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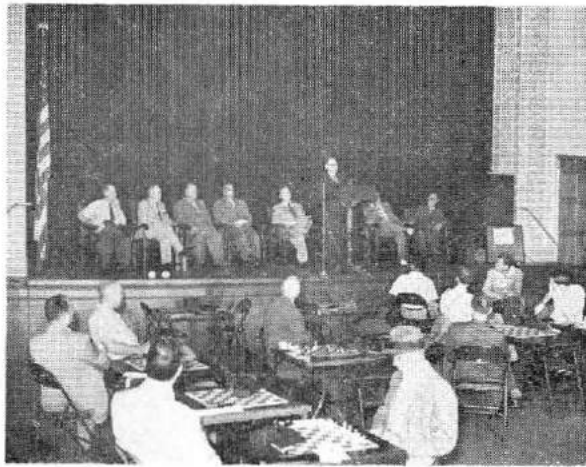


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BISGUIER WINS U. S. OPEN!



OPENING CEREMONIES AT 1950 U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
On stage, left to right: Herman Holms, tournament director; Edward I. Trend, USCF secretary; Abia O. Mason, president of Edison Chess & Checker Club; Syl. Leahy, director of Employee Relations for the Detroit Edison Company; Richard F. Mahon, chairman of the tournament committee; Albert E. Cobo, Mayor of the City of Detroit; Laurence G. Lenhardt, honorary chairman of the tournament committee; Paul G. Giers, USCF president.

H. HESSE 2nd, DONOVAN 3rd IN EXCITING CLOSE FINISH

**Evans Is 4th After Leading Field,
Stolcenberg Finishes 5th, Adams 6th**

Winning 6 games, drawing 3 and losing 1, young U. S. Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier of New York took the U. S. Open Championship at Detroit with a score of 9½-2½. The new champion lost a game to Les Spitzley of Detroit in the second round, and drew with U. S. Champion Herman Steiner, E. J. Van Sweden, and Robert Steinmeyer. The triumph was an up-hill struggle for Bisguier who at the end of the 3rd round had a 1½-1½ score, as compared to the 3-0 score of Larry Evans.

Runner-up in the 120-man Swiss tournament was Herman Hesse of Bethlehem, Pa., a former Pennsylvania State Champion, with 9 wins and 3 losses for a 9-3 score. Losing to Hans Berliner in the 4th round, Leon Stolcenberg in the 6th round, and Philip LeCornu in the 7th round, Hesse slipped past a number of contenders by winning his last five games in the tournament.

Nine players scored 8½-3½, but on S-B points Jerry Donovan of New York placed third, losing only to Bisguier, but drawing 5 games. Fourth place went to Larry Evans, Marshall Chess Club Champion, also with 8½-3½. For 7 rounds, Evans led the tournament, winning his first 6 games, but then he drew with Donovan and lost to Walter Shipman; and the eighth round found Evans, Donovan, Berliner and Shipman tied for the lead.

Ninth Round

In the 9th round Evans drew with Santasiere, Berliner with Shipman and Carl Hesse with Donovan. In contrast Bisguier won brilliantly from W. W. Adams to sneak into a tie for 1st place. Leading scores were now: Bisguier, Berliner, Donovan, Evans, Shipman tied at 7-2; Kramer, Santasiere, Steinmeyer, Stolcenberg at 6½-2½.

Tenth Round

The picture changed quickly in the 10th round. Bisguier defeated Donovan, Evans won from A. J. Fink, Santasiere defeated Berliner. In the same time Kramer drew with Stolcenberg and Eliot Hearst drew with Walter Shipman. Results: Evans and Bisguier 8-2 each; Santasiere, Shipman and Steinmeyer 7½-2½ each.

Eleventh Round

The deciding game of the tournament was the Evans-Bisguier contest in the 11th round. Here, just as at Omaha in 1949, these two young rivals met in the penultimate round, and having the Black piece in both instances did not hinder Bisguier from gaining the initiative and winning. Result: Bisguier 9-2, alone at the head of the field; tied at 8-3 were Evans, Donovan, Santasiere, Shipman, Steinmeyer, Stolcenberg, and W. Adams.

Twelfth Round

The final pairings were: Bisguier-Steinmeyer, Adams-Evans, Santasiere-Stolcenberg, Shipman-Donovan. The championship was decided in about a quarter of an hour when Bisguier and Steinmeyer agreed to a nine-move draw. The other important games were also drawn, but in a much less perfunctory manner.

Of the other players with 8½-3½ scores, they ranked on S-B points from 5th to 11th in the following order: L. Stolcenberg, W. W. Adams, W. Shipman, R. Steinmeyer, H. Steiner, A. Santasiere, and G. Kramer. Hans Berliner placed 12th on S-B points with an 8-4 score, while Canadian Champion Maurice Fox placed 13th, also with 8-4.

Fox was the only player to be

undefeated in the course of the tournament, but he drew 8 games. Seven players in the event lost only one game apiece: Bisguier, Donovan, Kramer, Santasiere, Shipman, Steinmeyer, and Stolcenberg.

USCF ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS

At the Detroit meeting, in connection with the U. S. Open Tournament, the United States Chess Federation elected several new officials and there were some changes in the Board of Directors.

Under the revised Constitution USCF officials serve for a three year term, and consequently there was little change in the majority of the Executive Committee as the following have two years left to serve: President Paul G. Giers, Vice-Presidents Frank R. Graves, Montgomery Major and Martin Southern, while Vice-Presidents Hans Knoch, George E. Roosevelt and Herman Steiner have one year left to serve.

Re-elected for three year terms as Vice-Presidents were J. B. Gee, William M. Byland and Milton Finkelstein (who were elected at the Omaha meeting for a one-year term). Elected as Secretary to succeed Edward I. Trend was Phil J. Mary; and Edward Trend was elected as 10th Vice-President for a three year term and assigned the duties of coordinating the NCCP with various State Associations. Trend was also reappointed as Treasurer by President Giers, while Glenn E. Hartleb retains the post of Membership Secretary.

OPEN CHAMP HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

Six players, returning from the U. S. Open Championship in Detroit, were injured in an accident at Batavia, N. Y. when their auto overturned on a rain-soaked road, and four of them were seriously enough injured to be taken to the Genesee Memorial Hospital.

The newly crowned U. S. Open Champion Arthur Bisguier suffered a broken rib and a gash in the forehead; Marshall Chess Club Champion Larry Evans was very badly bruised; Walter Shipman had his leg in a cast for an injured ankle; and Kit Crittenden of Raleigh, N. C. suffered a fractured collar-bone.

Jeremiah F. Donovan and CHESSE LIFE columnist Eliot Hearst escaped serious injury.

CROSS WINS JUNIOR TITLE

James Cross won the U. S. Championship, with Ross E. Siemms second. John Penquite was third, Stanley Amarnick fourth.

James Cross (Glendale)	5-1
Ross E. Siemms (Toronto)	5-1
John Penquite (Des Moines)	5-3
Stanley Amarnick (Phila.)	5-3
Lionel Joyner (Montreal)	5-3
David Argonian (Racine)	5-3

EVANS TAKES U. S. LIGHTNING

Marshall Chess Club Champion Larry Evans emerged as victor in the annual U. S. Lightning Chess Championship, held at Detroit during the course of the U. S. Open Championship Tournament. Evans tied for second in the preliminaries of Section C with Hamburger at 7-2, but defeated Hamburger in a play-off game to qualify for the finals. In the finals Evans sailed through the opposition with an 8-1 score. In the preliminaries Evans lost games to Garelick and Eastman, and in the finals he again succumbed to Eastman for his only defeat.

Joseph Shaffer of Chicago was second with 6-3, after winning his preliminary Section A with an 8-1 score. Third place went to 1949 Lightning Champion George Kramer of New York with 5½-3½. In the preliminaries Kramer tied with Dr. Mengarini at 7-2 for second place behind Shaffer, and won the playoff against Mengarini to qualify for the finals. Fourth place went to U. S. Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier with 4½-4, after winning the preliminaries of Section B with a 9-0 score.

Winners of the other preliminaries were George Eastman with 8-1 in Section C, Jerry Donovan with 7½-1½ in Section D and Walter Shipman with 8-1 in Section E. 50 players entered the event and the preliminaries consisted of five 10-man sections, with the winner and runner-up qualified for the 10-man finals.

KARFF, KELLNER SHARE IN WOMEN'S

The U. S. Women's Open Championship Tournament, conducted concurrently with the U. S. Open Championship at Detroit, suffered this year from a rather small entry list, which endeavored to make up in quality for what it lacked in quantity.

Miss N. May Karff, U. S. Women's Co-Champion and defending U. S. Women's Open Champion, shared top honors with Miss Lucille Kellner of Detroit, Michigan's ranking woman player, with 2½-½ scores each. Miss Karff and Miss Kellner drew against each other and both defeated their other opponents. They agreed to share the title rather than engage in a play-off match. Mrs. W. E. Thomis of Detroit was third with 1-2, and Ohio State Women's Champion Mrs. Catherine Jones was fourth.

U. S. Women's Co-Champion Mrs. Gisela Gresser was also in Detroit, but elected to play in the U. S. Open Championship rather than contest the Women's title, while Miss Kellner bravely elected to engage in both events.

Position No. 81

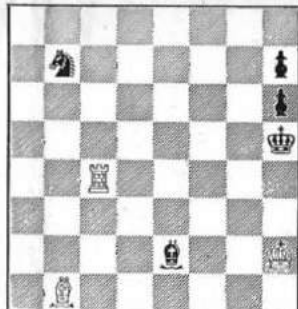
By V. Bron
Soviet Chess Compositions
1945-1947



gK1, 8, 4p3g, 6ks, 4p1H1, 6P1 4Q3, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 82

By G. Kasparyan
Soviet Chess Compositions
1945-1947



8, 1a0p, 7p, 7s, 21s, 8, 4b2k, 13b
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojman

IT SEEMS an appropriate time at which to give serious study to the tactical and strategic ideas of the Russians; therefore the studies in this issue reflect the gifted tactical insight of two well-known Soviet composers.

Position No. 81, which won 3rd prize in one of the Kubel Memorial Tournaments, has the modest program of forcing Black to yield to mate or else surrender his queen, and the program is effected simply and directly despite the apparent difficulty inbred in the position.

In Position No. 82, which won 3rd prize in the Sverdlovsk Sport Committee Tourney, the concept of victory lies in trapping and destroying Blacks' bishop and knight.

Alas for the plans of men! Mr. Guy writes that his Position No. 70 (which we reported saved by a new variation in our last column) has capitulated again because after 1. P-R7, RxKt; 2. P-R3(Q), R-R4 ch; 3. K-K7, BxP; 4. Q-R1 ch!, Black can play 4... B-R6 and the win for White evaporates. This position has developed into an interesting tug-of-war with new offensives and counter-offensives every week.

Mr. V. L. Eaton notes that Position No. 77 by A. B. Willis is unfortunately spoiled as a study because it yields quite as readily to 1. R-K1 as it does to 1. R-KR1; and a study like a problem must have only one winning solution. And Dr. Platz brings serious questions as to the soundness of Position No. 79 by Bron, suggesting that after 1. P-K17, Kt-K2 ch; 2. K-B3, R-Kt6; 3. B-K3 ch, K-B3; 4. P-Kt8(Q). Black need not capture and give stalemate but can play 4... Kt-Kt3 ch! after which it seems certain that White must lose. Readers Frank A. Holloway, Eugene H. Canfield and Franklin J. Sanborn contribute the same suggestion.

Please turn to page three for solutions.

Problem Composers are invited to compete in CHESSE LIFE's International Tourney. For details, read "Mate the Subtle Way!" by Vincent L. Eaton in this issue. Contest closes December 31, 1950.

ENGLISH OPENING

USA-Canada Border Match Niagara Falls, 1950

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany

White P. VAITONIS R. T. BLACK 1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 3. P-K4 P-Q4 2. Kt-QB3 P-B3 4. P-P

Working for the open file. That's fine if one can use it. A K alone can do no harm in this case.

From now on any hope of attacking the White K-side is slim indeed. Black tries to rectify to some measure what is left of his game, but it looks hopeless now.



VAITONIS

A gem. An excellent finish to a finely played game by White. If 26... Qx3; 27. Kt-B mate. There is nothing left but to resign.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes names like A. H. DuVal, Dr. John Blager, H. W. Liggett, Ray Martin, Bruce Marples, Fred Woods, K. G. Hughes, Ray Williams, Hugh Allison, and "Bye".

Solutions: Mate the Subtle Way

No. 175 (Hansberg): 1. B-K5. "I watched the Black Queen run up and down stairs a long time, before spotting the clever change of mate when 1... Q-Q5" -Alain White.

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand 192 Seville Drive Rochester 17, N. Y.

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT

U. S. Open Championship Detroit, 1950

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White L. STOLZENBERG W. W. ADAMS 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. Kt-B Kt-B4 2. P-Q4 P-K4 8. P-R3 P-Q4 3. QxP P-Q5 9. P-KK3 Kt-K2 4. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 10. B-K2 Q-O 5. QKt-Q2 B-KK15 11. Q-O Kt-K3 6. P-KR3 B-K1 12. Q-B2



22. Kt-P! KxKt 23. Q-B5 ch and 24. BxKt leaving Black's QR hanging. 25. B-Q5 ch K-B3 26. Q-B3 ch K-K3 27. R-K1 R-QR2 27. Q-B2 ch K-B3 28. P-B4 K-B2 28. Q-K2 ch

FRENCH DEFENSE USA vs. Canada Team Match Berlin, 1950

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White QUESNEL (Canada) Black GERTH (USA) 1. P-K4 P-K3 2. Kt-KB3 3. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3 PxP 2... P-Q5 is best, giving White slightly the worst of it.

This move and the next are not justified. White should complete his development and consolidate his position before trying to open things up.

RUY LOPEZ Women's World Championship Moscow, 1950

Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa



23. R-P As good as anything, since White is lost. 23... B-B6 ch??? Up to this point Black's play has been for the most part commendable.

RUY LOPEZ Team Match Detroit, 1950

Notes by Phil LeCornu

White P. LeCORNU Black A. WEISS 1. P-K4 P-K4 5. O-O P-QK4 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. B-K3 P-Q 3. B-K15 P-QR3 7. P-Q3 4. B-R4 Kt-B3

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