagram top next column)



Position after 42. Q-KN4.

The adjourned position. After the exchange of queens, black's chances in the end-game would have been very poor. The other alternative, which my opponent chose, was the sacrifice of the exchange.

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| 42. RxB | |
| 43. PxR | QxPch |
| 44. K-B3 | R-Q1 |
| 45. QR-Q1 | |

If 45. Q-B5, BxP; 46. QxRPch (46. QR-N1, Q-R6 and the pin is uncomfortable for white) K-B1; 47. QR-Q1, Q-B5ch; 48. K-N2, Q-KN5ch with a perpetual check.

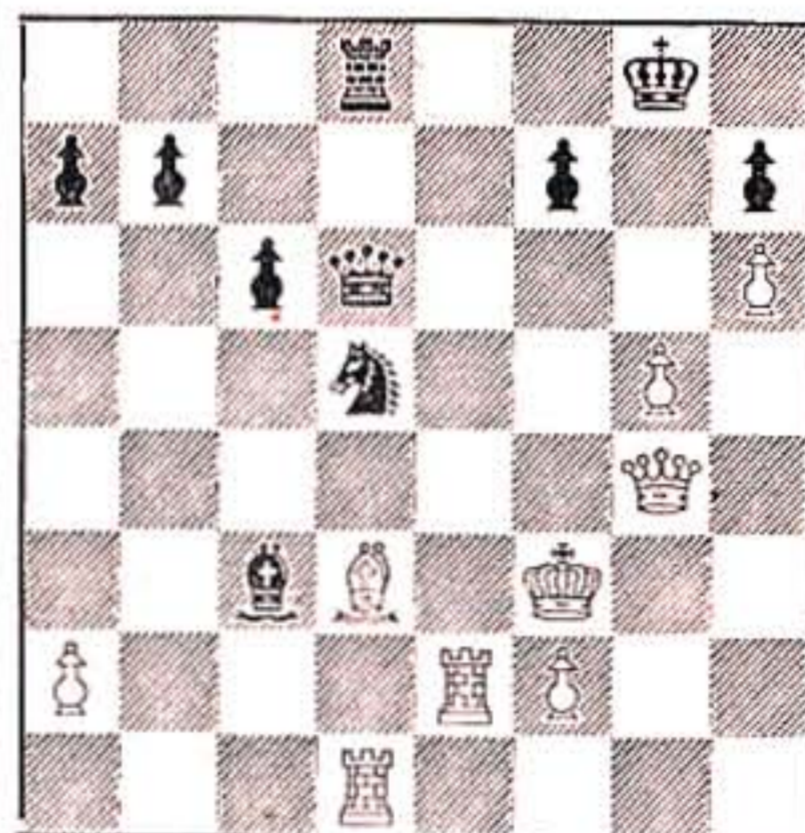
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| 45. BxP | |
| 46. P-R5 | |

If black now plays 46. Q-R6, white wins with 47. Q-B5, N-N5; 48. R-K7! RxBch (if 48. QxP; 49. B-B4, Q-R6ch; 50. K-N2 or R-K3) 49. K-N2, QxP; 50. R-K8ch, K-N2; 51. P-R6 mate.

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| 46. B-N2 | |
| 47. P-R6 | |

47. Q-B5 yields nothing, because of 47. K-B1.

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| 47. B-B6 | |
| 48. R-K2 | |



Position after 48. R-K2

48. Q-B5 is met by 48. Q-N3 (not 48. BxR on account of 49. QxRPch, K-B1; 50. Q-N7ch, K-K2; 51. RxBch, K-Q2; 52. QxPxh, K-B1; 53. P-R7, etc.) and after 49. QxQ, RPxQ the ending is still difficult.

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| 48. Q-R7 | |
| 49. Q-N3 | |

Forced. For if black attempts to avoid the exchange of queens with 49. Q-R4ch, white replies 50. K-N2, and the threat of 51. R-KR1 is decisive.

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| 50. KxQ | B-N5 |
| 51. B-B4 | |

This pin eventually leads to black's downfall.

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| 51. P-N4 | |
| 52. B-N3 | K-B1 |
| 53. K-N4 | B-B6 |
| 54. K-B3 | P-R4 |

Black must lose a pawn. On 54. B-R4 (in order to release the knight) comes 55. BxN, PxB; 56. R-K5.

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| 55. R-K3 | P-N5 |
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| 56. R(K3)-Q3 | K-K2 |
| 57. BxN | PxB |
| 58. RxB | RxR |

After 58. R-QR1; 59. R-Q7ch, K-K1; 60. R-N7, P-R5; 61. R(Q1)-Q7, P-N6; 62. PxB, P-R6; 63. R-R7, R-N1; 64. R(Q7)-QB7 black is hopelessly lost.

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| 59. RxR | P-R5 |
| 60. R-R5 | Resigns |

The ending is easily won. One method would be (after black plays 60. P-R6) to play 61. R-R6 and bring his king to QB4. This would be followed by giving up the rook for the bishop and black's QNP.



Report From Manhattan Chess Club 1959 Finals

With all games completed in the 11-player round robin finals, Arthur Bisguier came through undefeated to take the title with five wins and five draws, and a 7½-2½ score.

Pal Benko and Paul Brandts each scored 7-3 to tie for 2nd-3rd places. Benko won six, lost two (Benedicto and Brandts), and drew with Halper and Bisguier. Brandts won seven, lost three (Vano, Bisguier and Owens). Abe Turner and Brian Owens tied for 4th-5th places with 5½-4½.

SCRIVENER-WRIGHT TIE FOR 1959 MEMPHIS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

The veteran R. S. Scrivener (77 or 78) has just cut another notch in Memphis chess records by scoring 6½-½ in the finals for the Memphis City Championship. J. A. Wright of Millington, Tenn., also scored 6½-½ in the finals, in which eight of the original eighteen entrants had qualified to fight for the title. The tie remains unbroken; and Scrivener and Wright will reign as co-champions for the current year. Class B honors were taken by W. F. Wiseman.

NORTH JERSEY LEAGUE TITLE TO INDEPENDENT TEAMS

Reports from the North Jersey Chess League show that the Seniors and Juniors, two teams entered by the Independent Chess Club of East Orange, N.J. tied for top honors, and will reign as co-champions. The Seniors and Juniors each won seven matches and lost one. (To each other?) Plainfield was third, with six wins, and two losses. Philidor came fifth with five wins and three losses, and the only other plus score. Other teams in the League, in the order of finish, were Northern Valley, Elizabeth, Irvington, Jersey City "Y," and Montclair.

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MEMPHIS MAGICIAN

The first call for nominations of old-time chess personages whose stories and games would be of interest to readers of CHESS LIFE, resulted in the submission of several names which were familiar, and whose stories were the first to appear. Other names were either less-familiar or unknown to your editor. Among the latter class was the name of "Uncle Bob" Scrivener of Memphis. After doing a bit of checking, and after "Uncle Bob" had been nominated by four different USCF members from such widely separated points as Florida, Louisiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania, we began to feel that we were the only one in American chess circles who didn't know him. A letter to him brought an immediate friendly reply, and material for the following article on his chess activities over a period of more than three-score years.

MORE ABOUT SCRIVENER

Trying to warm up reader-interest in yesterday's feature stories is usually a vain effort I hope, however, that you will find the following items pertaining to the "Uncle Bob Scrivener Story" in the May 20 issue of CHESS LIFE as interesting to you as they were to me.

You may have noticed that the story was published without an introduction and without a photograph. The first omission was unintentional; the second was due to the fact that although we had asked Mr. Scrivener for a photo, it had not been received at the time that issue had to go to press. In this issue, therefore, I'll give you the introduction (above) which was written two months ago, the photograph which just arrived, (due to a mix-up in mails, since Mr. S. has recently moved from Memphis to Nesbit, Mississippi) and a couple more of his games—one played in 1920 against Edward Lasker, and one played in the 1957 Southern Chess Association Championship, which he won. Since I am in regular correspondence with Edward Lasker I asked him if he cared to comment on the 1920 game. He responded generously, and the notes appearing in italics in and following the game below are those of the famous master who was Mr. Scrivener's opponent.

WESTERN CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT, 1920. MEMPHIS, TENN.

R. S. Scrivener White Edward Lasker Black

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. BxN | QPxB |
| 5. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 6. QxP | QxQ |
| The Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez, much favored by me. | |
| 7. NxQ | B-Q3 |
| 8. 0-0 | B-Q2 |
| On the date this game is being copied from the Brooklyn Eagle (May 20, 1928) I would not castle as I did in the text. If I Castle now, it is usually on the Q-side. | |
| 9. QN-B3 | 0-0-0 |
| 10. B-K3 | N-B3 |
| 11. P-KR3 | KR-K |
| 12. B-N5 | B-K4 |
| 13. KN-K2 | P-R3 |
| 14. BxN | BxB |

Now Lasker has two B vs. two Ns, and probably felt very good. This frequently happens in this variation but I still believe at this date that White can draw against anybody.

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| 15. QR-Q | B-K3 |
| 16. P-QN3 | P-B4 |
| 17. P-B4 | B-Q5ch |
| 18. K-R | P-KB3 |
| 19. R-B3 | P-QN4 |
| 20. R-N3 | BxN? |

(Much better 20., P-N4 right away, and if 21. PxP, recapture with the RP! threatening P-KN5. The continuation 21. NxB, PxN; 22. N-K2, P-B4; 23. PxP, RPxP; 24. R-KB3 possibly did not look good to me at the time because of the threatening P-QN4. But 25. P-QN4, PxP; 26. NxP, BxP; 27. P-K5, B-Q4; 28. R-B2, P-B4; 29. RxP, RxR; 30. NxR, P-B6;

31. PxP, BxP would have given White a lost ending.)

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| 21. NxB | P-N4 |
| 22. PxP | BPxP? |
| 23. KR-Q3 | P-B5? |
| (23., RxR! 24. RxP, P-B5 or 24. PxP, R-Q1 gave Black a strong winning chance.) | |
| 24. RxRch | RxR |
| 25. RxRch | KxR |
| 26. P-QN4 | K-Q2 |
| 27. K-N | P-B4! |
| A neat move. | |
| 28. P-R3 | PxP |
| 29. PxP | K-Q3 |
| 30. K-B2 | P-KR4 |
| 31. K-K3 | K-K4 |
| 32. N-K2 | B-B |

Lasker tried hard to figure how he could push the QRP and win, but it just was not there.

Of course, had I played 33. P-B3, B-N2 would have made my game very difficult, indeed.

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| 33. | P-N5 |
| 34. PxP | PxP |
| 35. N-B6ch | K-Q3 |
| 36. N-Q4 | K-K4 |

The Brooklyn Eagle comments as follows: "R. S. Scrivener of Memphis also made a splendid showing, especially against the three leaders. He had won from Beckner, and drawn with Lasker and Jefferson. A win from Eisenberg in the final would have placed him second; instead he lost, and in consequence tied with E. M. Cobb of Austin, Texas, for fourth and fifth prizes."

"I was much pleased to hear that my old friend Scrivener is still going strong. On playing over this game I was shocked to see how immature I was at the time of that tournament, although I won the event. 20., BxN, giving up the two Bishops, would have been justified only if I



"Uncle Bob" Scrivener

had a clearly winning continuation available, which I certainly had not, if I intended recapturing the BP on the 22nd move instead of opening the Rook's file. The Bishop is so much better than the Knight in these endings where there are Pawns on both sides of the board. Scrivener is right, of course, when he says this opening is difficult to win for Black. But White ought to try to win!"

Editorial Comment: As Master Emeritus Lasker says, in the sentence following this comment, there are divergent views on this point. An Emanuel Lasker, or an Edward Lasker, or a Frank Marshall, would probably have played for a win with the white pieces from this point, against an opponent of equal or lesser strength. But White in this game was neither an ex-world-champion nor an ex-national-champion — he was just a strong Class A player up against an internationally famous master, both the pre-tournament favorite, and the actual winner of the event. In such circumstances we are inclined to string along with Uncle Bob, preferring the honor of a draw against Edward Lasker to the dubious honor of being included in the ever-growing list of strong amateurs who have lost their games while trying to demonstrate their winning positions against masters. Ceteris paribus, we agree with Edward Lasker. But there wasn't a paribus to be seen anywhere around the table at which this game was being played on that hot day in Memphis thirty-nine years ago. F. M. W.)

"Two different philosophies. And far be it from me to claim that mine is right. If you write to Scrivener, give him my best.

PENQUITE IOWA STATE CHAMP

John Penquite of Des Moines, Leo Raterman and Raymond Ditricks, both of Iowa City, each scored 4-1 (each three wins and two draws), but Coons tie-breaking points placed them in the 1, 2, 3, order in which they are listed above in the Iowa State Championship recently played at Ames, Iowa. Bob Bradley of Cedar Rapids and Arthur Davis of Ames placed fourth and fifth respectively after their 3½-1½ tie was broken.

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After reading the Uncle Bob Scrivener Story in the May 20 issue of CHESS LIFE one of our readers referred to the front-page news item in CHESS LIFE of October 20, 1957, as proof that Mr. Scrivener's claim that his chess today is as strong as it was in the good old days, is well-founded. Here is the 1957 story.

SCRIVENER WINS ALABAMA OPEN

R. Scrivener, a 76-year-old youngster of Memphis, Tenn., tallied 6-1 in a field of 28 players to win the Alabama Open Championship at Birmingham. Second to fifth with 5-2 each were Williamson of Mobile, Wade of LaGrange, Ga., Lockett of New Orleans, La., and Gambriel of Birmingham, defending 1956 champion. As ranking state resident Williamson became Alabama Champion, while Lockett won the Class A title.

One of the games from this 1957 event shows that it doesn't pay to pull your gun on this old-timer unless you are prepared to shoot—and fast!

| White | Black |
|---------------|-----------------|
| J. G. Napolis | R. S. Scrivener |
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. P-KB4 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-QB4 | P-Q3 |
| 4. N-KB3 | P-KN3 |
| 5. P-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 6. B-K2 | N-B3 |
| 7. N-B3 | 0-0 |
| 8. 0-0 | P-K3 |
| 9. B-K3 | P-N3 |
| 10. Q-Q2 | N-KN5 |
| 11. K-R1 | NxB |
| 12. QxN | N-Q5 |
| 13. Q-Q2 | NxB |
| 14. QxN | B-N2 |
| 15. KR-N1 | K-R1 |
| 16. KR-Q1 | P-B4 |
| 17. N-KN5 | Q-K2! |
| 18. PxP | RxP |
| 19. QxP | BxPck |
| 20. KxB | RxNck |
| 21. PxR | QxQ |
| 22. R-K1 | Q-N5ck |
| 23. K-R1 | Q-B6ck |
| Resigns | |
| WHITE TO MOVE | |

See elsewhere in this issue news item showing he has just tied for 1st in 1959 Memphis City Championship.

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| RANK | PLAYER | Rd1 | Rd2 | Rd3 | Rd4 | Rd5 | Rd6 | Sc. |
|------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1. | L. R. Chauvenet (Silver Spring, Md.)..... | W86 | W45 | W49 | W32 | W12 | W3 | 6 |
| 2. | Erich W. Marchand (Rochester, N.Y.)..... | W88 | W11 | W26 | D6 | W21 | W5 | 5½ |
| 3. | Michail Rotov (Hammonon, N.Y.)..... | W124 | W19 | W59 | W10 | W14 | L1 | 5 |
| 4. | Harold C. Evans (Binghamon, N.Y.)..... | W9 | D69 | W77 | D7 | W27 | W26 | 5 |
| 5. | E. T. McCormick (East Orange, N. J.)..... | W79 | W138 | W31 | W25 | W24 | L2 | 5 |
| 6. | David Hamburger (Brigantine, N.J.)..... | W112 | W76 | W48 | D2 | W42 | D15 | 5 |
| 7. | Larry Snyder (Philadelphia, Pa.)..... | W122 | D23 | W118 | D4 | W48 | W36 | 5 |
| 8. | Boris Garfinkel (Aberdeen, Md.)..... | L33 | W89 | W102 | W91 | W93 | W24 | 5 |
| 9. | Thomas Benham (Trenton, N.J.)..... | L4 | W152 | W125 | W70 | W31 | W23 | 5 |
| 10. | Joseph Orzano (Washington, D.C.)..... | W101 | W18 | W46 | L3 | D28 | W37 | 4½ |
| 11. | James Kulyk (East Orange, N.J.)..... | W54 | L2 | W109 | W55 | W32 | D190 | 4½ |
| 12. | Glen B. Hartleb (Tampa, Fla.)..... | W120 | W61 | W92 | W28 | L1 | D16 | 4½ |
| 13. | George T. Meyer (Washington, D.C.)..... | W139 | W36 | D56 | D28 | D20 | W51 | 4½ |
| 14. | Raoul L. Benedicto (Elmhurst, L.I.)..... | W62 | D104 | W65 | W20 | L3 | W56 | 4½ |
| 15. | Michael Tilles (Baltimore, Md.)..... | W97 | W87 | L27 | W67 | W28 | D6 | 4½ |
| 16. | J. Norman Cotter (Harrington, Del.)..... | W78 | D77 | W52 | D23 | W34 | D12 | 4½ |
| 17. | James S. Doran (Philadelphia, Pa.)..... | D47 | D40 | D119 | W54 | W57 | W46 | 4½ |
| 18. | Stanley F. Smith (Great Neck, L.I.)..... | W132 | L10 | W100 | D54 | W73 | W61 | 4½ |
| 19. | Edward T. Vano (New York, N.Y.)..... | W117 | L3 | W130 | W92 | W72 | D11 | 4½ |
| 20. | Dr. I. Specter (New York, N.Y.)..... | W144 | W141 | W35 | L14 | D13 | W58 | 4½ |
| 21. | Leslie H. Ault (Cranford, N.J.)..... | W155 | D118 | W40 | W71 | L2 | W45 | 4½ |
| 22. | Jack Sandow (Flushing, N.Y.)..... | L70 | W154 | W120 | D30 | W71 | W53 | 4½ |
| 23. | E. M. Faust (Plainfield, N.J.)..... | W150 | D7 | W57 | D16 | W35 | L9 | 4 |
| 24. | Lt. Myron Frederick (Johnsville, Pa.)..... | W109 | W60 | W99 | W27 | L5 | L8 | 4 |
| 25. | Moe S. Osher (Brooklyn, N.Y.)..... | W50 | W44 | W53 | L5 | L26 | W65 | 4 |
| 26. | Richard C. Moran (Jamaica, N.Y.)..... | W108 | W82 | L2 | W83 | W25 | L4 | 4 |
| 27. | J. G. Rosenstein (Rochester, N.Y.)..... | W154 | W70 | W17 | L24 | L4 | W81 | 4 |
| 28. | Michael Valvo (Guiderland Center, N.Y.)..... | D103 | W39 | W58 | D13 | L15 | W83 | 4 |
| 29. | M. Tischtchenko (Baltimore, Md.)..... | W119 | W151 | W38 | L12 | D10 | D42 | 4 |
| 30. | Sanford Greene (Elmsford, N.Y.)..... | D111 | D47 | W66 | D22 | D39 | W74 | 4 |
| 31. | Joseph Richman (New York, N.Y.)..... | W80 | W91 | L5 | W74 | L9 | W69 | 4 |
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| 45. | J. Hanken (Cincinnati, Ohio)..... | W34 | L1 | W88 | W78 | D53 | L21 | 3½ |
| 46. | Bruno Forsberg (Sunnyside, L.I.)..... | W90 | W84 | L10 | D59 | W54 | L17 | 3½ |
| 47. | Roger B. Johnson (Mercer, Pa.)..... | D17 | D30 | W121 | L37 | W89 | D52 | 3½ |
| 48. | Anthony Suraci (New Haven, Conn.)..... | W89 | W66 | L1 | W131 | L7 | D50 | 3½ |
| 49. | Irving Chernev (Brooklyn, N.Y.)..... | W152 | W95 | L1 | W33 | L37 | D68 | 3½ |
| 50. | John Vilkas, Jr. (East Boston, Mass.)..... | L25 | W133 | D60 | W73 | D43 | D48 | 3½ |
| 51. | R. J. Coughlin (Orange, N.J.)..... | W137 | D43 | L73 | W56 | W84 | L13 | 3½ |
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| 53. | Alan Spielman (Ventnor, N.J.)..... | W135 | W100 | L25 | W75 | D45 | L22 | 3½ |
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| 71. | William Abbott (Wayne, N.J.)..... | W64 | D42 | W104 | L21 | L22 | D84 | 3 |
| 72. | Eli L. Bourdon (Holyoke, Mass.)..... | W107 | D65 | D33 | W86 | L19 | L44 | 3 |
| 73. | Ricky Bacon (Needham, Mass.)..... | D39 | W115 | W51 | L50 | L18 | D90 | 3 |
| 74. | Lisa Lane (Philadelphia, Pa.)..... | W162 | D58 | D41 | L31 | W97 | L30 | 3 |
| 75. | D. S. McIntosh (New York, N.Y.)..... | W96 | W67 | L32 | L53 | L33 | W129 | 3 |
| 76. | Anthony C. Drago (Audubon, N.J.)..... | W68 | L6 | D114 | W77 | L61 | D67 | 3 |
| 77. | Daniel E. Schlianger (Flushing, N.Y.)..... | W102 | D16 | L4 | L76 | W148 | D94 | 3 |
| 78. | John Kirwan (Newark, N.J.)..... | L16 | W96 | W94 | L45 | W118 | L39 | 3 |
| 79. | Jonathan Penner (Stratford, Conn.)..... | L5 | W68 | L36 | W141 | L40 | W127 | 3 |
| 80. | George Humphrey (Newark, N.J.)..... | L31 | W128 | L55 | W121 | W119 | L43 | 3 |
| 81. | Chas. MacNamara (Lansdowne, Pa.)..... | D114 | D28 | D64 | W114 | D38 | L27 | 3 |
| 82. | Wm. Lukowiak (Belleville, N.J.)..... | W82 | L26 | L44 | W122 | W126 | L41 | 3 |
| 83. | Vincent Pent (Matawan, N.J.)..... | W37 | L35 | W122 | L26 | W129 | L28 | 3 |
| 84. | Gerald Wildenberg (Flushing, N.Y.)..... | W105 | L46 | W129 | D38 | L51 | D71 | 3 |
| 85. | George Bart (Concord, N.H.)..... | L151 | W142 | W113 | W44 | L36 | L32 | 3 |
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| 90. | William Coburn (Newark, N.J.)..... | L46 | L121 | W156 | D63 | W101 | D73 | 3 |
| 91. | A. H. Hobson (Montpelier, Vt.)..... | W116 | L31 | W146 | L8 | L96 | W132 | 3 |
| 92. | Eliot E. Stearns (Cleveland, Ohio)..... | W151 | W136 | L12 | L19 | W139 | L33 | 3 |
| 93. | C. S. Pennington (Westfield, N.J.)..... | W161 | L32 | W153 | W99 | L8 | L34 | 3 |
| 94. | Gilbert Raich (Philadelphia, Pa.)..... | L138 | W135 | L78 | D108 | W115 | D77 | 3 |
| 95. | Fred Bahr (Cincinnati, Ohio)..... | W131 | L49 | W151 | L35 | L88 | W126 | 3 |
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| 98. | Leo Kahn (Brooklyn, N.Y.)..... | D143 | D81 | L70 | W120 | L68 | W130 | 3 |
| 99. | L. Carnett (Fords, N.J.)..... | W142 | W88 | L24 | L93 | L87 | W134 | 3 |
| 100. | Wm. H. Ratcliffe (New York, N.Y.)..... | W113 | L53 | L18 | L107 | W142 | W151 | 3 |
| 101. | H. M. Polstein (Brooklyn, N.Y.)..... | L10 | W108 | L131 | L90 | W152 | W125 | 3 |
| 102. | Dr. V. Altmann (Staten Island, N.Y.)..... | L77 | W144 | L8 | L89 | W140 | W118 | 3 |
| 103. | Roland Johnson (Feeding Hills, Mass.)..... | D28 | L41 | W111 | L98 | W147 | L59 | 2½ |
| 104. | Harry Derring (Point Pleasant, N.J.)..... | W160 | D14 | L71 | L17 | D66 | D109 | 2½ |
| 105. | R. W. Jollensten (Millersville, Md.)..... | L84 | W88 | W40 | L36 | D107 | L94 | 2½ |
| 106. | Myron Zelitch (Philadelphia, Pa.)..... | D41 | L52 | W115 | L43 | W138 | L54 | 2½ |
| 107. | Pete Noterman (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.)..... | L72 | W162 | L37 | W100 | D105 | L39 | 2½ |
| 108. | S. Altucher (Bronx, N.Y.)..... | L26 | L101 | W159 | D94 | W113 | L62 | 2½ |
| 109. | Uldis N. Bross (Philadelphia, Pa.)..... | L24 | W161 | L11 | W151 | L64 | D104 | 2½ |
| 110. | Charles Marches (New Haven, Conn.)..... | D52 | L143 | L139 | W116 | W114 | L60 | 2½ |
| 111. | James E. Ream (Washington, D.C.)..... | D30 | L39 | L103 | L97 | W151 | W148 | 2½ |

**TRIPLE TIE FOR
NEW HAVEN TITLE**

After nearly six months of play the 1959 New Haven Open title has been split three ways. Preliminary qualification round-robins were run off in three 7-player sections, qualifying Richard Friedenthal and William Newberry (Sec. 1), James Bolton and Michael Cottesman (Sec. 2), and Gerardo Bodowski and Edmund Hand, (Sec. 3) for the finals. From the six-player round robin finals Bolton, Budowski, and Cottesman emerged with 3½-1½ scores, each with 3 wins, a draw, and a loss. Tie breaking points were not used, and these three will reign as co-champions.

**GROMBACHER WINS AT
LINCOLN AFB**

Walter Grombacher scored 3½-½ in a four round Swiss at Lincoln AFB Officers' Club, to take top honors in the event sponsored by the Lincoln (Nebraska) Chess Club. Anton Sildmets, Vladimir Rajnoha, and Arturs Tramdachs, all of Lincoln, scored 3-1 (Sildmets on two wins and two draws, while the others each won three and lost one) to tie for second to fourth places. Four players tied at 2-2: Capt. John H. Allen, Ralph L. Hall, Mrs. Donna Davis, and Homer Gordon.



ASBURY PARK U.S. AMATEUR, 1959. Final round top-board play. 1st board, CHAUVENET-ROTOV; 2nd board, MARCHAND-McCORMICK. (Photo by Harkness)

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| 112. | Edward R. Westing (Flushing, N.Y.)..... | L6 | L125 | W124 | L40 | D144 | W143* | 2½ |
| 113. | Jerome Tilles (Baltimore, Md.)..... | L100 | W134 | L85 | D138 | L108 | W155 | 2½ |
| 114. | J. Ramsey (No. White Plains, N.Y.)..... | L61 | W156 | D76 | L81 | L110 | W147 | 2½ |
| 115. | Mrs. Constance Waits (Park Ridge, N.J.)..... | D81 | L73 | L106 | W150 | L94 | W141 | 2½ |
| 116. | Richard D. Leonard (E. Rockaway, N.Y.)..... | L91 | D147 | L39 | L110 | W149 | W139 | 2½ |
| 117. | Alan L. Brown (East Orange, N.J.)..... | L19 | L34 | L151 | W158 | D141 | W144 | 2½ |
| 118. | Fred Snitzer (Brooklyn, N.Y.)..... | W126 | D21 | L7 | D64 | L78 | L102 | 2 |
| 119. | Dennis Richland (New York, N.Y.)..... | L28 | W155 | D17 | D63 | L80 | L89 | 2 |
| 120. | Dr. J. Abramson (Milford, Delaware)..... | L12 | W127 | L22 | L98 | W146 | L70 | 2 |
| 121. | John V. McKenna (Ft. Meade, Md.)..... | L66 | W90 | L47 | L80 | L128 | W152 | 2 |
| 122. | Frank Abarno (Hoboken, N.J.)..... | L7 | W137 | L83 | L82 | W151* | L97 | 2 |
| 123. | Julius Goldsmith (Park Park, N.Y.)..... | W159 | L99 | L45 | W152 | L44 | L66 | 2 |
| 124. | David E. Diener (White Plains, N.Y.)..... | L3 | L59 | L112 | W155 | W133 | L100 | 2½ |
| 125. | Ernest Haile (Trenton, N.J.)..... | L60 | W112 | L9 | L127 | W156 | L101 | 2 |
| 126. | Vilar F. Kelly (New Canaan, Ct.)..... | L118 | L86 | W134 | W128 | L82 | L95 | 2 |
| 127. | Edward Strehle (Phil., Pa.)..... | L69 | L120 | W154 | W125 | L55 | L79 | 2 |
| 128. | Lt. Armand P. Weiss (Tokyo, Japan)..... | L82 | L80 | W158 | L126 | W121 | L86 | 2 |
| 129. | F. K. Ouchi (Booth, N.J.)..... | L38 | W159 | L84 | W130 | L83 | L75 | 2 |
| 130. | Gregorio Borrero (Baltimore, Md.)..... | L55 | W144 | L19 | L129 | W153 | L98 | 2 |
| 131. | Arturs J. Ravic (Phil., Pa.)..... | L95 | W163* | W101 | L48 | L58* | F* | 2 |
| 132. | Michael Kiss (Garwood, N.J.)..... | L18 | W150 | L67 | W161 | L65 | L91 | 2 |
| 133. | Ronalf Fisher (Mattawan, N.J.)..... | L87 | L50 | L142 | W136 | L124 | W153 | 2 |
| 134. | R. A. McGrath (Jersey City, N.J.)..... | L42 | L113 | L126 | W159 | W154 | L99 | 2 |
| 135. | Joe Noterman (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.)..... | L135 | L94 | L96 | L144 | W161* | W154 | 2 |
| 136. | P. C. Robinson (Pittsburgh, Pa.)..... | L58 | L92 | L140 | L133 | W160 | W156 | 2 |
| 137. | Frank D. Seidel (Phil., Pa.)..... | L51 | L122 | D149 | L147 | D150 | W151 | 2 |
| 138. | Peter Irwin (Summit, N.J.)..... | W94 | L5 | L34 | D113 | L106* | F* | 1½ |
| 139. | David Kahn (West Orange, N.J.)..... | L13 | D145 | W110 | L65 | L92</ | | |



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.

A TERROR AT TEN

Far from being an old man's game (though why that should draw ridicule is not understandable), as the comedians and cartoonists like to picture it, chess is becoming more and more of a young man's game—if not a boy's game! Philadelphia's ten year old Jeffrey Harris hereby documents the thesis!

RUY LOPEZ

MCO 9: p. 48, c. 119 (m:B)

Philadelphia Metropolitan Tournament, 1959

White
J. HARRIS
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 N-B3
2. N-KB3 N-QB3 5. Q-K2

This, the Wormald Attack, is less used than 5. R-K1.

5. P-QN4
6. B-N3 B-K2
7. P-B3

Or 7. P-QR4, R-QN1 8. PXP, PXP 9. P-Q4, P-Q3 10. P-B3, PXP 11. NXP, NXP with equal chances.

7. P-Q3
8. P-Q3

White can seek a more dynamic center with 8. 0-0, N-QR4 9. B-B2, P-B4 10. P-Q4.

8. 0-0 10. B-B2 P-B4
9. QN-Q2 N-QR4 11. 0-0 N-B3

Preferable is 11., B-Q2.

12. R-Q1 Q-B2
13. N-B1 B-N5

Again, better is 13., B-Q2.

14. P-KR3 BxN 18. B-R6 R-K1
15. QxB QR-N1 19. P-KR4 Q-Q2
16. P-R3 N-Q1 20. N-B5!

17. N-N3 P-N3
Many an older player is not familiar with this typical sacrifice in the Ruy!

20. N-K3
If 20., PxN, White can regain his piece with 21. Q-N3 ch, N-N5 22. P-B3.

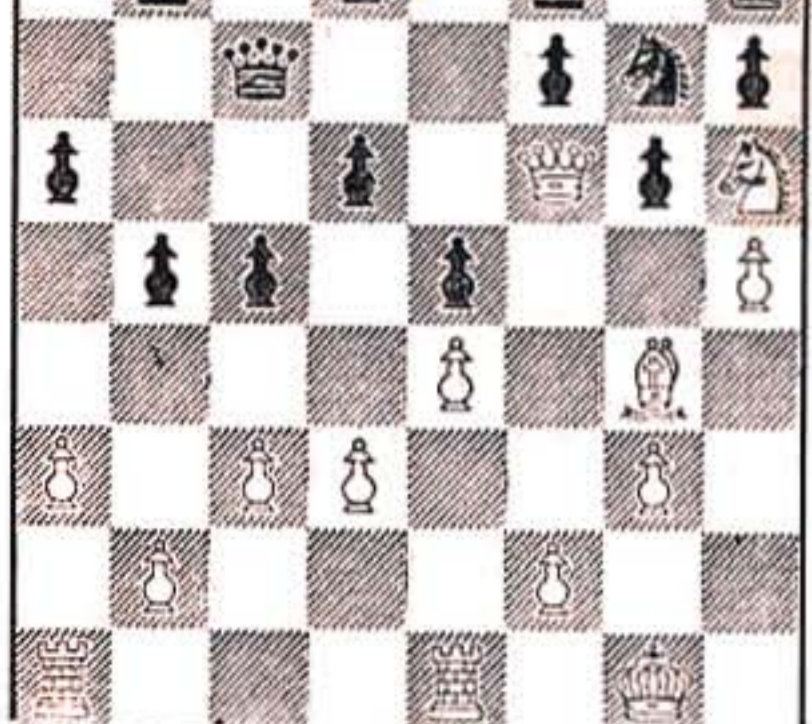
21. R-K1!?

21. NxB ch seems in order, for now Black can make trouble by holding on with 21., PxN 22. PXP (22. Q-N3 ch, K-R1 and 23., R-N1) N-N2! 23. Q-N3, B-B1 24. Q-N5, Q-Q1.

21. N-R4? 24. B-Q1 KN-N2
22. P-KN3 B-B1 25. N-R6ch K-R1
23. BxB RxB 26. Q-B6 N-Q1?

This gives White the opportunity to press his k-side attack. The proper defense is 26., R-N2 27. B-N4, Q-K2.

27. B-N4 Q-B2
28. P-R5!



Position after 28. P-R5!

Like a veteran, White finds the winning idea — the opening of the KR-file.

28. R-N2 31. QxQ RxQ
29. PXP RPXP 32. R-R1

Threatening 33. N-B5 ch and 34. NxR (ch).

32. N-R4 35. RxPch K-N1
33. BxN PxB 36. QR-R1 P-B3
34. N-B5 R-K3

Faced with 37. R-R8 mate, Black must lose a piece.

37. R-R8 ch K-B2
38. RxR ch KxR
39. R-R8 ch Resigns

A very fine game for a ten year old!



MIGHT-HAVE-BEENS

Columnist Robert A. Karch (Armed Forces Chess), enroute for Germany, submits this one with the observation "there were a lot of might-have-beens!"

King's Indian Defense

MCO 9: p. 317, c. 51 (a)

1959 San Francisco Open

White
R. KARCH
1. P-Q4 N-KB3 6. N-B3 P-B3
2. P-QB4 P-KN3 7. 0-0 QN-Q2
3. N-QB3 B-N2 8. P-K4 P-K4
4. P-KN3 P-Q3 9. P-Q5

5. B-N2 0-0
9. P-KR3, 9. P-N3, and 9. B-K3 are the main alternatives. By advancing the QP, White avoids 9., PXP (after 9. P-KR3) 10. NXP, N-B4; 11. B-K3, R-K1; 12. Q-B2, P-QR; 13. QR-Q1, KN-Q2 and the pressure on his KP and QR1-KR8 diagonal which results.

9. N-B4

Botvinnik-Bronstein, U.S.S.R. Champ. 1945, continued: 9., PXP; 10. BPXP, N-B4; 11. N-Q2, P-QR4; 12. Q-B2, P-N3; 13. N-N3, B-QR3=, Hueneke's 9., N-B4 takes on a weak QP.

10. PXP PXP
11. Q-B2 B-K3
12. R-Q1 Q-B2

If 12., BxP; 13. NXP.

13. P-N3 B-N5 16. N-K1 N-KR4
14. P-KR3 B-Q2 17. QR-B1 P-KB4
15. B-R3 N-N2 18. Q-Q2 R-B3?

Preferable is 18., QR-Q1.
19. P-B5! B-KB1
20. PXP Q-R4

If 20., NxQP? 21. N-Q5 wins.
21. Q-N2 R-K1??

Black should recapture 21., NxQP.
22. P-QN4 Q-N3
23. PXP PXP
24. P-N5!

A strong move which pretty well insures the win.
24. NxQP

(See diagram top col. 4)

On 24., PXP? 25. N-Q5 wins, and on 24., NxNP? 25. PXP wins.

25. PXP QxQ 30. P-QR4 N-Q5
26. BxQ B-B1 31. BxN PxB
27. N-Q5 R-B2 32. P-R5 R-Q1
28. N-Q3 B-KN2 33. P-R6 N-B3
29. N-B5 N-N4 34. N-B4 N-K5

This loses another Pawn or the exchange. Black was lost in any case.

35. NxN PxN 42. R-N8 ch K-B2
36. BxP BxQRP 43. R-B4 ch K-N3
37. B-Q5 RxB 44. R-B6 ch K-N4
38. NxR B-K4 45. P-B7 RxP
39. R-N1 B-Q3 46. R-N8 ch K-R4
40. RxP B-B4 47. N-B4 mate.
41. R-N4 ch R-N2



SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 143, c. 106

1958 U. S. Open

White
A. DI CAMILLO
1. P-K4 P-QB4 14. PxN NxQ
2. N-KB3 P-Q3 15. BxB QxB
3. P-Q4 PXP 16. PxB KR-N1
4. NXP N-KB3 17. BxN RxP
5. N-QB3 P-KN3 18. N-K4 0-0-0
6. P-KB4 QN-Q2 19. B-R5 R-Q2
7. B-K2 B-N2 20. N-KB6 Q-R2
8. B-K3 P-QR3 21. NxR QxNch
9. 0-0 Q-B2 22. K-R1 QxNP
10. Q-Q2 P-QN4 23. N-N6ch K-N2
11. B-B3 B-N2 24. RxPch K-B3
12. QR-K1 N-N3 25. R-B7ch
13. P-K5 N-B5 Resigns

Black
M. ROHLAND



SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 134, c. 66

1958 Western Open

White
C. BRASKET
1. P-K4 P-QB4 19. QxR N-B7
2. N-KB3 P-Q3 20. B-B1 NXPch
3. P-Q4 PXP 21. PxN Q-B6
4. NXP N-KB3 22. B-QB4 Q-R8ch
5. N-QB3 P-KN3 23. K-B2 Q-R7ch
6. B-K3 B-N2 24. K-Q3 R-Q1ch
7. P-B3 N-B3 25. K-K3 RxQ
8. Q-Q2 0-0 26. RxR B-K4
9. 0-0-0 B-K3 27. R-Q8ch K-N2
10. K-N1 R-B1 28. P-R4 Q-R7
11. P-KN4 Q-R4 29. K-K4 B-B2
12. N-N3 BxN 30. R-Q2 Q-B5ch
13. BPxB KR-Q1 31. K-Q3 QxPch
14. P-KR4 P-Q4 32. K-B2 QxP
15. PXP N-N5 33. B-N2ch P-B3
16. P-R3 N/3xQP 34. R-K2 B-Q3
17. NxN RxN Resigns
18. Q-K2 RxRch

Black
D. BYRNE



FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 110, c. 79 (j:A)

1958 U. S. Amateur

White
S. MARGULIES
1. P-K4 P-K3 18. Q-B6 R-KN1
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 19. NXP Q-Q1
3. P-K5 P-QB4 20. QxQch KxR
4. P-QB3 N-QB3 21. N-B6 R-R1
5. N-B3 Q-N3 22. QR-Q1 B-K2
6. P-QR3 P-QR4 23. NxB KxN
7. B-Q3 B-Q2 24. BxNPch K-B2
8. 0-0 PXP 25. B-R5 B-B4
9. PXP NxQP 26. K-B1 R-KR2
10. NxN QxN 27. B-B3 N-Q5
11. Q-K2 N-K2 28. R-B1 NxB
12. N-B3 N-B3 29. RxBch K-N3
13. R-K1 Q-N3 30. R/1-B1 N-Q5
14. B-KB4 B-K2 31. B-K3 N-B4
15. Q-R5 P-N3 32. R-B6ch
16. Q-R6 B-KB1 Resigns
17. Q-R4 P-R3

Black
R. BENEDICTO



ENGLISH OPENING

MCO 9: p. 336, c. 26

Team Match, 1959

White
L. HAAS
(Schenectady)
1. P-Q4 N-KB3 9. Q-B2 N-QB3
2. P-QB4 P-QB4 10. P-Q5 N-N5
3. N-KB3 P-KN3 11. Q-N1 N-K5
4. N-QB3 B-N2 12. NxN BxR
5. P-K3 0-0 13. QxB N-B7ch
6. P-KN3 P-QR3 14. K-K2 NxQ
7. B-N2 Q-B2 Resigns
8. P-N3 R-Q1

Black
M. VALVO
(Albany)



Position after 24. P-N5!

PERSONAL SERVICE

The Editor of this Department, a former New York State Champion, and Co-Reviser of "Modern Chess Openings," 9th Edition, will play you a correspondence game and give critical comments on every move for a \$15 fee.

SVEIKAUSKAS CHECKS 22 IN MAY RATING TOURNAMENT

The tables were turned once again on the New York chess world, when two out-of-towners copped the May Monthly Rating Tournament conducted in NYC by USCF. Getty Sveikauskas of Roxbury, Mass., a youth with much talent (he took 2nd place in the USCF New England Amateur Championship last month), descended on 42nd St. and went home with the first prize without losing a game and drawing only one (to Feldheim) and a score of 4½-1½. He had wins over Udoff, Reinwald, Pamiljens and Coveyou. Michael Robinson of Miami Beach, Fla., took clear second place with 4-2. Three New York players tied for 3 to 5 places — Harry, Feldheim, William B. Long and William L. Fredericks, all at 3½-1½. 22 players competed in this event. Adjudications were given by Master Francisco Balbe and International Grandmaster, Arthur Bisguier. Frank Brady directed.

The Rating Tournaments are going on vacation for the summer and may resume once again in the Fall, if USCF feels that the response is great enough.

1959 U. S. OPEN

SHERATON-FONTENELLE HOTEL
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

July 20-Aug. 1

I.B.M. Takes N.Y. Commercial League Title

The International Business Machines team won the League championship with the marvelous score of 14-1. Western Electric-American Tel and Tel team came second with 12½-2½, with third place undecided at press time due to adjourned games, although Veterans Administration with 11-3, was favored to take this spot.

Individual honors were won by Master Victor Guala of the Port Authority team, whose 6-0 score earned him a handsome trophy. Former US Amateur Champion Ariel Mengarini was runner-up to Guala with 5-1.

CHESS LIFE is assured that the I.B.M. victory was on its merits, and that the suspicion voiced in some quarters that the company had furnished each player with a pocket-model electronic computer is absolutely without factual foundation.

RAGAN WINS MISSOURI OPEN

John Ragan of Cahokia, Illinois scored 5½-½ in the 6-rd. Swiss which attracted 44 entries from five states, to take top honors in the Missouri Open played in St. Louis in April.

Dr. E. Bergel of Springfield, Mo. topped a three-way tie for second place with a score of 5-1, having drawn his game with Ragan. Others scoring 5-1, and placing third and fourth respectively, were Derwin Kerr of Cranford, N. J., and Harold Branch of St. Louis. As the highest scoring residents of Missouri Dr. Bergel and Branch became co-champions holding the Missouri State Championship for 1959 between them.

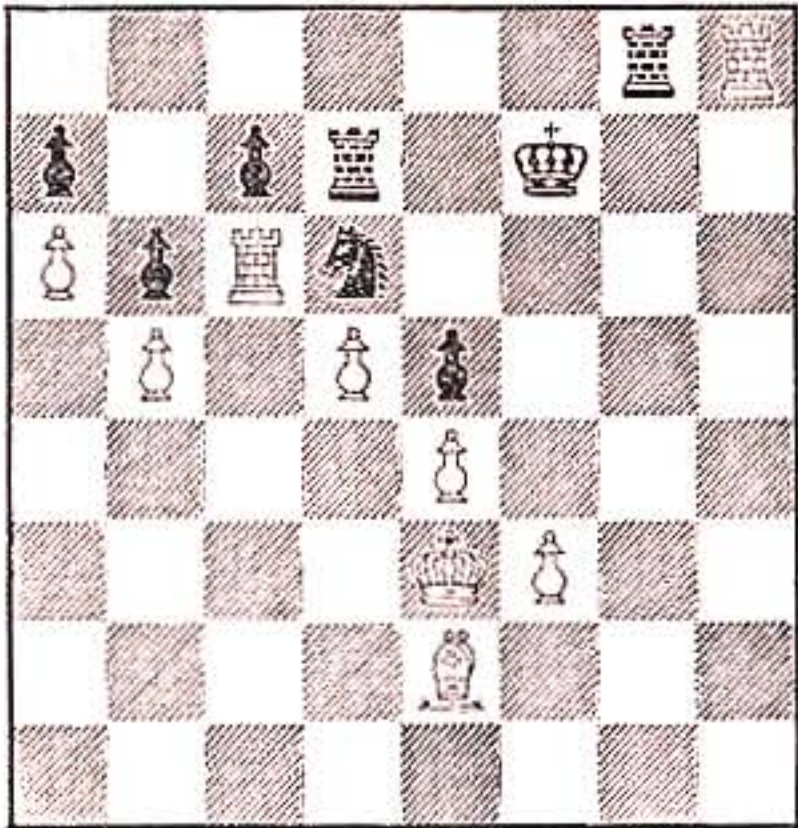
Charles Adams of Chicago took fifth place with 4½-1½, while the following players took, in the order listed, sixth to twelfth places, after their 4-2 tie had been broken by Solkoff: J. R. Beitling, John Allen, Jack Hardy, Edmond Godbold, Charles Weldon, James Wright, Gerald Banker.

SCHENECTADY TEAM WINS SUSQUEHANNA CUP MATCH

The Schenectady No. 1 Team of Frank and Michael Valvo, Lawrence Heinen, Theodore Krieger, Joseph Weininger, and Eugene Wachspress, won three matches and drew one to take the Susquehanna Cup, emblematic of New York State Team supremacy, by a 3½-½ score. Their game score was 14½-5½. In second place came the Rochester team with a 3-1 match score, and 13½-6½ in games. CHESS LIFE columnist and U. S. Amateur Champion, 1958, Erich Marchand was the only player in the event to score 4-0, as he led the Rochester team in its vain bid for victory. The Buffalo team took third spot with 2½-1½ match score, 10½-8½ in games. Albany, Syracuse, and the No. 2 Schenectady team finished with minus scores.

In the January 5 issue of CHESS LIFE the following position was presented with a request for volunteer adjudication. As stated in the March 5 issue, we received 5 adjudications, giving the decision that White should win, with 1. RxR, followed by 2. P-B4.

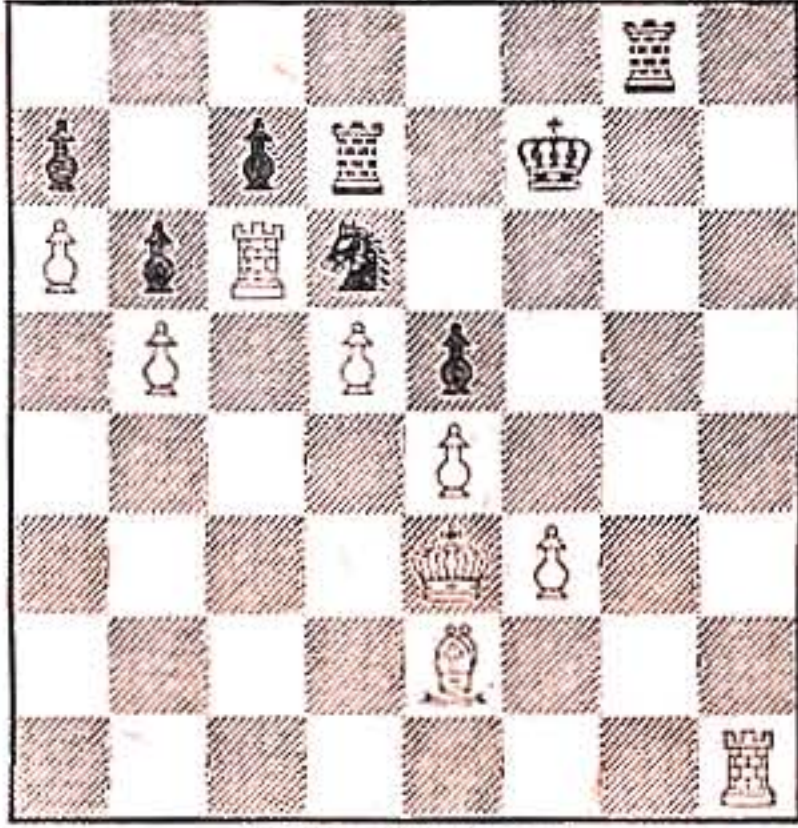
Position for adjudication
Black—8 pieces



White—9 pieces—to move

Then, as stated in the March 5 issue, we found that the position was presented incorrectly, in that the White rook should be at R1 rather R8, and that Black was to move, as in the position below.

Position for adjudication
Black (8 pieces) to move



White (9 pieces)

We asked for volunteers to adjudicate the correct position. We also wrote personally to each of the five original volunteers. No new adjudications were received, and we received but four replies to our five letters. Three USCF experts and one master split evenly on the decision, two experts claiming a draw, while another expert and the master claimed that the position was still a win for White, with R(1)-QB1, B-B1, and P-B4 constituting threats which Black could not meet, satisfactorily. In our own opinion, unrated and unsolicited, the position is one of those controversial middle-game draws, with so many unexplored possibilities that the player who starts exploring them, be he White or Black, may well wind up with a lost game.

BROOKS TAKES INDIANA TITLE FOR SEVENTH TIME

D. O. Brooks of South Bend made a successful defense of his title as Indiana State Chess Champion by topping a field of 45 in the annual state tournament held at the Captain Logan Hotel in Logansport, Indiana. After the final round Brooks was tied with S. Makutenas of Indianapolis, each having scored 5 points. According to tournament rules they played a single game to decide the winner, and Brooks became the state champion for the seventh time. Makutenas placed second, followed by the following in the order listed (scores not available): W. H. Donnelly, Valparaiso; Phil Morrell, Gary; D. E. Rhead, Gary; David Biggs, Indianapolis; Gerhard Suhs, Hammond; and Marvin Cox, Hammond.

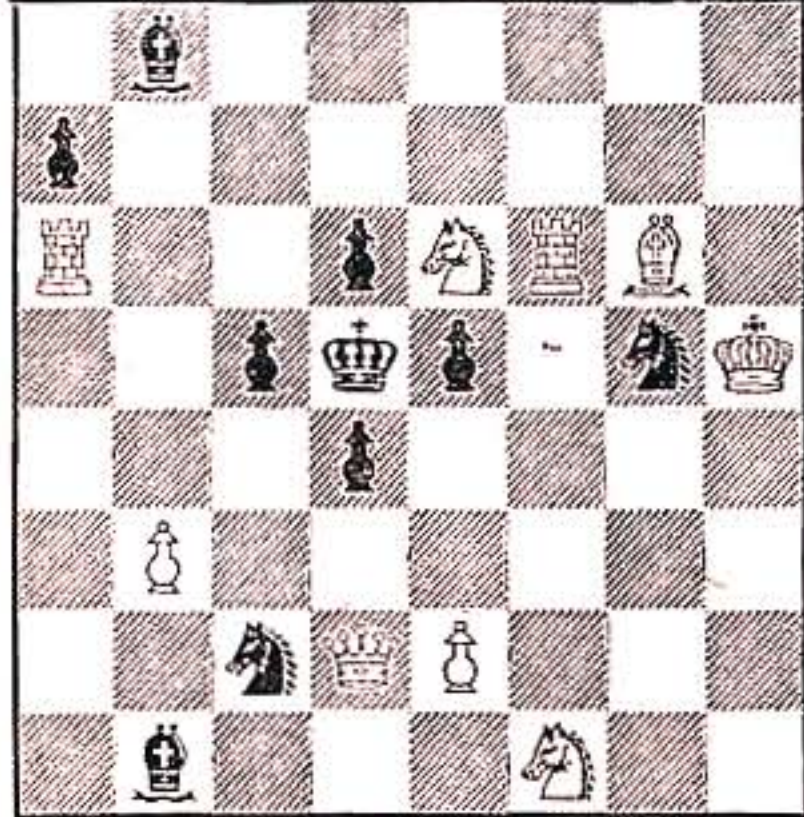
Mate The Subtle Way!

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.

No. 1005 presents contrasts between set—and actual plays, called "Rukhlis Theme". No. 1006 introduces a Polish composer new to us. No. 1007 has one rather spectacular procedure, if little else. In No. 1008 (Self-mate or Sul-mate) White manages to force Black to mate in two moves. Black does NOT want to enjoy this "honor" and resists, but White's maneuvers (his SECOND moves) leave no choice. Quite amusing variety. (15 points for full solution.)

Problem No. 1005
By Laimons Mangalis
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Original for Chess Life



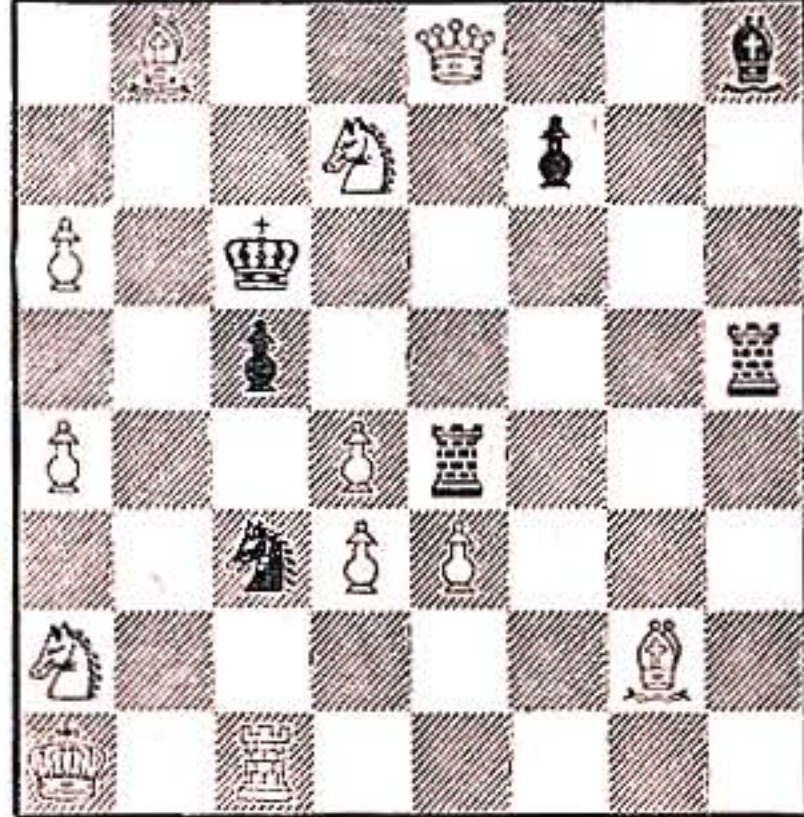
Mate in two moves.

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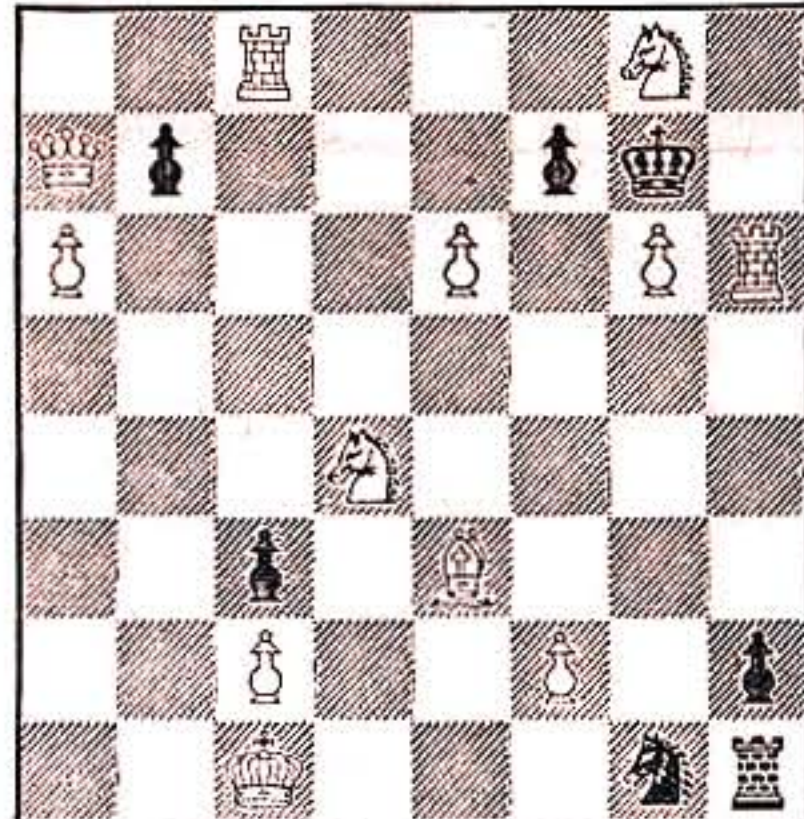
Mate in three moves.

Problem No. 1006
By Leopold Szwedowski
Ostrolenka, Poland
Original for Chess Life



Mate in two moves.

Problem No. 1008
By L. I. Kubbel, USSR.,
First Prize 1925
Magyar Sakkvilag



Self mate in two moves.
(See instructions.)

Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way".

No. 993 Gamage-Guttman: keymove 1. N-B3 threatening 2. R(N5)-K5 mate. Key pins a Wh piece and unpins a B1 Piece. The unpinned B1 piece, in moving, pins the threat-piece. Thus: 1. N-R5, 2. NxN; 1. N-K3, 2. NxN; 1. N-K6, 2. R(B5)-K5 mate. The Wh R, pined by the key, is unpinned! (Altschul theme.) Other good variations. No. 994 Herman: key 1. Q-R3 threat 2. B-K5 mate. Good line-opening, line-closing and block-plays. No. 995 Hjelle: set: 1. N-B6, 2. QxR; 1. BxQ, 2. NxB. Keymove 1. Q-Q5, threat 2. BxQ. 1. N-B6, 2. Q-K4; 1. P-N7, 2. QxQ; 1. BxQ, 2. PxB and other variations. No. 996 Morra: There should be no B1 pawn on B1's N2! Key 1. K-K5 waiting. 1. KxP, 2. QxP ch!-KxQ and 3. B-R4 mate. If 1. PxP, 2. Q-QB6 waiting. If 1. P-B5, 2. Q-B2 etc.



Ross Sprague Wins Cleveland Title

Ross Sprague, present Ohio State Champion, and Tri-State Champion, has just annexed the Cleveland City championship by winning a match with William Grainger, who recently nosed out Sprague in the Cleveland Open. Sprague won the first three of a scheduled six game match with Grainger. The latter, who had been ill throughout the match, felt unable to continue, and forfeited the remaining games to Sprague, who thereby assumes the title held in 1958 by Grandmaster Pal Benko.



Unrated Events
July 26
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August 1-2

SEA FAIR OPEN

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For advance registration or further information about either of these events, write to Fred Howard, 5940-36th St. S. W., Seattle 6, Wash.

Solution To
What's The Best Move?

Position No. 256

Rossetto-Cardoso, Portoroz 1958

Rossetto played 1. QxNch1, KxQ; 2. N-B5ch (but not 2. R-K7ch, K-Nsq; 3. N-R6ch, K-N2; 4. R-K7ch, K-N3; 5. R (Ksq)-K6ch, N-B3; 6. RxNch, KxP; 7. R(K7)-K6, and Black cannot prevent mate); 3. R-K6ch, N-B3; 4. RxNch, KxP; 5. A(Ksq)-K61, R-KN7ch; 6. KxR, Q-Qsq; 7. N-K71, and Cardoso resigned.

Several solvers submitted intricate winning variations beginning with 1. R-K7. After 1. R-K7, P-Q5; White cannot continue 2. Q-B3 because of 2., P-Q4ch! forcing the exchange of Queens. The best continuation is 2. RxNch after which 2., KxR; 3. N-B5ch leads to a winning endgame; for example, 3., K-Bsq; 4. NxP (Q4), PxN, 5. Q-B3ch, N-B3; 6. QxNch, Q-B2; 7. Q-R8ch, Q-Nsq; 8. R-K8ch, etc. Black can defend more persistently by 2., K-Rsq; but White still obtains an advantageous endgame after either 3. R-K8ch, KxR; 4. N-B5ch, K-B2; 5. R-K7ch, K-Bsq; 6. Q-Ksq, N-K4; 7. RxQ, RxR; 8. NxP, etc., or 3. N-B5, N-Bsq; 4. RxQ, PxQ; 5. RxR, RxR; 6. NxP, etc. Another interesting point in the position is illustrated by 1. R-K7, P-Q5; 2. RxNch, K-Rsq; 3. N-B5, Q-Qsq; 4. R(Ksq)-K7, N-Bsq; 5. N-R6!

The try by 1. R-K8ch seems to fail after 1., N-Bsq. If then 2. N-B5, Black replies 2., NxNch. Several solvers overlooked the fact that Black's move gives check and suggested 3. RxNch, KxR; 4. Q-R8ch, K-B2; 5. Q-B6ch, K-Nsq; 6. R-K8 mate! The best continuation appears to be 2. P-N6, but it is not clear that this is sufficient to win.

Solutions giving 1. QxNch, KxQ; 2. N-B5ch are awarded a full point. Other solutions beginning with 1. QxNch receive 1/2 point. We are also allowing 1/2 point to those solvers who did not find . QxNch but did submit 1. R-K7, P-Q5; 2. RxNch. Other solutions beginning with 1. R-K7 and solutions giving 1. R-K8ch do not receive ladder credit.

On this basis, I point goes to: Robin Ault, George W. Baylor, Howard Billian, Joe Bohac, Abel Bomberault, Bill Bundick, Duke Chinn, Farrell L. Clark, Peyton Crowder, C. J. Cucullu, Thomas W. Cusick, K. A. Czerniecki, Jesse Davis, Anthony Debe, Alfred Donath, Carl Dover, Brad Dowden, J. Eisenbach, Eugene Enrione*, F. Michael France*, Ed Gault, O. E. Goddard, John Gorman, Geroge L. Hadley, John T. Hamilton, Donald C. Hills, F. L. Hooley, Homer H. Hyde, Viktors Ikauniks, John E. Ishkan, Andy Kafko, Myron Kalina, E. J. Korpanty, M. Ladacki, F. D. Lynch, S. C. Marshall, Jack Mathe-sno, Lester E. Miller Jr.*, Kenneth Neeld, Stuart Noblin, Vincent D. Noga, Richard W. Parsons*, George W. Payne, William Plampin, Joseph Platz, Kent Pullen, Nathaniel R. Riesenber*, James A. Rockwell*, Edmund Roman, Frank C. Ruys, Michael H. Ryan*, D. W. Rystrom, R.M.S., I. Schwartz, Charles M. Smith, Bob Steinmeyer, W. E. Stevens, Richard Strasburger, R. H. Thien, G. V. D. Tiers, Fred Townsend, Francis Trask, F. J. Valvo, Joe Weininger, Leslie Whitman, William B. Wilson, Neil P. Whitting, S. Wohl, Lew Wood, Herbert A. Wright, Robert G. Wright, and Woody Young.

The following receive 1/2 point: Edwin Blanchard, M. D. Blumenthal, Marshall E. Brooks, Curtin, Francis Doran, Robert T. Ferguson, H. M. Hawkes, Mark F. Kotrich, Dan Marnell, Jack Miller, Craig Olson, Henry C. Porter, James Ragsdale, Randall Smith, Bernard Stekoll, and H. C. Underwood.

The solvers score by 80-26.

*Welcome to new solvers.

Tournament Life

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Sept. 5-6-7

OHIO CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP,
1959 and
OHIO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP,
1959

Two Separate Events

Championship: open to all USCF members; Junior: Open to USCF members under 21 years of age. Both events: 50 moves in 2 hrs. per player; adjudication unfinished games. At New Seneca Hotel, 361 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. Registration: 10 a.m. to 12 noon September 5, 1st round begins 1 p.m.

Senior Event:.. Entry fee, (including banquet) \$8.00, plus membership in USCF and OCA for non-members. Prizes: 1st, \$50. and trophy; 2nd, \$25. and trophy; prizes for highest Class A, B, C, players based on latest USCF ratings; trophy and title to highest ranking Ohioan; trophy and title to highest ranking Ohio woman entrant. Advance registration requested, if possible. For registration or information, address: Steven L. Markowski, 602 Manhattan Bldg., 518 Jefferson Ave., Toledo 4, Ohio. Seven round Swiss.

Junior Event: Entry fee, \$2.00 plus membership in USCF and OCA for non-members. Prizes: Trophy and title to highest ranking Ohioan. If two players tie for 1st, winner of individual game will be declared champion. Chess books for 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Tournament director for both events: James Schroeder. No entries accepted after 12 noon, September 5. Be prepared to present USCF and OCA membership cards at registration or pay extra fee.

September 5-7

St. Paul Open

Will be held at the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. 7 round Swiss, with a time limit of 2 hours for 45 moves. First round 1 p.m., Saturday, September 5. Entry fee is \$7.00, plus cost of USCF membership for non-members. \$3.00 entry fee for Minnesota Juniors, plus USCF membership for non-members. \$100, plus 19" trophy guaranteed first prize. Other prizes include 12", 11", and 10" trophies for highest finishers with class A, B, and C USCF ratings. For further information write to Dane Smith, 3220-48th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sept. 4-5-6-7

1959 MICHIGAN OPEN

Sponsored by Michigan Chess Association for annual state championship and other titles, will be in Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, over Labor Day weekend, a 7 round Swiss limited to 2 rounds a day. Starts 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, with other rounds 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday. Rate of play: 50 moves 2 hours, no adjudications. Cash prizes to top 10 with \$100 to 1st place; Other awards for high A, B, C, unrated, junior (under 19), women's championship, shortest mate, biggest upset, etc. Entry \$7.50 (juniors \$5) plus \$5 USCF membership for non-members. Bring clocks if possible. Write Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, for low cost rooms, or economical dorm beds. Director to be announced. Information: V. E. Vandenburg, MCA president, 1818 S. Cedar St., Lansing 10, Mich.

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September 5-7

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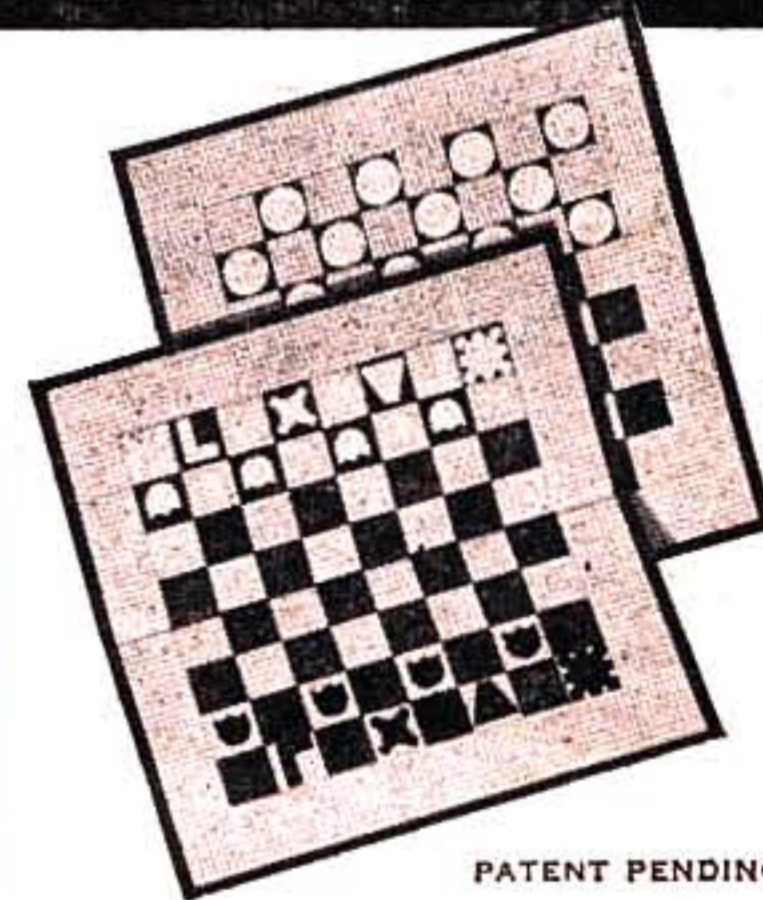
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