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CROWN STATE CHAMPIONS

Early Start Marks The Planning In 1950 USA-Canada Border Match

The 1950 USA vs. Canada 3000 mile Border Match was off to a flying start with the announcement that accommodations had been arranged for the Oshawa-Toronto-Hamilton vs. New York-Pennsylvania-Ohio forces at the lovely honeymoon Mecca, the "General Brock Hotel," at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The respective team captains were heartened by the fact such a truly international site had been secured. A perfect view of Niagara Falls may be had from the "General Brock" and the fact the boundary line dividing the two countries bisects the Falls lends color to the general theme of this event.

Plans on the U.S. side are progressing rapidly and the appointment of the following State Team Captains have been made by Phil Mary, who is in charge of overall arrangements this year:

New York—Erich W. Marchand, 192 Scoville Drive, Rochester 17, N. Y.
Pennsylvania—Glenn E. Hartlob, 3219 Washington Ave., Erie, Pa.
Maine—Dr. Jacob Melnick, 333 Congress St., Portland, Me.
Michigan—R. F. Eckhardt, 8787 Morley Ave., Detroit 4, Mich.
Minnesota—L. P. Narveson, 2000 South Eighth St., Minneapolis 4, Minn.
New Hampshire—G. A. Day, % Brown Company, Berlin, N. H.

Chess players desiring to participate in this event are encouraged to write their State Team Captains and to keep in mind the main emphasis is to get out all chess enthusiasts along our 3,000 mile border Sunday, June 18th. Those living in states where the Team Captain has not yet been announced are most cordially invited to contact Phil Mary, 43 Gallatin Ave., Buffalo 7, N.Y., who will see best possible arrangements are made for them.

Border competition this year is expected, by those in close touch with developments, to be more intense this year than last, and on a much larger scale. In 1949 fifty-three boards were played at Buffalo, N.Y., but this year up to 200 are expected at Niagara Falls, Ont. where the same teams will meet June 18th, though much augmented by both experts and beginners.

HANS KMOCH FINDS A HOME

Perseverance wins in apartment-hunting, even as it does in chess; and USCF Vice-President Hans Knoch has at last conquered the housing problem which threatened to send him back to Europe merely to find a roof for his head. In the future, he may be addressed at 360 Central Park West, New York 25, N.Y.



Recent meeting at Buffalo of a USCF Board of Strategy. Left to right: Phil Mary, William M. Byland, Montgomery Major, Paul G. Giers, Martin Southern, and Harry D. Snyder. Invisible but present as well was Edward I. Trend, who was too busy taking the photograph to appear in person.



Chess players competing in the 1950 USA-Canada Chess Match at Niagara Falls, Ontario on June 18th will have this inspiring view from the General Brock Hotel. The international boundary line bisects the Falls—U. S. side left, Canadian side right.

Position No. 31
J. Howarth vs. F. Ashley
Correspondence, 1950

rsblrkl. pppppp. lppps. 6N1. 8P4.
3H. PPPPPP. RRRRRR
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!
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IN Position No. 31, White by an immediate investment of material gets an irresistible attack. As played, White mated in seven. Some of the possible variations lead to brilliant mates.

I found Position No. 32, arising in a game between two well-known European players, intriguing and tantalizing. Can any reader help put the date and place of this game?

Please turn to page four for solutions.

WILLIAMS LEADS AT MONTREAL

After nine rounds J. N. Williams is leading by a 6½-1½ score in the Montreal City Championship. P. Brunet and Dr. J. Rauch are tied for second with 5½-2½ each, while I. Zalays has 5-2 for fourth. E. Baikovitz, E. Davis and M. Guze have 4½-3½ each.

Canadian Champion Maurice Fox of Montreal, not playing in the current city championship, has been invited to represent the Dominion in the first Commonwealth Championship tournament, to be held in New Zealand next spring.

LITHUANIANS WIN TORONTO LEAGUE

Championship of the premier section of the Toronto City Chess League went to the Lithuanian Chess Club by virtue of a 3½-2½ playoff victory over the Ukrainian Chess Club. In the regular league season the Lithuanians and Ukrainians tied for first place with 3-1 each, while Gambit Chess Club and Hart House tied for third with 2-2 each. Last place went to Central YMCA with no wins and four losses.

CHESS DIVAN TOP IN D.C. LEAGUE

With an unbeaten match score 11-0, the Washington Chess Divan won the District of Columbia League championship, scoring 94½ points against 29½ losses. Second place went to Federal Chess Club which won 10½ games, but only managed a 9½-1½ match score. Third place was a tie between Naval Communications and Bald Eagle Chess Club at 8½-2½ each while fifth place went to George Washington University with 6½-4½. Twelve teams competed in the league contest, although Army Map Service dropped out of the battle after six rounds.

Position No. 32
Rohacek vs. Stoltz
Europe

Sk2. TR6. 4K3. S. 6p2. 4hP2. S. S.
White to play and win

LOG CABIN CHESS RIDES AGAIN

Never too happy at home, or rather blessed (?) with incurable wanderlust, the Log Cabiners of West Orange (N.J.) took to train a automobile to meet the Pittsburgh Downtown Y Chess Club at Bedford Springs, Pa. The final score was 2-2, with two games left for adjudication. On board one F. Howard downed USCF Vice-President Byland, on board six G. Partos mastered M. F. Mueller; but on boards four and five H. Jones and E. T. McCormick lost to J. Stargle and H. Hickman. Contests on boards two and three with Log Cabiners H. Hesse and J. Partos facing P. Dietz and F. A. Sorenson remain undecided, awaiting adjudication.

In a Rapid Transit match the next day, Log Cabiners scored heavily with the four leading scorers being Log Cabin players. Top scorers were J. Partos 10½-½; H. Hesse 8½-2½; F. Howard 8-3; E. T. McCormick 7-4; W. Byland 6-5.

CHICAGO LEAGUE NEARS FINISH

Nearing the finish line in the Chicago City Chess League, the probable winners are University of Chicago in the A Section, Irving Park Y Chess Club in the B Section and Roosevelt College in the Collegiate Section. Winners of A and B Sections will play off for the city title, and the victor will meet the victor in the downstate league (Tri-Cities Chess Club) for the State team title.

DENNISON WINS AKRON CITY TITLE

Victory in the 15-man Akron City Championship went to Earl Dennison, one of Ohio's ranking junior players, who drew with Zimmerman and Slater, and lost to Seitz, but was otherwise unbeatable.

SCHOENFELD WINS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Holding the lead that he had established in earlier rounds, Schoenfeld won the Massachusetts State Championship with a 7-1 score, ceding his only loss to Tautvaisha, who finished second with a 6½-1½ score. Tautvaisha, current Boston City Champion drew with Kagan and lost to Merkis. Third place went to Kagan with 5½-2½, fourth place to Keturakis with 4½-3½, and fifth place to Merkis with 4-4. The last named is chess editor of the Lithuanian-language paper Darbinankas. In a tie for sixth were veteran Daly, Underwood and Fliegel with 3½-4½ each.

The tournament was extremely well conducted under the direction of Waldo Waters, chess editor of Boston Sun. The strength of the newly organized Lithuanian Chess Club of Boston was demonstrated by the fact that three members, Tautvaisha, Keturakis and Merkis, were among the five top players in the 12-man tournament.

STORK TRIUMPHS IN WASHINGTON

Victory in the Washington State Championship went to Robert Stork of Olympia with a 5-0 score in a 5-round, 20-man Swiss event. Second place fell to Vernon Holmes of Tacoma with 4-1, while third place was a tie between L. Allyn of Wenatchee, Jack Finnigan of Bremerton and D. Seiter of Philadelphia (Pa.) with 3½-1½ each.

BARNES REGAINS MINNESOTA TITLE

George S. Barnes of Minneapolis regained the Minnesota Championship with a 6 pt. score in a 23-man Swiss event, scoring 22 S-B pts. Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, frequent titleholder, was second with 5 pts. Third place went to Wm. R. Jones with 4 pts. and an S-B of 14, while fourth place was held by Robert Ott with 4 pts and an S-B of 11. Milton Otteson scored 3½ with 12½ S-B for fifth, and a three-way tie in pts. for sixth was determined in the following order by ¼ S-B point differences: Ted Jergensen, Kris N. Pederson, and U. S. Smith with 3½ each. With lower S-B ratings, C. F. Weaver, Wm. Bland, and Dr. L. T. Knapp also scored 3½ each.

OTTESON WINS MINN. CLUB TITLE

Victory in the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club for custody of the L. E. Streater Trophy went to Milton Otteson with 11½-2½ in a 14-round round robin event. R. R. Gueydan and Dr. G. A. Koelsche tied for second with 10½-3½ each. L. P. Narveson placed third in the 15-man event with 9½-4½, while fourth place was taken by D. Rosenberger with 8-2. E. C. Johnson was fifth with 7½-3½.

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July 10 - July 22
FOR THE
51st Annual U. S. Open Tournament AT DETROIT, MICH.

