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# DETROIT INVITES ALL PLAYERS TO ENJOY U. S. OPEN TOURNEY 

## POWERS REGAINS WISCONSIN TITLE

## Chess Players And Their Families Will Find U.S. Open A Real Vacation

Detroit, the automobile capital of the world, is also one of the
vacation pleasure spots of Americavacation pleasure spots of America-a fact forgotten by those who read
the cold statistics of manufacturers. For this reason the the cold statistics of manufacturers. For this reason, the U. S. Open
Championship Tournament at Detroit on July 10 to July 22 promises to be one of the most enjoyable for participants in a long line of open Championships

Among its attractions for the vacationist is the fact that Detroit lies on the boundary line between the United States and Canada-a quick trip by bus or auto takes the visitor across the border into Canada (and no passports are required) for a pleasant visit with our Northern neighbors at Windsor, Ontario.

For scenic beauty there is the
restful and unique island park of restful and unique island park of
Belle Isle, 1,000 acres of virgin beauty, originally purchased from beauty, originally purchased from the Indians (who called it Wahbarrels of rum, three rolls of tobacco, six pounds of vermillion paint, and one belt of wampum paint, and one belt of wampum
Now its forest beauty is studded with sport fields, bathing beaches and a zoological fardon for the enjoyment of all visitors.
For the children there are four zoological gardens in all, with the Royal Oak garder's giving a vast display of wildlife in barless security in landscaped terrain that approximates their native habitats, while the gardens on Bell Isle is strietly a children's zoo with its brightly colored exhibits based upon famous children's stories. The Chimpanzee Theatre is also a nev er-falling attraction for young and old.
For the sightseer there is the Edison Institute at Dearborn (10 miles from Detroit) which is one of the outstanding museums de voted to a collection of representaAmerica from the earliest days down to the present. Then at Dear born is the famous 200 acre Green-
field Village which reflects the field Village which reflects the
past. Doyn its shaded streets the visitor passes buildings that once stood in distant villages of the past, assembled to recreate early America. There is an old country store with merchandise of the

## I. ZALYS WINS MONTREAL CITY

for the championship of Montreal and custody of the Napoleon Courtemanche trophy resulted in a victory for the former Lithuanian expert I. Zalys with a $121 / 2-21 / 2$ score. Zalys lost one game and drew 3. Second place went to P. Brunet with 11-4, while J. N. Wil liams, a newcomer from London, liams, a newcomer from London,
Ont., placed third with $10-5$. For Ont., placed third with $10-5$. For
a number of rounds Williams led a number of rounds Williams led
the tournament. Fourth place went to E. Davis with $91 / 2-5^{1 / 2}$, and veteran Dr. J. Rauch placed sixth with 9-6.
Canadian Champion Maurice Fox, who has two of the three wins necessary for permanent possession of the Courtemanche trophy, did not compete in this year's event.
In the Woman's Championship at the end of the first three rounds Miss F. Bone and Mrs. I. Stevens are tied for the lead with 3.0 each; Mrs. M. Stronach and Mrs. R. Szawlowski have 2-1 each

1800's, a typical village inn, a rus tic courthouse where Lincoln practiced law as a young man. In the shops craftsmen revive the almos lost art of handicraft. Other out standing buildings of this wonde and workse the original laboratory and workshop of Thomas A. Ed son, and the birthplace of Stephe

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Azide from these feature attrac tions, unique to Detroit, there are all the normal facilities of a big city-beaches, golf courses, Brigg Stadium where the Tigers play their baseball, tennis courts, mu seums, public libraries, art insti tutes and theaters. And the curi ous visitor may learn much about the mysteries of production-line manufacturing by visiting Ford Motor Company, General Motors etc. where guided tours are avail able upon scheduled hours. While the shopper may do her purchas ing in the second largest depart ment store in America at J . I Hudson Co.

Plans for the Open Champion ship event include several special entertainment features, and ample time has been left available even for the players in the tournamen to benefit from the many sceni and educational attractions of the Detroit area. All omens indicate that the 5lst Annual USCF Con gress and Open Tournament wil rank among the finest in the history of this great event.

## IF IT MATTERS RUSSIANS WIN IN CANDIDATES

As predicted, the Soviet player cornered the top spots in the alleged candidates tournament at Budapest, with Boleslavsky and Bronstein tied for first place with 12.6 each. Smyslov placed third with $10-8$, Keres fourth with $91 / 2$ $81 / 2$, and Najdorf fifth with 9-9. Boleslavasky lost no games but drew 12, while Bronstein lost 2 and drew 8 . The co-victors will play a match for the right to meet World Champion Botvinnik, if FIDE helplessly decides that this was indeed a legitimate candidates tournament.

## 51st Annual U. S. Open Tournament AT DETROIT, MICH.

July 10 - July 22
the Milwaukee Journal, regained the Wisconsin State Championship at Racine in a 39 -man 6 -round Swiss with a $51 / 2-1 / 2$ score and 20.75 SB points. Arpad Elo, another former Wisconsin Champion, plac ed second, tieing Powers in game point.

1949 Wisconsin Champion, the 18. year old Richard Kujoth, failed in his attempt to retain the title for the fourth year in succession and placed third with 5-1 score. Kujoth lost his 5th round game to Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley and with it the
title. This was his first loss in title. This was his first loss in four years of the Wisconsin Championship, winning 22 games out of the 23 piayed in these events.

Fourth place went to Dan Clark of Racine with $41 / 2-11 / 2$ while fifth was a tie between Mark Surgies and Dr. Wehrly with equal scores of $4-2$ and equal S-B points of 14.00 . Robert Schmidt, Heinz Loewy and Paul Liebig also score 4.2 but on S-B points Schmidt placed 7th, while Loewy and Liebig tied for 8th.

## DiCAMILLO WINS AT PHILADELPHIA

## Metropolitan Philadelphia Cham-

 pionship in a 17 -man 7 -round Swiss event, having one of the strongest fields in recent years, with a 6-1 score, drawing with Rubinow and Wachs. A former Penn State Champion, DiCamillo has frequently acquited himself well in national eventsSecond place in the event held at the Mercantile Library Chess Ass'n went to former Penn. Junior Champion S. Wachs with 5-2. Wachs lost a game to Hesse and drew with DiCamillo and Zuckerman. Herman Hesse, another former Penn. State Champion placed third with a $41 / 2-21 / 2$ and an S-B score oi 23.00, while tied in game points but fourth and fifth respectively on S-B points were Sklaroff and Regen. Among other entrants, S. Rubinow, champion of the Uni versity of Pennsylvania, was a ra ther surprising 7th after his fine showing in the 1948 U. S. Cham pionshid, while Armarniek, recent Tri-State Junior Champion, contin ued to show promise by placing 10th in such a strong field.

## MECHEM TAKES KANSAS TITLE

Kirke Mechem of Topeka was victor in the 7-round Swiss Kansas State Championship with a score of 612-16 drawing with John Earnest. Second place in the 24 man Swiss went to Henry Georgi of Lawrence with $51 / 2-11 / 2$, losing to Mechem and drawing with 0 M. Maring. John Earnest of Lawr ence and Bert Brice-Nash of Me dora had equal scores of $5-2$ but placed third and fourth respectvely upon S-B points.
Dr. A. A. Herman was elected president of the Kansas State Chess Ass'n; Dr. Miller was elected vice-president; and Carl Weberg was chosen sect

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## THE PLAY'S THE THING!

Nот to TRAP the conscience of the king (as Shakespeare suggests) but to place a greater and more friendly meaning to the words Canadian-USA amity. It doesn't matter particularly which side accumulates the greatest number of victories in the 3000 mile ocean-tocean border match between the Canadian and U. S. teams, although dutifully upon this side of the border we may be excused of Maritime
for a U. S. victory even as our good friend, Editor MacAdam of for a U. S. victory even as our good friend, Editor MacAdam of Maritime primarily a test of strength between the countries, but a friendly gettogether of good neighbors. And the play's the thing-not who wins and not even who does the playing.

But it is up to us to make the ocean-to-ocean mateh a success upon Sune 18th-not necessarily by triumphing but by making a fine display of friendship and fellowship wat is needed is a instances, hosts for the day). What is needed is a good turnout
the occasion so that last year's match is dwarfed by comparison.

For a test of strength, since we cannot altogether rule out the complans for a limited chess, lot us take a different occasion, suan, secretary of the Chess Federation of Canada) at which both countries can assure even matching of the best talent. But June 18th is a day for fun.

It is to be regretted that plans for the usual Minnesota-Winnipeg section of the ocean-to-ocean match seem to have bogged down. Dame Nature, not always friendly to man, has intervened with a series of
disasterous floods in Manitoba which give our friends in Wimnipeg much disasterous floods in Manitoba which give our friends in wimnipeg much
more urgent matters for their attention than a chess match. CHESS LIFE wishes to express its heartfelt sympathy for our chess friends in Manitoba in this hour of trial with the wish that they will find the strength and guidance to survive. They will be missing from our gather-
ing on June 18th, but they will not be missing from our thoughts and ing on June 18th, but they will not be missing from our thoughts and good wishes.

Montgomery Major

## The Kibitzer Has His Day

Dear Mr. Major:
Everyone agrees that Mr. Steiner's motives are Simon pure and that he is a veritable pillar in our chess society. Unfortunately, however, this is not the issue.
Steiner accepted an invitation to participate in the Inited States team, agreed to play, received a consideration for his consent, refused to play and failed to return the consideration. Consequently, the consideration. Consequently,
he violated more than the terms of the agreement
He assumed that as champion he was entitled to first board. Since champions in the past have not always played on first board in team tournaments, the assumption is without foundation. Frank Marshall, chess champion of the Unit. ed States for twenty seven years, did not play first board on many did not play first board on many
oceasions: he did not play first at Hamburg 1930, Prague 1931, Folkestone 1933, Warsaw 1935 and Stockholm 1937. Denker did not play first board in the US-USSR match of 1946. Steiner was aware of this.
Steiner contends that Marshall, as captain of the team, placed himself in a position of vantage and that Denker played under protest. Steiner has no right to assume that Marshall voluntarily went bethat Marshall voluntarily went below first board; but kn ow ing
Frank Marshall as I did, I am certain that if he voluntarily played
below first, he set an example of sportsmanship which might well have been followed later on. In any event, both Marshall and Denker did not play first board during was presumptious of Steiner to assume that he would. This presumption is even more pointed when Steiner's score and standing in the master's tournament of New York - the only masters' tournament held in this country prior to the Yugoslav Radio Match - comes to light. In a field of ten, he finished tenth with three draws and six losses.
With these facts in hand, it was clearly incumbent on Steiner to serve notice that he would play only on first board. This he failed only on
to do.
Steiner charges me with determining the order of the players in the US-USSR match as well as in the US-Yugoslav match. The top six playors in the US-USSR match delermined the line-up of the tean and a committee of four, of which I was not a member, determined the order of players in the Yugoslav match. Steiner knew this.
Since we lost both matches, Steiner initimates that we might have won had we placed the champion on first board. Obviously, hindsight is better than foresight, and any change might have been for the better. It is curious, how-

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OW DOES ONE go about solving a chess problem?" a reader asks, to get at the answer?" To make a fully reply to this poser would take several columns of print, so these remarks will be limited to twomovers only. In a future colvmn we may be able to give some hints on how to tackle longer-range problems.

The beginners at solving will take the phrase "White mates in two moves" literally and concentrate his attention on the White pieces. What threatening moves does White have? What man can he maneuver o that it will be in a position to mate on the second move? Using this line of reasoning he will try every potential move of White's until event ually, after much trial and effort, he finds the one that works

The easier method, which gives quicker returns in a majority of two-ers, is to look at the Black side of the picture. This is the system that most experienced solvers use. What strong moves can Black make and what counters does White have against them? Does the Black King have a flight square, and does White have a way of mating if he moves to it? Does Black have a threat of check to the White King, and ean White answer his threat? Does Black have a move on hand which will allow White to make a pretty mate in reply? Most two ers give up their secrets if you try to find what happens if Black, not White, makes the first move.

> Problem No, 167
> By the Problem Editor
> Composed for Chess Life


White matos in three movor Problen No, 169
By E. Neuhaus
American Chess Problemist
Fehrıary-March, 1950


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three world team championships when the champion of the United States did not play first board!
These addition will clar
fy this episode: Steiner, according to his own admission, was twice notified by Al Bisno that he was going to play on sixth board in the Yugoslav match. I notified him that his opponent was going to be Pue. (All this was before he left Los Angeles.) Putting these $t w o$ thoughts together, it was eviden that Steiner was going to play Puc on sixth board. Steiner, however asserts that he didn't believe Bis no and there was a possibility that Pue had become champion. Unde the circumstances, was it not rea sonable to assume that some doubt was created in Steiner's mind, which could have been cleared up by a wire or telephone call to me? I did not hear from Steiner
Now, if all this is slander, halftruths and untruths, let your readers and Mr. Steiner make the most
of it.
New York, N.Y. HOROWITZ
New York, N.Y.
Dear Mr. Major,
Congratulations to you and
CHESS LIFE on two counts.
First, congratulations for setting
down in straightforward English
what most American chess players think of the filthy Russian way of trying to dominate chess as they try to dominate everything else I was happy to see the way in which you answered that poor befuddled reader Harvey.
Secondly, congratulations on publishing that fine serial by Dr. Buschke on Alekhine's early career. There are far too few articles of its kind published in chess periodicals today. I hope that your good judgment will continue and that you will publish the Alekhine serial for as long as possible.

DALE A. BRANDRETH Miquon, Pennsylvania
Dear Mr. Major:
We should not let politics interfere with chess, this the reason why chess is $\mathbf{s o}$ popular because, it is an international game, a tie of friend ship between countries and when we play chess, we never mention politics, we see the Russians as good chess players, that is all.

JAMES BRYAN
U. S. Chess Federation:
1.) Why was the chess cham
pion of our country, and certainl
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## Alchhine's Carrly <br> Chess Career <br> Additional Data <br> By A. Buschke

## III THE MATCH WITH LEVITSKY

ISHOP'S GAMBIT
Second Match Game, St. Petersburg, February 17 (March 2), 1913. Notes by A. A. Alekbine in "Noroe $V_{\text {remtid }}$ of February 23 (March 8), 1913 and "Shakhmathyi Viestrik" of March 1 (14), 1913, p. 6 . A * denotes mores
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By Eliot Hearst
I N THE SPRING the New York favorites in action as they play for their respective clubs, for into new York's Metropolitan Chess League every important club, whether boasting "master" or just "ex pert" chess strength, sends a spir Manhattan and Marshall Chess Clubs, uraditional rivals for the title, who must, even so, be wary of every other competitor they enChess Club, with its headquarters in one cii New York's most famous penthouses, the Brooklyn Chess Club, located high above the opera house of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the New York Academy, roads of the world," Broadway and 42 nd Street, the West Side Chess 42nd Street, the West side che a Y.M.C.A. team, and the Club, a Y.M.C.A. team, and Chess Club are this year the contenders for the title last won by the Man-
hattans and sought again by the hattans an
Marshalls.
Thus, on Saturday nights such renowned experts as Denker, Pink us, Santasiere, Evans, Simonson, Bisguer, Shainswit, Horowitz, Polland, ond Lasker match their ers and youthful aspirants for the honor of their "home clubs"
For those clubs which do not wish to participate in the expert "A" seetion of the Metropolitan League or for tho side chas who in addition wish to give their lessin chess combat, there is also a "B" League, which often produces stirring contests worthy of mas ters!
This spring the struggle, as ex pected, is between the Manhattan and Marshall Chess Clubs, who have hoth won all their matches thus tar, although not without
many anxious moments. The title will be decided when the two "titans" clash at the Manhattan Chess Club in the final round early in Juns. The leading scores to date are, Marsh T, Mace Mhat New York Academy, 3-2.

## The Kibitzer

on his record at least the third best player in U.S. so ignominiously ranked that he honorably refused to play in the Yugoslavia match?
2.) Who put up the money for this match? Who received the money? Was this match promoted for private gain and who received this gain?
3.) Isn't it about time we started respecting our champions instead of belittling them?

PAUL REPS
Los Angeles, California

## UNIV. OF PENNA. TOPS PHILA. TEAMS

At the close of the current Phil University of Lennsylyani strong the field with 7.1 score, losing no matehes in the second half of the season, while losing only match in the first half. The vie torious collegians were headed by
Sol Rubinow, John Hudson and Sol Gartenhaus. Their only defeat came from the defending champions, Germantown YMCA Chess Club, in the opening match.

Second place went to the Germantown YMCA Chess Club with 6-2 and the Franklin Chess Club
was third with $4-4$. Germantown led the first half of the scason, but in the second half lost to Pennsylvania and drew with North City and Central YMCA.

## STEINMEYER WINS

 ST. LOUIS TITLE
## ILLINOIS BESTS

 WISCONSIN TEAMThe most recent of many Illinois vs. Wisconsin team matches, the first was held back in the 1930's, ended in a $9-5$ victory for Illinois. Unusual for Illinois, the lower boards provided the margin of victory with a complete rout on the L. J. Isaacs held his own against Wisconsin held his own against wisconsin Chaw A. Powers four respectively U. S. Open four respectively U. S. Open
Champion Albert Sandrin lost to Champion Albert Sandrin lost to former Wisconsin Champion $R$. Kujoth, former Illinois Champion Joe Shaffer succumbed to Mark Surgies, and Sam Cohen was bested by former Wisconsin Champion Arpad Elo. On boards five and six Illinois rallied with R . Herwitz defeating R. Schmidt and Angelo Sandrin besting D. Arganian; and
from board seven on Illinois took from board seven on Ilinois took
$61 / 2$ out of 8 points for the victory.
Illinois was represented by players from Chicago, Peoria and Rockford, while Wisconsin drew its contingent from Milwaukee and Racine.

## PUERTO RICO HAS ITS ABLE JUNIOR

Puerto Rico has discovered its own promising junior player in Rolandito de J. Morales, a 14 -year old player of Trujillo Alto. In a recent simultaneous exnibition ayael Puerto Rican Champion Rafael iors were losing to the champion, iors were losing to the champion,
Rolandito won his game in brilliant style-a difficult Sicilian Deliant style-a difficult Sicilian De-
fense. After the game Cintron fense. After the game Cintron
predicted a bright future in chess predicted a bright future in
for the promising teen-ager.

## US-Canada Match

(Continued from page 1) their case is no longer pending
and that they have the necessary papers. Every effort is being made to insure participation for these Continental newcomers, as they bave brought with them a rich background of chess experience and add a definite cosmopolitan flavor to an event of this nature.
There is still time for arrangements to be made for those wishing to be included in the line-up for this chess event if they will write at once to their state chairman listed below:


Indianapolis YMCA Chess Club scored a $13-7$ victory over Purdue University in a 10 -man double round event. Leopold Binder on board one, Robert Moran, M. H. Mothersill and Henry B. Krug scored double victories for Indianapolis, while Edward W. Buerger tal lied the double win for Purdue.

MONTREAL TAKES INTERCITY MATCH
Championship went to the Mon treal octet with the Montrealers downing Ottawa $5^{1 / 2}-2 \frac{1}{2}$ and besting Quebec 6-2. Ottawa placed second by defeating Quebec 6-2. Upset of the meet was the defeat of Canadian Champion Maurice Fox by Dr F Bohatirchuk of Ot tawa in a 39 move Ruy Lopez and second defeat by Osias Bain of second deleat by Osias Bain of Quebec. Bain himself suffered a who came from chess retirement who came lrom chess retirement went on to tre with the new Montreal Champion I. Zalys.

## ALTON IS VICTOR IN TEAM EVENT

orious in a tri-team mateh at Monticello, winning from Decatur $31 / 2-11 / 2$ and then defeating the University of Illinois $31 / 2-11 / 2$. The Illini bested Decatur by 4-1 to place second. The victorious Alton team consisted of William
Newberry, Stuart McGriff, Math Newberry, Stuart McGriff, Math
Roth, William Homan and Dan Mahoney.

## HIGH BOYS TOP SALT LAKE TEAMS

Victory in the Salt Lake Chess
League went to the High Boys League went to the High Boys
team, consisting of Ted Pathakis team, consisting of Ted Pathakis
of West High, Duane Merrill of of West High, Duane Merrill of
South High and Allan Mulaik of East High, with a score of $391 / 2-91 / 2$. Second place went to Teitelbaum's Florists with $32-10$, and third place to the Young Knights with $24-18$.

## With The Chess Clubs

Racine (Wis) Chess Club edged out a victory over Elmhurst (IIl.) Chess Club by a 3-2 score with Domsky, Weidner and Zierke gaining the Wisconsin points and Hammes Both elubs desire other matches Both clubs desire other matches Contact H. C. Wierke, 1018 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis., and J. Melvin
Karr, 420 Montrose Ave., Elmhurst, Karr
III.
B. F. Goodrich Chess Club (Akron) saw victory in the Club Champion ship go to Phil Hunsicker with $6-0$ score in a 14 -man Swiss event. Second place went to Paul Roush with $5-1$, and third place to Art Juve with 4-2.
Seattle YMCA Chess Club downed the new South Tacoma Chess Club by an $8-4$ score in a double round match. Warner, Enz and Drummond score 2 points each for Seattle while Crain and Pennet tallied $11 / 2$ points each for Tacoma.

North Shore League (Mass.-N.H.) saw Newburyport score a surprise ictory over Portsmouth by $4 \frac{2}{2}$ $11 / 2$, while Manchester bested Haverhill $4 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$. In the next round Haverhill scored over Durham 5-1, while Manchester and Newbury port drew $3-3$, and finally Man hester downed Portsmouth $3 \frac{1 / 2}{}$

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## Al .eged candidates tournament




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## 51st U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Registrations: James R. Watson Mich.
Woman's Tournament: Miss Lu-
cille Kellner, 2020 Tuxedo, Detroit 6, Mich.
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Registration (if not by mail) between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 10, at Detroit-Leland Hotel, Cass and Bagley Streets, Detroit. Play beings at 7:30 p.m. and Opening Cereer Club, 2000 Second Ayenue, Detroit, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Woman's Open Tournament begins Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m.
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Ninth Annual U. S. Lightning Chess Championship Tournament will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 15.
Entry Fees: $\$ 10.00$ plus USCF membership dues ( $\$ 3.00$ ) for players not holding 1950 USCE membership cards.


