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HARTLEB WINS TRI-STATE

BIG ENTRY SEEN FOR TEAM TOURN'Y

The Biennial U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship will be held at John Jay Hall, Columbia University, New York; and advance notices indicate a larger entry than any time in the past with more teams from the middle west to contest the supremacy of the Eastern seaboard.

The Intercollegiate Team Championship is jointly sponsored by the Intercollegiate Chess League of America and the United States Chess Federation, and the tournament will be directed by John D. French of Harrisburg, Pa. Entries, including accommodations for visiting teams in Columbia U frat houses, will be handled by Rhys Hays, 430 West 116th Street, New York, N. Y.; and the deadline for entries is December 20th. The tournament will be played during the Christmas week of December 26-30, 1950.

USCF Director Rhys Hays is chairman of Tournament Committee, consisting of Donald Vives (Columbia University), secretary; Joshua Gross (Vice-president New Jersey State Chess Federation); E. V. French (Secretary Intercollegiate Chess League of America); Eliot Hearst (CHESS LIFE columnist).

CCNY is expected to defend its title as team champion; and teams are expected from NYU, Columbia, Rutgers, Yale, Harvard, Brooklyn, Case (Cleveland), Yeshiva (NY), Temple, Chicago, Michigan and a number of other colleges, including possibly several Canadian institutions.

Teams are urged to bring their own clocks; all other chess equipment will be supplied.

BIENNIAL INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

December 26-30, 1950
John Jay Hall,
Columbia University
New York City, N. Y.

Sponsored by Intercollegiate Chess League of America and United States Chess Federation, for custody of the Harold M. Phillips Trophy, emblematic of Collegiate Team Championship of USA.

Seven round Swiss team tournament for teams of four players; open to any college team in the Western Hemisphere (Canadian teams especially invited.)

Deadline for filing entries: December 20th, 1950.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per team (including alternates) — all contestants are expected to be USCF members.

Limited accommodations for teams available at Columbia University Fraternity houses. Requests must go to: Rhys Hays, 430 W. 116th Street, New York, N. Y. promptly.

Send entries and enquiries to:—

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New York City, N. Y.

TAUTVAISAS WINS FACTOR MEMORIAL

Povilas Tautvasas, former Lithuanian master, who recently celebrated his arrival in the USA by winning the Boston City Championship, placing second in the Massachusetts State Championship and twenty-fifth in the 120 player U.S. Open, took the Factor Memorial Tournament in Chicago with a 5-2 score, drawing with Dahlstrom and Michelson, and losing to Nedved. Kimball Nedved also score 5-2, but lost the all-important playoff game to Tautvasas. In the regular rounds Nedved drew with Poschel and Hahlbohm, while losing to Dahlstrom.

Third place was a 4½-2½ tie between Paul Poschel and Burton Dahlstrom. Poschel lost to Tautvasas and Michelson and drew with Nedved. Dahlstrom. Herman Hahlbohm was fifth with 3-4, while Einar Michelson, George N. Leighton and Robert Herwitz shared sixth with 2-5 each.

The Factor Memorial Tournament, sponsored by the Chicago City Chess League, was one of the strongest tournaments held in recent years in Chicago with two former Western Champions in Hahlbohm and Michelson, former Illinois State Champion in Poschel and former Trans-Mississippi Champion in Dahlstrom, while Nedved, Herwitz and Leighton represented the younger group of players gradually gaining local recognition.

Michelson gained the prize for the best-played game for his victory over Poschel. The tournament was directed by A. Kaufman and played at Eckart Park, through the courtesy of Mr. Bardine, supervisor, who provided adequate playing facilities.

Surprise of the tournament was the playing of Nedved, who in placing ahead of Poschel, Dahlstrom, Hahlbohm and Michelson astonished the wisecracks who had not foreseen such an event. He led until the seventh round when the loss to Dahlstrom threw him into a tie for first. Dahlstrom started very poorly but took 4½ out of the last 5 points to stage a recovery, while former State Champion Paul Poschel was handicapped by a siege of pneumonia in mid-tournament.

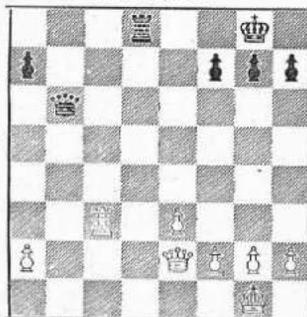
CHESS ADMITS NO DIFFICULTIES

D. M. Le Dain in his chess column in the Montreal Gazette publishes the fact that Gus Hogben of Bronte, Ont. rode his bicycle to and from Niagara Falls, a distance of 100-odd miles, to participate in the USA-Canada Border match last July; and won his game. Gus is 62 years old.

DR. RAUCH TOPS IN QUEBEC SPEED

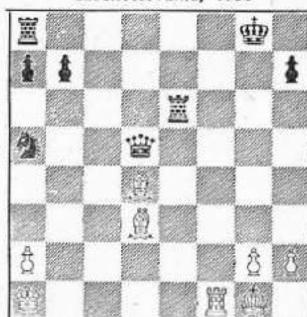
Victory in the Quebec Provincial Speed Championship went to Dr. J. Rauch of Montreal with 6½-½. Tied in games with 6½-½ also Lionel Joyner placed second on S-B points, while J. Gersho placed third and O. Bain fourth in the 26-player event, held at Drummondville.

Position No. 45
O. Bernstein vs. J. Capablanca
Moscow, 1914



3r2K1, p4ppp, 1q6, 8, 8, 2R1P3,
F3QPP, 6K1
Black to play and win

Position No. 46
A. Kotov vs. E. Kozma
Czechoslovakia, 1950



r5k1, pp5p, 4r3, s2q4, 3B4, 3B4, P5PP,
Q4RK1
White to play and win

Finish It The Clever Way!

Conducted by Edmund Nash

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IN POSITION No. 45 White resigned after Black's 15th move. Position No. 46 should afford some interesting moments in solving. In the game, White mated after a series of seven checks, in the process sacrificing his two Bishops.

Please turn to Page Seven for solutions.

A Message To Every Chess Player

AT THIS time when people are beset by so many cares and worries the relaxation of chess is a great help to those who can enjoy it. Chess can be an influence to combat the restlessness of youth, to entertain many hospital patients to give relief to some of those suffering from the tensions inflicted by the times. For the promotion of chess it is necessary to have the support of all those interested. The United States Chess Federation should have more money if its program is to be carried out effectively and this money should be raised by the support of many and not through a few large contributions or by increasing the burdens of those already supporting its activities.

Therefore, we appeal to you as chess-players to support the program of the USCF according to your ability and willingness to back your faith in chess with deeds. Rather than set a definite sum, such as a general raise in dues, the USCF would prefer to trust its future program to the generosity of its members in giving what they can afford.

Be the gift big or small, the need for it is urgent, for the USCF must set its budget for the coming year according to what funds it has available earlier in 1951. So do not hesitate, but act today. Whether that budget will be liberal enough to cover all the USCF program or will demand a drastic retrenchment, depends on you.

We have great faith in the chess-players of America and in their unwillingness to see the promotion of chess suffer by that un-American disease of malnutrition.

GEORGE E. ROOSEVELT
Chairman

USCF Finance Steering Committee

Contributions may be sent to: Edward I. Trend, Treasurer, 12869 Strathmore Ave., Detroit 37, Michigan. Checks should be made payable to: The United States Chess Federation.

PROBLEMISTS VIEW THEIR PROBLEMS

At an informal meeting of chess problem composers and solvers of the New York area, the promotional aspects for popularizing problem solving were discussed and a committee of five appointed to study the situation for the American Chess Problemist, and Society.

Well-known composers present were De Blasio, Buchwald, Costikyan, Hassberg, Janet (of old Good Companion days), and Rubens. Mr. S. Becker of Chicago presented the Society with a handsome art trophy, a handturned 12" Rook, inlaid with 5 different woods which will be awarded in a championship event not yet determined. Chess columns will be asked to publicize future meetings of the Society.

LEAGUES START IN CLEVELAND

With 11 teams the Cleveland Club League is ready for action, while the Cleveland Industrial League has 9 teams at the starting line. Club League teams are: Atlantic Chess, Brooklyn Chessnuts, Buckeye Chess, Case Chess, Checkmate Chess, Cleveland Chess, East Cleveland Chess, Lakewood Tigers, Lakewood Cubs, Rooks Chess, and Queens Chess — the last the famous all feminine chess club of Cleveland. Industrial teams are: Ohio Bell Telephone, Warner & Swasey, Lubrizol, Thompson Products, Brush Development No. 1 and No. 2, Atlantic Tool Die, Strong-Cobb, and Cleveland Twist Drill.

The Cleveland Chess Ass'n. is one of the most active in the country.

JUNIOR TO DIETZ OHIO WINS TEAM

Glenn Hartleb, USCF Member Secretary, from Erie, Pa., won the fifth Tri-State Tournament at the Seneca Hotel in Columbus, Ohio over November 11 and 12. Hartleb, who placed fourth in the U. S. Open Championship at Omaha in 1949, took the Tri-State title by winning five straight games. Thus, Bill Byland, also from Pennsylvania, had to be content with fourth place this year after winning the 1949 event. Ahead of Byland were Jim Schroeder, present Ohio State Champion, and A. Nasvytis, also of Ohio.

With Paul Dietz, winner of the 1949 U. S. Intercollegiate Championship, entered, there was little doubt about the Junior title. Dietz won with 4½, conceding a draw to Fleat of Ohio.

In the team matches, where Penna fielded only a four-man team to the eight-man teams of Ohio and West Va., Ohio topped with 14 wins and 2 draws, West Virginia was second with 5-11, while Pennsylvania had 4-12.

Box scores in next issue.

JOACHIM TAKES SEATTLE TITLE

For the third time Charles K. Joachim, a former champion of Vienna, has captured the Seattle City Championship with 5½-½ in a 6-round Swiss. Playing careful, solid, and sometimes brilliant chess, conceding a draw to G. S. Patterson, the runner-up. Patterson, scoring 5-1, drew with Joachim and Donald Seiter. Glenn Muller was third with 4-2, losing in the final rounds to Patterson and Joachim after leading the van most of the way.

LESTER CAPTURES NEWYPORT OPEN

Orlando Lester of Portsmouth, N.H., commuting bravely week by week, captured the annual Newburyport (Mass.) Open Championship conducted by the Newburyport Chess Club with 5-0 score, leading all the way. Second place went to Gordon Herndon with 3½-1½. Tied on points for third were C. Waterman, Gene Riel and B. Gould with 3-2 each.

GREATER CHICAGO LEAGUE STARTS

With an upset victory by West Suburban over Austin Chess 3½-2½ the Greater Chicago Chess League inaugurated its season. It was a blow to Austin, twice winner, with dreams of permanent possession of the trophy by a third successive championship in this season. Teams in the league are: Austin Chess, West Towns Chess (formerly Berwyn), Electro-Motive Chess, Irving Park Y Chess, Hawthorne Chess, and West Suburban Chess.

LEAGUE IN PLAY AT SALT LAKE

Off to an early start, the Salt Lake City Chess League sees 10 teams in active competition: Taylor, Neff, Gridseth, Kashin, Schack, Teitelbaum, Schoenhardt, Boyden, Gatehouse, and Clark, named after the respective team captains.

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INTRODUCING THE RATING SYSTEM

WITH THIS issue we introduce the long-promised and long-awaited National Rating System for U.S. chess players; and it will not be amiss to comment briefly upon certain aspects of this system which might possibly be misunderstood by readers who have had little occasion to study the many problems which confront the designers of any such system of mathematical evaluation.

We do not intend to discuss the methods whereby these rating are established, but will leave these explanations to experts more qualified to speak; instead we will content ourselves with a few more general remarks upon the system as a whole.

First, to avoid possible confusion, let us emphasize the fact that the U.S.C.F. system is independent of any international designation of titles—the fact that the two U.S. Grandmasters in our list are also F.I.D.E. International Grandmasters is a coincidence in the sense that the U.S.C.F. might qualify other U.S. players, whose performance earned the rank, as U. S. Grandmasters without F.I.D.E. conferring upon them the titles of International Grandmasters.

In consequence, there immediately appears an apparent discrepancy in the fact that those players recognized by F.I.D.E. as International Masters appear upon our list variously as Senior Masters and Masters. Some might question why all the Senior Masters are not also International Masters and why all the International Masters are not Senior Masters. The answer lies largely in the fact that a number of U.S. players might well be qualified as International Masters, if they had had sufficient international experience and reputation; but since they have confined their talents to this country, they cannot be recognized by F.I.D.E. as International Masters whatever their ability. But we can and do recognize their standing by according them the title of Senior Master upon their performance in this country. Even such an outstanding player as C. J. S. Purdy of Australia is not an International Master, because he has not played outside of Australia in international events.

Second, to still any charge of discrimination from those who may feel certain players have been over-rated or under-rated on this list, let us emphasize now the fact that these initial ratings are based upon tournament play over a number of years and that the ratings have been established by purely mathematical formulas upon actual performance. No committee has arbitrarily decided the standings of any player upon a personal opinion of his ability. But, it is admitted, that this first list cannot be considered absolutely comprehensive for the one fact that the complete details of all tournaments played during this period were not available for computation. Therefore, it is possible that a number of players have been deprived of full recognition in this initial list, merely because the data was not made available whereby to accord them complete ratings. This will be a self-remedying fault as the clubs and associations submit in proper form the required details of their various events.

Naturally enough, this first listing does not cover all USCF members, for besides those whose practice has been in inaccessible tournament records, there are many members who have never competed in any formal tournaments. These must compete in formal tournaments, whether club, state or national, in order to acquire a standing.

Montgomery Major

Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton

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IN THE ISSUE before last I addressed some remarks to the amateur solver, listing a few of the "conventions" governing chess problems that the expert more or less takes for granted, but that the beginner does not always grasp when he tackles a strange position. Mr. Robert L. Smith of Portland, Maine, has suggested some very fine additions to my list, and I take pleasure in printing his contribution:

"1. Every piece on the board has a purpose—it must, actively, aid the attack or the defense; or, passively, prevent an undesirable move. Often this gives clues for the easiest solution of a problem." (Many problems can be solved by scanning each White piece and determining its function; a piece that has no apparent use may be the one that makes the key.)

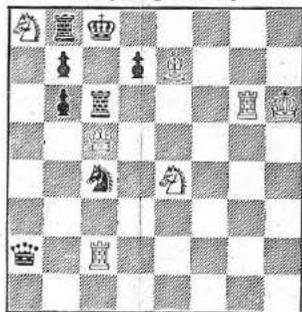
"2. No piece used in a problem may be of higher value or rank than is necessary for the duties it has to perform: a man is never sent on a boy's errand! (A Queen is never used when a Bishop or Rook will do the job the composer has in mind.)

"3. Promoted pieces are not used in the initial setting of

a problem, although promotions may occur in the course of the solution." (This provides the only exception to No. 2 above: a composer will employ a Queen and two Bishops if his alternative is to use three Bishops of the same color in the initial setting.)

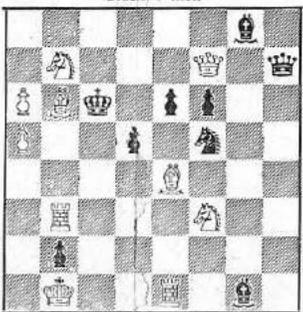
Mr. Smith's remarks, with parenthetical comments by the Editor, will be continued in our next issue.

Problem No. 207
By L. Fontaine
Liege, Belgium
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney



Black: 8 men
White: 7 men
Srk5, 1p1p3, 1pr3Rk, 2Q5, 2s1S3, 8,
4R5, 8
White mates in two moves

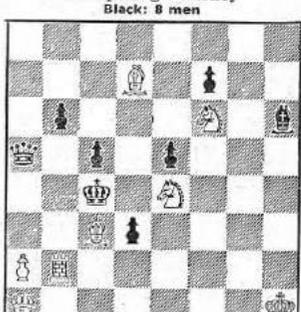
Problem No. 209
By Edgar Holladay
U. S. Army
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men
6b1, 1S3Q1n, Fk1pp2, 2P1s2, 4B3,
2Bc2, 2Pc2, 1P21h1
White mates in two moves

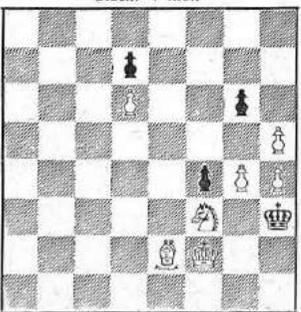
(Solutions to previously published problems on page 8)

Problem No. 208
By J. T. Lightbourn
Hamilton, Bermuda
Entry in CHESS LIFE
Composing Tourney
Black: 8 men



White: 8 men
8, 3B1 p2, 1p3S1b, 4p1p3, 2k1S3,
2Bp4, PR6, Q6K
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 210
By Charles S. Jacobs
Winchester, Mass.
Composed for CHESS LIFE
Black: 4 men



White: 7 men
8, 3p4, 3P2P1, 7P, 5pPP, 5S1K, 4Bk2, 8

Chigorin Anniversary

By A. BUSCHKE

RUSSIAN Chess observes two 100th anniversaries this year: in 1850 two of the greatest masters of Tsarist Russia were born. Emanuel Schiffers was born on April 22/May 4, 1850 (he died in 1904) and was already considered as one of the strongest players of St. Petersburg (and probably all Russia) when in 1874, the Russian chess world heard for the first time of a new talent who was soon to overshadow Schiffers and all other Russian chess players: Mikhail Ivanovich CHIGORIN (TSCHIGORIN), born on October 31/November 12, 1850 (died on January 25/February 7, 1908).

This master, now considered by Botvinnik and all other Russian chess players as the father of the Soviet Chess School (leading via Alekhine, Niemzowitsch to the great Russian masters of our time) is known to most chess players only from some of his brilliant games and daring sacrifices reminding the reader of Morphy. This superficial similarity of Chigorin's and Morphy's "styles" was even mistaken by William Steinitz, who, as the founder of the "modern school" of chess, saw (or wanted to see) in Chigorin the outstanding representative of the "old school" and who, in order to prove the "superiority" of the "modern school," recommended Chigorin as the master he would "most like" (as we would say nowadays) to play with for the Chess Championship of the World when he was invited by wealthy Habana chess sponsors to name his own opponent for such a match in 1889. Chigorin himself strongly refused to be classified in any "school"—but of course who cared (or cares even today) for such pronouncement uttered in a chess column written in Russian ("Novoe Vremia," March 11/23, 1891)?

With hardly any other prominent chess master it would be as wrong as with Chigorin to form an opinion or assign him his rightful position in the history of chess by going only over his games. According to "Shakhmaty v SSSR" 1948 p. 6. the team of Soviet chess masters participating in the tournament of Slav masters at Warsaw in 1947, was presented with a bulky manuscript volume of "neatly and accurately written scores of more than 800 games played by the great Chigorin and collected and copied by the Lodz player D. Ia. Danishevsky," the same who "won one of the best games ever won from Alekhine" (although under circumstances not known to, and therefore not recorded by, Reinfeld when he made this statement in "Unknown Alekhine," game no. 21). According to the report in "Shakhmaty v SSSR," Danishevsky's manuscript "contains without exception all Chigorin games known to" Danishevsky, "many with Chigorin's own notes, some with the compiler's notes"; and it would be a distinct service to the chess world if this compilation could be made available in book form: for very good reasons, Danishevsky seems to have collected not only the games, but also, wherever possible, Chigorin's own notes. Throughout his life, Chigorin's main contribution to the cause of chess consisted in his literary activities, and his analyses, more than

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Alekhine's Early Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke

IV. THE "MOSCOW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 1916"

ANOTHER ALEKHINE LEGEND SHATTERED

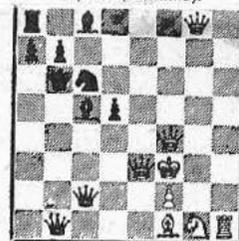
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AS outlined in the preceding installment, none of the well-known books on openings pays much attention to 9. Q-K4 in the French Defense, although this move received strongest backing as an "improvement" over the usual 9. Q-R5 from no lesser authority than Alekhine in the note to move 5 of game 26 of "My Best Games of Chess, 1908-1923", published in 1927. Even granted the fact that Alekhine buried his recommendation in a note to a much tamer variation, it seems almost unbelievable that not a single one of these "experts" brought it to light—were they all so overwhelmed by the curiosity of the five queens position and the quiet 24th move that they overlooked or forgot Alekhine's theoretical remarks?

11. 0-0-0

На 11. g3 : h4 я собираюсь сыграть 11. ... Се7-f6, так как ход 11. ... с5 : d4 повеле бы к весьма трудно учитываемым и вряд ли выгодным для черных осложнениям. Вот, например, один из фантастических вариантов возможных при этом продолжении: 11. ... с5 : d4 12. h4-h5! d4 : с3 13. h5-h6, с3 : b2 14. Лал-b1, Фd8-a5+15. Крe1-e2, Фa5 : a2 16. h6-h7, Фa2 : b1 17. h7 : g8Ф+, Крe8-d7 18. Фg8 : f7, Фb1 : c2+ 19. Крe2-f3, Кb8-c6 20. Фf7 : e6+, Крd7-c7 21. Фg4-f4+, Крe7-b6 22. Фe7-e3+, Се7-c5 23. g7-g8Ф, b2-b1Ф.

Черные (Алехин).



Бьянко (Григорьев).

Reproduction from "Shakhmatnyi Vestnik" of the original Russian text of the notes by Alekhine regarding the "Fantastic" 5-queen variation which might have occurred in the game, Grigoriev-Alekhine, if Grigoriev had played 11. P-xP and Alekhine replied with 11. ... P-xQ, with the diagram that appeared in these notes.

And what should we say about the Russian authors Belavenets and Yudovich who we believe do not even have the excuse that they overlooked Alekhine's recommendation because it was buried in an obscure note? When the English edition of "My Best Games 1908-1923" reached Russia, this was acknowledged by Grigoriev himself in his chess column no. 39/257 of September 30, 1927 in "Izvestia" with the addition that "in our country there is already a similar book by Alekhine, to be published in the near future, in preparation at the State Publishing House", and the next column (no. 40/258 of November 2, 1927) announces already the Russian edition of the book. But in the meantime, the editors of "Shakhmatnyi Listok" had published the "game" between "Alekhine and N.N." (Sh. Listok 1927 no. 17 p. 264, game no. 899) as "one little known but exceptionally curious game, which Alekhine played in Moscow in 1915 and which we culled from the notes to the game Alekhine-Tarrasch, Petersburg 1914" (sc., from the just published English edition of "My Best Games of Chess 1908-1923"), and

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CLASSIFICATION:

Grandmaster	2700 points up
Senior Master	2500 to 2699 points
Master	2300 to 2499 points
Expert	2100 to 2299 points
Class A	1900 to 2099 points
Class B	1700 to 1899 points
Class C	1500 to 1699 points
Class D	Below 1500 points

NOTE:

An active player's official rating, as published in this list, may be for the year 1947, 1948, 1949, or for the first seven months of 1950—whichever rating is highest.

Players listed as inactive have not competed in any rated tournaments since January 1, 1947. The rating shown after inactive player's name is the last in our records, and may be for any year from 1938 through 1946. Ratings of inactive players will not be published on future lists.

GRANDMASTERS

Active

Fine, Reuben (New York, N. Y.)	2817
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Inactive

Reshevsky, Sam. (New York, N. Y.)	2770
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SENIOR MASTERS

Active

Kovitz, A. (New York, N. Y.)	2610
Dake, Arthur W. (Portland, Ore.)	2598
Denker, Arnold S. (New York, N. Y.)	2575
Kashdan, I. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	2574
Horowitz, I. A. (New York, N. Y.)	2558

Inactive

Simonson, A. C. (New York, N. Y.)	2596
Reinfeld, F. (New York, N. Y.)	2593
Pavey, Max (New York, N. Y.)	2442
Shainswift, W. (New York, N. Y.)	2442
Pinkus, Albert S. (New York, N. Y.)	2422
Bisguier, A. B. (New York, N. Y.)	2394
Kramer, G. (New York, N. Y.)	2394
Wearz, E. (Los Angeles, Cal.)	2392
Byrne, D. (New York, N. Y.)	2383
Adams, W. W. (Dedham, Mass.)	2376
Hilbomh, H. (Chicago, Ill.)	2368
Santasiere, A. E. (New York, N. Y.)	2362
Rosen, R. (New York, N. Y.)	2352
Hesse, H. V. (Bethlehem, Pa.)	2347
DiCamillo, A. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2345
Jackson, E. S. Jr. (New York, N. Y.)	2336
Lasker, E. (New York, N. Y.)	2336
Donovon, J. F. (New York, N. Y.)	2326
Turiansky, M. (New York, N. Y.)	2326
Sandrin, A. N. (Chicago, Ill.)	2325
Bernstein, S. N. (New York, N. Y.)	2322
Scott, James B. (Glendale, Calif.)	2321
Cliff, Dr. J. (New York, N. Y.)	2313
Wesstad, Olof (Seattle, Wash.)	2311
Engarlin, Dr. A. (New York, N. Y.)	2310
Inauer, M. M. (New York, N. Y.)	2309

MASTERS

Active

Evans, Larry (New York, N. Y.)	2484
Seldman, H. (New York, N. Y.)	2451
Shainswift, W. (New York, N. Y.)	2442
Pinkus, Albert S. (New York, N. Y.)	2422
Bisguier, A. B. (New York, N. Y.)	2394
Kramer, G. (New York, N. Y.)	2394
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Adams, W. W. (Dedham, Mass.)	2376
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Rosen, R. (New York, N. Y.)	2352
Hesse, H. V. (Bethlehem, Pa.)	2347
DiCamillo, A. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2345
Jackson, E. S. Jr. (New York, N. Y.)	2336
Lasker, E. (New York, N. Y.)	2336
Donovon, J. F. (New York, N. Y.)	2326
Turiansky, M. (New York, N. Y.)	2326
Sandrin, A. N. (Chicago, Ill.)	2325
Bernstein, S. N. (New York, N. Y.)	2322
Scott, James B. (Glendale, Calif.)	2321
Cliff, Dr. J. (New York, N. Y.)	2313
Wesstad, Olof (Seattle, Wash.)	2311
Engarlin, Dr. A. (New York, N. Y.)	2310
Inauer, M. M. (New York, N. Y.)	2309

Inactive

Bin, J. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2485
Iman, R. (New York, N. Y.)	2474
Skowitz, J. (New York, N. Y.)	2470
Kurz, E. (New York, N. Y.)	2442
Ayers, L. R. (Wisconsin)	2437
Bakos, N. (New York)	2430
Barnes, G. S. (Minnesota)	2427
Beniz, D. (Baltimore, Md.)	2423
Berliner, H. (Washington, D.C.)	2422
Black, Roy T. (New York, N. Y.)	2422
Boyetz, Leslie (San Francisco)	2421
Braun, J. (Illinois)	2419
Burdge, H. (Washington, D.C.)	2417
Capps, C. M. (San Francisco)	2416
Chauvenet, L. R. (Virginia)	2416
Cohen, Edwin (Louisville, Ky.)	2410
Collins, Cecil K. (Louisiana)	2409
Collins, J. W. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	2409
Colon, M. (Puerto Rico)	2409
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Dahlstrom, B. (Chicago, Ill.)	2409
Dietz, Paul (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	2409
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Eidelbaum, Theodore	2409
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Goodkint, T. C. (Allentown, Pa.)	2409
Hu, John M. (New York, N.Y.)	2409
Hamburger, D. (Tampa, Fla.)	2409
Harrell, R. (Fort Worth, Texas)	2409
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Isa, S. L. J. (Chicago, Ill.)	2409
Kolzf, Dr. Gerhard (Boston)	2409
Kalfer, Fred J. (Boston)	2409
Kondali, Wm. N. (San Antonio)	2409
Koelsche, Dr. G. A. (Minnesota)	2409
Koelsch, R. K. (Tulsa, Okla.)	2409
Krawzski, J. (Milwaukee)	2409
Krass, George (Jamaica, N.Y.)	2409

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Active

Blison, H. (Lima, Ohio)	2158
Ingers, S. (California)	2137
Jarnick, S. (Philadelphia, Pa.)	2118
A.erson, F. S. (St. Louis, Mo.)	2113
Wegman, E. (New York, N.Y.)	2113
Ayers, L. R. (Wisconsin)	2113
Bakos, N. (New York)	2160
Barnes, G. S. (Minnesota)	2137
Beniz, D. (Baltimore, Md.)	2439
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CLASS A

Active

Aarbus, O. (St. Paul, Minn.)	1967
Abil, H. T. (Los Angeles)	1976
Albaram, (Milwaukee)	2059
Ackerman, David (Omaha, Nebr.)	2037
Acivros, A. (Syracuse, N.Y.)	2040
Adams, Paul (Forest Park, Ill.)	1992
Adams, Wm. (San Jose, Calif.)	2025
Addison, V. E. (Louisiana)	2043
Adickes, W. C. Jr. (Asheville, N.C.)	2043
Allinger, P. (Oakland, Calif.)	1964
Allshiller, S. M. (New York)	2096
Amidon, James (Washington)	1970
Armstrong, J. (Houston, Texas)	2061
Ash, Isaac (Philadelphia)	1978
Bain, Mrs. Mary (Miami Beach)	1906
Baine, R. M. (Virginia)	2031
Barasch, C. (Baltimore)	1925
Barrington, G. (New York, N.Y.)	2049
Barrett, James (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1950
Barry (New York)	1903
Barry, James E. (Detroit)	1974
Battell, J. S. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	1903
Beckham, L. H. (Cincinnati, Ohio)	2019
Belzer, Jerry (Omaha, Nebr.)	2027
Benitez, F. (Puerto Rico)	2096
Berman, E. (New York)	2041
Bernstein, Neil (New York)	2036
Blitzback, Emil (Los Angeles)	2060
Blum, G. (Philadelphia)	1972
Blume, Henry (Milwaukee)	

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Abbott, Charles (Washington) 1730, Adams, C. P. (Forest Park, Ill.) 1864, Agnelo, Samuel A. (Durham, N.C.) 1882, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Flead, Howard (Dayton, Ohio) 1839, Fleming, H. (Philadelphia) 1850, Fletcher, R. L. (Decatur, Ill.) 1738, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Lewis, Ted (Chicago) 1748, Liebman, Dr. (Milwaukee) 1883, Liggett, H. W. (Charleston, W.Va.) 1804, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Rollstein, Gerald (Omaha, Nebr.) 1819, Roizen, M. (Buffalo) 1800, Rojas, Luis (Puerto Rico) 1783, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Fuchs, Samuel (N.Y.) 1859, Garnet, E. (Penna.) 1832, Gates, (Boston) 1768, Gillett, E. P. (Penna.) 1762, etc.

CLASS C Active

Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Abel, F. (Buffalo) 1550, Abel, Donald F. (Chicago) 1629, Abt, John (Racine, Wis.) 1527, etc.

Inactive

Table with 2 columns: Name and Rating. Includes entries like Abward, Hans (New York, N.Y.) 1719, Aranson, B. J. (Southwest) 1739, etc.

NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS

National Rating System

BY WILLIAM M. BYLAND

In this series of articles, we will attempt to explain the operation of the National Rating System adopted by the USCF Board of Directors at Detroit last July.

In selecting a rating system to fit the needs of American chess players, we have been guided by four basic principles:

1. Universality. Our system is universal in its application, and covers all types of competition: national, regional, state, city, and club tournaments. At present, only tournament competition entitles a player to a rating. We are working on plans to include team and individual matches, and hope to have this phase of the system in effect in 1951.

2. Mathematical Operation. Our system is completely mathematical in operation, without bias or prejudice, and its mathematical correctness has been attested by several leading actuaries in the United States and Canada. Because the system registers a player's failures, as well as his successes, we now have an accurate yardstick for determining the relative playing strength of United States players, based not on reputation or self-claim, but upon cold performance facts.

3. No Barriers to Progress. Our system has no artificial barriers to impede a player's progress. It is based on the principle that only his actual performance record should determine his classification, and no bars are set up to prevent a player's rapid progress from being reflected in his current rating—he is not required to progress laboriously upward from class to class.

4. No Premium for Inactivity. Our system, on the contrary, encourages activity on the part of all players, but does not, thereby, render tournament participation a hardship. In order to be rated, a player must participate in at least one rated tournament every three years.

Rating lists will be published twice each year: as of July 31 and December 31. Our first rating list, as of July 31, 1950, appears in this issue, and covers 2306 players; on future lists, only ratings of USCF members below the Master class will be published, and the names of inactive players' those who have not participated in a rated tournament for three years) will be omitted. Also in this issue is a listing of the 582 tournaments, covering a 30-year period, used in determining the current ratings of the players on the list. This tournament roll makes no pretensions to completeness, and contains only those tournaments whose cross-tables of play were published and readily available. It is interesting to note how the yearly list of tournaments has expanded since 1921, and the increasing publicity these events have received over the years (in which field CHESS LIFE has been an undoubted pioneer). For the long labor of compilation and computation involved in these listings, which furnish an invaluable base for future ratings, we are deeply indebted to Rating Statistician Kenneth Harkness.

(To be continued)

RATED TOURNAMENTS

Table with columns: Year, Event, Location, Rating. Lists various chess tournaments from 1921 to 1950, including the 8th American Chess Congress, 9th American Chess Congress, and various state and regional championships.

CLASS D Active

Table listing chess players and their ratings. Columns include player name, location, and rating. Lists players such as Cutilip, Mrs. M. (Wewoka, Okla.), Danilovich, D. (St. Louis), and many others.

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THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS

Table of chess ratings for various players, including names like Bjorkman, Blanchard, Blum, and others, with their respective ratings.

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Table of chess ratings for various players, including names like Year, Event, Location, and Rating.

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Table listing pan-American and foreign competitors in U.S. tournaments, including names like Aleman, Ariza, Barzin, and others.

Table listing various chess events and their locations, including Manhattan Chess Club, Marshall Chess Club, and others.

For Tournament Minded

November 25 New Jersey Speed Championship Jersey City, New Jersey Begins at 1:30 p.m. at Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, 654 Bergen Ave.;

Illinois Speed Championship Chicago, Ill.

Will be played at Austin Chess & Checker Club, Austin Town Hall, Lake and Central Avenue, Chicago; registration 2:15 p.m.; play starts 2:30 p.m.;

Oklahoma State Championship Norman, Okla.

Open to Oklahoma residents who are USCF members (dues \$3.00); held at University of Oklahoma; 5-round Swiss; trophies, no cash prizes;

Alekhine's Career

(Please turn to Page 3, Col. 2) the note to the 9th move "Q-K4" reads: "Alekhine considers this move as stronger than Chigorin's Q-R5" — in other words, the editors of "Shakhmatnyi Listok" considered as one of the "best" games to be reproduced from Alekhine's "Best Games" just the one which Alekhine had so modestly buried in a note and called special attention to Alekhine's recommending 9. Q-K4 (it is curious to note that the game immediately preceding the game between "Alekhine and N.N." in "Shakhmatnyi Listok" — Rassadnev-Krylenko — was selected by the editors because "it shows readers a good example of the strength of the responsible head of the chess movement in the Soviet Union"... and is annotated by N.D. Grigoriev) Russian readers therefore do not have the excuse that the "game" and Alekhine's recommendation of the new 9th move were "buried" in a note to another game.

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CANADIAN COMPETITORS IN U. S. TOURNAMENTS

Table listing Canadian competitors in U.S. tournaments, including names like Anderson, Frank, Balm, and others.

NEWBURYPORT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Newburyport, 1950

Table listing the Newburyport Open Championship results, including names like O. A. Lester, G. D. Herndon, and others.

By Fred Reinfeld

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Negative Immortality

WE ARE told with equal enthusiasm that man learns from experience, and also that he is a creature of habit. To reconcile these mutually contradictory claims, we must conclude that exceptional men learn from experience, and that most people are creatures of habit.

A case in point: the great Steinitz quickly saw the fallacy of attack for attack's sake; a mediocre player like Dufresne contributed over and over again to the making of an immortal game.

KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED Berlin, 1863

White: G. R. NEUMANN
Black: J. DUFRESNE

1. P-K4
2. P-KB4

Very prudent—so far.

3. K-KB3
4. B-B4
5. Kf-B3
6. P-Q3

Serious neglect of his development. By simply playing 6. Kt-B3 he would have had a good game.

7. R-B1
Worse yet: he sees a "combination." If 8. KtxKt, Q-R5ch etc.

8. R-R1
Naturally: having the permanent address of Black's King, he is delighted to take the open King's Rook file.

9. Q-K2
10. K-B1
11. P-B5
12. Kt-KK15

There is no defense: if 12.

Kt-B3; 13. KtxRP, KtxKt; 14. Q-R5 etc.

13. Q-R5
Or 13. Q-B3; 14. KtxRP!

KxKt; 15. B-KK15 winning the Queen!

Black: P-K4
P-K4
B-B4

P-Q3
Kf-KB3
O-O
Kf-K15?

Kt-K15
B-B7ch?
Kf-QB3
B-B4

Kf-R3

Kt-K15

CHIGORIN ANNIVERSARY

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his successes in practical play, made him famous as Russia's leading chess player. Not having a chess magazine of his own at the time of the famous telegraphic match between St. Petersburg and London (1886/7), Chigorin published the analysis of the games played in that match in the French magazine "La Strategie" in 1888, and from there it was taken over by German and other foreign magazines and praised as an outstanding example of analysing and annotating chess games.

This, more than tournament successes, made Chigorin rightfully famous—indeed, when he was honored by Steinitz's recommendation to play against him for the Championship of the World (Habana 1889), Chigorin had not won a single first prize in an international tournament yet, and, except for his consistent victories as "primus inter pares" in Russian championship tournaments (inaugurated by him and started in 1899, after he had already resigned to playing a minor role in international chess), his career as a prizewinner is not spectacular at all—although he was the first chess "professional" in Russia, he was too much of an "amateur" (a true lover of the game) to consider competition in a chess tournament as a competition in a "sport"—uncompromising as he was in his writings, he was also in his games; throughout his life, he could not free himself from a habit (or, perhaps, a fault?), which the editors of the "Chess Monthly" had already noticed when they wrote about his first appearance in the international arena (Berlin 1881—see Chess Monthly, vol. III, p. 34):

Russia's representative, Mr. Tschigorin, is generally admitted to be the coming man. His style is dashing, his combinations very ingenious, but a little too daring. We congratulate him on his splendid debut. Mr. Tschigorin is the Editor of the Russian Chess Magazine, Shakmatny Listok, and we knew him only as a local celebrity. With one leap he has bounded into the ranks of the masters. His game with Blackburne is characteristic of his style. He sacrificed a piece very judiciously in a most embarrassing position, thereby securing a draw; but he despised half a victory, and lost. This vivacity will have to be tempered by time too, and we feel confident that Mr. Tschigorin will be a formidable opponent in future contests.

Similarly, Minchin after the London Tournament 1883, Chigorin's third international performance (in 1882, he had also competed in Vienna, but without any distinction), remarked (Tournament Book, p. XXVI):

Tschigorin, the winner of the fourth prize, ought to have a great Chess future before him. He has not yet the experience of Zukertort and Steinitz, but he possesses that energy which is requisite to make a great master, and throughout the Tournament he played persistently to win and not to draw his games, and happily obtained his deserved reward.

His was always the will to win; even in the most dangerous positions, he tried to combine defensive moves with aggressive maneuvers, and this often yielded opportunities for brilliant combinations, as unexpected as many of those created by Alekhine.

As we said before, his judgements were uncompromising, although always well founded on diligent research, and sometimes bitter, and this of course did not endear him personally to his adversaries. During his lifetime, he avoided references to his childhood and adolescence, and only recently (1937), Kogan's research in the archives of the Tsarist government yielded the explanation: orphaned by the loss of both parents at an early age, he spent most of his formative years in an orphanage which was only too well known for the sadistic cruelty of its headmaster and instructors, and at the age of 15 he was involved in a pupils' revolt, which almost cost him the privileges connected with the attendance at this institution. These hapless early days of his life seem to have left a permanent impression on him, although no doubt it was also in this institution that he learned the moves of the game from one of the instructors, and they may explain some of the bitterness with which he later expressed his opinions and especially his dislikes.

Later disappointment over his extreme failure in the St. Petersburg quadrangular tournament of 1895/96 (Lasker, Steinitz, Pillsbury, Chigorin), which had been arranged by the Russian chess world after his phenomenal success in Hastings 1895 (2nd prize, half a point behind Pillsbury, and ahead of Lasker, Tarrasch, Steinitz, etc.) in the outspoken hope of establishing again Chigorin's claim to the Chess Crown, but in which Chigorin won only 7 points out of possible 18 (only 1½ out of the first 9!), contributed to his taking more and more to alcohol, and, in connection therewith and with a diabetic condition leading to his premature death, to a steady falling-off of his strength as a chess player. Although still always a formidable opponent, he could not win any high prizes in international tournaments in the last 10-12 years of his life. He seems to have been disappointed with chess in general at the end of his life, and this might explain a legend (reported by Znosko-Borovsky, but probably not true) that on his deathbed he asked for his chessmen and died quietly after he had burned them.

University of Washington Chess Club has elected Jerry Schain president, Patrick Corbett vice-president, Norm Newblom secretary-treasurer, and Rod Dimoff delegate. The club tournament is off to a fine start with an unusually strong field.

Racine (Wis.) Chess Club served a surprise 6½-4½ defeat to a strong Milwaukee team. State Champion Powers and former State Champion Kujoth won for Milwaukee on boards one and two, but Mark Surgies and Dr. Wehrley on boards three and four went down to defeat to Clark and Erdmon respectively. In the Racine Club Experts Tournament Rudy Kunz captured the title with 4½.

Montreal Chess Club played host to a simultaneous by Philippe Brunet, new Quebec Provincial Champion. Brunet won 11, lost 3 and drew 4. Winners were G. Gravel, S. Wreschner and D. Stevenson, while N.C. Mules, D. Robillard, H. Wallace, and E. Norkett gained the draws.

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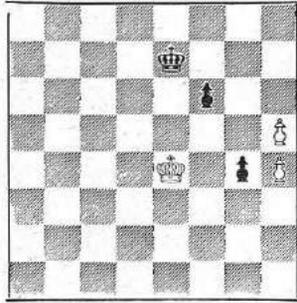
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What's The Best Move?

By Guilherme Groesser

Position No. 59



8. 4K3, 5p2, 7p, 4K-pP, 8, 8, 8
White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 59 to The Editor, CHESS LIFE, by December 20, 1950.

Solution to Position No. 56

This neat little combination occurred in the New Zealand Championship in 1911, James vs. Miles. White played 1. B-R7 ch, K-R1; 2. Kt-BP ch, RxKt; 3. Kt-Kt6 ch, KxR; 4. Kt-B8 dbl. ch, K-K4; 5. Q-R7 ch, KxKt; 6. Q-B3 mate. Black's moves are forced throughout.

Most of our solvers had no difficulty with this position, and we welcome several newcomers to the contest. Correct solutions are acknowledged received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), Nell Bernstein (Brooklyn), J. E. Barry (Detroit), Murray Burn (Bronx), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), W. J. Couture (Howard), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), A. A. Fagan (Montreal), J. Faucher (New Haven), Eddie Gualt (New Brighton), L. Gratsch (Flint), Robert Grande (Levan), J. Huss (Lancaster), Charles Joachim (Seattle), A. Kaufman (Chicago), E. J. Korpany (Woodside), Lewis R. Lang (Cathoon), D. Levadi (Chicago), Henry R. Meifert (Kalamazoo), Dr. J. Melnick (Portland), Max F. Mueller (Pittsburgh), R. A. McCallister (Jackson), Edw. F. Muller (Flint), Hugh Myers (Decatur), M. A. Michaels (Westmount), E. Nash (Washington), Yury V. Oranesov (Los Angeles), R. L. Smith (Portland), W. B. Wilson (Amherstburg).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IS OUR WISH

With the issue of October 16th, the Cleveland Chess Bulletin has celebrated its seventh birthday in serving the chessplayers of the Cleveland area, and much of the success of the Cleveland Chess Association in developing the game in Cleveland must be attributed to its well-edited Bulletin. CHESS LIFE wishes them a happy birthday and many more years of service to the chess world.

Puget Sound League is in full swing. Seattle defeated Seattle YMCA 8½-1½; Univ. of Washington downed West Seattle 8½-1½; Olympia lost to Tacoma 4-8; University of Washington downed South Tacoma 8½-1½; and Tacoma won from West Seattle 9½-½. Everett has rejoined the league but has not yet played any matches.

Tacoma (Wash.) Chess Club elected Vernon Holmes president, Leslie Coubrough secretary, R. Avann treasurer, Schuyler Ferris publicity director and V. E. Hultman W.C.F. director.

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Chicago, 1950

	x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Povilos Tautvasaus	x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kimball Nedved	1	x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fau Poeschel	0	x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Burton Dahlstrom	1	0	x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Herman Hahlbohm	2	1	0	x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Einar Michelson	3	2	1	0	x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
George N. Leighton	4	3	2	1	0	x	1	2	3	4	5	6
Robert Herwitz	5	4	3	2	1	0	x	1	2	3	4	5
Tautvasaus won play-off game from Nedved.	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	x	1	2	3	4

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Chess Life In New York

By Eliot Hearst

AS USUAL with the approach of the Xmas holidays, colleges throughout the nation turn to preparations for the Intercollegiate Championship December 26th to 30th. This year's tourney, for college teams of four players, will be held in New York City—most probably on the Columbia University campus—and from advance indications promises to be perhaps the most representative field ever assembled. Already expressing their intention to compete are teams from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, the New England states, and, of course, New York and New Jersey. The tourney will be a seven-round Swiss system affair, with total games rather than match scores to decide the championship title, held for the last five years by C. C. N. Y. Descriptive literature on the forthcoming event is now being mailed to all colleges which have ever shown an interest in chess.

The 1951 Marshall C. C. championship got underway recently with sixteen players competing in this round robin contest. The tourney is weakened by the non-participation of three-time champion Larry Evans and two of last year's prize winners, M. Turiansky and N. Halper. So it looks as if this year's results should point up a few new names among the prize winners.

Also underway is the Marshall junior championship with the entries almost entirely different from last year's contestants—"proof positive" that soon there will be fresh chess talent to challenge the top ranking Marshall seniors James Sherwin, 1950 junior champion, won his way into the Marshall senior championship and thus is ineligible to defend his junior title this year.

In brief: Albert Simonson has challenged Reuben Fine to a three-game match and, as soon as financial arrangements can be completed satisfactorily, the contest will begin... David Hamburger, refugee German master, whose fine showing in U. S. open included a victory over Herman Steiner, has moved to New York and will join the Marshall C. C. very soon... Homer Jones won the Log Cabin "blindfold" tourney... Results of recent college matches: B'klyn College 3, N. Y. U. 3; Columbia 5½, N. Y. U. 2½; Columbia 13½, Fordham 1½... James Williams, Boris Siff, and Richard Einhorn are leading the Manhattan C. C. championship prelims and appear certain to qualify for the finals... Samuel Reshevsky has left for Amsterdam, Holland, to compete in an international tourney.

Solutions:—

Finish It The Clever Way!

Position No. 45: 1. ... Q-Kt7! and White resigned.

Position No. 46: 1. BxRP ch, KxR; 2. R-B7 ch, K-R3; 3. B-K3 ch, RxB (if 3. K-R4; 4. P-K4 ch, KxP; 5. Q-K7 ch, K-R4; 6. Q-R7 ch, K-K15; 7. R-B4 ch and 8. P-R4 mate); 4. Q-B6 ch, K-R4; 5. R-R7 ch, K-K15; 6. P-R3 ch, RxP; 7. P-R4 ch, K-K15; 8. Q-B2 mate.

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT Log Cabin Championship West Orange, 1950

Notes by Eliot Hearst
White: J. COLLINS, A. E. SANTASIERE
1. P-Q4 P-Q4
Tony Santasiere jokingly confesses that if he replies P-Q4 to 1. P-Q4, he will play the Albin.

2. P-QB4 P-K4
He keeps his promise!
3. QxP P-Q5 5. P-KK13 B-K3
4. K-KB3 K1-QB3 6. BxKt K1-Q2 B-K15
To threaten 7. ... BP. However, this threat is easily met and Black eventually gives up his black B for the Kt at Q2. The more common 6. ... Q-Q2 appears better.

7. Q-B2 Kt-K2 9. O-O K1-K13
Weaver Adams, in "Simple Chess," gives only 10. R-Q1 whereupon 10. ... P-Q6, 11. PxP B-K5! gives Black a promising game. The text move is much stronger than 10. R-Q1?
10. BxK1
After 10. ... B-K2 White's QBP will be defended by the Kt at Q2; Black exchanges here in order to exert some pressure on that same QBP, now protected only by the Q.

11. BxB KtXP 13. B-K4 R-K1
12. KtXP KtXP 14. BxP P-Q6?
While this move appears very strong by its resulting gain of the sacrificed P, it is probably the losing move. After the ensuing complications White emerges with a won endgame. Better here was 14. ... B-K1 which would give chances for Black, e.g.: 15. B-Q5, BxK2; 16. PxB, QxP; 17. QxP1, P-Q5! with a terrific game, or 15. B-K5, BxP; 18. BxP ch, K-K1; 17. B-K4 P-QB4?; 18. BxP, P-Q6 with attacking chances due to White's weakness on KB3. If 15. B-R6 then R-K13; 16. B-K5, P-QB3; 17. B-K4, KxP; 18. B-K13? P-Q4? seems to be the best for Black (19. B-K17, K1-K6); 20. P-K1, RxB or 19. B-B5, R-K14). At any rate on 14. ... B-K1 Black can seek compensation in these complications; after the text White gives him no more opportunity for counterattack.

15. PxP R-K11 16. B-K12 QxP
On 16. ... KtXP; 17. B-B6 is strong (e.g.: 18. P-Kt1, R-KB1; 19. RXP, BxP; 20. P-K13, BxP 19. R(KB)-K1 B-R3
18. QxQ BxQ
Hoping for 20. RXP for then 20. ... RxB!!; 21. PxR (not 21. R-K1 for after R-K13; 22. PxB, R-K3 ch; 23. B-R3 P-KR3! wins easily), K1-B6 ch; 22. BxKt, RxB ch; 23. K-K12, B-B5 ch; 24. K moves, B-R6 mate. There are similar variations on other 21st moves for White. Collins deserves a great deal of credit for avoiding all these "devilish plots" and steering into a won endgame.

20. P-B4
Simple and sound!
21. K-Q6 22. RXP KtXB
21. RxB ch RxB 22. P-Kt1 R-K6 ch Obviously the only chance, but in reality it is no chance at all!
24. K-B2 R-K7 ch 25. K-B3
After 25. K-B3
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Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

SICILIAN DEFENSE Club Ladder Tournament New Haven, 1950

Notes by James Bolton
White: J. BOLTON, A. LARSEN
1. P-K4 P-QB4 3. K1-QB3 K1-QB3
2. K1-KB3 P-K3 4. B-K15 P-QR3
4. Q-B2 or K-B5, 5. BxKt, KtXP (if QxB7; 6. P-Q4, PxP; 7. KtXP ch) saves a tempo.

5. BxK1 KtXP 6. P-Q3
6. O-O is more precise.
7. O-O K1-B3
8. ... P-Q5?; 9. P-Kt1, P-Kt1; 10. PxP, BxP; 11. P-QK13.
9. B-B4
Q-B2 now or on the next move is more precise.
10. R-K1 B-K2 12. P-QK13 B-R3
11. K-K2 P-Q4 13. Q-R4 K1-K13
14. P-B5; 15. QxP, PxP; 16. K1-Q4.
15. PxP P-B5
16. B-K12; 16. R-K11.
17. P-R5 B-K15
18. Kt-Q2; 17. Kt-Q4.
19. P-Kt1 P-Q5 15. B-K15 QxP
18. ... P-B3; 19. PxBKt, KtXP; 20. B-R6, R-B2; (if BxKt; 21. Q-B4); 21. RxB, BxKt; 22. Q-B4, etc. Or 18. ... P-Kt1; 19. Q-B4 transposes. Or 18. ... BxKt; 19. BxQ ch, or 19. QxB ch.
19. B-B6
If 19. K1-QR4, Q-R4! (Larsen)
19. ... P-KR3
20. PxB; 20. Q-B6, KR-QB1; 21. R-K4, P-KR4; 22. K1-K15, R-R2; 23. K1xRP, P-B3; 24. KtXP ch, K-B2; 25. B-R4.
20. R-K4 BxKt
21. ... B-K2; 21. BxB or 21. R-K4, R-K4; 21. BxKt, KxB; 22. R-K4 ch, R-R2; 23. R-R4. 20. ... P-Kt1 is better than BxKt.
21. Q-B4 K-R2

After 21. ... P -KB4
LARSEN
21. ... PxB; 22. QxKtP, K-R2; 23. R-R4.
22. BxKtP P-KB4 ... Mate in three.

SICILIAN DEFENSE Toronto Championship Toronto, 1950

Notes by Kit Crittenden
White: F. R. ANDERSON, E. TALVE
1. P-K4 P-QB4 5. K1-QB3 P-KK13
2. K1-KB3 P-Q3 6. B-K3 B-K7
3. P-Q4 PxP 7. B-B3 K1-B3
4. KtXP K1-KB3 8. Q-Q2
White has chosen a very fighting system. He intends O-O and the advance of the K-side Ps. The defect in this system is placement of the KB, for which it will be difficult to find a good square because of the P complex.
8. O-O 9. O-O-O
Black is now faced with the problem of how to meet the advance of the K-side Ps. Ordinarily a wing advance can be well met by a vigorous thrust in the center, but here ... P-Q4 simply loses a P after exchanges; so Black prepares for ... P-Q4. Counter-play on the Q-side would fail because Black would be unable to open files, while White always has P-K4.
10. BxKt KtK1 11. K1-Q5!
Very good! White forces the exchange of the Black K1.
11. ... Kt-R4 12. BxB
White must have considered 12. P-KK14 here, if he has nothing better, White can, after 12. ... BxB; 13. QxB, Kt-K12; 14. Q-Q2 ... into the game. But 12. P-KK14, BxB; 13. P-Kt1, B-K12; 14. PxB, BxP!; 15. P-KR4 would seem to leave Black in a chossy middle. (Black would then do well to consult Znosko-Borovsky's famous book, "The Middle Game in Chess.") So 12. P-KK14 must be considered stronger, since White

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME New York State Championship Binghamton, 1950

Notes by J. Mayer
White: J. COLLINS, R. STEINBERG
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 4. P-K3 O-O
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. B-Q3
3. K1-QB3 B-K15
This move should permit Black to equalize readily. The move incisive P-Q13 is to be preferred.
5. P-Q3
This is inferior to the thematic P-Q4. In the Nimzo-Indian the enforcement of P-K4 is at the cost of a tempo. Therefore, when possible, it should be dispensed with in favor of a less artificial development.
6. K1-K2 QK1-Q2 7. O-O P-B3?
This is both time-wasting and weakening (Q3). Black should at least claim the virtues of consistency and play P-K4.
8. P-Q3 BxK1 10. P-QK14 R-K1
9. KtXB P-K4

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GRUENFELD DEFENSE Play-Off Match, World Championship Challengers, First Game

Notes by Erich W. Marchand
White: D. BRONSTEIN, I. BOLESLAVSKY
1. P-QB4 K1-KB3 6. P-K1 P-QB4
2. P-Q84 P-KK3 3. K1-K2 B-K2
4. PxP KtXP 9. O-O PxB
5. P-K4 KtK1 10. PxB K1-B3
White has achieved a strong position in the center whereas Black has a majority on the Q-side. If Black can arrive the middle-game complications his endgame chances are good because of a potential remote passed P.
11. B-K3 B-K5 13. B-Q3
12. P-B3 Kt-K4
It is not entirely clear why White rejected the offered P. After 13. BxP ch, RxB; 14. PxB, RxB ch; 15. QaB, Kt-B5; 16. Q-R2 (not 16. B-B2, Kt-Q7 and 17. ... KtXP), Q-Q2; 17. P-K15, R-KB1; 18. Q-K13. Perhaps he does not wish to cash any of his positional pressure for material gain.
13. ... B-K3 14. P-Q5!
It takes some time to find out that this sacrifice is sound. Even if White could not recover the exchange, however his position will become so strong that he will have no worries. Black is very unwise to accept this Groot gift.
14. ... BxB 16. B-KR6 Q-K13 ch
15. QxB B-R3
In the light of the ensuing play 15. ... R-K1 may have been better. If then 16. B-QK5, B-Q2. The move played drives the White K out of checking range and puts the Black Q on a vulnerable square. In any case Black's future was dark.
17. KtR1 KR-Q1 15. R-QK11 Q-B4
Intending after 19. R-K15, Q-R6 (not 19. ... Q-R2; 20. B-K14).
19. B-Q21 P-K3
If 19. ... Q-R6; 20. Kt-R4, B-B2 (or 20.

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30. QxQ 33. B-Q4 R-K12
31. PxQ K1-Q2 34. P-B4
32. K-K3 B-B5
Rather than the cross BxKt which wins QP but only draws White suddenly launches an attack on the K.
35. P-QK14 35. P-B5 B-KK4
If PxB; 36. BxP ch, P-K13; 37. BxKt, RxB; 38. P-K6 wins.
37. PxB PxB 39. B-KB5 P-K15
38. R-KtB ch K-R3 40. K-B4 Resigns
For White now has his mate.

SEATTLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP Seattle, 1950
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BOLESLAVSKY After 22. Q-K11 STEINBERG

BOLESLAVSKY
This protects the B(Q3) and exerts pressure on the Kt-file. White threatens to win a piece by PxB or by BxKt.
Perhaps hoping for 22. BxKt, PxB; 24. PxB, QxQ; 25. BxQ, B-R7 with some chances. There was a way to save the two threatened pieces (without saving the game) by 22. ... B-B1; 23. RxB1, QxR (not 23. ... RxB1; 24. BxKt); 24. BxP with a powerful game. Also possible here is 23. BxKt, PxB; 24. QxQ, BxQ; 25. B-R7. If 23. ... Q-Q2; 23. BxKt, PxB; 24. B-K15, QR-K1; 25. BxQ, BxQ; 26. BxQ ch. After the text-move Bronstein now finishes an excellent game in excellent style.
23. PxB Kt-B3 25. B-Q7 Q-F3
24. B-B3 Kt-K4 26. Kt-K13 QxP
25. B-K15 QR-B1 26. P-R4 R-KB1
26. BxKt RxB ch 31. Q-K15 R-B3
27. QxR PxB 32. QxR Resigns

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