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BENEDICTO WINS U. S. AMATEUR AULT SECOND—FALATO THIRD

Raoul L. Benedicto of Elmhurst, N. Y., won six straight games in a field of 157 players to take the U.S. Amateur Championship of 1960, conducted over Memorial Day weekend at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Leslie H. Ault of Cranford, N. J., was close behind at $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and came close to adding a second national title to his credit, since he is the current National Intercollegiate Champion. Also at $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, but behind in tie breaking points, was John Falato of Patterson, N. J.

Fourteen states were represented in this tournament which was the second largest attended in its history.

Three players at 5-1 tied for 4th-6th and after ties had been broken finished in the following order: Mark Peckar, Brooklyn, N. Y., 4th; Roger Johnson, Mercer, Pa., 5th; Maynard Nevid, Rochester, N. Y., 6th.

Benedicto, a member of the Manhattan Chess Club, scored 4 points in the 1959 Amateur and placed third in the NYC Amateur of 1958 and again third in that same tournament in 1959.

ORZANO TAKES FIRST U.S. AMATEUR SPEED EVENT

Joseph Orzano of Scarsdale, N. Y., won six straight games at 10 seconds per move to take the first U.S. Amateur Speed Championship conducted in conjunction with the "regular" Amateur, over a field of 57 players. Howard Harrison of Long Beach, N. Y. placed second at 5-1 and Dr. R. Nedeljkovic of New York City also at 5-1 took the third place award. Alan Spielman of Ventnor, New Jersey, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ was slightly ahead of Milton Danon of North Bergen, N. J., on tie breaking points. They placed 4th and 5th respectively.

REPEAT ON WOMEN'S TITLE

Mrs. Margaurite Fuchs of Greenwich Village, N. Y., regained her title once again after a one year lapse since winning it in 1958. Four other women competed for the title, and the competition was as hot and heavy as for the men's event.



Scene at presentation ceremony after Armed Forces Championship Tournament. L. to R. Td. Hans Knoch; Col. John D. Matheson, USA, retired (dark suit); Jerry Spann, President United States Chess Federation; USCF Master Emeritus I. Turover (armband); J. Grimes (behind trophy); Sidney Wallach; uniformed men participants in tourney, with co-winner Arthur Feurstein holding his replica of trophy. (U.S. Army Photograph)

Annual Marshall-Manhattan Match Undecided Pending Playoff Adjourned Games

In the annual Pier 9 brawl of New York chess, the first session saw only four of eleven games played to an end, with seven being adjourned. On the first night's play Marshall CC had a decided edge, with Santasiere and Weinstein, both Marshall, defeating their respective Manhattan opponents, Horowitz and Benko. Bisguier and Mednis drew, as did Margulies and Shainswit, giving Marshall a 3-1 score so far as the completed games were concerned.

FLASH: MANHATTAN WON $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. DETAILS NEXT ISSUE.



LAST ROUND AT THE AMATEUR—Raoul L. Benedicto (with a piece down!) at left is defeating John L. Foster of Miami, Florida on 1st board, while Leslie Ault ponders his chances as his opponent Charles A. Reinwald of Flushing, N. Y., contemplates his move.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TO SANCHEZ

David Mario Sanchez won 5 and drew 1 to score $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, and to win the High School Championship of Southern California in the 13-player finals played at the Herman Steiner Chess Club, Los Angeles. Jointly directed by James R. McKinney and Harry Borocho, the event produced surprisingly good chess for the high-school level. The only player to dent Sanchez' otherwise perfect score with a draw was Robert Loveless, who won three and played three draws, to score $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and to tie for 2nd-3rd places with John Owen, who won three, drew two, and lost to Sanchez.

After this event, Harry Borocho played a simultaneous against ten of the finalists, winning nine, and conceding a well-earned draw to Sanchez, who thus picked up an extra year's USCF membership.

RIDER WINS VIRGINIA OPEN

Charles W. Rider went undefeated through the Virginia Open, a 6 round Swiss played at Fort Monroe, Virginia in May, to top a 13-player field with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. Richard Lewis, 5-1, placed second, also undefeated, but with two draws. Norman Cantor, with 4-2, was third, while Robert Vassar and Steve Jacobs each scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to tie for 4th and 5th places. The event was directed by David Shook, who also won a prize as the highest scoring Class A player, while Joseph Levin took top honors in the B class.

SCHROEDER TAKES BUCKEYE OPEN

With a perfect 5-0 score James Schroeder topped a 36-player field to win the Buckeye Open played at Columbus, Ohio, late in May. The following four players, each with 4-1, tied for 2nd to 5th places, and since Schroeder had renounced in advance any prize he might win, they divided the prize money between them: Richard Kause, Cleveland; Robert Larsen, Erie, Pa.; Arthur Benavie, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Rea Hayes, Cincinnati. Class A prize won by Richard Ling, of Dayton; Class B, James Martin; Junior, Harry McKinney, Charleston, W. Va. Book prizes to Mildred Morrell, Brad Dowden, Basil Goreff, Harry McKinney, Robert Preston. Book prize to Don Miles for "biggest upset" after he defeated Rea Hayes. Sponsored by the Columbus CC, the event was directed by winner, James Schroeder.

N. C. WINS FROM S. C.

A five-board match between North Carolina and South Carolina teams was recently played at Charlotte, N. C., bringing together some of the best chess talent in the sister states. The North Carolina contingent, led by Dr. A. M. Jenkins and Dr. N. M. Hornstein at Boards 1 and 2 respectively, won by a close 3-2 score. The South Carolina team, led by Prof. Steven J. Shaw, former SCA champion, and current Carolinas Open champ, lost on Boards 1 and 2, broke even on boards 3 and 5, and notched their only win on Board 4, where Peter Grant won from Henry Jones.

MILITARY CHESS IN EUROPE

by

Robert A. Karch

LENGGRIES—The Service Club was offering one dollar cash to each person who could defeat the visiting chess expert! For an hour and a half thirteen players tried their best, but only one man earned any money. This simultaneous gave Bob Karch a total of 62 wins, 6 draws, and 16 losses (76%) for all of his exhibitions in southern Germany. Bill Webbert got the dollar and it will be his turn for the next simul at Lenggries!

KAISERSLAUTERN — A USCF-rated tournament will be held on 2-3-4 July at the Service Club located in the Vogelweh Shopping Center. This is an opportunity for servicemen who are isolated from strong competition to get some practice and also to improve their national standing. Several players expect to participate:

Bobby G. Dudley, USAF
Kenneth F. Fitzgerald, USAF
Arthur C. Joy, USA
Eugene T. Leininger, USA
Peter A. C. Leuthold, USAF
William E. Webbert, USA

CHATEAUROUX—"In addition to the base club which meets every Thursday night, and almost never fails to have around eight members show up," writes Captain Dudley, "we now have a chess club at the dependent high school with five members. So far the five boys are long on enthusiasm and short on skill, but at least one has real prospects for developing into an interesting player."

OBERAMMERGAU — As predicted in the Armed Forces chess column last November 20th, the American servicemen here have improved. Our leading players are no longer being found at the tail end of a tournament line-up. In a recent event, Robin Brown (also an amateur magician!) scored 4-3 and tied for fourth in a field of eleven.

The following month Bill Mumma and E. K. Replogle each scored 5-3, sharing fourth place. The group of thirteen included chessplayers from Ettal Monastery, Oberammergau Village, and the Hawkins Army Kaserne. Elaine Karch, age 7, playing in her very first competition, scored a 0-8 shutout. Her dad also made a perfect score.

ARLINGTON WINS D. C. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Arlington Chess Club captured the District of Columbia team title in a tinging finish, nosing out defending champions of George Washington University by half a point. Arlington yielded draws to G.W.U. and the Washington Chess Divan for a score of 8-1. G.W.U. met the Divan in the last round and with the match tied 2-2 adjourned two games. Those games wound up as one win and a draw for the Divan. The final standings:

	Matches	Games
Arlington	8 1	51 15
George Washington University	7½ 1½	36 20
Takoma Park	6½ 2½	29 26
Divan	6½ 2½	39 17
National Security Agency	5½ 3½	29 22
Library of Congress	3½ 5½	25½ 33½
Silver Spring	2½ 6½	22½ 32½
Dept. Health, Educ. & Welfare—Voice of America	2½ 6½	20 37
American University	1½ 7½	16 35
Paragon	1 8	15½ 35½

The consolation section was won by Meridian Hill in another stirring finish. Playing a postponed match against Rockville, Meridian Hill needed a draw to clinch first place and after the match seesawed back and forth the last game made it the necessary draw. Meridian Hill lost no matches but drew with the Weather Bureau as well as Rockville who lost only to Georgetown University. Final standings:

	Matches	Games
Meridian Hill	5 1	26½ 12½
Georgetown University	4½ 1½	26 12
Rockville	4½ 1½	21 14
Weather Bureau	3 3	18½ 20½
Pan American	2½ 3½	16 23
Census Bureau	1½ 4½	12 24
Medes	0 6	10½ 27½

The race for individual prizes were tight too. USCF memberships were awarded to the player in each section with the highest plus score. In the championship section Alexis Gilliland of G.W.U. won with a score of 10½-2½. Right behind were Eliot Hearst and Irwin Sigmond of Arlington with 10½-1½ and 10-2 respectively. In the consolation section the winner was William Scanlon of Meridian Hill with a 8-3 followed by his teammate Gerald Anderson with 8-2.

With a record 18 teams entered an innovation was tried. A five round Swiss was used as an elimination tournament, teams with plus scores then played a round robin for the championship and the others played a round robin in a consolation section. The Army Map Service team had to drop out at the end of the qualifying round.

The mainstays of the Arlington club were Eliot Hearst, Irwin Sigmond, John Matheson, Joseph Sucher, and R. P. Smith.

Virginia — 12½ — North Carolina

E. Hearst	1	N. Hornstein	0
I. Sigmond	0	A. Jenkins	1
P. Henderson	0	O. Hutaff	1
G. Massinger	0	P. Newton	1
J. Matheson	1	V. Robinson	0
R. Ribble	1	D. Steele	0
A. Carter	0	G. Hornstein	1
R. Vassar	1	P. Davis	0
D. Shook	1	G. Harwell	0
J. Burke	1	R. Simpson	0
C. Sloan	1	S. Noblin	0
B. Arnold	1	H. Jones	0
R. Harris	0	A. Margolis	1
G. Trefzer	0	J. Hagenbuckle	1
D. Tarravechia	0	A. Warshauer	1
D. Downey	1	P. Gamm	0
S. Mason	0	D. Richman	1
S. Jacobs	0	F. Mathews	1
D. Robertson	0	R. Evans	1
J. Modisetta	0	T. Sloan	1
W. Gilman	0	D. Moretz	1
L. Towle	1	T. Quast	0
R. Smith	1	T. Cohen	0
R. Jones	1	G. Inksetter	0
M. Moline	0	E. Blanchard	1

DUBECK TAKES INDEPENDENT SUMMER TOURNEY

Leroy Dubeck played one of his best tournaments in scoring 8-2 to win the summer tournament of the Independent CC of E. Orange, N. J. Former U.S. Open Champ, Weaver Adams, and Former U.S. Amateur Champ, Clinton Parmalee share an unbroken tie for 2nd and 3rd places, each having scored 7½-2½. Herbert Hickman tallied 6½-3½, for 4th, while Intercollegiate Champion, Leslie H. Ault, and Essex Open Champ, Robert (1. N-QR3) Durkin, each scored 6-4 for an unbroken tie for 5th, 6th places. Tourney was directed by USCF Master Edgar McCormick.



L to R: Lee Burton, Director, Clayton Community Centre, where St. Louis Novice 30-30 tournament was played; William R. Hewitt, President St. Louis Chess League, presenting 1st prize to winner August Imholtz.

27TH ANNUAL NORTH CALIFORNIA VS. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS MATCH

(Hotel California, Fresno, California—10:00 a.m., May 29, 1960)

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
1. I. Konig.....0	1. Kashdan.....1	27. F. Olvera.....1	J. Thompson.....0
2. W. Pafnutieff.....0	2. Kovacs.....1	28. D. McLeod.....½	A. Tabash.....½
3. H. Gross.....½	3. H. Borochoff.....½	29. W. Hollingworth.....½	A. Thompson.....½
4. E. Pruner.....½	4. Rivise.....½	30. E. Lien.....1	J. Mizrahi.....0
5. J. Schmitt.....1	5. P. D. Smith.....0	31. S. VanGelder.....0	A. Gates.....1
6. V. Zemitis.....1	6. S. Almgren.....0	32. M. Mattingly.....0	M. Forti.....1
7. R. Burger.....1	7. J. Barry.....0	33. R. Guzman.....0	K. Forrest.....1
8. L. Ledgerwood.....½	8. M. Gordon.....½	34. B. Bowman.....½	C. Ulrich.....½
9. O. Celle.....1	9. N. Hultgren.....0	35. P. Traum.....1	Mrs. H. Freed.....0
10. C. Sedlack.....½	10. G. Hultgren.....½	36. F. Christensen.....0	D. Maron.....1
11. A. Janushkowsky.....1	11. T. Fries.....0	37. Dr. E. Schnoor.....1	H. Rader.....0
12. K. Bopp.....½	12. L. Standers.....½	38. G. Oaks.....0	J. Hunt.....1
13. G. McClain.....1	13. W. Steele.....0	39. L. Krogness.....½	R. Hagedorn.....½
14. R. Willson.....1	14. S. Geller.....0	40. Mrs. McLeod.....0	G. VanOsdol.....1
15. W. Hendricks.....0	15. C. Bitzer.....1	41. L. Turner.....1	F. Hofeld.....0
16. C. Svalberg.....1	16. F. Hazard.....0	42. O. Rothe.....1	Johnson.....0
17. C. Jonas.....½	17. A. Raymond.....½	43. C. J. Smith.....1	R. Lazard.....0
18. G. Rassmusen.....1	18. J. Freed.....0	44. L. Zipfel.....1	D. Lima.....0
19. S. Abrahams.....1	19. C. Henderson.....0	45. I. Warner.....½	L. Legler.....½
20. R. Freeman.....0	20. N. Robinson.....1	46. H. Bevil.....0	R. Oldenburg.....1
21. Dr. R. Hultgren.....0	21. Lena Grumette.....1	47. L. Tullis.....1	W. Bradley.....0
22. W. Weinberg.....0	22. C. J. Gibbs.....1	48. L. Loewinson.....1	E. Hawksworth.....0
23. Dr. F. Ruys.....1	23. R. Baker.....0	49. B. Wong.....0	R. Henry.....1
24. L. Leeds.....½	24. L. Mercy.....½	50. I. Fletcher.....0	J. Dietz.....1
25. D. Belmont.....1	25. T. Jones.....0	51. G. Lydeard.....0	D. Cranford.....1
26. O. Bender.....1	26. J. Gordon.....0		
		29	22

The Central YMCA (Chicago) Club Department announces the formation of a new Chess Club which held its first meeting February 11, in its new clubroom at 19 South La Salle Street. Loop office workers and students interested in chess will be able to play every Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. at this convenient location.

A unique feature of the club is its program of assisting inexperienced and youthful players to develop their game through sponsorship of chess classes in cooperation with the YMCA. Tentative plans include an annual club tournament, exhibitions by prominent chess players, and team matches. However, the primary purpose of the club is expressed in its motto: "Enjoy an evening of sociable chess."

The newly elected officers are Sheldon Gardner, president; Charles Owen, Vice-President; and Ruth Andehn, Secretary-Treasurer. Albert Sandrin, internationally known chess master, acts as club advisor.

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT

Our roving correspondent for Armed Services Chess, Bob Karch, reports that he has been taking part in a five-month-long city championship tournament in Oberammergau (How about Unterammergau, Bob?) which recently crowned one Nikolai Wassiliew as champ with a score in the 9-player double-round event of 12-4. Wassiliew trimmed three of his opponents twice, scored 1½-½ against two others, and broke even with the other three.

Bob tied for 2nd-3rd places with the defending champion, Karl Raster with a 10½-5½ score. Raster took two games from each of three of his opponents, broke even with four of them, and lost only to 7th-place Herbert Wagner. Bob, as usual, shot the works against each opponent, winning twice from four, breaking even with winner Wassiliew, and losing twice to both Raster and giant-killer Wagner, while scoring 1½-½ against 5th place Mazur.

Since Bob was the only American entered in the event, he deserves a vote of congratulation and thanks from his USCF friends for such able representation.



CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS

By U. S. Master DR. ERICH W. MARCHAND

Dr. Marchand will answer beginners' questions on this page, if of sufficient general interest. Those wishing a personal reply should enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope. Address: Dr. Erich W. Marchand, 192 Seville Drive, Rochester 17, N.Y.

1. Answers to Readers' Questions

William Spitzer of Chicago, Illinois, would like to know how Black should proceed in the Sicilian Defense after 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. N-B3, P-K4; 4. B-N5. **Answer:** Admittedly 4., N-Q5; 5. NxP, Q-N4; 6. N-N4 (both QxNP and QxN were threatened), NxPch; 7. QxN, QxN; 8. O-O, B-K2; 9. N-Q5, B-Q1 would favor White. But 5., Q-K2; 6. N-B3, NxP; 7. NxN, QxPch; 8. Q-K2, QxQch; 9. KxQ, K-Q1 should equalize. Also 4., P-Q3 followed by B-K3 and perhaps P-B4 would be satisfactory for Black.

2. The Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit

Two readers (Craig Olson of Rockford, Illinois, and James Yee of Marysville, California) have recently written us asking about the Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit. This gambit runs as follows: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. B-B4, N-KB3; 3. N-KB3, NxP; 4. N-B3, NxN; 5. QPxN.

This gambit offers a number of practical advantages. Firstly, it is very seldom seen, and hence the average player is not familiar with it. Secondly, it arises in a fairly common opening variation, so that one has a chance to try it out fairly often (except for the unfortunate multitude of Sicilian Defenses in recent years). Thirdly, the defensive line is not so easy to find and seems to be quite contrary to ordinary opening principles. Fourthly, the gambit is considered sound, the "book" line leading to equality (provided Black finds the right defense).

Before describing the BK Gambit further, let us first note that it can also arise from a Petroff Defense: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-KB3; 3. B-B4, NxP; 4. N-B3, NxN; 5. QPxN.

At the expense of a Pawn White has quickly opened lines for completing his development and starting an attack. In two more moves his development will be finished whereas Black still requires five. By subtraction we find that White is three moves ahead in development. On the basis of a familiar rule of thumb that a Pawn is worth three tempi, we conclude that the Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit is sound.

Let us consider next what the prospects are after 5. QPxN. At first glance White's formation does not look very threatening. However, he does threaten NxP. A normal reaction, such as 5., P-Q3 is met by the embarrassing reply 6. N-N5 and Black's KBP cannot be defended, and 6., B-K3 returning the Pawn would yield White a superior position. Similarly 5., N-B3 or 5., Q-K2 are both refuted by 6. N-N5.

Eventually one discovers by elimination that the only hope for a refutation lies in 5., P-KB3. Who would think of such an ugly move? In fact there are many players who would entirely overlook the fact that N-N5 was a serious threat.

Before examining the main line we should investigate two other defensive ideas: 5., B-K2; 6. NxP, O-O; 7. Q-B3, Q-K1 and 5., P-QB3; 6. NxP, P-Q4; 7. B-Q3, B-K3, both of which seem to give equality.

The book line (MCO9) is 5., P-KB3; 6. N-R4, P-KN3; 7. P-B4, P-B3; 8. P-B5, P-Q4; 9. PxP, PxP; 10. Q-R5, K-Q2; 11. P-N7, BxP; 12. Q-N4ch. Here MCO gives White a plus. While this judgment may be over-optimistic, it is probable that White has enough for his Pawn. For instance 12., K-Q3; 13. QxB, Q-B1; 14. B-R6! or 12., K-B2; 13. QxBch, N-Q2 (or B-Q2) and Black will be tied up for some time to come.

Thus the Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit appears to be sound and well worth trying on your chess friends (or enemies).

3. Another Adjourned Game

In last month's column we discussed some of the special circumstances which apply when a tournament game approaches or reaches the adjournment stage. The following game is another example. The time-pressure element caused Black to make one or two dubious moves just before the time control was reached. Nevertheless, White's advantage was even then only slight. And, if the adjournment had not occurred at that point, it is possible that he would not have found the winning idea, or, if he had seen it, he might not have dared try it since it involved a fairly deep pawn sacrifice.

ENGLISH OPENING
Rochester Chess Club

Championship
Rochester, 1959

White **Black**
E. Marchand **M. Rosenbloom**

1. P-QB4
Time and again I have played this and seen Black equalize the opening only to go wrong later. Often, when I have played 1. P-K4, I have gained a clear opening advantage only to see it slip away later.

1., P-K4
There is no better defense known, though several equally good.
2. N-QB3 P-Q3 3. N-B3 P-KB4
This system can hardly be criticized. Black gets good center control as well as relatively free development of his pieces.

4. P-Q4 P-K5 6. N-Q2 B-K2
5. B-N5 N-KB3 7. P-B3 PxP
Black might do better with 7., O-O!
8. PxP (or 8. BxN, BxB; 9. PxP, BxP), NxP; 10. BxB, QxB.
8. KPxP O-O 10. O-O N-K1
9. B-Q3 P-B3

This loses time and does not help Black's development. And yet there does not seem to be any good way for White to take advantage of the situation. There follows now a long series of wood-shifting moves in which neither side is able to prove very much.

11. BxB	QxB	23. Q-B2	Q-K2
12. R-K1	Q-B3	24. Q-Q2	P-B4
13. N-N3	N-B2	25. N(3)-B1	P-B5
14. Q-Q2	QN-R3	26. Q-B4	P-N3
15. R-K2	B-Q2	27. P-KN3	N-N4
16. QR-K1	QR-K1	28. Q-Q2	N(3)-B2
17. B-N1	RxR	29. K-B2	N-K3
18. RxR	R-K1	30. P-QR4	N(4)-B2
19. P-QR3	RxR	31. B-B2	N-R3
20. NxR	P-Q4	32. N-R2	Q-Q3
21. P-B5	P-QN3	33. B-Q1
22. PxP	PxP		

It has been said that tactics is what you do when there is something to do, whereas strategy is what you do when there is nothing to do. Such has been the case here for a number of moves. Each side tries to make slight improvements in the placement of his Pawns and pieces keeping in mind especially how things may look if the position should later get opened up. Here for instance 33. B-Q1 is played because White's Bishop can hardly have any future with Black's line of Pawns facing it on the diagonal. But from Q1 it may eventually work around to aim at Black's QP. This, in fact, comes into actual consideration later in the game. Above all, one should not use up too much clock time in such quiet positions as this one.

33.	B-B3	35. P-B4	N-K1
34. Q-K3	N(R3)-B2	36. Q-K5	QxQ

Black, being short of time, did not see that this exchange would leave him with an acute problem, the defense of his QP. Otherwise he might have tried 36., N(3)-B2.
37. BPxQ N(1)-B2 39. K-K3 N-R3
38. N-N4 B-N2
Probably the losing move. With 38., N-KN4 and 39., N-K5 it is difficult to see how White could make headway.

40. NxN BxN
At this point White sealed his move and the game was adjourned.



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Appropriate Memorials

Back in 1958 (May 20 issue CHESS LIFE) I wrote an editorial on the subject of memorial chess tournaments. Almost a year later I paid an editorial tribute to the chess wives and widows and sweethearts whose loving patience is often tested by the chess players or organizers or promoters with whom they have cast their respective lots. So why can't I take some of the credit for what has just happened in St. Louis?

The Frederick J. Boeneker Memorial Tournament provided a suitable memorial for the late president of St. Louis' Capablanca Chess Club. The current president, Mr. A. B. Carlisle, obtained from an anonymous donor a magnificent set of bronze chess pieces, complete in a fine compartment chest, as 1st prize for this event—and the promise of a similar set annually for the same purpose.

And now for the ladies. In the closing ceremonies of the first annual memorial tournament for Mr. Boeneker, Mr. Carlisle presented to Mrs. Boeneker a duplicate set—exactly like that which had just been presented to the tournament winner. The payoff was in the engraved plaque attached to Mrs. Boeneker's set: "In gratitude for the years you shared Fred with us."

What more is there to say, except perhaps to hope that every one of Mrs. Boeneker's bronze pawns are promoted to queens in every game she plays with that precious set!

As Others See Us

Few editors of chess publications can rival the veteran international master, and former World Correspondence Chess Champion, C.J.S. Purdy, editor of Australia's "CHESS WORLD," when it comes to calm and objective analysis, either of a chess game, or of a situation in which chess is to any degree involved. I got a kick out of his comments on the comments of Tal and Fischer about each other. "Tal's and Fischer's comments on each other are amusing and quite worthless. Tal is patronizing; Fischer keeps saying Smyslov is the world's greatest, and that Botvinnik will smash Tal. Tal and Fischer both have that higher talent that may be called genius. Each envies the other. Fischer envies Tal because he is better; Tal envies Fischer because he is more prodigious." (From CHESS WORLD, January, 1960.)

MILWAUKEE REPELS MADISON 5-2

A powerful seven-man invasion force from Madison, Wisconsin, led by the intrepid Dr. Laurence C. Young, was repulsed mercilessly by the Milwaukee defenders in the inter-city match—March 27. Only Dr. Young and Richard Ellis were able to score for the invaders, who went down 5-2.

MILWAUKEE		MADISON	
Charles Weldon	1	Allen Reuter	0
Mark Surgies	1	Walter Rudin	0
Henry Meifert	0	Dr. Laurence Young	1
Richard Kujoth	0	Richard Ellis	1
Marshall Rohland	1	Griffin Dorschell	0
Eugene Zastrow	1	Peter Sherill	0
Fred Cramer	1	Alfred Jahnel	0

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The score of the game on board 6 follows:

ZASTROW (White)		SHERILL (Black)	
1. P-K4	P-K4	2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	B-B4	4. P-QN4	BxP
5. P-B3	B-B4	6. P-Q4	PxP
7. O-O	P-KR3?	8. PxP	B-N3
9. N-B3	P-Q3	10. P-K5	PxP
11. Q-N3	Q-K2	12. B-R3	N-R4
13. Q-R4ch	B-Q2	14. B-N5	BxB
15. NxB	Q-Q2	16. NxKP	Resigns

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By Kester Svendsen

TWENTY-FOURTH USSR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. (Moscow, Poland, January-February, 1957. B. C. M. Quarterly No. 1. By P. H. Clarke. The British Chess Magazine. 20 Chestnut Road, West Norwood, London S. E. 27, Great Britain. Pp. xii, 120. \$3.)

NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT INTERZONAL TOURNAMENT: (Portoroz, B. C. M. Quarterly No. 2. Introduction by A. S. Russell. The British Chess Magazine. 20 Chestnut Road, West Norwood, London S. E. 27, Great Britain. Pp. xvi, 60. \$2.)

Belated mention of these two collections should not be regarded as disparagement of their worth. Both are printed in the paragraph style familiar to American readers from other British chess magazine publications. The disadvantage of this arrangement is that one loses his place too easily in playing over the games; the great advantage is, of course, that the two hundred thirty-one games of the twenty-fourth Soviet championship could be compressed into a small, though not an inexpensive, book. The same is true of the two hundred and ten games of the 1958 Interzonal, where Bobbie Fischer earned the right to play in the Candidates Tournament. British Master P. H. Clarke has annotated many of the games in the Soviet tourney and has provided in addition introductions, score tables, indexes and biographies of the twenty-two players, together with other material of interest derived from the official bulletin of the Soviet championship. Since this was a tremendous victory for Michael Tal and since his success in the Candidates Tournament has attracted even more attention to him, these games will prove especially welcome additions to American chess libraries.

(Prof. Svendsen wrote this review long before Tal had defeated Botvinnik in the World Championship Match. Editor)

The games of the 1958 Interzonal Tournament are given without annotation but with a sixteen-page introduction. The tremendous games by which Fischer attained Grand Master status and his way into the Candidates Tournament are perhaps now sufficiently well known, but the extraordinary quality of his performance is seen in an even more impressive light when the games of his opponents are available for comparison.

These books are now stocked by the USCF, and will be sent post-paid upon receipt of order and price listed above.

IMHOLTZ TAKES ST. LOUIS NOVICE EVENT

August Imholtz, 17 year old high school junior, came from behind to score 5½-½ and win the recent 30-30 Novice Tournament in St. Louis. Second was Don Galbreth, who won five in a row, only to lose to Imholtz in the final round. Paul Cook also scored 5-1, to place third on tie breaking points. Dick Hunt and Edgar Push shared 4th and 5th with 4½-1½, while the following, each with 4-2, finished in the order listed: Norman Rosecrans, Bill Culbertson, Cliff Melton, Paul Czeschia, and Jim Parker. Ed Soderstrom, who put the only dent in winner Imholtz' score with a 1st round draw, topped the junior section with 2½-3½. Mrs. Ellance Krotz, the only woman entrant, broke even with a nice 3-3 score.

This event, organized as a memorial tournament in honor of the late president of the Capablanca C.C. of St. Louis, Mr. Frederick J. Boeneker, was a real novice affair, with only those entrants accepted who had never won a tournament game. The success of the event was overwhelming, with 34 entrants battling down to the wire, and the organizers, William R. Hewitt, President of the St. Louis Chess League, and A. B. Carlisle, President of the Capablanca C.C. determined to make it an annual event.



A. A. Carlisle, President of Capablanca C.C., St. Louis, making presentation to Mrs. Virginia Boeneker, widow of the late club president in whose honor the tournament had been organized.

Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle, now studying music in Europe, recently played in a 14-man tourney in Jesenice, Yugoslavia, placing 8th with an even 6½-6½ score.

Yugoslavia		Hungary	
1. Gligoric	1	Szabo	0
2. Matanovic	1	Barcza	1
3. Ivkov	1	Portisch	0
4. Trifunovic	1	Bilek	1
5. Bertok	0	Lengyel	1
6. Fuderer	1	Kluger	0
7. Djursavic	1	Honfli	1
8. Milic	1	Nawarowski	0
9. Nedeljovic	1	Szallgyl	0
10. Udovic	1	Jenei	1

Totals 12

Totals 8

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TIDBITS OF MASTER PLAY

By International MASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY

World Junior Champion—1957-1958

World Junior Champ vs. International Master

It has been said that young "rising stars" of the day do not play with the same inspiration that was peculiar to players of the past generation such as Pillsbury, Lasker, Alekhine or Spielman. I cannot subscribe to such a generalization, especially where such striking names as these are used to indicate weakness in modern play. However, there is one point with which I must agree. Nowadays players, even of high international esteem, depend more on "learned moves" (Commonly called "book knowledge") than on their own insight, calculation, plus a little imagination.

A case in point can be demonstrated with the game presented. The Argentine World Junior Champ, Carlos Bielicki is pitted against the newly honored International Master Bernardo Wexler. Clearly Bielicki is a very talented player since he won the recent World Junior Championship hands down, but here he shows his lack of experience and a surprising absence of force in his play. The King's Indian Reversed may be fine for a Petrosyan but not so for a strong but relatively new entrant to the arena who is searching to improve his game with the proper experience. Why not first learn something straightforward such as, 1. P-K4 or P-Q4! Later we may go on to the more difficult openings as is the King's Indian Reversed which requires a very delicate handling.

All we can say for Wexler, our most recent international star, is that he takes excellent advantage of his opponents mistakes. It certainly should be added that this is indeed a rare quality in the greater number of present day masters.

KING'S INDIAN REVERSED

Bielicki White Wexler Black

1. N-KB3 N-KB3
2. P-KN3 P-KN3
3. B-N2 P-N3
4. O-O O-O
5. P-Q3

How many times have we seen this cat and mouse game?

5. P-Q4
Black will have none of this!

6. QN-Q2 P-B4
7. P-K4 N-B3
8. P-B3 P-K4

Black continues a normal development. Notice here that he is actually playing the White side of the regular variation of the King's Indian Defense with one move behind! This takes nerve? We shall see.

9. Q-N3



Position after 9. Q-N3

An interesting and good idea if followed up correctly. The ordinary method of play, however, is adequate and quite forceful here: 9. Pxp, NxP; 10. N-B4, R-B1; 11. R-K1 etc.

9. P-Q5
10. N-B4 N-K1
11. Pxp BxpP
12. B-N5

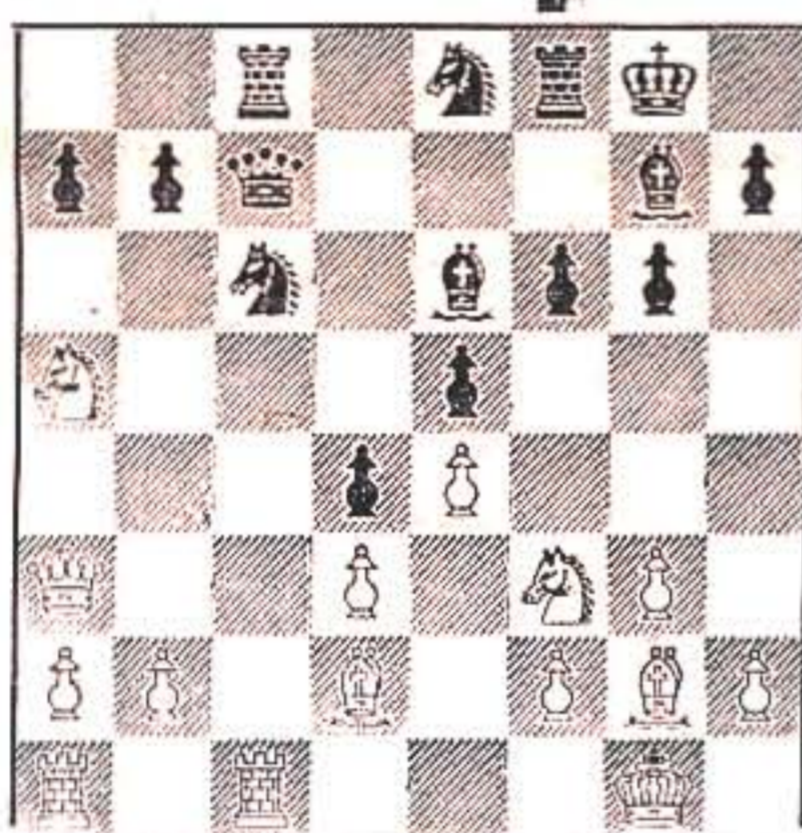
White is overanxious to press a non-existent advantage. The "conservative" B-Q2 is indicated.

12. Q-B2
13. KR-B1 B-K3

Now the consequence of 13. B-N5 is clear: Black can now develop with no obstacles in his path such as N-KN5

with P-B4 next.

14. Q-R3 R-B1
15. B-Q2 P-B3
16. N-R5?!



Position after 16. N-R5?!

16. P-QN4 is more in keeping with the maintenance of an active position. White knight on B4 is too well posted to exchange for Black's futureless knight on B3.

16. R-B2

If White keeps up this nostalgic pace Black will gain the Queen's side initiative. Here we might try P-QN4 followed eventually by Q-N2-P-QR4 with active play although no advantage for either side can be demonstrated.

17. N-K1 B-B1!

Black points all his pieces toward the Queen's wing in view of obtaining a strong attack. We can see that White's pieces are either poorly posted or entirely out of play.

18. Q-R4 Q-N3
19. NxN PxN
20. P-N3 N-Q3
21. B-KN3 N-N4
22. Q-R5 B-QR6

Excellent! Let's prevent P-QR4 and assert our advantage on the dark squares.

23. R-B2 P-QB4!

Aiming for, QxQ; BxQ, B-N5; BxB, PxB; R(1)-B1, N-N6!

24. R-N1 KR-B2
25. B-K2 Q-N2!

The threat: R-B3 and if 26. B-Q2-B1, B-N5; 27. Q-R4, B-Q2!

26. R-B4 R-B3
27. R-R4 B-N5!!
28. BxB PxR
29. RxP R-N3
30. R-R1 N-B6!



Position after 30., N-B6!

Resigns

If 31. RxR, NxBch; if 31. B moves, RxR and White has lost a piece. Chess is so simple at times! A fine performance by Wexler. Better luck next time Junior!

ROCHESTER TEAM WINS SUSQUEHANNA CUP MATCH

Two teams from Rochester, one from Buffalo, and one from Hornell played in Rochester for the Susquehanna Cup. A report from a disgruntled fan tells us that the "A" Team from Rochester won the honors, the team being composed of the following players: Board 1, Ed Rosenthal, 18 year old Rochester City Champion; Board 2, Dr. E. W. Marchand, CHESS LIFE columnist, and USCF master; Board 3, Mark Rosenblum, 14 years old; Board 4, Rev. John Poluikis; Board 5, Donald Sullivan, with Dr. Max Herzberger finding time from his busy professional schedule to play one game for the team. The above-mentioned fan was burned up because the defending champions from Schenectady failed to make an appearance. He also asks "Where were Syracuse, Binghamton, Utica, Albany — to mention only a few Northern New York teams who should have been there. He commends Hornell, both for its participation, and for the fact that one of its team members was a blind boy who proved to be "a very worthy opponent and a congenial friend of chess." Since our correspondent neglected to give us his address, we are unable to answer his inquiries, and this will let him know that his letter is being referred to Dr. Marchand in Rochester who probably knows the writer and who may be able to answer his questions.

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GLASS CITY OPEN NOT LARGEST SAYS MRS. KOLTY

In the May 5 issue of CHESS LIFE (Col. 4, page 3) TD Donald Hilding asked if the 76 player Glass City Open was perhaps the biggest five-round two-day tournament in the country. Mrs. George Koltanowski hastened to inform your editor that the Chess Friends of Northern California had staged a five-round two-day open event at Berkley, California in 1956 with 136 players in the main open event, and that the Friends have carried on annually, with more than 100 players in the event on each occasion. It appears, therefore, that Glass City will have to rest on its qualitative laurels—4 masters and 17 experts is tops, so far as we know, for a five-round two-day event. And a big cheer for the quantitative record established in California — may the chess enthusiasm in that banner state never grow less, and may the Borochovs and Grumettes and McClains and Koltanowskis (and the many others who have helped make it a banner chess state) continue to make it grow even larger.

KASHDAN 28½-1½ IN SIMUL

International Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan took on thirty opponents in a simultaneous exhibition at the Del Coronado Hotel, Coronado, California. Although the opponents were reported to be "thirty of the strongest players in the San Diego area" James Miller of San Diego was the only one to make Kashdan turn down his king in defeat. Mr. Salvador Rubalcaba, reported to be "the strongest player from the Tijuana area," drew his game after 35 moves, having failed to take advantage of a possible winning continuation on the 29th move.

MARYLAND OPEN WON BY McCOMAS

H. R. McComas won five and drew one to top a 51-player field, and to win the Maryland Open played at Dundalk recently. This event, the first requiring USCF membership of the players, is reported to have been "the largest and best Maryland Open, ever!" Twenty-one new members were added to the USCF rolls. (Note to Fred Cramer—That must put Maryland well over their quota, nicht wahr?)

Although McComas has long been listed in the USCF expert class, his victory was the more impressive by the fact that so many well-known masters and experts finished below him. 2nd to 4th places were taken by C. Mott, A. Surgies, and G. Hardman, each with 5-1. 5th to 8th were Larry Gilden, M. Tilles, B. Garfinkel, and H. Cimermanis, each with 4½-1½. Other trophies won: Class A: A. Surgies; Class B, Russell Lerch; Class C: Oscar Vinje; Junior, Robert Erkes. Sponsored by the Maryland Chess Association and the Bay Region CC, the event was capably directed by William C. Koenig, assisted by W. Bundick, G. Evering, and T. Priscilla.



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Annotated by Chess Master JOHN W. COLLINS

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BERNARD ZUCKERMAN

Bernard Zuckerman of Brooklyn, a seventeen year old student at Thomas Jefferson High School, compiled six wins and four draws to win the Junior Championship of the Marshall Chess Club. Bernard learned the moves as a child, but has been playing serious chess for only two years. His remarkable memory of openings serves him well in the game below.—JWC.

Marshall Junior Championship
New York, 1960

Notes by Bernard Zuckerman

FRENCH DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 98, c. 18

B. Zuckerman G. Reitze

White Black

1. P-K4 P-K3 3. N-QB3 N-KB3

2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. B-N5 PxP

A solid, but slightly passive, continuation.

5. NxP B-K2

6. BxN PxB

Usually 6., BxB is played.

7. P-KN3

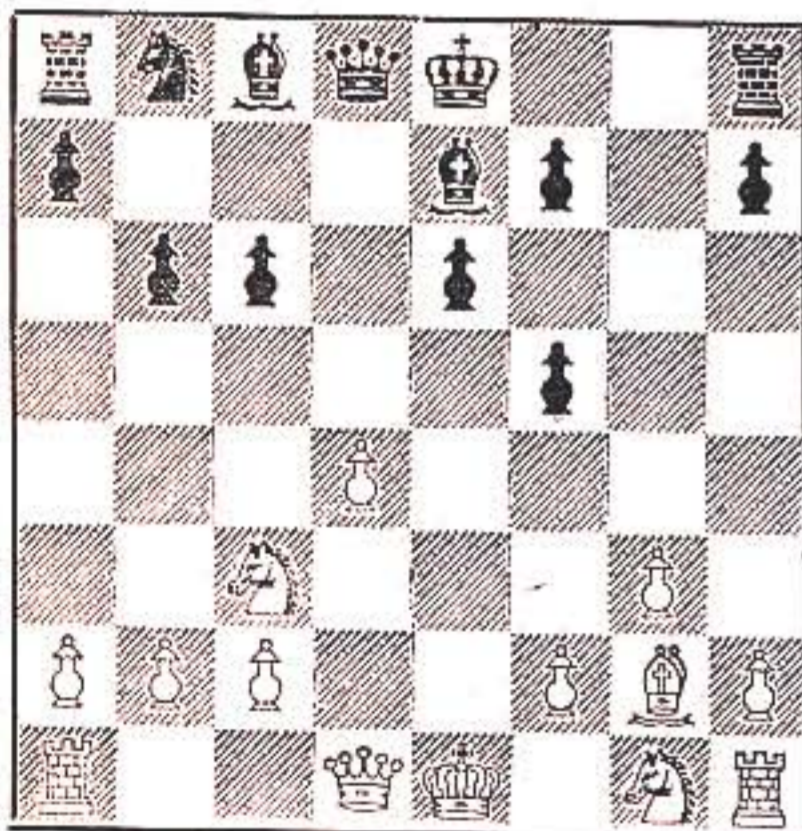
White hampers the development of the Black Bishop at QN2. Another good system is 7. N-KB3, P-N3; 8. B-B4, B-N2; 9. Q-K2 and 10. O-O-O.

7. P-B3

In a game Smyslov-Boleslavsky, Leningrad, 1941, after 7., B-Q2; 8. N-KB3! (not 8. B-N2? B-B3 threatening 9., P-KB4) B-B3; 9. Q-K2, Q-Q4; 10. QN-Q2, N-R3; 11. P-QR3, O-O-O; 12. B-N2, White obtained a very active position.

8. B-N2 P-KB4

9. N-QB3 P-N3?



Position after 9., P-N3?

As was played in the game Opocensky-Flohr, Sliatsch, 1932.

In the diagrammed position, Opocensky played 10. KN-K2 and after 10., B-N2; 11. N-B4, Q-Q3; 12. Q-K2, N-Q2; 13. O-O-O, O-O-O Black had an almost equal game.

10. P-Q5!

First played in the game Estrin-Nikitin, Moscow Championship, 1957. Nikitin continued with 10., B-N2 and after 11. PxKP, QxQch; 12. RxQ, PxP; 13. N-N5! N-R3; 14. N-Q4, B-B3; 15. NxKP, BxP; 16. N-K2, White had a great advantage.

10. KPXP

Not possible is 10., BPxP; 11. NxP! winning material. No. Black's isolated Pawns on the king-side are very weak.

11. NxP! B-N2 14. O-O-O R-Q1

12. NxP QxNch 15. QxQch

13. Q-K2 N-Q2

Perhaps it was stronger to play 15. Q-R5, Q-B3; 16. N-R3.

15. KxQ 17. N-Q4 K-B3

16. N-K2 N-K4 18. KR-K1

The immediate 18. P-KB4 was quite good.

18. R-QB1

Black protects his QBP, but to no avail.

19. P-KB4 N-N5

20. NxQBP

If now 20., BxN then 21. R-Q6ch, or 20., NxP; 21. R-Q6ch, K-N2; 22. R-K5.

20. KR-K1

21. RxR RxR

22. R-Q7 BxN

On 22., R-K8ch; 23. K-Q2, R-KN8 White should win with either 24. RxR or 24. B-Q5.

23. BxB R-K2

24. RxR KxR

25. P-KR3 N-B7

Black could have resisted longer with 25., N-B3.

26. B-N2 P-B3

27. K-Q2 K-Q3

28. K-K2!

But not 28. K-K3? N-Q8ch! Now White wins easily with his extra Pawn.

28. N-K5 31. P-KN4 K-K3

29. BxN PxP 32. P-B4 P-QR3

30. K-K3 P-B4 33. P-N4 Resigns

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Black's win is based on the minority attack and the better Bishop.

Indiana Open

Indianapolis, 1959

SICILIAN DEFENSE

MCO 9: p. 135, c. 70, (n:D)

A. Zujus P. R. Fisher

White Black

1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. NxP N-B3

2. N-KB3 N-QB3 5. N-QB3 P-Q3

3. P-Q4 PxP 6. B-K3

6. B-K2, 6. B-QB4, and 6. P-B3 are the most regular moves.

6. P-QR3

After 6., N-KN5; 7. B-QN5, NxP; 8. PxN, B-Q2; 9. O-O, White has play on the KB file.

7. P-B3 P-K3 11. BxN B-K2

8. B-K2 P-Q2 12. QR-K1 O-O

9. Q-Q2 R-B1 13. B-Q3

10. O-O NxN

White accomplishes nothing with 13. P-K5, PxP; 14. BxKP, B-B3.

13. B-B3

14. Q-B2

Threatening 15. B-N6.

14. N-Q2

15. Q-N3 P-K4?

This leaves a hole at Q4. And if 15., P-B3? 16. B-B4. Black should defend against the mate threat with 15., P-KN3 or 15., N-B3.

Correct is 18. B-QB4! in order to occupy Q5 with a piece and to exert pressure on the weak QP. Then if 18., BxP? 19. NxP, RxP; 20. NxP and White wins.

18. B-B3

19. N-Q5?

Still correct is 19. B-QB4! and now if 19., BxP? 20. NxP, RxP; 21. RxP, RxN? 22. RxN, Q-N5; 23. PxR and White wins.

19. BxN

20. PxP

Threatening mate.

20. P-KN3

21. QR-K1

Better is 21. P-QB4.

21. N-B4

22. BxN RxP

23. B-K4

Better is 23. P-QB4.

23. B-N2

24. P-KB4 P-B4
25. B-Q3 P-K5
Black has a passed-pawn and the better Bishop.

26. P-B3 Q-QB2

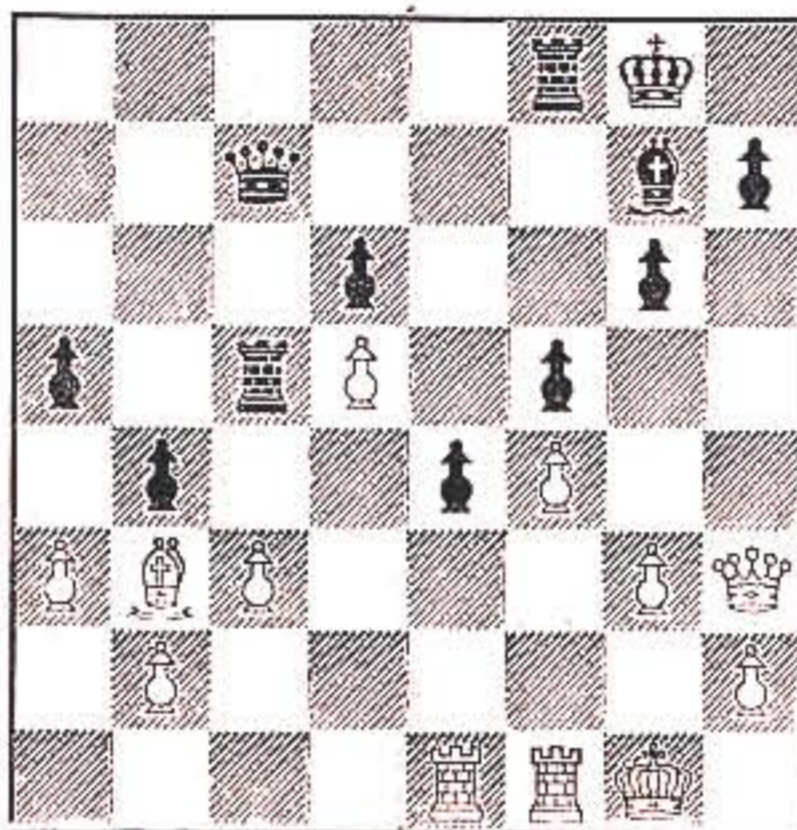
Not 26., RxQP?? 27. B-B4.

27. B-B2 P-QN4!

The minority-attack begins. The threat is 28., P-N5, winning a Pawn.

28. B-N3 P-QR4

29. P-R3 P-N5!



Position after 29., P-N5!

Winning a Pawn, in a few moves.

30. RPxP PxP 33. K-R1 RxNP

31. PxP R-N4 34. P-N4

32. R-B1 Q-R2ch

If 34. R-R1, Q-N3 and if 34. B-B4, RxP.

34. P-K6 36. R-QN1 RxP

35. B-B4 BxP 37. RxP Q-Q5

Black moves in to pick off two more Pawns and clinch the win.

38. Q-N2 PxP

39. R/1-QN1 QxBP

Resigns

BISHOP'S OPENING

MCO 9: p. 72, c. 1

1960 N. E. Seattle Tournament

DR. C. JOACHIM D. WADE

White Black

1. P-K4 P-K4 9. P-B5 N-N3

2. B-B4 N-KB3 10. B-N3 KN-Q2

3. P-B4 P-Q3 11. B-K3 B-N4

4. N-KB3 B-N5 12. N-Q2 BxB

5. P-B3 BxN 13. QxB N-B4

6. QxB QN-Q2 14. P-B6 PxP

7. O-O B-K2 15. Q-R6 NxP

8. P-Q3 O-O 16. R-B3 Resigns

The City Terrace C. C. (Los Angeles, Cal.) has just completed its Expert Candidate Tournament. G. Hultgren of Pasadena took 1st place with a 5-1 score, followed by Ben Kakimi of City Terrace, 2nd, with 4½-1½, and W. O. Smith of Monterey Park, 3rd, with 4-2.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1959 INDEPENDENT C. C. SPRING TOURNAMENT (Report received months ago but lost in the shuffle) Six players competing in a double round robin. 1st Leroy Dubeck, 8-2; 2nd: Herb Hickman, 6½-3½; 3rd: Robin Ault, 6-4; 4th: Robert Durkin, 4-6; Edgar McCormick, 3½-6½; Arthur Paterson, 2-8.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY C. C. CHAMPIONSHIP 24 players, April-May, 1960. The four men qualifying for double round robin finals, Peter Berlow, 5-0; Daniel Gutman, 5-0; Alan Chesler, 5-0; Duane Kennedy, 4-1. Finals: 1st, Berlow, 6-0; Gutman, 4-2; Chesler and Kennedy, unbroken tie, each with 1-5.

KENTUCKY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1960. Played at Louisville, late April. 1st, Charles Weldon, 4½-1½; 2nd, Paul Morrell, 4-1; 3rd, Andy Schoene, 4-1; 4th, Al Quindry, 4-1; 5th, Angelo Sandrin, 3½-1½. Kentucky State champion, 1960, Robert Jacobs who scored 3-2 in what is reported to be the strongest tourney ever held in Kentucky. Directed by R. W. Shields at the Louisville YMCA.

HURON VALLEY OPEN Played at Ypsilanti, Mich. in April. 24 player 5 rd. Swiss. 1st, Paul Poschel, 4.5; 2nd, Stephan Popel, 4.095; 3rd, John Penquite, 4.085; 4th, W. H. Donnelly, 3.585; 5th, Sylvan Zaft, 3.580; 6th, Mark Pence, 3.565. Directed by Albert S. Baptist.

HURON VALLEY AMATEUR (Concurrent with above) 1960 Amateur Champ; 5-0; Class B, Richard Taylor, 4-1; Unrated, Nickolas Charney, 4-1; Class A, Edward Barwick, 3½-1½; Junior, Joe Jacob Jr., 3-2; Class C, Walter Otteson, 2½-2½.

CHESS LIFE COLUMNIST WINS IN USSR CHESS QUIZ CONTEST

The April 23, 1960 issue of "Moscow News," an English-language newspaper published in Moscow, carried a report of the results of a Chess Quiz—actually a four-diagram equivalent of the late "What's The Best Move" column of this paper. Contestants were to solve three problems and one end-game study, with appropriate analysis of the possible variations. Although entries were received from many countries of Europe, Asia "and America"—aside from those from within the USSR—only 36 contestants furnished solutions and analysis sufficiently correct and complete to be rated as perfect. Of these 36, 19 were from the USSR, while 6 of the 17 non-USSR solvers were from the United States. Among the American winners was our "Finish It The Clever Way" columnist, Edmund Nash of Washington, D.C., who informs us that the prize to be received by each of the 36 winners is a Russian chess book, autographed by both Tal and Botvinnik. Other American winners were: John W. Harvey, Hollywood, Fla.; Barry Grundland, Charles Fenner, and Herman Dilliard, all of St. Paul, Minn.; and M. A. Kitelson, of Minneapolis.

Solutions to Finish It The Clever Way:

Position No. 263: 1., NxNP! 2. BxN, RxRP; 3. RxRP, K-B6! (the critical move); 4. R-R3ch, K-N5; 5. K-N3, R-Q7! and the Pawn falls. In the game, Black played 3., R-N7? and lost after 4. R-R3ch, K-Q5; 5. R-N3 and 6. K-R3, for White could now protect his Pawn with the Bishop.

Position No. 264: 1. N-Q6ch, K-Q1; 2. N-B7ch, K-K1 (if K-K2; 3. N-K5, and 4. NxN); 3. N-Q6ch, K-K2; 4. N-B5ch, K-K3 (if K-B3; 5. RxR, KxN; 6. RxPch and the center Pawns fall); 5. N-N7ch, K-Q3; 6. N-B5ch, K-B3; 7. N-K7ch, K-Q3; 8. N-B5ch, and the position is repeated.

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With target date for OPERATION M just around the corner, it seems a pretty stiff assignment. However, if we just sit and say, "Well, of course, I'll do the best I can, but even if we don't reach 5,000 members, we still did a pretty good job, etc.," we are not only adopting a defeatist attitude but we are letting down the many state chairmen who worked so hard.

So let's waste no time consoling or congratulating—let's get back on the job! We can hit that target if we take aim carefully; or, speaking chessically, if we re-examine our position, formulate a plan of attack, marshal our heavy pieces—and make the right moves!

Here are a few helpful hints:

1. Recruit co-workers, among your friends and club members. They should be sincere, interested, and enterprising. The important thing to remember is that no one can do a job efficiently all by himself; the best executive picks the right people to work with.

2. If there are masters or experts in your area, enlist them in OPERATION M. Have them give simul, at your club, or at your home. The fee for playing is a USCF membership. You'll be surprised at how many will respond!

3. Sponsor a 30-30 tournament at your club, making the entrance fee a USCF membership. We held one recently at the Steiner Club, and brought in 20 new members!

4. Here's a real tip: the easiest and quickest way to get people to join USCF—no fuss, no bother, no expense—is to approach any chess player and—ask him to join! . . . That's right: just ask him to join USCF to promote chess, strengthen organized chess, increase interest in chess, insure U. S. chess supremacy, or what have you, and you'll be surprised. He will—nine chances out of ten!

Good luck and let me hear from you. My address is 1545 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles 46.

From: R. H. Kuhns, Chicago Membership Committeeman

To: Fred Cramer, General Membership Chairman

Several new clubs here and I, all working with Illinois Chairman John Nowak for many new members. See you in St. Louis!

From: Col. John Matheson, Virginia Membership Chairman

To: Frank Brady, Business Manager

Please send 12 membership packets, each including promotional folder, application blank, envelope, and any other appropriate material, to each of the following newly-appointed Local Membership Chairmen:

Charles W. Rider, Norfolk 2

Robert L. Vassar, Richmond

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Hint For Postal Players

Do you play correspondence chess? How about talking up OPERATION M on your postcards? A simple line, such as "Hope you can help with USCF membership drive," put on cards by your Membership Chairman, brought these replies:

"I'll talk up the USCF to everyone I can,"—Francis G. Bennett, Somerville, Mass.

"I shall be glad to help in any way I'm able with the USCF program. Chess certainly needs an organization like that!"—John Bonavita, Maspeth, New York.

"I'll do what I can re USCF membership in my neck of the woods,"—Joe Weininger, Scotia, New York.

"Will give my attention to membership whenever the opportunity arises,"—Clarence Kalenian, Philadelphia, Penn.

Reader Frank J. Skoff of Chicago writes:

"CHESS LIFE should make some mention of the fact that at long last one Chicago newspaper, the Sun-Times, had the good taste to inaugurate a chess column.

On April 10 of this year, just about three weeks ago, the Chicago Sun-Times started the chess column, to be edited by Koltanowski. Last week the paper reported an excellent response from its readers—over 2,000 cards and letters came in to the paper. (I clipped out that material to send to you, but have mislaid the clipping.)

And the Chicago Daily-News takes an advertisement in the Sun-Times, featuring a photograph of its popular columnist, Sidney Harris, playing chess.

Things are looking up. (The Sun-Times even published my postcard congratulating it for starting the chess column, the day after it was inaugurated.)"

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.

The seemingly "negative" role of the B1Q and B1R on R7 characterizes the so-called "Howard Theme" presented in No. 1089. We are certain our solvers will "catch" it.

Problem No. 1089

By T. Feldman

Tijdschrift 1933



Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1091

By N. Marysko

Zlata Olesnice, Tchechoslovakie

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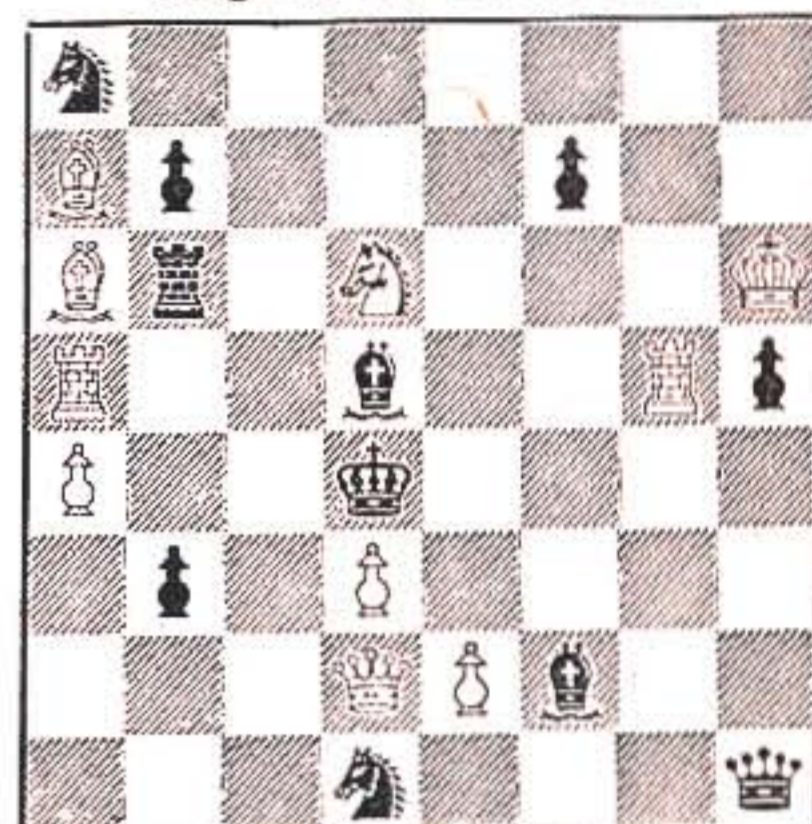
Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1090

By Dante H. Rizzetti

Argentina

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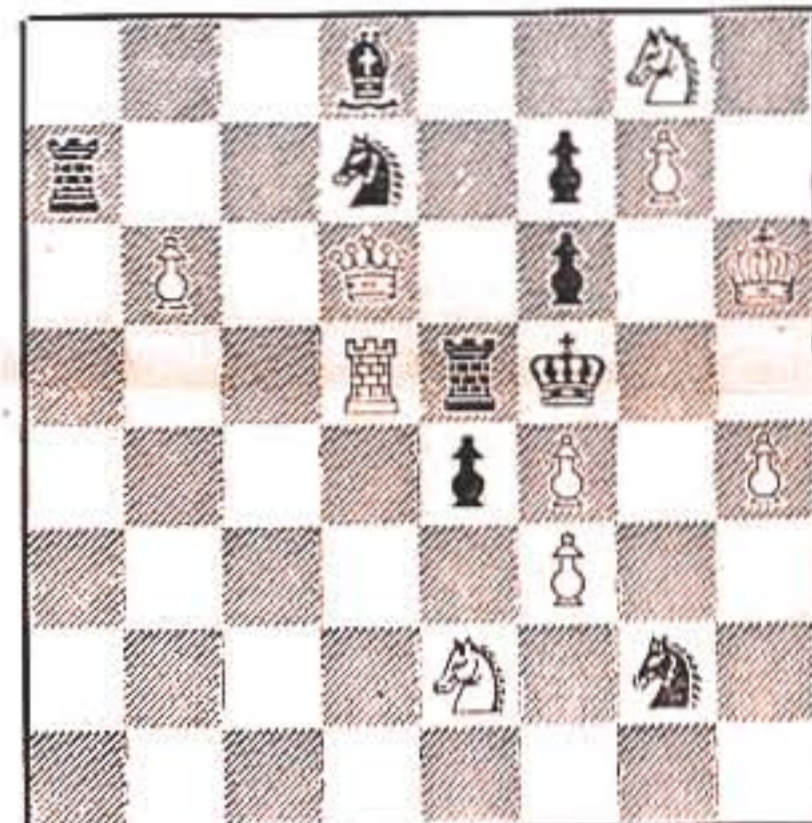
Mate in two moves

Problem No. 1092

By J. J. P. A. Seilberger

The Hague, Holland

Original for Chess Life



Mate in three moves

Solutions to "Mate the Subtle Way".

No. 1077 Niemeyer: "Pure Block" position. RB3 moves horizontally: 2. Q-B5 mate; perpendicularly: 2. Q-Q6 mate; RR6 moves: 2. B-N3 mate; B moves: 2. Q-KN5 mate; p moves: 2. R-N4 mate. Keymove 1. K-R4 waiting! No threat! The point of this problem is that: of all 8 squares available to the WhK, ONLY R4 is safe with correct solution. KN4: B-B? KB4 or KB3 or KB2: RxP? KN2 or KR2: R-R2? Etc. All set mates remain the actual mates. No. 1078 Bernard: "Changed mate Block" position. There are 9 set mates, before the keymove. Most of them change after the key: 7. R-Qsq. Waiting, no threat! No. 1079 Wurzburg: "Added mate Block" position. 2 set mates: 1., N any, 2. N-K6 and 1., PN4, 2. Q-R7 mate. Key 1. K-N2 waiting! The 2 set mates remain the same, while "added" to them are 8 new mates produced by the moves of the free B1 R. No. 1080 Hertman: "Block Threat" position. Set: 1., QxR, 2. RxQ; 1., BxR, 2. NxB; 1., NxB, 2. NxB; 1., NxB, 2. R-K3. Keymove 1. N-B3 threatening 2. QxN mate. Now if 1., BxR, 2. NxB; 1., NxB, 2. N(B3)xN; 1., NxB, 2. QxN etc.

A five-man team from Memphis smeared a Nashville aggregation in a double round match, 9-1. R. S. Scrivener, at Board 1, took two from Andy Bowen. On Board 2 the Memphis CC champ, J. A. Wright, took two from Peter Lahde. J. A. Spiegel and T. Armstrong of Memphis scored 2-0 on Boards 4 and 5, respectively, against Dr. Robert Semmer and Gary Ratliff. J. F. Aydelett of Nashville, on Board 3, was the only opponent to dent the Memphis score, breaking even at 1-1 with his Memphis opposite number, Carl Spies.

The Memphis Club Championship tourney, also a double round robin, saw J. A. Wright squeezing out a win over the veteran R. S. Scrivener who placed 2nd. Wright scored 9½ (out of 12) to Scrivener's 9. J. A. Spiegel placed 3rd with 7½, after some trouble with his clock, which caused him to lose two games on time—one with winner Wright at a time when Spiegel was

4 pawns up, and with a superior position. 4th place went to Tennessee Junior Champ, T. A. Armstrong, with 6½, while Carl Spies took 5th with 6 points.

The annual championship tournament of the Baltic C. C. (New York) ended with Jan Pamiļjens and Peter Zirnis tied for the lead, each with 12 wins, 2 losses, and 1 draw. They will play a four game match for the title. Close behind them with 12-3, Arvid Pūrmals took third place. Gunar Znotins, with 11½, was fourth. Karl Berzins and John Lacis shared an unbroken tie for fifth place, each with 10-5. Feature of the event was the play of Pamiļjens who took 11½ points from his first 12 games, lost the 13th and 14th, and, entering the final round a full point behind Zirnis, defeated the latter to tie for top honors. A special prize for the best score against the top prize winners went to the veteran player, Martin Pagasts, who won from Pūrmals and drew with Pamiļjens.

Tournament Life

Tournament organizers wishing announcements of their forthcoming USCF rated events to appear in this column should make application at least six weeks before the publication date of the issue of **CHESS LIFE** in which you wish to have the announcement appear. Special forms for requesting such announcements may be obtained only from USCF Business Manager Frank Brady, 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.

July 22, 23, 24

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

At Mechanics Institute, 57 Post St., San Francisco, Cal. Sponsored by California State Chess Federation. 5 rd Swiss—1 Fri., 2 Sat. and 2 Sun. Entry fee: \$2.50 plus \$5 USCF dues and \$2.50 Cal. State Fed. dues, for non-members. All entry fees less rating costs returned to players in prizes. Winner qualifies for Closed California State Tourney in fall. For advance entry or information contact USCF Membership Committee, 59 Stoneybrook Ave., San Francisco 12, California.

July 29, 30, 31

CAROLINAS OPEN

Sponsored by the Chess Associations of North and South Carolina. At Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. 6-rd. Swiss. Open to all USCF members. Entry fee, \$5.00, Juniors \$3.00. 1st prize, \$100, others according to receipts from entries. 1st round begins 1 p.m., July 29; for further details write Prof. L. L. Foster, 1704 Green St., Columbia, South Carolina.

August 6-7.

CINCINNATI OPEN

At Parkway YMCA, 1105 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Sponsored by the Parkway CC, 6 rd Swiss. Time limit 45 moves in 1½ hours on Saturday—50 moves in 2 hours on Sunday. Entry fees: \$5.30 (\$2.80 for Juniors under 18) plus USCF membership dues for non-members. Prizes: 75% of entry fee receipts paid out in prizes, cash merchandise or trophy at winner's option. TD's: T. Lajcik and J. Hanken. For further details or advance entry, write R. B. Hayes, 73 Hamlin Drive, Cincinnati 18, Ohio.

The New York Latvian Team traveled to Cleveland on Memorial Day and played the Cleveland Latvians a double round on six boards. With Rankis and Znotins scoring double wins against their respective Cleveland opponents, Stauvers and Berzzarins, Mednis taking 1½ points from Garais, and Pamiljens and Purmalis breaking even (1-1) with Stepan and Baumanis, New York won by an 8-4 score. On Board 6, Krumins of Cleveland was the only member of the home team to outpoint his opponent (1½-½) Ezergailis.

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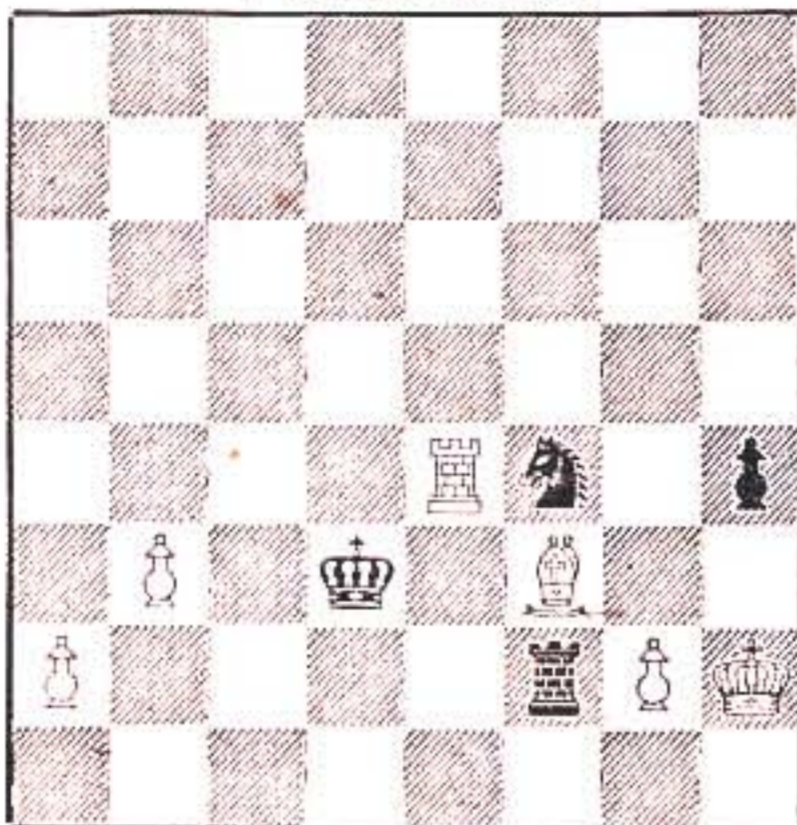
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Finish It The Clever Way! by Edmund Nash

Position No. 263
E. Nash vs. L. Gilden
Washington, 1960



Black to play and draw.

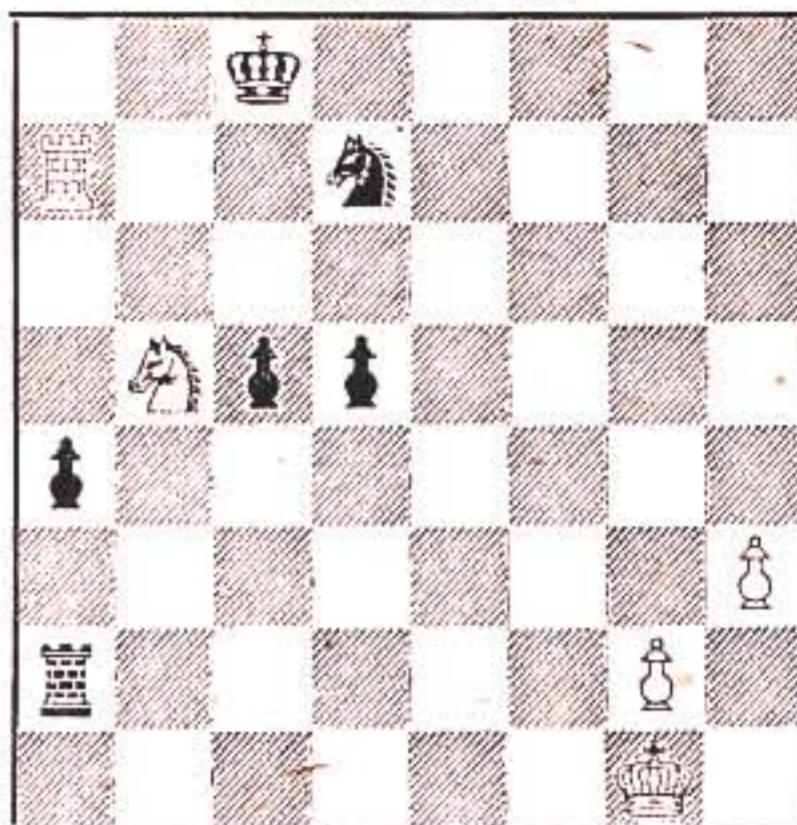
These positions occurred in the District of Columbia 1960 championship. In No. 263, Black started the drawing combination correctly, but erred in the continuation and lost. Irwin Sigmond, former **CHESS LIFE** columnist, pointed out the neat drawing line.

In No. 264, Black must give up his knight or the two center pawns if he wants to escape perpetual check. This appears to be White's simplest drawing line. Position No. 235 appears to have been given incorrectly as a win for White, after 1. R(R)-K1. Edmund E. Hand of New Haven, Conn., has called to my attention the powerful move 1. R-N3! which indicates a win for Black: if 2. QxPch K-Q2; 3. R-Q1 (if QxB, QxQ; 4. RxQ, RxR mate), R-Q3; and White cannot win the Bishop because his King would be mated. If 4. RxRch KxR; 5. Q-B4ch R-K4! and Black's extra piece should win.

For solutions, please turn to page 6, column 4.

Send all contributions to this column to Edmund Nash, 1530 28th Place, S.E., Washington 20, D.C.

Position No. 264
L. Gilden vs. R. Grande
Washington, 1960



White to play and draw.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

July

12, 19, 26—**GOLDEN GATE RATING TOURNAMENT**, San Francisco, California (CL-6/20/60)

16, 17—**PLATTE VALLEY OPEN**, Columbus, Nebraska. (CL-6/20/60)

29-Aug 5—**U.S. JUNIOR**, Log Cabin CC, W. Orange, N.J. (CL-5/5/60)

30-31—**TEXAS JUNIOR**, Dallas, Texas (CL-12/20/59)

30-31—**4th ANNUAL ARKANSAS OPEN**, Hot Springs, Ark. (CL-6/5/60)

31—**10th ANNUAL VALLEY OF THE MOON CHESS FESTIVAL**, Sonoma, California (CL-6/5/60)

Aug. 8-19—**U.S. OPEN**, St. Louis, Mo. (CL-5/20/60)

27-28—**PAN HANDLE OPEN**, Lubbock, Texas (CL-12/20/59)

Sept. 3-5—**SOUTHWEST OPEN**, Albuquerque, N.M. (CL-5/5/60)

NEW AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN U.S. JUNIOR

Our younger players will have a field day this year by playing in the Junior Championship which will be held from July 29th to August 5th at West Orange, New Jersey.

In addition to the grand first prize of transportation plus \$200 expense money for the winner so that he may be able to compete in the U.S. Open at St. Louis, the winner will also receive a beautiful silver trophy for possession for one year and a permanent replica that he may keep for life. The trophy is the John W. Collins Award for the U.S. Junior Championship, financed by Jack and friends, with cooperation from USCF. It may be noted that Jack has probably done more for chess and youth than any other chess Master in this country by way of private lessons and constant and untiring encouragement to all young players. This will be a yearly award, and the winner will receive a replica for his possession every year.

In addition to the above, another untiring worker for youth and chess, Edgar T. McCormick, USCF Vice-President, will award a trophy to the highest ranking legitimate high-school player in the Junior, and he will be officially recognized by USCF as the National High School Chess Champion for this year. It is hoped that this title will be incorporated in conjunction with every U.S. Junior in the future.

Dr. Kurt Hirschmann won the Pittsfield (Mass.) YMCA chess club title for the sixth time in 10 years with a convincing 8½-1½ score. Second was George Munson, who defeated Hirschmann, and third was Fred Townsend, who drew with Hirschmann, John Semeniw, seeking his third straight title, finished in fourth place.

Henry Rock scored 11-3, to successfully defend his Class B title, although he had to share the honors with a high school senior, Edward Kotski. Robert Bilodeau (10½-3½) led all the way, but lost in the final round to Richard Hope, the latter's only win.

Fifteen year old Louis Petithory posted a score of 17½-2½ to win the Class C championship hands down. Carl Oldenburger won the tournament for new members with an 8½-1½ tally.

Twelve teams have registered to play in the newly formed Western Massachusetts Open Chess Team League. Entries to date include Chatham, Washington, Lanesboro, Lee-Lenox, North Adams, North Pittsfield, South Pittsfield, Cranwell Preparatory School, Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield North Junior High School, General Electric Company, and the Chess Queens.

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The Morningside Heights CC played a drawn match with the Baltic CC in New York recently.

Morningside Hts.	Baltic
1. Ratcliffe0	A. Rankis1
2. R. Hays1	J. Pamiljens0
3. Mosenfelder½	P. Zirniss½
4. McIntosh0	Purmalis1
5. Stockhold0	Staknys1
6. Kirshenbaum ..1	Shukys0
7. Thorne1	Pagasts0
3½	3½

The London Terrace CC (New York City) played its championship tournament February to April, 1960, with David Hoffman winning the title in the finals on S-B points over 2nd place Manuel Gonzales, after each had scored 4-1. 3rd, with 2½-2½ came Samuel Motur, with Richard Brenneis and Asa Hoffman finishing 4th and 5th respectively, after each had scored 2-3. The tournament was directed by famous artist-chess-player Marcel Duchamp.

The Phoenix CC (Arizona) champion for 1959 was Philip Luks, with 8½-½. 2nd was Danny Gollub, 7½-1½; 3rd, Mabel Burlingame, 7-2; David Gollub and Larry Kingery shared an unbroken tie for 4th and 5th with 5½-3½. Larry won a special prize for top B player, and Margie McKenna won another for top C honors.

Jacques Coe, head of the Wall Street brokerage house bearing the same name, was elected president of the Manhattan CC, which claims to be the "oldest and foremost" chess club in the United States. Mr. Coe is also Vice President of the American Chess Foundation. Any arguments in possible rebuttal of the "oldest and foremost" statement should be directed to the club, which, founded in 1877, is now located at 35 West 64th St., New York 23, New York.

RABBI SCHICK WINS SHAMOKIN OPEN

The first open chess tournament of Shamokin, Pa. was won by Rabbi Dr. Michael Schick, spiritual leader of the B'nai Israel Congregation. In a double round robin competition Rabbi Schick amassed a total of 6½ points in eight rounds. A close second was Rev. G. C. Bingaman, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, who racked up six points. The two clergymen split their points when they played each other. The difference came when Rabbi Schick was able to hold third place winner, Edward J. Becker to a draw in the second round, after Becker had defeated Bingaman in the first round.

The scores: Schick 6½, Bingaman 6, Becker 3½, William F. Shultz 3, and Ely Moskowitz, 1.

The tournament winner was awarded a chess clock as first place prize.