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## Air Force Retains Armed Forces Crown

For the third straight year the U.S. Air Force won the Armed Forces Championship played in Washington, D.C. The five Air Force players scored 28 points in the nine rounds of play to retain custody of the Thomas Emery Championship Trophy.

The individual champion, not decided until the very last moment, is Airman David M. Lees of James Connally AFB, Texas. Lees' total of seven points placed him a half-point ahead of Army PFC George W. Berry of Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Scoring six points were Airman Alfred W. Kershaw of Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and the Navy's Samuel E. Greenlaw of Washington. Kershaw had the edge in tiebreak points and was awarded third place, Greenlaw taking fourth. Fifth place went to Coast Guardsman Zacarias S. Chavez from the Philippines who edged out Air Force T/Sgt. George Krauss Jr. of Westover AFB, Mass. Each scored $51 / 2$.

Airman Walter Harris of Mather AFB, California took seventh with five points and there was a three-way tie for eighth among Army PFC Michael E. Shahade of 19th Infantry, Germany, Ross F. Sprague of Hichman AFB, Hawaii, and the Navy's Johan A. Hansen of Norfolk, Va.

A total of sixteen players took part in the tournament which was sponsored for the sixth time by the American Chess Foundation with the cooperation of the Department of Defense, USO, American Legion, U.S.C.F. and recreation authorities of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The games were played in the American Legion "Hall of Flags" and competition began on Saturday, November 6, following a National Capital USO Club luncheon that featured greetings from Vice President Humphrey and American Legion National Commander L. Eldon James.

The Emery Trophy was presented to the winning team by General David M. Shoup, retired Commandant of Marines and Honorary President of the American Chess Foundation. The new individual champion was recognized by President Johnson in a presentation by Major Hugh G. Robinson, Army Aide at the White House.

## ZUCKERMAN WINS IN N.J.

USCF Senior Master Bernard Zuckerman of Brooklyn, N.Y.-who will soon be competing in the United States Championship for the first time-scored a clean victory in the largest of the Labor Day tournaments held in this country, the New Jersey Open. Zuckerman's score of $61 / 2-1 / 2$ placed him ahead of a field of 195 players and gave him the $\$ 250$ first prize. Finishing with scores of 6-1 and receiving $\$ 75$ each were James Sherwin, New York City; James Gore, New York City; Michael Valvo, Guilderland Center, N.Y. Dr. Michael Hailparn, who was U.S. Amateur Champion in 1964, was awarded the New Jersey State title.
Nine states and Mexico were represented in this tournament, the largest New Jersey Open ever held. Class prizes were awarded as follows: Top Expert, M. Hailparn; Class A, Charles Steir, 5-2; Class B, Sig Hauck, 41/2.21/2; Class C, Gunther Schmidt, 4-3; Unrated, R. Cayford, $41 / 2 \cdot 21 / 2$; Junior, Walter Browne, $51 / 2-11 / 2$. The tournament was sponsored by the New Jersey State Chess Federation and was directed by William Lukowiak, assisted by Robert Erkes and Donald Haffner.

## PIATIGORSKY CUP

The second Piatigorsky Cup Tournament will be played at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, California from Sunday, July 17, 1966 to Wednesday, August 10. Participating will be eight of the leading grandmasters in the world, including two from the Soviet Union.

The event, officially sanctioned by FIDE, will be a double round robin and will have an outstanding prize fund of $\$ 13,000$. The winner will receive $\$ 3,000$.

The first Piatigorsky Tournament, held in 1963, ended in a tie between world champion Tigran Petrosian and Paul Keres. The other players, in order of finish, were Najdorf, Olafsson, Reshevsky, Gligoric, Benko and Panno. It was the first international tournament held in the United States in many years.

## OUR COVER

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# Ial in the Saddle by Rotiert Byrne 

In his candidates' match with Larsen, Tal looked, through the first nine games, more like the underdog than the world-beater he is. In fact he had needed - and gotten - some lucky breaks to keep an even score against the Devastating Dane. But, in the tenth and deciding match game, it was Tal in the saddle again. For the first time in the match he played his opening sharply to obtain the advantage. Having achieved that, he immediately rocked the board with an electrifying sacrifice-the kind that his fans expect of him at his best. The beautiful and profound combination triggered by the Knight sacrifice is what makes the game.

## SICILIAN DEFENSE

TaI
Larsen

| 1. | P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2. | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. | NxP | P-K3 |
| 5. | N-QB3 | P-Q3 |

5. 

, Q-B2 is more usual here; Larsen is switching from the Taimanov System into a Scheveningen variation.
6. B-K3

In the eighth game Tal adopted the quiet, positional 6. P-KN3, but even though he got some slight pressure with it, Larsen made a draw without too much effort. The text move is more in line with Tal's aggressive style since it permits White to set up an attacking formation.
6.
N-B3
7. P-B4
B-K2
8. $Q-B 3$
0.0

Since White obviously intends Q-side castling, it is possible that it would be safer for Black to do likewise by P-QR3;

> ........, B-Q2; and ........, Q-B2.
9. $0.0-0$

Q-B2
Black had to be on guard against 10 . P-K5.

## 10. N/4-N5

This move, which temporarily displaces the Black Queen, should not alter the position in any significant way, since the Knight will be driven back at once. It does, however, tempt Larsen to save a move by not bothering to return his Queen to B2 and it thus plays its part in setting up the combination which wins the game.
10. ........

Q-N1
11. P-KN4


The White strategy in this, as in so many Sicilian variations, is ultra-simple. It just calls for the checkmate of the Black King.


The alternative counterattack 13. ........, P-K4 fails, although only after some exciting tactical play. The answer is 14. P-N5! and then
(a) 14. ........, PxB; 15. PxN, BxP; 16. N-Q5, B-Q1; 17. P-B5 and White's K-side attacking chances will prevail. If, in this line, 15. …..., PxN then 16. PxB, PxPch; 17. KxP, R-K1; 18. P-K5! RxP; 19. PxP, R-Q2; 20. Q-K4 (see diagram 1) and Black is helpless. (b) 14. ........, B-N5; 15. Q-N3, BxR; 16. PxN, BxKBP; 17. N-Q5, PxB; 18. NxBch, K-R1; 19. R-KN1 (see dlagram 2) and Black can resign. If, in this last line, $15 . . . . \ldots ., \mathrm{PxB}$, then 16. RxP, B-R4; 17. PxN, BxP; 18. R-Q5, B-N3; 19. P-B5, B-R4; 20. RxP (see diagram 3) and White has a pawn and threats to Black's K-side ( RxB is the most obvious) that are all but impossible to parry.


Diagram 1 (Analysis)
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Diagram 2 (Analysis)

14. P-N5
15. B-Q3

## N-Q2

It is obvious that White has an awful lot of firepower aimed in the direction of Black's King.
15.
P-N5
16. N-Q5!!
........


The lightning bolt that shatters open a veritable Pandora's box of combinative havoc.
16. ........ PxN

The sacrifice cannot be declined by 16. ........, B-Q1 because then 17. N-B6 ch! wins. For example: 17. ........, PxN; 18. PxP, BxP; 19. KR-N1 ch, K-R1; 20. P-K5, B-KN2; 21. RxB! KxR; 22. Q-N4 ch, K-R1; 23. R-N1 and mate next.

## 17. PxP

The primary threat is to win the Bishop by $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 4$. In response the retreat 17. ........, B-Q1 fails against 18. BxPch! KxB ; 19. Q-R5ch, K-N1; 20. BxP! KxB; 21. Q-R6ch, K-N1; 22. P-N6, N-B3; 23. KR-N1, B-B4; 24, P-N7!
17.


It is very difficult to decide whether this move or 17. ......... P-N3 gives the best defense. The latter envisions bringing Black's QB to KB4 (after N-B4) to heIp in the defense. It has the disadvantage of giving White the opportunity of opening the KR-file by P-KR4-R5. Still, in the time it takes to do that, Black might be able to bring his Q-side pieces to the defense.
18. QR-KI

R-B2
Black must defend his seventh rank as well as his Bishop. If 18. ........, B-Q1, then 19. Q-R5 sets up the threat of a Bishop sacrifice on KN7. Tal gives 20 . ........, N-B4; 21. BxNP! NxBch; 22. K-N1 (not 22. PxN, Q-B2 ch) NxR; 23. P-N6!! $\mathrm{KxB} ; 24$. QxPch, K-B3; 25. P-N7, R-B2? 26. $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 8=\mathrm{N}$ mate. Here 25. ........, R-K1 is better, but still loses after 26. R-N1! N-N7! 27. P-N8=Q, RxQ; 28. QxR and Black is helpless. However, Black's best is 22. Q-B2! 23. BxR, NxR! 24. RxN, Q-B2; 25. QxQ ch, KxQ; 26. BxP and with White's three pawns balanced by Black's piece, the ending will be no walkaway for either side.
19. P-KR4

B-N2

19. $\qquad$ . N-B4 loses to 20. P-R5, NxB ch; 21. QxN, B-B1; 22. P-N6, R-K2; 23. RxR, BxR; 24. P-R6!!

## 20. BxBP

20. P-R5 with a follow-up as in the previous note may be the best.
21. 

## 21. R×B N-K4?

But this makes things easy for White. Correct was 21. $\qquad$ R-B2; 22. RxR, KxR, but after 23. R-K1, Q-Q1; 24. Q-K4, N-B1; 25. P-R5. Black still has no hope of saving the game.
22. Q-K4

Q-KB1

22. R-B2 now fails against 23. RxR, NxR; 24. P-N6! PxP; 25. QxP, QKB1; 26. R-N1, and there is no defense.
23. PxN

R-B5?
Better was 23. ........, QxR; 24. QxR, BxP which at least denies White a strong passed pawn in the center.
24. Q-K3

R-B6?
This leads to a Bishops-of-oppositecolor game which, however, is an easy win for White. Larsen should have tried

## 24.

 BxR, 27. QxQNP for even though White's three pawns and dominating position outweigh the piece, Black can still put up a fight. Black also had the choice of 25. ........ BxR; 26. RxPch, $Q \times R ; 27 . B \times Q$, Roo 28. K-Q2, KxB, getting two Rooks and Bishop for White's Queen. But, despite Black's material advantage, White smartly forces the win here by 29. P-Q7, R/8-B1; 30. P-R5!! and, if 30 . …...., QR-Q1, then 31. Q-K7 ch, K-N1; 32. P-R6, or, if 30 . ........, K-B2, then 31. Q-K5, QR-Q1; 32. Q-B6 ch, K-N1; 33. Q-K6 ch, R-B2; 34. P-N6.| 25. $Q-K 2$ | $Q \times R$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 26. $Q \times R$ | $P \times P$ |
| 27. $R-K 1$ | $R-Q 1$ |
| 28. $R \times P$ | $Q-Q 3$ |
| 29. $Q-B 4$ | $R-K B 1$ |

29. ........, BxP?? loses the Queen after 30. R-K8ch.
30. Q-K4 P-N6

A hopeless attempt to create a diversion.

| 31. RPxP | R-B8ch |
| :--- | ---: |
| 32. K-Q2 | Q-N5ch |
| 33. P-B3 | Q-Q3 |



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

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34. B-B5!

A pretty way to finish a ferocious game.

| 34. | QxB |
| :---: | :---: |
| 35. R-K8ch | R-BI |
| 36. Q-K6ch | K-R1 |
| 37. Q-B7! | Resigns |



A masterpiece of tactical virtuosity.

## HUDSON WINS CALIF. OPEN

Capt. John Hudson, winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship in 1956 and now a USCF master, won the 85 -player California Open played in Fresno over the Labor Day weekend. Hudson's score of $6-1$ was matched by runner-up John Blackstone, but the median column gave Hudson a $1 / 2$-point edge. Zoltan Kovacs, David Blohm, Paul Perillo, Max Wilkerson, and Norman Wood all scored $51 / 2$ points and finished third through seventh in the order listed. It was a strong field, twenty-two of the players being rated experts or masters. The tournament was sponsored by the California State Chess Federation and was directed by Gordon Barrett.

## U. N. OPEN

Edward Formanek, scoring $61 / 2-1 / 2$, took a clear first in the 165 -player United Nations Open, played in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend. Joseph Pundy, V. Palciauskas, Stephan Popel, Dr. Eugene Martinowsky, and Richard Verber -all with 6-1-tied for second through fifth.

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## VIENNA GAME

R. Wachtel
D. Grimshaw

1. P-K4

P-K4
2. N-QB3
3. B-B4

N-KB3
N-B3

After 3. ........, NxP; 4. Q-R5, N-Q3; 5. B-N3, both 5. ........, N-B3 and 5. B...... B-K2 are sufficient. Also 3. $\qquad$ B-B4 is a good defense.

## 4. P-B4

Most authorities recommend 4. P-Q3, but the late Weaver W. Adams endorsed the text.

## 4.

NxP
Theory claims that this move proves White's last to be premature, but, as this game shows, it is not without danger for Black.

## 5. N-B3

N-Q3
Here it is possible to continue 5. ........, NxN; 6. QPxN, PxP (if 6. ......., Q-K2; 7. P-QN4—but not 7. O-O?? Q-B4 ch) 7. BxP , but in this variation White, in return for the pawn, has good development and possibilities of attack.

## 6. B-Q5!

An improvement by Adams. "Official theory" recommends here the retreat 6. B-N3, which allows Black the possibility of exchanging this Bishop with an eventual $\qquad$ N -Q5. (For example, in the variation 6. B-N3, P-K5; 7. N-KN5, P-KR3; 8. KNxKP, NxN; 9. Q-K2, Q-K2 (or 9.

N-Q5; 10. QxN ch, Q-K2) 10. $\mathrm{QxN}, \mathrm{QxQ}$ ch; 11. NXQ, N-Q5 with the better ending in both cases.
6.
P-K5
7. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 5$
B-K2
7. ........, Q-R5 ch; 8. P-N3, Q-R6 is an interesting possibility.

## 8. P-Q3!

Formerly Adams recommended such continuations as 8. Q-R5 or 8. O-0, only advancing the QP later.
8. ........
9. $0-0$
PxP
N-N5?


Exchanging the Bishop on Q5 for the QN only loses time and brings White's Knight into the game. Black should look for a way to remedy the basic defects of his position: the badly misplaced N on Q3 and the strong position of White's

N on K5. This, however, is not so simple. After 9. ........, 0-0 (to protect the KBP and prepare for $\qquad$ N -K1) there follows 10. Q-R5! with the dangerous threat of 11. R-B3 and 12. R-R3. If Black answers R-R3 with ........, P-KR3, White has the possibilities of N -N4 (with a N sacrifice on KR6), P-B5 (and BxRP) and Q-N6 with threats on KR6. After 9. ........, O-O; 10. Q-R5, there are possibilities of defense with 10 . ........, N-Q5 or 10. ........, NxN; 11. PxN, P-KN3. After the text, Black is lost.

| 10. P-B5! | B-B3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 11. B-KB4 | NxB |
| 12. $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{N}$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ |
| 13. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{KN} 4!$ | B-Q5ch |
| 14. K-R1 | P-KB3 |

In order to stop 15. P-B6, but White has other possibilities. Simply 15. BxN and 16. QxP would leave Black with an untenable position. Playing for mate in this position, however, cannot be criticized.
15. QxP
B-K4
16. BxB

Stronger than 16. NxB, PxN; 17. BxP, N-K1; 18. Q-B4! which would be sufficient.

| 16. ........ | PxB |
| :--- | ---: |
| 17. P-B6! | P-N3 |
| 18. N-K7ch | K-B2? |

In case of 18. ........, K-R1 the game would end soon, also, after 19. Q-R3! threatening 20. NxPch. (19. ........, R-B2 or 19. $\qquad$ Q-K1; 20. NxKP!) Weaker would be 19. NxP ch, PxN; 20. QxP, R-B2, which would allow Black to resist a little longer.

| 19. Q-Q5ch | K-K1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 20. QxKP | N-B2 |
| 21. Q-K2 | $\ldots . . .$. |

The text is not too bad a move since Black resigned at this point, but a pretty conclusion would have been, as Wachtel pointed out while showing me the game, 21. N-B5 ch!! NxQ; 22. N-N7 ch, K-B2; 23. N-R6 mate!! A very beautiful and unusual mate with two Knights.


What might have been.

KOTOV-ROBATSCH DEFENSE D. Rivera
D. Suttles

1. P-Q4

P-KN3
Suttles invariably adopts this "rat" defense, believing it to be sound.
2. P-K4
B-N2
3. P-QB4

White makes no attempt to refute Black's opening, preferring positional methods.

## 3. <br> P-Q3 <br> 4. N-QB3 <br> N-QB3

Most players would prefer 4. $\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{KB} 3$, transposing into the King's Indian Defense, but Mr. Suttles goes his own road in the openings; one, however, which cannot be recommended to the general public. Suttles prefers the text move to 4. ........, N-KB3 since the latter blocks the KBP and the diagonal of the KB and since, also, the KN may in some cases be developed on KR3 or K2. This reminds me of Philidor's opinion that after 1. P-K4, P-K4 the move 2. N-KB3 is a mistake as it blocks the KBP. Kotov has often employed the text move, the idea of which is to start an immediate counterattack on the point Q5, which has been weakened by the moves 2 . P-K4 and 3. P-QB4.

$$
\begin{array}{lrr}
\text { 5. } & \text { B-K3 } & \text { P-K4 } \\
\text { 6. } & \text { P-Q5 } & \text { QN-K2 }
\end{array}
$$

This move has had a bad reputation since the game Averbakh-Polugaevsky, XXVth Soviet Championship. There White got the advantage with 7. P-KN4, P-KB4 (Barden suggests 7. ........, N-KB3; 8. P-N5, N-Q2; 9. P-KR4, P-KR4; 10. PxP e.p., BxP; 11. BxB, RxB with a game that "may be tenable") 8. NPxP, PxP; 9. Q-R5 ch, K-B1; 10. B-R3, N-KB3; 11. Q-B3, P-QR3 (stronger is 11. P-B5) 12. PxP, Q-K1; 13. KN-K2, Q-R4; 14. QxQ, NxQ; 15. B-N5.

More usual is 6. ........, N-Q5, which leads to an exchange that develops White's KB after 7. KN-K2, NxN; 8. BxN . Suttles rejects this as being too drawish, since a piece is exchanged.

## 7. P-B3 <br> 8. P-B5

P-KB4
White attempts to disorganize Black's position with a check on N5.


A move typical of Suttles, who doesn't mind taking his King for a walk in the opening as long as his opponent has no way of taking advantage of it. In this case, the position is too closed to exploit Black's King position and the White KB is misplaced. Bad was instead (as Suttles pointed out) 9.

After 9
P-B3? 10. PxBP, NPxP; 11. B-R4. After 9. B-Q2 there could follow 10 . Q-N3, or if 9. 9. ........, N-Q2; 10. P-B6, PxP; 11. PxP, N-B3; 12. Q-N3 is a possibility.

## 10. P-KR3?

A serious weakening of White's Kside as well as a loss of time. White wishes to prepare 11. P-KN4, restricting Black's Knights and preventing the maneuver 10. ........, PxKP; 17. PxKP, N-N5. Simply 10. KN-K2 was best. If then 10. ........, PxKP; 11. PxKP, N-N5; 12. B-N1 would be clearly bad for Black. He would do best to continue (after 10 KN K2) with 10. $\qquad$ P-B5, followed by ........, P-N4 as in the game, but White could avoid the move P-KR3.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { 10. ...... } & \text { P-B5 } \\
\text { 11. B-B2 } & \text { P-N4 }
\end{array}
$$

Black begins immediate operations on the K-side. White must now quickly connect his Rooks.

| 12. KN-K2 | P-KR4 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 13. PxP | PxP |
| 14. Q-N3 | P-N5 |
| 15. O-O-O | ....... |

It would be better to exchange ( 15. RPxP, PxP) first, although in this case, also, the weakness of White's K-side is cause for serious anxiety.

| 15. ....... | P-N6 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 16. B-KI | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 3$ |
| 17. N -KN1 | ....... |

White wishes to defend his KNP with the Bishop because after ........, N-R5 defending it with the Rook would allow the possibility of a sacrifice on KN7 or possibly on KR6 or KB6, perhaps after the preparatory maneuver ........, N-R2-N4. How White expected to get out is beyond me.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { 17. ...... } \\
\text { 18. } \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Bi} & \text { N- R5 }
\end{array}
$$



Even Steinitz, who was famous for keeping his pieces on the first two ranks, never had a position like this! Now, with White all tied up on the Kside and no possibility of an immediate breakthrough there, Black turns his attention to the other wing.

## 18.

18. 

P-R3
19. K-NI

P-N4
20. KN-K2
$\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ !
21. N-BI

N-B4

## 22. Q-B2

B-Q2

## 23. P-N4

White brings his N to QR5 where it controls the weak square QB6, but, since he cannot coordinate the Knight with the action of the other pieces, it all comes to nothing.
23. ........
N-R5
24. N-N3
NxNch

There was na need to hurry with this exchange which could have been replaced by 24. , R-QB1.
25. BxN
Q-N3
26. N-R5
KR-QB1
27. Q-Q2
R-R2

Possibly more accurate was the immediate 27. ........, B-KB3, followed by ........, B-Q1; ........, Q-R2; ........, B-N3; ........, R-B2, and .........., QR-B1.
28. B-N2
B-KB3
29. R-B1
29. B-Q3 would be a more realistic attempt at survival.
29.
.......
RxRch
30. BxR
B-Q1

## 31. K-B2

........

White apparently wants to use his King to defend the K-side. 37.

R-B2ch
The Rook must now be placed on QB1 so that it does not interfere with Black's $Q$ and $K B$.

| 32. K-Q1 | R-B1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 33. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 3$ | Q-R2 |
| 34. $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$ | B-N3 |
| 35. R-K1 | ....... |

White, for some reason, now wants to get his pieces out, but overlooks Black's reply, which wins the exchange or the KNP.

| 35. |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 36. B-B1 | B-E7 |
| 37. QxB | B×R |
| 38. Q-K2 | Q-N8 |
| Resigns. |  |

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| TAL | RUY | LOPEZ | SPASSKY |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1. P-K4 |  |  | P-K4 | 11. RXN | P-QB3

# Ivkov’s Brilliancy <br> <br> By Nicolas Rossolimo 

 <br> <br> By Nicolas Rossolimo}
(The following game, played in the Capablanca Memorial Tournament, was awarded the brilliancy prize for that event. The prize-a set of ivory chessmen-was donated by Grandmaster Nicolas Rossolimo, himself the recipient of many brilliancy awards. The choice was made by a special committee in Havana.)

RUY LOPEZ
Boris lvkov

| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2. | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. | B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. | B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. | O-O | NxP |
| 6. | P-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 7. | B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. | PxP | B-K3 |



The open variation of the Ruy Lopez, which has been deeply analyzed by Dutch players, Euwe being the leading authority. A usual continuation would be: 9. P-B3, B-K2; 10. B-B2, O-O; 11. B-K3, Q-Q2; 12. N/1-Q2, NxN; 13. QxN, QR-Q1; 14. QR-Q1, KR-K1; 15. KR-K1=.
9. Q-K2
N-B4
10. R-Q1
NxB

An ingenious idea! Instead of making the mechanical move RP x P, White prepares to blockade the black squares on the weakened Q -side and in the center. It's wonderful to see Ivkov find something new in such an old and overanalyzed variation. And now Donner is faced with the terrible problem of finding the correct defense, in the tournament hall and under pressure of the clock, to an attack which certainly was carefully prepared in advance.

B-K2
Black should immediately play 11. ........ N-N1; 12. B-N5! B-K2; 13. BxB, QxB; 14. N-B3, P-QB3; 15. N-Q4, R-R2; 16. P-B4, P-N3; 17. P-KN4, P-QB4; 18. N-B2, R-Q2 or 12. N-B3, P-QB3; B-K3, N-Q2.

| 12. N-B3 | $0-0$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 13. B-K3 | N-R4 |
| 14. QR-B1 | N-N2 |
| 15. N-K4 | B-KN5 |

The only way to prevent the blockade. If, for example, 15. ........, R-B1; 16. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B5}, \mathrm{NxN}$; 17. BxN, BxB; 18. RxB, PQB3; 19. N-Q4, B-Q2; 20. P-B4, Q-N3; 21. R/1-QB1 with a powerful attack be-
cause of the K-side majority.
16. P-KR3

BxN
Forced. If 16. ........, B-R4; 17. N-N3, B-N3; 18. Q-Q2, B-K5; 19. NxB, PxN; 20. Q-B2, winning a pawn with a crushing positional advantage.
17. QxB

P-QB3
If now 18. RxP, Q-K1! A better try was 17. ........, PxN; 18. RxQ, PxQ; 19. RxQR, RxR; 20. RxP, B-Q3! 21. PxB, NxP; 22. PxP, N-B4; 23. P-QR4, P-N3; 24. R-N7, NxB; 25. PxN, R-QB1=. After the text move, the White Knight penetrates to KB5 with multiple threats which cannot be simultaneously defended.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { 18. N-N3 } & \text { R-B1 } \\
\text { 19. } \text { N-B5 } & \text { P-N3 }
\end{array}
$$

Last chance for a defense was 18. ......., K-R1; 19. Q-N3, R-N1. Now comes the brilliant conclusion.


This is the kind of game that I always admire: a new idea in the opening, an excellent conception of the middlegame and, finally, a spectacular K-side attack, involving some sacrifices. I am fully satisfied with the decision of the committee that the ivory chess set which I donated should be awarded to Ivkov for this wonderful game.




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# Post-Mortem of a "Brilliancy" 

## by Dr. A. F. Saidy

In the first round of the Olympiad in Tel Aviv last year, I outwitted Bednarski of Poland in a game that has been published several times in Europe as a presumed "brilliancy." To the average player or even master, the piece sacrifice looks convincing, for did not the opponent collapse within eight moves?

Ah, but there's the pitfall of combinational chess. The first evaluation bareIy glimpses the ramifications-and, as I shall show, the combatants, in the heat of the arena, have no full grasp of the complexities. Even a great grandmaster's post-mortem analysis, produced in tranquillity, may be inaccurate.

## KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Saidy

| 1. | P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2. | N-QB3 | B-N2 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 4. | P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. | P-B3 | P-B3 |
| 6. | B-K3 | P-QR3 |
| 7. | Q-Q2 | P-QN4 |
| 8. | B-Q3 | QN-Q2 |
| 9. | KN-K2 | O-O |
| 10. | O-O | PxP |
| 11. | BxP | N-N3 |
| 12. | B-N3 | P-QR4 |
| 13. | N-R4 | B-QR3 |
| 14. KR-B1 | KN-Q2 |  |
| 15. R-B2 |  |  |

I have passed over the opening moves. White's Saemisch Attack seems to have established a satisfactory sway in the center. The Black QBP is backward, but capturing it by 15 . RxP would give Black strong play via 15. B-N4; 16. NxN, NxN and 17. ........, P-R5. But now White's serenity is destroyed by
15. ........ P-QB4!


Keres ("British Chess Magazine", December 1964) queries this move, Nevertheless, in my considered opinion, it is impeccable.

At this point I pondered for forty valuable minutes, appalled by the disjointed position of my own pieces and
the fact that Black had so swiftly freed his position. 16. PxP, NxN; 17. BxN, NxP gives Black a fine game. I must admit now that, had I seen a quiet way to retain an edge, no "brilliancy" would have been hatched (with such a long gestation period).

## 16. NxP!?

Keres rewards this sacrifice with a pure "!", saying, "The combination is original and easily overlooked". (Perhaps it should have been!)

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\begin{array}{lr}
\text { 16. } .1 . & P \times N \\
\text { 17. } \mathrm{P} \mathrm{\times P} & P-R 5!
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Keres seems to prefer 17. ........, N-B1, but then White would enjoy ample compensation for the Knight.

## 18. BxPch

This weakening Black's King position is the only chance. (White now had less than a half hour left for 23 moves).

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\begin{array}{lr}
\text { 18. } \ldots \ldots \ldots & \mathrm{RxB} \\
\text { 19. } \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N} & \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{N} \text { ? }
\end{array}
$$

Keres: "Certainly Black's best practical chance". Here I must take issue. Best is 19. ........, P-R6! and the long pin is highly embarrassing; e.g., 20. N-B4, PxP; 21. R-N1 (21. R-Q1??, RxN; 22. BxR, QxPch and 23. ........, P-N8=Q), 21. ........, N-B1; 22. N-Q5, N-K3 and White has reached the end of his attacking rope. White's best chance is a further sacrifice: 20. R-Q1, PxP; 21. RxP!, BxR; 22. QxB and the advanced passed pawn and good positioning may conceivably succeed in balancing Black's extra Rook. There is no obvious conclusive line for Black:
(a) 22. ........ BxN ; 23. QxB, Q-K1 (avoiding 24. P-N7, $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 1 ; 25$. B-R7) 24. Q-N2, R-Q1; 25. P-QR4 (25. P-N7, N-N1 is too extending), $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 1$; 26. R-R1 and the fight continues.
(b) $22.1 . . . . \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 3 ;$ 23. Q-N3ch, K-R1; 24. N-B4, RxN (not 24. ......., RxP? 25. RxN!White's Queen is protected by virtue of his 23rd move) 25. BxR, QxPch; 26. QxQ, NxQ; 27. $B-B 7$ and White has some drawing chances.
20. $\mathbf{Q x B}$ ?

Played automatically-why waste precious time on the obvious? But, as I never suspected until reading Keres' notes, 20. P-N7! gives White the advantage. Moreover, after 20. ........, R-N1 (not 20. ........, B-N4; 21. R/1-QB1) 21. R/1QB1, he makes the rather extreme allegation of "no adequate defense." However, any obituary notices for Black would be highly premature in view of the resource 21. ........, B-QR3; 22. R-B8, R-KB1!; 23. RxQ, KRxR; 24. R -B7 (to force the Knight back rather than allow 24. Q-R5, QBxP; 25. QxP, $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 4$, etc.) 24. ........, N-B1 (not now 24. ........ N-K4; 25. Q-R5, QBxP; 26. RxB, R-Q8ch; 27. K-B2, RxR; 28. Q-R8 with check) 25. Q-R5, QBxP; 26. QxP, KBxP! with definite piece counterplay against the Queen and three pawns; e.g., 27. RxP (27. Q-N3ch, B-Q4) 27. ........, B-KB3; 28. Q-B4ch, K-R1; 29. Q-KB1?!, BxR; 30. QxB, K-N1! and 31. ........, R-Q2.

## 20.

NxP
Again, 20. ........, P-R6 is, of course,
playable, but after the planned 21. R-Q1, PxP; 22. RxP! BxR; 23. QxB White has sacrificed a Rook with a full tempo ahead of the similar variation discussed above, with a draw very probable; e.g., 23. ......... Q-K1; 24. P-N7, R-Q1; 25. B-R7, $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} ;$ 26. R-QB1, P-K3 (or 26. ........, RKB1; 27. B-N6) 27. R-B8, RxR; 28. PxR (Q), $\mathrm{QxQ} ; 29 . \mathrm{QxN}=$.
21. R-Q1


The decisive error in a flawed con-test-and the main reason for the misnamed "brilliancy." 21. ........, N-Q2 is the only move-and more than adequate. Probably Black feared 22. R/2Q2, P-K3; 23. Q-N5-overlooking 23. ......... Q-N1, saving the piece, for if 24. QxQ ch, NxQ; 25. R-Q8 ch, R-B1; 26. B-B5, then 26. ........, N-B3. After 21. ......... NQ2 White would have an uphill battle with two pawns and pressure for the Knight, but now he has an easy win.

## 22. Q-N5

N-B1
Despair. A little more resistance is provided by 22. ........, R-B3, but after 23. R-B6, RxR; 24. QxR, Black cannot save the Knight; e.g., 24. ........, R-R3; 25. Q-K6 ch, K-R1; 26. R-QB1 and White wins.
23. R-Q8ch

R-B1
Or 23. ........, B-B1; 24. QxQ, RxQ; 25. $R / 2 x N, R x R ; 26 . \operatorname{RxR}$ and the rest is child's play.
24. Q-Q5ch Resigns

Because after 24. ........, K-R1; 25. RxR ch, BxR; 26. B-Q4 ch Black must surrender either his King or most of his material.
"A nicely played game," says Keres. A nice compliment, too, but no medal of perfection.

## BYRNE EXHIBITION

Robert Byrne, international grandmaster, will give an illustrated lecture on chess and play a simultaneous exhibition on Friday evening, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Evanston, Illinois YMCA, 1000 Grove St. Price is $\$ 4$ a board or \$1 for spectators. For information or reservations Ed Peterman at above address.

# Chess Life 

## Here and There . . .

The Marshall Chess Club ( 23 W. 10 St., New York) is holding " $40-20$ " tournaments every Saturday at 2 p.m. The novel time limit of 40 moves in 20 minutes enables the entire tournament to be played in an afternoon. Entry fee is $\$ 1$ for top section, $50 \notin$ for others. Nonmembers are invited to play on a trial basis.

Mark Wells scored 6-0 to take first place in the 1965 Los Alamos (N.M.) Tournament, played at the rate of one round a week from September to November. Donald Dodder, $5-1$, took second in a field of 18.

The Greater Boston Open, played on October $16-17$, ended in a tie between William Robertie and Alex Keyes, each scoring $41 / 2 \cdot 1 / 2$. They were declared cochampions in an event that attracted 53 players. Third and fourth were John Curdo and Lawrence Kaufman, each 4.1. Class awards went to: David Scheffer (1st A); Thomas Barham (2nd A); Robert Gwirtzman (1st B); Layton Holloway (2nd B); Walter Hesse (1st C); William Margulies (2nd C); Kermit Pransky (Top Unrated). The tournament, sponsored by the MSCA and directed by William Lukowiak, offered a circulating trophy donated by the Lithuanian Chess Club of Boston.

Grandmaster Arthur B. Bisguier topped the 37 -player 2nd Norwich University Open, played at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont on November 6-7. He was touched for draws in the final two rounds, however, by Frank Hacker and Canadian expert Gerry Rubin. Bisguier's score of $5-1$ placed him a $1 / 2$-point ahead of Les Lowry, Ron Lohrmann, Rubin, Hacker, and William Hemmeles. The tournament, sponsored by the Norwich University Chess Club, was directed by Prof. Seth C. Hawkins.

Bisguier also gave a thirty-board simultaneous exhibition in conjunction with the tournament, scoring 28 wins and yielding two draws.

The third annual Central California Open and Qualifying Tournament, played in Sacramento on October 22-24, ended in a four-way tie among David Blohm, Frank Thornally, William Haines and Arthur Wang. Blohm qualified to play in the State Championship next month, with Thornally as first alternate. Class prizes were awarded to Alan Benson, highest scorer in the $1600-1999$ group, Allen Moxley, who finished best among those rated below 1600 or unrated, and Chris Fotias, highest finisher among those rated 1600 or unrated who were not members of the Central California Chess League. The tournament, which was directed by USCF President Ed Edmondson, had a turnout of 78 players, including two masters and ten ex-
perts. A total of $\$ 386$ was awarded in prizes.

Floyd Stretch scored $41 / 2$ points in five rounds to take a clear first in the Golden Days Championship, played in Fairbanks, Alaska on July 23-25. Don Anderson and Robert Gamble, both with 4-1, took second and third in a field of 19.
M.I.T. swept all five of its matches to take first place in the Norwich University Invitational, played in Northfield, Vermont on October 23-24. The University of Massachusetts' "A" team was next with $31 / 2 \cdot 11 / 2$, the " $B$ " team was third and the Norwich University "B" team was fourth. Board prizes went to: 1. Carl Wagner (MIT) 5-0; 2. Dave Palmer (Mass. "A") 5-0; 3. Wayne Porter (MIT) 5-0; 4. Bill Walker (MIT) 5-0.

The Wisconsin State Speed Championship, played in Hawthorn Glen on October 10 , was won by state champion (and U.S. Junior Champion) William Martz. Martz took top honors in his 10 -man preliminary section, then went on to score $2^{1 / 2}-1 / 2$ in the four-player finals, ahead of Nowak, Weldon and Gaigals.

The East Brunswick (N.J.) Chess Club, which meets each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 133, Cranbury Rd., is one of the most active chess groups in its area, having an active membership of about ninety. Among other events sponsored by the club is a
student tournament held each spring for the school children of the township. The club is sponsored by the East Brunswick Recreation Commission as a town activity.

A record turnout was registered in USCF-rated Labor Day tournaments throughout the nation. Rated events were held in twenty-three states and involved a total of 1480 players. New Jersey led the way, with 195 players, followed by Illinois with 165 and Massachusetts with 130. About one-ninth of the USCF membership competed in tournaments over this one holiday weekend; undoubtedly many more would have done so if tournaments had been scheduled for the other 27 states. A reasonable goal for Labor Day '66: a chess tournament in every state!

The Central Bank Round Robin, played in Denver, Colorado on successive Fridays from October 1 to 29 , was conducted in four 6-player sections. Section winners were Daniel Gollub (Arizona) and George Pipiringos (tie), Chris G. Lovata, Dennis Tenney and (despite his name!) Robert Loser. Tournament Director Al Wallace reports that one of the non-winning players scored the tournament's biggest victory - in the Irish Sweepstakes, to the tune of $\$ 28,000!$ !

Dr. Alex Darbes of Charleston, West Virginia scored $41 / 2-1 / 2$ to take first place in the 21-player second annual Ashland (Ky.) Open, played on October 2 and 3. John Spencer of Columbus, Ohio and William Payne of Huntington, W. Va. each scored $4-1$ and took second and third. The title of Ashland City Champion went to Bobby R. Duncan.


Grandmaster ARTHUR BISGUIER gives a lecture at Norwich University before playing his 30 -board exhibition and winning the Norwich University Open. (Story above)

The sixth rating tournament of 1965 at the Santa Monica Bay (Calif.) Chess Club was concluded on October 4, victory in the 27 -player event going to Frank McReynolds who turned in a $6-0$ sweep. Jerry Porth, 5-1, was runner-up.

USCF Senior Master Michael Valvo breezed to a $5-0$ victory in the 14 -player open division of the Gold Coast Open, played in Palm Beach Shores, Florida. John L. Foster and Murray Cohen were second and third respectively.

In the 19-player Amateur Division George Lawhon won the " A " title while E. Grafton was tops in the "B".

The Labor Day Open played in Garden Grove, Calif., was won by Ronald Gross with a score of $51 / 2-1 / 2$. Second, with $5-1$, was Ben Kakimi and third, with $41 / 2$ points, was Ben Schaeffer. A total of 26 players competed.
G. C. Bates, scoring 5-1, topped the 17-player Alabama Open, played in Birmingham on September 3.6. Salvador Martinez Jr., with 5-2, placed second.

John Pamiljens of Brooklyn, N.Y. swept to a $5-0$ victory in the fifth annual Southeastern New England Open, played in Providence, R.I. on October 23-24. James Bolton of New Haven, Conn. was a clear second in the 37-player field, scoring $41 / 2-1 / 2$. Placing third through sixth-with four points-were Alexander Keyes, Cambridge, Mass.; Robert Barry, Providence, R.I.; Gary John, Cranston, R.I.; and Alan Staub, Brooklyn, N.Y. The tournament was sponsored by the Rhode Island Chess Association and was directed by the Association's president, Phil Hirons.

The 14 -player Cornell Fall Open, played at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. on October $22-24$, was won by Dr. Erich Marchand who edged out runnerup Peter Graves on tie-break points. Both scored $41 / 2-1 / 2$. Anthony Serafini was third and Steven Grant was fourth, each with $31 / 2$.

Thirty players took part in the qualifying tournament of the Phoenix (Ariz.) Chess Club from September 17 to October 15. The top five players-Mark Litterman, Armand Bosco, Maynard D. Pedersen, Richard J. Mann, and Fred W. Kessler, Sr.-are eligible for the finals of the club's 1966 Championship. All scored 4-1.

Richard Hulswit scored a 5-0 sweep to take a clear first in the East Detroit (Mich.) Open on September 25-26. Arthur Mack, Fred Morningstar, Michael Swalya and Ben Crane finished second through fifth in the order listed, each with 4-1. Thirty-six players took part in the event, sponsored by the East Detroit Chess Club and directed by Roy E. Collins.

Roy Hoppe swept to a $5-0$ victory in the Central New York Open, played in

## MARCHAND SWEEPS GATEWAY

Dr. Erich Marchand of Rochester, N.Y. swept to a $5-0$ victory in the sixth annual Gateway Open, played in Pittsburgh, Pa. on October 2-3. Second place in the 68-player event went to John Telega of Clairton, Pa . who scored $41 / 2$. $1 / 2$. John Phythyon, Columbus, Ohio; Arthur Renna, Old Forge, Pa.; George Doschek, Pittsburgh; Robert Walker, Pittsburgh; and Robert Larsen, Erie, Pa.-all with 4-1-shared third through seventh.


Erich Marchand

Syracuse on October 23-24. George Mauer, $4-1$, was second in the 20 -player field and Gregory Grant, with $31 / 2$, took third.

The third annual Brazos Open, played at Texas A \& M University on September $25-26$, attracted a field of 29 players and was won by Robert Brieger of Houston who had the tie-break edge on Eric Bone, Baytown; J. B. Payne, Corpus Christi; and C. Bill Jones, Houston. All the leaders posted $4-1$ scores and placed in the order listed.

The first Prescott City (Ariz.) Tournament, played in August and September, was won by Francis Brown whose score of 4-0 topped an 11-player field. Dwight Stewart, 3-1, was runner-up.

Tim Delaney, with a score of $51 / 2-11 / 2$, won the championship of the San Bernardino (Calif.) Chess Club. Second in the 8-player round robin was Steve Skrypzak, 4-3.

Thirty-one players were on hand for the Mill Valley (Calif.) Open on October 9-10 which was won in a 5-0 sweep by 19-year-old expert David Blohm. Arthur Wang, Kenneth M. Grover, Roy Cuneo and Don Kendall-all with 4-1-placed second through fifth in that order.

The annual Chicago Industrial Chess League " $30 / 30$ " was won by Angelo Sandrin whose clean $5-0$ topped a field of 22. Walter Grombacher, Ted DeParry and Victor Narkevicius-all with 4-1placed second through fourth.

The Chicago Chess Club, located at 64 E. Van Buren St., has revived its Friday night rapid transit tournaments. Starting time is 7 p.m. The October 22nd event ended in a tie for first between Ray Wenzel and Danny Fischheimer, with Angelo Sandrin, Edward Formanek and Joseph Pundy tying for third through fifth. Craig E. Busse, a new and as yet unrated player, was on the top rung of the club's ladder tournament during the entire month of September. The ladder now has ninety (!) players.

Forty-seven players turned out for the second annual Hoosier Open, played in Indianapolis, Ind. on October 23-24. Ed Vano, with $41 / 2$ points in five rounds, was a clear first; Theodore Pehnec, Richard Braden, Henry Tyler, Edward Ernst, and Wendell Lutes-all with scores of 4-1-placed second through sixth in the order listed. The tournament, sponsored by the Indianapolis Chess Club, was directed by Paul Richman, assisted by Gordon Morey and Nick Van Duesen.

Postal chess players are invited to take part in the second Peachstate Postal Chess Championship, sponsored by the Georgia State Chess Association. Entries will be accepted through December 1965 and full details may be had by writing to Philip M. Lamb, 779 Orange St., Macon, Georgia.

Pittsburgh downed Cleveland in a 14 board match played at the Cleveland Chess Center on October 17. The match was a close one, the visitors scoring $71 / 2$ to $61 / 2$ for their hosts. The full results:

| Pittsburgh |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 1. R. Waker | 0 |
| 2. M. S. Lubell | $1 / 2$ |
| 3. F. A. Sorensen | 1 |
| 4. L. W. Gardner | 1 |
| 5. W. Byland | 1 |
| 6. G. Doschek | 1 |
| 7. D. McClellan | $1 / 2$ |
| 8. D. Lawrence | 1 |
| 9. J. Telega | 0 |
| 10. H. Barry | 0 |
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| 12. J. Kolts | $1 / 2$ |
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# TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS 

## By Dr. Erich W. Marchand

## 1. Sacrificing

One of the first things beginners must learn is to keep track of material values in simple combinations. A Knight or Bishop is worth about three Pawns; a Rook, five; and a Queen, eight. For a long time, the beginner must train himself to avoid little traps where he loses the Exchange (Rook for Bishop or Knight) or a piece for two Pawns, or a Queen for two minor pieces.

Eventually, however, comes the day when a player must learn to sacrifice material when this is called for. Usually the sacrifice is only temporary, but the point is to be ever on the watch for combinations where the first move looks completely illogical at first glance, but where deeper analysis shows that the lost material will be returned with profit.

## 2. Queen Sacrifice

If one can get three minor pieces for the Queen or two Rooks for a Queen, it is clear he has a good deal as indicated by the values listed above. However, in the following game the situation is even simpler since a careful study of the position after the "sac" shows that White will win the opponent's Queen in return, plus an extra piece.

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## 1. P-QB4 <br> N-KB3

For a regular English Opening, Black would play 1. ........, P-K4. But the above alternative provides a satisfactory way for Black to withhold his intentions.

## 2. N-KB3

Somewhat less common and so less analyzed than 2. N-QB3.

Very unusual and not quite as comfortable for Black as 2. ........, P-KN3, or 2.

## P-B4.

3. P-Q4

When caught in unfamiliar opening situations, one must rely on basic principles. Fighting for control of the center and rapid development of the pieces are two of the most important opening rules.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 3. } \\
& \text { 4. } \\
& \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}
\end{aligned}
$$

Whichever way Black recaptures, White will gain a "tempo." On 4. ........, QxP; 5. N-B3, Black must lose a move to protect his Queen.

| 4. | $\ldots . .$. | KNxP |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 5. | P-K4 | N-B3 |
| 6. | N-B3 | B-N5 |

Emanuel Lasker once stated a rule that one should not pin the opponent's KN until he (the opponent) has castled. The usual reason is that the maneuver P-KR3 (and if B-R4, P-KN4) can be played in reply with the idea of castling on the other side of the board and so
not leaving the King exposed. In the present situation, Lasker's rule applies for a different reason as soon appears. 7. P-Q5

On 7. B-K3, BxN; White must play 8. PxB, weakening his K-side. For 8. QxB, NxP loses a Pawn. Furthermore, White's last move lays an elegant trap.

> 7. ........ N-K4

8. NxN !

Would you have seen it? And, if so, would you have dared to play it?

Of course Black must accept the Queen since, otherwise, he has lost the Knight for nothing.
9. B-N5ch P-B3

Naturally 9. ........, N-Q2; 10. BxNch, QxB would leave White a piece ahead.

$$
\text { 10. } P \times P \quad P-Q R 3
$$

A curious situation. Black has a number of tries, but in each case he must give back the Queen with an extra piece to boot. For instance, 10. ........, Q-B2; 11. PxP ch, N-Q2 (11. ........, K-Q1; 12. NxP Mate); 12. $\operatorname{PxR}(Q)$ ch. Or 10. ........, B-N5; 11. NxB! Q-N3; 12. PxP ch, N-Q2; 13. $\operatorname{PxR}(Q)$ ch.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { 11. } P-B 7 \text { ch } & P \times B \\
\text { 12. } P \times Q(Q) \text { ch } & R \times Q \\
\text { 13. } N \times B & N \times P
\end{array}
$$

Now White has a "won game" with a piece for a Pawn. But such games have been known to slip away. Correct strategy calls for (1) completion of development, (2) exchanging pieces where possible to avoid complications and also to increase the ratio of material advantage.

## 14. $0-0$

Also playable is 14. P-B3, RxN ch; 15. KxR, N-B7 ch; 16. K-K2, NxR; 17. B-K3 and RxN .


The natural-looking 19. N-B3 might give Black some chances by 19. ........, N-B5.

| 19. ....... | R-QB1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 20. N-K3 | K-K3 |
| 21. N-Q3 | N-B5 |

Black is making a little headway, forcibly straightening out his doubled

Pawns while gaining a tempo. But every exchange of pieces helps White's cause too.

| 22. $N x N$ | PxN |
| :--- | :---: |
| 23. N-B2 | R-B3 |
| 24. B-K3 | P-B4 |
| 25. KR-K1 | $\ldots . .$. |

A good example of the X-ray principle. The Rook exerts influence beyond the Bishop and Pawn which seem to block its file.
25.
B-B3
26. B-Q4I
........

Heading either for the strong post at QB3 or for a sacrifice to create further exchanges.

| 26. $\ldots . . .$. | R-K1 <br> 27. |
| :--- | ---: |
| 28. $R \times B$ ch! | ExB |

Stronger than 28. P-B4 wihch allows Black to get one Pawn back.
28.
KxR
29. R-K1 ch
K-B3
30. RxR
P-B6

Safest. 31. N-Q3, R-Q3! might cause some problems. Even with a won game a player can never relax.
31.
32. R-K1

## RxP

Black threatened R -B8 ch winning the N .
32. .......
R-B7
33. R-R1
P-R4
34. P-KR4
K-K4

Playing for simplicity where the extra piece will be overpowering.

| 35. $\ldots$...... | R×P |
| :--- | ---: |
| 36. RxP | K-B3 |
| 37. $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 6 \mathrm{ch}$ | $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 2$ |

Black's King must retreat and so not get any chance to help create complications. For 37. ...., K-K4; 38. N-Q3 ch and 39 . N-B4 would win the RP.

| 38. N-R3 | R-R5 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 39. N-N5 ch | K-K2 |
| 40. R-K6 ch | K-B1 |
| 41. R-K5 | P-N3 |
| 42. r-B4 | K-N1 |

Of course not 42. ........, RxP; 43. N-K6 ch.
43. P-N3
R-R7
44. K-B1
and make a
So as to play R-K2 and make
bridge" for the advance of the King. 44.

K-N2
45. R-K7ch

K-N1
Fatal would be 45 .
K-B3; 46. R-B7 Mate.
46. N-K6

The bridge can wait. White hopes to speed things up by winning the NP after which the other Pawns must soon fall. Many players on the Black side would have resigned long ago. But Black has a small idea.

| 46. | R-R3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 47. R-N7 ch | K-RI |
| 48. RxP | R-R8 ch |
| 49. K-N2 | R-R7 ch |
| 50. K-R3 | R-R8 |
| 51. R-R6 ch | K-N1 |
| 52. RxP | K-B2 |
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#### Abstract

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December 27-28-29-30

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MARCHAND-Contd. from p. 249
53. N-Q4

K-N3
54. R-N5ch

K-R3
55. NxP ch K-R2
56. R-N7 ch K-R1
57. R-N7

On a move like 57. P-R5 Black can create problems due to the fact that his King has no moves. For instance, 57. $\ldots \ldots . ., \mathrm{R}$-R8 ch; 58. K-N4 (58. K-N2, RR7 ch; 59. KxR? stalemate), RxP (not 58. R-R5 ch, NxR!); but White still wins by 59 . R-N7.
57.

R-QB8
Now he should really resign.
58. P-R5

R-R8ch
59. K-N4

R-R7
60. N-R4

R-R8
61. P-R6

R-R7
62. N-N6ch

Resigns
Because of 62. ........, K-N1; 63. R-N7 Mate.

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| 15. | Q-..... |
| :--- | ---: |
| 16. | Q-N3 |
| 17. B-K3! | -KB4 |

If $17 . \operatorname{RxP}, \mathrm{QxQP}$. The Bishop move defends the QP and wins the QBP.

| 17. | Q-R3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 18. P-QR3 | QR-B1 |
| 19. R-B1 | P-KN4 |

Or 19......... R-B3; 20. P-Q5, and wins. 20. P.Q5 P-B4

If 20. ........, P-B5; 21. B-Q4.
21. BxBP BxB 23. QxR QxKP
22. RxB RxR 24. P.Q6 ........

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24.
QxP
25. P-Q7
........

Threatening 26. QxRch, KxQ; 27. PQ8 $=$ Qch.
25. ........
Q-B3
26. QxRch!

Regardless.
26. ........ Resigns

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