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## LETTERS

## HE DIDN'T NOTICE

Sirs:
Your last issue sure is a honey. You certainly gave it a necessary "hypo."

When I, primarily a problem solver, didn't notice that problems had been omitted from the issue until I read your explanation, it surely is something.

I particularly liked, and herein I feel you are rendering an invaluable service to your readers, your annotations of the amateur games for "pushers" like myself. It's all right to annotate the expert's game, but since the majority of your readers are, I think, far from expert, why ignore the amateur's game? So in that respect you are on the right track. Also your news events are timely, interesting, informative.

Irving Chernev continues to be a vital contributor.

So all in all, I should say your magazine should continue to prosper.

MURRY GREEN
New York, N. Y.
Many favorable comments have been received on the new Readers' Games Department, started in the October issue. It will be continued, probably enlarged. Beginning with the present issue, noted commentator Fred Reinfeld will handle this department for Chess Review. Subscribers may send in their games for annotations. There is no charge for this service. $-E d$.

## THE OCTOBER ISSUE

Sirs:
Let the Problems fall where they may. This is the best CHESS REVIEW of all time. Full of lively and helpful things, and Chessically Democratic. Congratulations.

DANA BRANNAN
N. Y. Times, New York.

Our thanks to veteran newspaperman Dana Brannan, good friend and staunch lover of chess.-Ed.

## MORE LIKES AND DISLIKES

Sirs:
I would like to put in my two bits about my likes and dislikes.

I enjoy the tournament games and reports very much. I would like to see more fully annotated and analyzed games, such as Fine does with the Game of the Month. I would like to see articles on such topics as the Theory of Position Play, The Middle Game, The Choice of Strategical Lines of Play, etc.

I am not interested in problems, cross-word puzzles, or the Quiz - primarily because I never have time to look at them.

MORTON JACOBS
Kansas City, Mo.
We are increasing the number of annotated games, believing this is what our readers want. $-E d$.

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According to CHARLES CROMPTON, chess columnist of the Toronto Star, DR. KAREL TREYBAL, famous Czech chess master, has been executed in Prague as the result of a recent tribunal held by the Hitler hireling Heydrich.

Dr. Treybal, who held a post as District Judge, first entered into international chess competition at the Prague tourney of 1908. His best performance was at Karlsbad in 1923 when he won his individual encounter with Dr. Alekhine.

Dr. Treybal was a good chess player, a cultured gentleman, a distinguished citizen and a staunch patriot.

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—Photo by Ben Goldschmidt

## MISS KARFF WINS FIRST MATCH GAME

Miss N. May Karff, playing at the Marshall Chess Club on November 16th, won the opening game of her championship match with Mrs. Adele Belcher who, as Mrs. Rivero, gained the national title in the open tournament last year.

The day before the match began the lady champion married Donald Belcher of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research and teacher of mathematics and physics at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville.

Preceding the game, L. Walter Stephens, Vice-President of the U. S. Chess Federation and official referee of the match, called attention to the historic importance of this first match for the Women's Title and announced the donation of the Chess Review Trophy by the Editors of this magazine, as sponsors and promoters of the match.

This new trophy, in the form of a large engraved silver cup, will be the emblem of the Women's Chess Championship of the United States and will become the permanent possession of any lady player who wins it three times. The victor in the present match will be awarded custody of the cup.

Succeeding games of the Belcher-Karff match are scheduled for Nov. 22, 8 p. m., at the

Manhattan C. C.; Nov. 23rd, 3 p. m., at the home of L. Walter Stephens, 279 East 34th St., Brooklyn and Dec. 3rd, 8 p. m. at Queens Chess Club, 40-05 59th Street, Woodside, L. I. Dates for four more games are still to be arranged.

## Women's U. S. Championship Match Game No. 1, New York, Nov. 16, 1941 QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

| Mrs. Belcher White |  |  | Miss Karff Black |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 | 23 | KR-Q1 | KR-Q2 |
| 2 | P-QB4 | P-K3 | 24 | P-B4 | K-K1 |
| 3 | Kt-KB3 | P-QKt3 | 25 | K-B3 | Kt-K2 |
| 4 | P-KKt3 | B-Kt2 | 26 | R-Kt5 | P-K5ch |
| 5 | B-Kt2 | B-K2 | 27 | K-B2 | K-B2 |
| 6 | O-O | O.O | 28 | P-QR4 | R-QB1 |
| 7 | Kt-B3 | Kt-K5 | 29 | P-Kt3 | R-B4 |
| 8 | Q-B2 | KtxKt | 30 | $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}$ | KtPxR |
| 9 | QxKt | P-KB4 | 31 | P-QKt4 | $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ |
| 10 | Kt-K5 | BxB | 32 | BxP | K-K3 |
| 11 | KxB | B-B3 | 33 | K-K3 | P-Kt3 |
| 12 | Q-B3 | P-B3 | 34. | R-Q2 | Kt-B1 |
| 13 | Q-Q3 | P-B4 | 35 | P-B5 | P-Q4 |
| 14 | Kt-B3 | $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | 36 | P-B6 | R-QB2 |
| 15 | KtxP | BxKt | 37 | R-B2 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 16 | QxB | Kt-B3 | 38 | B-R5 | K-Q3 |
| 17 | Q-Q6 | R-B2 | 39 | B-Kt4ch | K-K3 |
| 18 | B-Q2 | Q-KB1 | 40 | B-R5 | R-B1 |
| 19 | QxQch | $K \times Q$ | 41 | K-Q4? | Kt-B5 |
| 20 | QR-Q1 | P-K4 | 42 | B-Kt4 | $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{P}$ |
| 21 | B-B3 | R-Q1 | 43 | P-R5? | KtxRP |
| 22 | R-Q5 | P-Q3 |  | Resigns |  |



Officials and Players at Winnipeg. Standing, left to right, P. WOODIWISS, Asst. Director; P. BRUNET, Ottawa; W. J. SHAW, Winnipeg; F. YERHOFF, Regina; H. H. BURRELL, Vancouver; S. F. COOPER, Asst. Director; D. T. DAVID, Edmonton; R. TABACHNIK, Moose Jaw; J. THERIEN, Quebec; S. KITCES, Montreal; H. A. McCULLOUGH, Auditor. Seated, left to right: I. J. DREMAN, Asst. Director; H. OPSAHL, Brandon; H. L. ROY, President Canadian Chess Federation; M. FOX, Montreal; L. PULLMER, Hon. President, Manitoba Chess Association; E. A. CANFIELD, Director; L. MOSER, Finance. In front: A. YANOFSKY and LEO MOSER.

## ABE YANOFSKY WINS CANADIAN TITLE

Canadian Championship final standings
W L D Total
A. Yanofsky, Winnipeg .. 9 1 1 91/2-11/2
M. Fox, Montreal ...... 5 0 6 - 8 - 3
H. Opsahl, Can. Army .. 51
S. Kitces, Montreal ..... $63 \begin{array}{llll} & 3 & 7\end{array}$
P. Brunet, Ottawa ...... 425 61/2. $41 / 2$
L. Moser, Winnipeg .... $425 \quad 5 \quad 61 / 2-41 / 2$
F. Yerhoff, Regina ...... $4 \quad 4 \quad 3 \quad 51 / 2-51 / 2$
R. Tabachnik, Moose Jaw. 335 51/2-51/2
J. Therien, Quebec City . $4 \begin{array}{lllll}4 & 6 & 1 & 41 / 2 & -61 / 2\end{array}$
D. T. David, Edmonton $\begin{array}{llllll}2 & 7 & 2 & 3 & -8\end{array}$
W. J. Shaw, Winnipeg... 08 8 3 11/2- $91 / 2$ H. H. Burrell, Vancouver. $0 \quad 9 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad-10$

Seventeen-year-old Abe Yanofsky is the new chess champion of Canada. The Diamond Jubilee Tournament for the Canadian Championship, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 14-21, ended with Yanofsky in first place. Ex-Champion Maurice Fox of Montreal finished second. Private H. Opsahl of the Canadian Army came in third.

Under the patronage of the City of Winnipeg, directed by the Manitoba Chess Association and Canon H. L. Roy, President of the Canadian Chess Federation, the tournament was the most successful championship event ever staged in Canada. E. A. Canfield was the tourney Director.

Important was the recognition given to the event by the City of Winnipeg. The Mayor was the patron and a formal reception and luncheon was tendered the officials and players by the City Council. The tourney was widely publicized by the Canadian Press, the British United Press and three large radio stations. Daily air-mail reports of all game scores were sent to Chess Editors throughout the Dominion.

Prizes amounting to $\$ 300$ were awarded and free hospitality was extended to all competitors, with a closing banquet at the Marlborough Hotel. The players came from almost every province of Canada.

## YANOFSKY LUCKY AGAINST FOX

Yanofsky was awarded first prize of $\$ 100$ and the custody of the Drewry Cup, emblem of the championship. The brilliant young Canadian player was lucky to draw with Fox in the first round as the ex-champion missed an easy win on his 35th move. Having drawn with his strongest competitor, Yanofsky then won nine straight and clinched the championship. With the title already in his possession, Abe made a play for the brilliancy prize in his last round contest with Leo Moser. Like Reshevsky at Hamilton, he thereby lost a
game which could have been won with more cautious tactics.

The new Canadian champion is no stranger in these parts. He has competed twice at Hamilton, was a member of the Canadian team which went to South America in 1939. This summer, he tied for first place in the Experts' Section at Hamilton. An engaging youngster, he takes his chess lightly. A natural player, he knows one or two openings and usually sticks to them. With the White pieces he always opens P-K4; with the Black, he swears by the French Defense and the Queen's Pawn Nimzowitch Defense. Against Fox, however, Yanofsky introduced the element of surprise by playing a Greco Counter Gambit.

Ex-Champion Fox has won the championship seven times, came through the present tourney undefeated but drew six games. He was awarded second prize of $\$ 75$.

Below are given some samples of the games played at Winnipeg:

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

S. Kitces White


Canadian playens compete for Championship. MOSER and BRUNET in foreground.

## GRECO COUNTER GAMBIT

M. Fox
White
A. Yanofsky
Black

(a) P-B5! and Black can resign.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

SICILIAN DEFENSE

| A. Yanofsky White |  |  | W. J. Shaw Black |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P-K4 | P-QB4 | 14 | Q-K2 | KR-QB1 |
| 2 | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 | 15 | B-Kt3 | Q-Q1 |
| 3 | P-Q4 | $\mathbf{P \times P}$ | 16 | KR-Q1 | Kt-K1 |
| 4 | KtxP | Kt-KB3 | 17 | Q-Q2 | R-B2 |
| 5 | Kt-QB3 | P-Q3 | 18 | P-R5 | PxP |
| 6 | B-K2 | P-K3 | 19 | R×P | B-QB3 |
| 7 | B-K3 | KtxKt | 20 | KR-R1 | Q-Kt1 |
| 8 | BxKt | P-K4 | 21 | Kt-Q5 | R-Kt2 |
| 9 | B-K3 | B-K2 | 22 | Q-B3 | BxKt |
| 10 | O-O | 0.0 | 23 | BxB | R-B2 |
| 11 | P-QR4 | P-QKt3 | 24 | Q-Q3 | QxP |
| 12 | P.B3 | B-Kt2 | 25 | B $\times$ R | R×P |
|  | .B-QB4 | Q-B2 | 26 | Q-B1 | Resigns |

## CHESS QUIZ - - by irving chernev

No. 1


White to play

No. 2


White to play
(Answers on Page 205)
You have four unfinished tournament games in', the positions shown in diagrams 1, 2, 3 and 4. In each case you are playing white and your opponents have offered draws. Would you be justified in trying to win?

No. 1 $\qquad$
No. 2 $\qquad$
No. 3 $\qquad$
No. 4 $\qquad$

No. 3


White to play

No. 4


White to play


White to play

No. 6


The positions shown in diagrams 5 to 8 are from actual games. The first move of the combination was a complete surprise. Can you find the first move?

No. 5
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No. 6 $\qquad$
No. 7 $\qquad$
No. 8

No. 7


White to play

No. 8


White to play


Members of the Schenectady Chess Club enjoy a Simultaneous Exhibition by International Master I. A. HOROWITZ. Photo taken last year, during his fifth trans-continental tour.

## Horowitz To Make Exhibition Tour

Chess Review's Editor I. A. Horowitz, famous International Chess Master, will start on his annual trans-continental exhibition tour on January 1st, 1942. He will give lectures and exhibitions of simultaneous and blindfold play at all the leading Chess Clubs of the United States and Canada in his 13,000 mile tour.

A special feature of his exhibitions will be a short lecture in which Horowitz will present the highlights of his match with Reshevsky. He will explain what was going on in the minds of the two masters during one or two of the games.

Last year, Horowitz gave exhibitions at 60 clubs. Dates already arranged for the present tour indicate that he will top this figure by a wide margin. The approximate itinerary is given below. Mr. Horowitz expects to be in the vicinity of these cities and localities on or near the dates specified. When final arrangements are made the actual dates may be slightly changed.

Clubs wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to receive a visit from the Editor of Chess Review and enjoy one of his highly popular exhibitions should communicate at once with I. A. Horowitz, 250 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y.

## January

1. 9-New Jersey and Pennsylvania

10-Washington, D. C.
11-Pittsburgh, Pa.
12-Lebanon, Ohio
14 -Charleston, W. Va.
15-Indianapolis, Ind.
16-St. Louis, Mo.
18-Springfield, Mo.
19-Tulsa, Okla.
20-27-Texas
29-Tucson, Ariz.
31-San Diego, Cal.
February
1-Los Angeles, Cal.
4-Carmel, Cal.
5-San Francisco, Cal.
8-Portland, Ore.
9-Longview, Wash.
10-Seattle, Wash.
13-Great Falls, Mont.
14-Salt Lake City, Utah
16-Denver, Colo.
17-Omaha, Nebr.
18-Minneapolis, Minn.
20-Milwaukee, Wis.
21-Chicago, Ill.
22-Detroit, Mich.
23-Toledo, Ohio
24-Cleveland, Ohio
28-Erie, Pa.
March
1-20-New York and New England States.


## The Game of the Month

By REUBEN FINE

Each month Grandmaster Fine explains and annotates a recentlyplayed game considered of greatest current interest to Chess Review's readers. The Game of the Month for this is.rue is the fifth game of the Euwe-Bogoliubow match at Cavlsbad, 1941.

To my mind Euwe is the most underrated player in the world. The common opinion, (rarely heard in public but held by many people), is that he won the first championship match in 1935 because Alekhine drank too heavily, and that he lost the return match because Alekhine had restored his health.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Alekhine's chess in the first match was no worse than the quality of chess he had been producing in the four or five years preceding the 1935 debacle, while Euwe's play in the return encounter was considerably below his best form. For example, Alekhine's games in his 1934 match against Bogoljubow were certainly no masterpieces, but Bogoljubow simply was not good enough to take advantage of it. And again in the second match Euwe made a number of incredible blunders.

Of course, it is true that Euwe has never scored the spectacular tournament victories which Lasker always booked, and Capablanca and Alekhine on a number of occasions. In my opinion this is due chiefly to a lack of fighting spirit which leads him to prepare openings to a degree undreamed of by other masters. When he comes up against anything new he is thrown off balance and loses his head. If he had been able to overcome this slight weakness in the 1937 match he would have beaten Alekhine badly. But there can be no doubt that there is no player in the world today who is significantly his superior.

A few months ago Euwe trounced Bogoljubow in a match at Carlsbad, an event reminiscent of happier days. The fifth game is a typical Euwe product-original and accurate in the openings, aggressive in the middle game. Bogoljubow gave up before the ending was reached.

RUY LOPEZ
E. D. Bogoljubow

White
1 P-K4
$2 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{KB} 3$

Dr. M. Euwe
Black
P-K4
Kt-QB3

| 3 | B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 4 | B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5 | O-O | KtxP |

This open defense is a favorite of Euwe's and he knows it backwards and forwards. It is more risky, but more promising, than the conservative Tchigorin line, 5 . . . B-K2.

## 6 P-Q4

$6 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$ at once is useless because of $6 \ldots$ Kt -B4.

| 6 | A-K | P-QKt4 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 7 | B-K 3 | P-Q4 |
| 8 | P×P | B-K3 |
| 9 | P-B3 | B-QB4 |

Not an innovation, but a curious revival. Nowadays the alternative $9 \ldots \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2$ is almost always chosen. Of the many attempted refutations of that move, the most dangerous, as shown by the recent Horowitz-Reshevsky match, is 10 P-QR4, P-Kt5; $11 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ ! 10 QKt-Q2
Bogoljubow, apparently afraid that his studious opponent has something up his sleeve, does not choose the strongest move. Theoretically 10 Q -Q3 is supposed to give White a minimal advantage, but Euwe had undoubtedly prepared something against it.

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10 ....
1 1 ~ B - B 2
0.0
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But this is definitely inferior, since the Bishop has to go back again later. 11 Q-K2, to compel the exchange of Black's nasty Knight, was more to the point.

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\begin{array}{ll}
11 \dot{\mathrm{Kt}-\dot{\mathrm{Kt}} 3} \quad \text { P-B4 } \\
12
\end{array}
$$

12 PxP e. p., KtxP(B3) ; $13 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} t 5$, Q-Q2 need not be feared by Black.
12
B-Kt3
$13 \mathrm{KKt}-\mathrm{Q} 4$
. . .

The customary continuation: White solidifies his center and opens the QB file. But Black's counterplay on the King's side is too strong.

| 13 | KtxKt |
| :---: | :---: |
| 14 KtxKt | Q-K2 |
| 15 B-Kt3 |  |

Forcing Black to do-what he wants to do! However, the only other possibility is 15 P-B3, Kt-Kt4; 16 P-KB4 (else . . . P-B5), Kt-K5 and now 17 B-Kt3, BxKtch; 18 PxB, P-B4 leaves Black with an almost perfect game. The whole line beginning with $11 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 2$ is apparently bad for White.

15
$\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{Kt}$
The only way to defend the QP.
16 PxB
P.B5!

After this constricting maneuver Black has it all his own way.

$$
17 \text { P.B3 }
$$

Else . . . P-B6 will be murderous.
17 . . .
Kt-Kt6
This sacriffce hardly deserves an exclamation mark since it was first offered about seventy years ago. But the continuation is energetic and elegant.

18 R-K1
On 18 BxBP, KtxR wins. Now BxBP is a threat.

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18 \ldots \text { Q-R5 }
$$

Black: Dr. M. Euwe


White: E. D. Bogoljubow
Position after Black's 18th move
Intending . . . R-B4-R4. $19 \mathrm{BxBP}, \mathrm{RxB} ; 20$ PxKt, QxP does not help any, while $19 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2$, Kt-B4; 20 R-Q1, KtxP! ; 21 QxP!, R-B4! gives Black a mating attack. White is already lost.
19 PxKt
$P \times P$
P-B3!

A beautiful "quiet" move which frees the Bishop for decisive action on the King's side.

## 21 R-QB1

As a rule, Bogoljubow does not shine in the defense and here he goes to pieces. The best chance, a line which Lasker would have said is dictated by the ethics of defense, is $21 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1$, to escape with the King. Then Black may try 21 ... Q-R8ch; 22 K-K2 (22 B-K.t1?, B-R6!), QxPch; $23 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Q} 3$. Now there are many tempting continuations. E. g., 23 . . B-B4ch; 24 K-B3, P-Kt5ch; $25 \mathrm{KxP}, \mathrm{QxKtP} ; 26 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 1$ !, QRKt1ch; $27 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 5$ and White's King is having the time of his life. Or $23 \ldots$ QxKtP; 24 QQ2, QxQch; $25 \mathrm{KxQ}, \mathrm{RxP}$ and Black will probably be unable to win the ending. The most powerful continuation is $23 \ldots$ RxP; 24 Q-K2! (Best because the square Q2 must be reserved for the King. $24 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{Q} \cdot \mathrm{R} 6$ does not relieve the pressure suffciently), R-B7! ; $25 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B}$; 26 R-KB1, R-KB1. Now Black is a full Rook behind, but he has strong passed Pawns and a murderous attack. He should win.

21
B. Kt5!

Preparing the kidney punch.

## 22 R-B2

Or $22 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1, \mathrm{BxP}!; 23 \mathrm{PxB}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{R7} ; 24 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 2$, RxPeh; $25 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{K} 1, \mathrm{RxB}$ ! ; $26 \mathrm{RxR}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Kt} 7$ and wins. A pretty variation!
22 K-B1
24 QxR
Q-R7ch
RxPch!

Desperation. $24 \mathrm{PxR}, \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{R} 6 \mathrm{ch}$ leads to mate.
24
Q-R8ch
25 K-K2
. . . .

Or $25 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Kt1}, \mathrm{BxQ} ; 26 \mathrm{PxB}, \mathrm{QxPch}$, etc.


QXPCh
Q×Q
The rest is simple. Bogoljubow might just as well have resigned here.

| 27 | R×P | R-QB1 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 28 | R×Rch | B×R |
| 29 | K-B3 | P-QR4 |
| 30 | B-Q1 | Q-K5 |
| 31 | B-B2 | Q-Kt7 |
| 32 B-Q3 | P-Kt5ch |  |
| 33 | K-Kt3 | P-R5ch |
| 34 K×RP | Q×P |  |
| 35 | R-QKt1 | Q-R6ch |
| 36 Resigns |  |  |

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Part one of this series began in our October issue. These articles are condensed excerpts from the book of the same title, to be published early in the new year by Horowitz and Harkness, New York.

This rare photo shows Marshall in the period of his life covered by this month's installment.
"The characteristic that most impresses one in Frank Marshall, the young Brooklyn chess champion, is his fearlessness and utter disregard of persons when face to face with them at the chess board. His vis-a-vis might be a Lasker, yet Marshall would meet him with alacrity."
-Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 1899.

## CHAPTER II

## I Win My Spurs

Just one year after the above item appeared in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, I met Lasker himself across the board-and defeated him! But first I had to prove my worthiness. I had to win my spurs.

In 1899 the Manhattan and Brooklyn Chess Clubs honored me by their decision to send me abroad to compete in the International Tournament at London. I gladly accepted. I was eager to meet and play against the international masters.

When I arrived in London, however, I found that the championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club was not considered sufficient to justify the acceptance of my entry into the Masters Tournament. Like a prize fighter who wants to challenge the champion, I was told to go out and make a reputation for myself.

To say that I was disappointed is putting it mildly. There I was in London, sent over as the representative of the leading New York chess clubs, and they wouldn't even let me play. However, in connection with the major event, a minor tournament with twelve competitors was being held. The tournament officials had entered my name in this section.

Swallowing my pride, I decided to play in the minor tournament. To my surprise, I then found that Mieses and Marco were also playing in this section. Too many applications for the major tourney had been received and the officials had placed these two recognized masters in the minor event. I knew then that this was my opportunity to show what I could do. Everybody expected Mieses or Marco to win with ease.

I went "all out" in this contest, played as hard as I know how. I won first prize, losing only one game. Some of my games sparkled with fireworks. The general aggressiveness and enterprise of my style of play, together with my winning score of $81 / 2-2^{1 / 2}$, gave me what I was seeking-an international reputation.

One of my best efforts in this tourney-and one of my earliest brilliancies-is this game with Dr. J. F. Esser, of Holland.

London, 1899 (Minor Tourney)

## TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

## F. J. Marshall <br> White

Dr. J. F. Esser
Black

| 1 | P-K4 | P-K4 | 3 | B-B4 | Kt-B3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 | 4 | P-Q4 | $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ |
|  | $50-0$ |  |  |  |  |

I would have enjoyed playing the Max Lange attack after 5... B-B4; 6 P-K5, P-Q4; 7 PxKt, PxB; 8 R-K1ch, B-K3; $9 \mathrm{Kt-Kt5}$ etc.

| 6 | R-K1 | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 7 | BxP | $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{B}$ |
| 8 | $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$ | $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Q} 1$ |

An illogical retreat. As long as the Queen has been developed, why not play it to KR4 or QR4?
9 RxKtch
10 KtxP
B-K2
KtxKt

This allows White to command the Q file with great effect and it is, therefore, inferior to $10 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 11 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 4, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O} ; 12 \mathrm{KtxKt}$, QxQch; 13 KtxQ, PxKt, in which case the two Bishops compensate somewhat for the weak Q -side pawns.
11 RxKt
B-Q2
13 Kt -Q5
B-Q1
12 B-B4
Q-B1
14 Q-R5!
0.0

White has worked up a mighty attacking position (one of the threats was 15 R-K1ch, B-K3; 16 BxP ! BxB; 17 RxBch!) and eastling seems urgently called for. But now the real fireworks begin!
(See Diagram)
15 BxP !
B-K3
If $15 \ldots$. . BxB? $16 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{R1} ; 17$ QxPch! and mate next move.

$$
16 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{B} \quad \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{Kt}
$$

$16 \ldots$ QxB avoids the combination but then 17 QR-Q1 leaves Black in a hopeless state. 17 B-B6!
Perfectly sound and much more enterprising than the obvious 17 QxB, RxB; 18 QxRch, QxQ; 19 RxQch, RxR; $20 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 7 ; 21 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 1$ followed by K-K1 etc.

Dr. Esser


Marshall
Position after Black's 14th move

$$
17 \ldots \quad \text { Q-B3 }
$$

Relatively best was $17 \ldots$ PxB; 18 R-KR4, R-K1! (if 18 . . . B-K5; 19 RxB with an easy win, or $18 \ldots$ QxP? 19 R-Kt4ch, K-R1; 20 Q-R6 winning the Queen) ; 19 Q $\times \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 3$ ! (not $19 \ldots$ QxP? 20 R-Kt4ch, K-B1; 21 Q-Q6ch and wins) ; 20 Q-Q2, Q-K7; 21 R-Q4 ete.

| 18 B×P | K×B |
| :--- | ---: |
| 19 Q×B | Q×P |
| 20 Q-K5ch | $\ldots$. |

An even quicker win was 20 R -Kt4ch, K-R1; 21 Q-K5ch, P-B3; 22 Q-K7.
20 ....
P-B3
21 Q-K7ch
K-Kt3

Very sad, but on 21 . . R-B2 or . . . K-R1; $22 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Kt} 4$ decides at once.

$$
\begin{array}{llr}
22 & \text { R-KR4 } & \text { K-Kt4 } \\
23 \text { Q-Kt } 7 \mathrm{Ch}! & \mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{R}
\end{array}
$$

Shortens the agony.

| 24 Q-R6ch | K-Kt5 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 25 P-R3ch | K-B4 |
| 26 QxRPch | Resigns |

Latest picture of author Frank J. Marshall and co-author Thomas Emery at the latter's home. Friends for 25 years, Marshall and Emery collaborated in producing the biography of Marshall's chess career.


One year later I again went to Europe to compete for the first time against the world's leading masters in the tourney at Paris, 1900. A total of 17 entries were accepted, including Dr. Emanuel Lasker, who had won the world's championship from Steinitz in 1894, Pillsbury, Tischigorin, Janowski, Maroczy, Burn, Schlechter, Marco and other masters.

It was an experience I will never forget. I was full of confidence in my own ability but I had never met competition like this before. I was the rookie playing in the big league for the first time.

When I sat down to play Dr. Lasker in one of the early rounds I was both nervous and thrilled. How would I fare? Would he dispose of me in short order or would he, perhaps, underrate this young newcomer from America? At this period Lasker was at the very peak of his form,

When the game started I forgot all about my opponent and concentrated on the board. At his 11th turn, Lasker made a risky pawn capture with his Knight. On my 22nd move I won the piece. Probably surprised to find himself in this predicament, Lasker fought on for 36 moves, almost succeeded in drawing the game, but finally resigned. This was the only game in the tournament which Lasker lost.

When it was all over, I found myself in third place, tied with the Hungarian master Geza Maroczy. In the individual games of the tourney I had triumphed over Dr. Lasker, first prize winner, and the American champion Pillsbury, who took second prize. I had won my international spurs.

I have room for only one game from this event; so I have selected the following little classic. I attribute the winning of this game largely to the fact that my opponent never had time to get his pipe lit!

Paris, 1900
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Britisher Amos Burn was a very conservative player and liked to settle down for a long session of close, defensive chess. He loved to smoke his pipe while he studied the board.

As I made my second move, Burn began hunting through his pockets for his pipe and tobacco . . . . .

| F. J. Marshall |  | Amos Burn |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| White |  | Black |  |  |

Not much thought needed on these moves but Burn had his pipe out and was looking for a pipe cleaner.

| 5 P-K3 | $0-0$ | $7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$ | B-Kt2 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $6 \mathrm{Kt-B3}$ | P-QKt3 | 8 PxP | PxP |

He began filling up his pipe. I speeded up my moves.

$$
\begin{aligned}
9 & \text { BxKt } \\
10 & \text { P-KR4 }
\end{aligned}
$$

Made him think on that one - and he still didn't have the pipe going. The threat is BxPch, KxB; Kt-Kt5ch, known as the Pillsbury attack.

| 10 P-R5 | P-Kt3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 11 R-K1 |  |
| 12 PxP | RP×P |

Now he was looking for matches. 13 Q-B2

B-Kt2
Amos Burn


14 BxP !
PxB
He struck a match, appeared nervous. The match burned his fingers and went out. 15 QxP

Kt-Q2
Another match was on its way.
$16 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{KK}$ t5
Q-B3
He was puffing away and lighting up at last. No time left.

## 17 R-R8ch

Resigns
For if $17 \ldots \mathrm{KxR}$; 18 Q -R7 mate.
Poor Burn. I think I swindled him out of that one. If he could only have got that pipe going, it might have been a different story. He took it good-naturedly and we shook hands. Then his pipe went out.
(Part 3 of this series next month)

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# CHESS BRIEFS 

CONCISE - CURRENT - CONDENSED

Jose R. Capablanca, former world champion, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Marshall Chess Club, New York, on November 6th. He won 19 games, lost 2, drew 1 . The winners were JOE LEWIS of the Bronx, and Miss N. MAY KARFF, woman champion of the Marshall Club and challenger for the title of U.S. woman champion. THEODORE ANGEL drew his game with Capablanca.

Reuben Fine has received an appointment as translator for a government department in Washington, D. C. He took up his duties early this month. Unfortunately for all of us, Fine will be less active in chess and will probably be unable to play in the coming U . S. Championship Tourney.

In a simultaneous at the Marshall Club on Nov. 17 th , Fine polished off 16 opponents in short order, drew with LOUIS PERSINGER.

World Champion Alekhine finished in a tie for second place with Lundin in the International Tournament held at Munich recently. Gustaf Stoltz of Sweden won the tourney, as reported last month. The scores given in the October issue were the final scores.

The Manhattan Chess Club Championship Tourney began this month. First round results: Bernstein 1, Moscowitz 0; Denker 1, Blumin 0; Feldman 1, Pinkus 0; Adams 1, Saxon 0; Shainswit $1 / 2$, Reinfeld $1 / 2$; Greene vs. Tenner, adjourned; Jackson, a bye.

The Marshall Chess Club Championship Tourney is scheduled to begin on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. Among the seeded players who will probably compete are Frank J. Marshall, Milton Hanauer, Anthony E. Santasiere (his 20th appearance in this tourney!), Edward Lasker, Olaf I. Ulvestad, David Polland, Herbert Seidman, Matthew Green, Harold Sussman and Jack W. Collins. Four preliminary sections have completed their schedules and the following players qualified for the finals: J. Hildago, D. Levine, C. Pilnick, L. Levy, H. Fajans, F. Grobman, I. Rivise and A. Bakst.

New York University Chess team played Rutgers on Nov. 8th, won by 5-3 in a practice session for the forthcoming Intercollegiate team matches.

Twenty-one schoolboys are competing in three preliminary sections for the right to enter the finals of the Interborough Chess League Individual Championship Tournament. Edward Toth of the High School of Science has qualified from section 2 with a clean score of 6-0. Hans Wynberg of Brooklyn Tech is a good second with 4-1. In section 1, Kelvin Domovs of New Utrecht has won five straight. With 8 players in this section he can still be overtaken by Alvin Rubin of James Monroe and J. Hidalgo, Jr, of Commerce.

Chess Review's Editor I. A. Horowitz visited Washington, D. C. recently, dropped in at the Chess Divan and lost three skittle games to members Sowers, Jones and Wigginton! The catch is that Horowitz announced, beforehand, that he would compel all three of his opponents to mate him. The players all strove mightily to lose but finished by mating a master!

The Commercial Chess League of New York began its series of team matches to determine the championship of the league on October 17th. Teams representing the N. Y. Telephone Co. and the Real Estate Board won their first two rounds.

Lajos Steiner, famous Hungarian master and now a resident of Australia, won the 1941 tournament for the championship of New South Wales. G. Koshnitzky took second place and C. J. S. Purdy, several times Australian champion, finished third.

Wladimer Grigorieff of the Pittsfield C. C. was elected president of the Western Massachusetts Chess League at the organization's annual meeting last month. Karl B. Allured of Northampton was named secretary-treasurer.

Ohio State University C. C. played host to the University of Cincinnati C. C. on Nov. 9 th in a seven-board match. Ohio State won $51 / 2-11 / 2$.

Dr. Antonio Barreras, Magistrate of the Court of Appeals, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, is writing a biography of Capablanca and will be grateful for any anecdotes, records of games or other material about him.

Louis T. Ward, of Abilene, Texas, is collecting specimens of hardwood from various parts of the Western Hemisphere and will make a chess set and inlaid board with the wood thus collected. Ward received four pieces of wood from President Roosevelt, grown on his Hyde Park estate. Specimens received include ebony and chicle from Mexico, yew from Alaska, maple from Canada, yamaquey from Cuba and oak from Guatemala.

## ANSWERS TO CHESS QUIZ

No. 1. No. The Knight cannot gain a move and the position is a draw.

No. 2. Yes. This type of position, with the White King in front of the pawn, is a win with either side to move.

No. 3. No. Rook Pawn and Bishop do not win if the Bishop does not command the pawn's queening square and the opposing King cannot be driven out of the corner.

No. 4. Yes. This is the standard winning position in the ending of Rook and Pawn against Rook, discovered by Lucena as far back as 1497.

No. 5. Q-Kt6. Rubinstein-Hromadka, Mah-risch-Ostrau, 1923.

No. 6. P-B6. Vidmar-Seitz, Hastings, 1926.
No. 7. B-B6. Lasker-Tarrasch, St. Petersburg, 1914.

No. 8. Q-B3. Pillsbury-Newman, Philadelphia, 1902.

## SOVIET CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES


-Soufoto BONDAREVSKY, KERES, SMYSLOV and LILIENTHAL at Leningrad during championship match-tourney.

On these pages we present two games from the Soviet Championship Match-Tournament, played at Leningrad and Moscow from March 23rd to April 29th. The games are annotated, exclusively for Chess Review, by Mikhail Botvinnik, the winner of the tournament, and Paul Keres, runner-up.

Botvinnik is now recognized as Absolute Champion of Russia.

## U. S. S. R. Match-Tournament Moscow, Apr. 27, 1941 <br> QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

(Notes by M. Botvinnik)
I. Bondarevsky

White
M. Botvinnik

1 P-Q4
2 Kt -KB3 Black

3 P-K3
After 2 .... P-QB3 this attempt to transpose into Colle's system results in no difficulties for Black. He easily solves the main
problem of the Queen's Gambit-the development of the Q -Bishop.

| 3 | P-B4 | B-Kt5 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 4 | P-K3 |  |
| 5 | Kt-B3 | Kt-Q2 |
| 6 | B-Q3 | KKt-B3 |
| 7 | O-O | B-K2 |

More active was $7 .$. B-Q3. In reply to 8 P-K4 Black could play 8 . . . PxBP arriving at a position similar to that of the well-known variant of the Queen's Gambit, but with the advantageous location of the Bishop on Kt5 and not on B1 as usual.. In other cases, Black's Bishop on Q3 would have contributed to the important advance P-K4.

## 8 P-QKt3

. . . .
After 8 P-K4, PxKP; 9 KtxP, KtxKt; 10 BxKt, Kt-B3; 11 B-B2, BxKt White is compelled to play 12 PxB weakening the K -side Pawns.


Energetic measures are necessary; otherwise, after 10 Q-K2, followed by QR-K1 and P-K4 White will obtain an advantage. The move in the text is apparently right in all variations.

## 10 B-K2

A quiet retreat resulting in the complete equalization of the game. 10 PxQP was useless because of 10 . . PxQP; 11 PxQP, KtxP.
Interesting complications arise after 10 PxKP, KtxP; 11 KtxP. Black has two continuations in reply to this move:
(1) $11 \ldots$ KtxKtch; 12 PxKt, B-KR6; 13 KtxBch, QxKt, and White loses the exchange as $14 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$ would be followed by $14 \ldots \mathrm{Kt}$-K5; $14 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 1, \mathrm{BxR} ; 15$ QxB is somewhat better for White, thanks to his two strong Bishops.
(2) $11 \ldots \mathrm{KtxB} ; 12 \mathrm{KtxBch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{R} 1 ; 13$ $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q4}$ (If 13 BxKt , then $13 \ldots \mathrm{PxB}$; $14 \mathrm{P}-$ KR3, BxKt; $15 \mathrm{PxB}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ ! with the disagreeable threat QR-Q1) $13 \ldots \mathrm{KtxP}$; 14 KtxP , PxKt; 15 RxKt, Kt-K5 with a sufficient compensation for the Pawn.

| 10 Kt-Q2 | P-K5 <br> 11 <br> 12 QxB |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Kt5} 5$ |  |

Black must exchange one of the Knights to reduce the pressure on the K-Pawn.

| 13 P-QR3 | BxKt |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 14 BxB | R-K1 |
| 15 P-B3? | $\cdots \cdots$ |

Loss of tempo, since White cannot take possession of the square K4 in any case. Better was to play 15 P-B4 and then P-KB5! transferring the Bishop to Kt3 or R4. Chances would have been equal.

Of course, Black does not exchange on B3 himself, because it would mean giving White the advantage in the center; therefore he brings his pieces to better positions.
15 K-B2 $\quad$ Kt-B1

A second mistake, after which White's po-
sition becomes difficult. It was necessary to play 16 P-B4.


It is too late to play $17 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B4}$ because of 17 . . Q-B4, and White is doomed to a passive defense. Now the best thing for White to do is to make the precautionary move K-R1.

$$
17 \ldots K \times P!
$$

Quite opportune. White has to take the Pawn with a piece giving Black the square K4. If 18 PxBP, then 18 . . . Kt-Kt3; 19 Q-Q3, Q.K3 and White loses a pawn, as after 20 R -K2 or $20 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$ the move $20 \ldots \mathrm{Kt}$ - 55 is decisive.

| 18 R×P | R-K3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 19 Q-Q3 | QR-K1 |
| 20 Kt-Kt1 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 21 B-K1 | $\ldots .$. |



Botvinnik
An oversight. It was, of course, necessary to play $21 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ protecting the Pawn at K3. However, from the positional standpoint White has already lost the game in view of the weak KP, Black's control of the square K4 and the absolute lack of counter-play. Black could have continued with $21 \ldots \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 1$ and then Kt-K5.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
21 . \times \cdots & P \times P! \\
22 \dot{Q} \times P & \ldots
\end{array}
$$

Or 22 PxP, Kt-K4, but the continuation in the text is also hopeless.


The loss of a second pawn would have resulted from $25 \mathrm{BxR}, \mathrm{KtxB}$; $26 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{KtxR}$; 27 KxKt , Kt-B5 followed by Kt-K3.

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25 ... Kt(Kt3)-B5
26 P-R3 R-QB6
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26 . . . Kt-K7; 27 K-R2, RxRPch; 28 PxR, $\mathrm{Kt}(\mathrm{Q4})$-B5 was also possible. But then White would delay mate by means of 29 Q-Q3. With the text move Black first drives away White's Queen.

| 27 Q-R4 | Kt-K7ch |
| :--- | :--- |
| 28 K-R2 | R×RPch |
| Resigns |  |

After 29 PxR, Kt(Q4)-B5 mate is unavoidable.

The second game is annotated by the famous young Esthonian master PAUL KERES, who placed second. For other games from this important event, see CHESS REVIEW for May, 1941.
U. S. S. R. Match-Tournament
Moscow, Apr. 27, 1941
FALKBEER COUNTER-GAMBIT
(Notes by P. Keres)
P. Keres
White
1 P.K4 Lilienthal
2 P.KB4,

The King's Gambit in a serious tournament game again. As I have already pointed out on several occasions, I consider this opening as good as any other.

| $2 . \operatorname{P-Q4}$ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 3 P×QP | $P-K 5$ |
| 4 P-Q3 | $P \times P$ ? |

At the Twelfth USSR Chess Championship Tournament Petrov continued here 4... KtKB3; 5 Kt Q2, PxP; $6 \mathrm{BxP}, \mathrm{QxP}$ ? with a rapid loss. To avoid this, Lilienthal chooses here another system which is not best. It was necessary to play the variant mentioned above but contimuing with $6 \ldots$ KtxP.

$$
5 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{P}
$$

Kt-KB3
5. . . QxP is not suitable in view of 6 Kt-QB3, B-QKt5 (6... QxKtP?; 7 B-K4!); 7 B-Q2, BxKt; 8 Q-K2ch, and BxB with an advantage for White.

| 6 | Kt-QB3 | B.K2 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 7 | Kt-B3 | $0-\mathrm{O}$ |
| 8 | 0.0 | QKt-Q2 |
| 9 | B-B4 | $\ldots$. |

The simplest. White protects his extra pawn keeping at the same time a better position, since he controls all the central squares. Black's opening is refuted.

-Sovfoto Spectators wore headphones, heard move-bymove broadcast by noted commentators, followed progress of games on large electrical demonstration boards.

9 $10 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Kt} 3$

Kt-Kt3
Unnecessary loss of time because White could parry the threat brought by the Pawn's advance by means of the useful move 11 P QR3! The best counter-chance was the immediate 10 . . . B-QKt5. This could be followed for instance by $11 \mathrm{Q} \cdot \mathrm{Q} 3$, BxKt; 12 QxB , QKtxP; 13 Q-Q4 with a good play and two Bishops; strong is also $11 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 5$.

## 11 P-QR4 <br> B-B4ch

What does this check produce? If Black meant to develop his Bishop at KB4 he ought to do it immediately; 11 . . B-QKt5 was, however, preferable, in order to obtain counterplay.

| 12 K-R1 | B-B4 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 13 Kt-K5 | B-QKt5 |

Black is convinced at last that he cannot postpone attacking the Pawn at Q5. Still, he lost some important tempi.

## 14 P-Kt4! <br> B-B1?

Illogical, as by this same move Black confirms the weakness of his last moves. True, the continuation 14 . . . BxKt; 15 PxQB, B-Kt5; 16 P-B4 was not very desirable for Black; still, it was somewhat better.

## 15 B-K3 <br> QKt-Q2

Impossible, of course, was $15 \ldots$ BxKt; 16 PxB, QKtxP because of 17 B-B5 and P-Kt5.

| 16 | P-Kt5 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 17 | P×B |$\quad$ B×Kt

Here White apparently lets escape an opportunity which would be favourable to him. I avoided the continuation 17 PxKt in view of

17 . . . KtxKt, 18 PxP, R-K1; 19 PxB, Kt-Kt5 with counter-chances for Black. At the same time I probably missed a quick win. The fact is that the continuation 19 PxKt (instead of 19 PxB ), BxKP; 20 Q-R5 would bring a rapid denouement in view of the catastrophe on B7. Nevertheless the move in the text is not bad.

$$
17 \dot{\mathrm{P} \cdot \mathrm{Q} 6}
$$

## Kt-K5

Not best. It is useless for White to start playing for material gain, thereby losing his promising attack. He ought to play 18 Q-R5, Kt-Q3; 19 B-Q4 and then strengthen the attack by means of R-B3 or Kt-Kt4.

18

## KtxKt?

Lilienthal missed an excellent chance for salvation which involved sacrificing the exchange: 18 ... KtxQP; 19 P-Kt6, RPxP; 20 KtxKtP, Kt-B3! ; 21 KtxR, B-B4! and Black would have had good compensation in the open position of White's King. It is not impossible that White would have still scored a victory, but not without a struggle that he would have to undertake again from the beginning.

## 19 PxKt

Black resigned, perhaps too early, but still not without reason, because of the threat RxP(B7). For instance, after 19 . . . PxP, $20 \mathrm{RxP}, \mathrm{RxR}$; $21 \mathrm{Q} \cdot \mathrm{Q} 5$ followed by R-KB1 or (after . . . Q-Q2) P-K6. There is no prospect of satisfactory defense for Black whatever, because even 19 ... KtxKtP is impossible in view of 20 BxKt and P-Q7.

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> -Fred Reinfeld

## BASIC CHESS ENDINGS

By Reuben Fine
Published by David McKay Co., November, 1941 590 pp.

Price $\$ 3.50$
This is a classic!
Once in a decade a book appears which takes its place with the half dozen major works that every chess player and expert must read and study and have at hand for ready reference. Staunton's Handbook was such a volume: Steinitz Chess Instructor was indispensable for its own generation: for mid-game strategy Tarrasch's Three Hundred Games was long
the guide, and for the end-game Berger's Theorie and Praxis both essential and invaluable.

But the last is available only in German, and many important games and a greater number of composed endings have been added in the past twenty years. There have been a number of books that have dealt with the end-game and with the more recent material, and this reviewer has been among those who sought to classify some of the modern concepts, chart a few paths through difficult terrain, and emphasize the importance of the final phases of a game of chess.

However, an exhaustive work that would review the whole field and would bring the results of modern research right up to date, could be undertaken by only half a dozen of the greatest masters. Capablanca would not have begun such a task, and Lasker probably could never have finished it. Neither to Rubinstein nor to Reshevsky were given the academic gifts requisite for so vast a project. And, of course, Berger spent a lifetime gathering his material and working over it.

Only Reuben Fine, whose endings have long been on a par with the rest of his game, combined the many qualifications. He has given the chess world a handbook of the endgame comparable to, but infinitely more original and exacting, than his revision of Modern Chess Openings. This is a book of nearly 600 pages, and its thoroughness can be gathered from the fact that the chapters on Rook and Pawn Endings alone cover 170 pages.

Every phase of the end-game is covered, and covered fully and authoritatively. The significance of this can be realized if it be remembered that knowledge and skill in this field are the chief earmarks of the master. Long experience has taught that most players are capable of opening the game in good fashion-if only because a few safe lines can be readily imparted; and the average natural player handles the mid-game with assurance. But the ending-and particularly as related to the opening and mid-game-shows even the professional floundering dismally.

In fact, a notable end-game expert like Kashdan has to be on his guard lest his calm confidence in the superiority of the ending lead him to relax in the opening and mid-game.

This is not a review of the Fine book. It is not a book that can be read-much less reviewed. It is for study and consultation: it is a guide-a companion for frequent reference. It will add to the strength of every chess enthusiast, whether he be an average player, an expert, or like this writer, a student in the field.

Fine has done for the endings what Modern Chess Openings did for the initial phase of the game. The chess world is going to be more conscious of the ending from now on, even as nearly twenty years ago Griffith and White made it essential for every player to know the best and most recent lines in the opening. With this publication the chess capitol becomes more solidly fixed in the Western Hemisphere.
-B. F. WINKELMAN

# Best-Played Game at Hamilton 



ANTHONY E. SANTASIERE He won the Best-Played Game Prize

As reported last month, the prize for the best-played game at the 1941 New York State Chess Congress was awarded to Anthony E. Santasiere for his game with George Shainswit.

The award was announced by H. M. PhilLIPs, Chairman of the Committee of Judges which included Frank J. Marshall, Herman Helms and I. A. Horowitz.

An exponent of "romantic" chess, Santasiere is a man of many talents. Known to chessplayers throughout the world for his efforts in countless major tournaments and for his witty, entertaining style of annotating games for the American Chess Bulletin, Santasiere earns his living as a teacher in one of New York's public schools, is an accomplished pianist and artist. The walls of his bachelor apartment are covered with his oil paintings, including one of the entrance to Paul Morphy's home in New Orleans.

We can also testify that Santasiere is a firstclass chef, plays pretty good bridge and is the possessor of one of the most infectious laughs in captivity.

Santasiere is a leading member of the Marshall Chess Club, plays, regularly in the Metropolitan League matches. This summer he competed at Ventnor City and Hamilton, made a good showing in both tournaments. In each case he started well, made an impressive score in the early rounds but tired towards the end.

His prize-winning effort at Hamilton is given below.

## (Notes by Fred Reinfeld)

 QUEEN'S PAWN OPENINGA. E. Santasiere
White
1 P-Q4
G. Shainswit
Black
2 Kt -KB3
3 P-K3
Kt-KB3
P.Q4
P-KKt3

A simpler continuation is 3 ... P-B4. After the text, Santasiere is able to play his favorite "Orang-outang" move:

|  | t4 |  | B-K |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | P-B4 | 0.0 | 9 | B.K2 | P-K+3 |
| 6 | QKt-Q2 | P-QR4 | 10 | 0.0 | B.Kt2 |
| 7 | P-Kt5 | P-B4 | 11 | R-B1 | R-B |
| 8 | B-Kt2 | QKt-Q2 | 12 | Q.Kt3 | Px |

Here again, Black could select a simpler line by ... R-B2 followed by ... Q -R1 and ... KR-B1. As actually played, Black has more difficult problems, which, however, he handles ably.

| 13 KPxP | PxP | 18 RxR | P-K3 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14 KtxP | B-Q4 | 19 R-B2 | B-K5 |
| 15 Q-R3 | B-R3 | 20 Kt-B6 | Q-R1 |
| 16 Kt-K3 | R-K1 | 21 B-Q3 | B-B1 |
| 17 Kt-K5 | RxR | 22 Q-Kt3 | P-R5 |

This advance looks risky, but actually it is well thought out. The White QKtP should prove weaker than Black's QRP.

| 23 | Q-B3 | P-R6 | 29 | R-B4 | R-R1 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 24 | B-QB1 | BxB | 30 | K-B1 | Kt-K5 |
| 25 | QxB | Q-R5 | 31 | P-Q5 | PxP |
| 26 Q-B4 | QxQ | 32 | KtxP | Kt-Q3 |  |
| 27 | KtxQ | R-R1 | 33 | R-QKt4 | K-Kt2! |
| 28 | Kt-K3 | R-R5 | 34 | P-Kt4 | $\cdots$ |



Santasiere
Being in great time difficulties, Black now misses the right continuation 34 . . . Ktxp! $35 \mathrm{RxKt}, \mathrm{R}$-B1 regaining the piece (if $36 \mathrm{Kt}(5)$ Kt4? BxKt wins). Note that 33 . . K-Kt2! was the necessary preliminary to this manoeuvre, so as to rule out the eventual Kt -K7ch.

After the slip that follows, White actually wins a Pawn. But Black has enough resources to draw, thanks to the ensuing simplifications.

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| 34 |  | R－B1？ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35 | BxP | KtxP |
| 36 | B－Kt2ch | P－B3 |
| 37 | RxKt | RxK |

38 P－Kt5
39 RxR
40 BxPch
41 B－Q8

R－B4
B $\times R$
$\mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 2$
41 B－Q8
K．K3
Kt－K4
．．．BxKt should draw also，but Black al－ ways chooses the more arduous way！

| 43 K－K2 | Kt －B2 | 51 | P－R3 | Kt－R3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 B－B6 | P－R3 | 52 | KtxP | Kt －B4ch |
| 45 P－KR4 | PxP | 53 | K－B3 | B－K8 |
| 46 PxP | P－Kt4 | 54 | K－K3 | K－B4 |
| 47 K－Q3 | Kt－K4ch | 55 | Kt－Q6ch | K－Kt5 |
| 48 K－K4 | Kt －B3 | 56 | Kt－B7 | Kt－K3 |
| 49 Kt －Q5 | Kt－Kt5 | 57 | K－K4 | B－Q7 |
| 50 Kt －B3 | $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{P}$ | 58 | K－K5 | Kt－B4 |

After the general exchanges resulting from 58 ．．．KtxP？the advance of the QRP would be decisive．White has manoeuvred very skil－ fully，but the game is still a draw ！

| 59 | K－Q5 | Kt－Kt6 | 63 KtxP | BxP |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 60 Kt－K5ch | K－B4 | 64 Kt－K5ch | K－B5 |  |
| 61 Kt－B3 | B－K6 | 65 BxBch | K×B |  |
| 62 Kt－R4ch | K－Kt5 | 66 Kt－B6 | K－B3 |  |

At first sight one would think that Black is lost，because his King is＂so very far away＂ from the White Pawn．But this distance is deceptive，and the game is STILL a draw．

| 67 | P－R4 | K－B2 | 73 | K－B8 | Kt－Q3ch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 68 | K－B4 | Kt－Q7ch | 74 | K－Kt8 | Kt－Kt4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 69 | K－Kt5 | Kt－K5 | 75 | P－R6 | K－Q2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 | K－Kt6 | K－K1 | 76 | Kt－Kt4 | K－Q3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 71 | K－B7 | Kt－B6 | 77 | K－Kt7 | K－B4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 72 | P－R5 | Kt－Kt4ch | 78 | Kt－B2 | Kt－Q3ch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 79 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | K－Kt8 | Kt－B5？？ |  |  |

Tired and time－pressed，Shainswit commits a heart－breaking blunder which loses at once． The draw is obvious after $79 \ldots \mathrm{Kt}$ Kt4； 80 Kt－R3（or 80 K－Kt7，Kt－Q3ch and White can make no headway），K－Kt3！

| 80 | P－R7 | Kt－Kt3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 81 | K－Kt7 | Resigns |

For after $81 \ldots$ K－Kt4；82 Kt－R3ch，K－B4； 83 Kt －B4 removes the defending Knight．

And while on the subject of the New York State Tournament，we present，in the next col－ umn，the game between Herbert Seidman and Edward Lasker which we promised last month．

Lasker played in the early rounds of the tourney，withdrew on account of ill－health．


| 1 | P－K4 | P－K4 | 6 Q－K2 | P－QKt4 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | Kt－KB3 | Kt－QB3 | 7 B－Kt3 | 0.0 |
| 3 | B－Kt5 | P－QR3 | 8 P－QR4 | R－Kt1 |
| 4 | B－R4 | Kt－B3 | 9 PxP | P×P |
| 5 O－O | B－K2 | 10 | P－B3 | P．Q4 |

Black has adopted a variation which gives him rather a cramped game；he therefore offers a Pawn in order to obtain good play for his pieces after 11 PxP，KtxP； 12 KtxP ， Kt－B5； 13 Q－K4，KtxKt； 14 Q $x$ either Kt，B－Q3 leaving White with an uncomfortable position． Seidman therefore prefers to continue his de－ velopment．
11 P－Q3
B－K3

Not good．Either 11 ．．P－Q5 or ．．．B－ KKt5 was preferable．

| 12 | Kt－Kt5 | B－KKt5 | 16 | $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt5}$ | BxKt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | P－B3 | B－B1 | 17 | $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{B}$ | KtxP |
| 14 | PxP | KtxP | 18 | PxKt | Q $\times$ B |
| 15 | KtxRP | R－K1 | 19 | P．KB4！ | Q－Kt3 |

After a short sharp skirmish，Black has lost and regained a Pawn．White＇s last move promises trouble for his opponent on the KB file，and must therefore be met with care．

## $20 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 2$

B－Kt5？
A careless move．Best seems 20 ．．．B－B4 and if $21 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 4$ ，BxKt； 22 PxB ，PxP； 23 RxP ， Kt－K4 etc．

$$
21 \text { P-B5! } \quad B \times P
$$

If 21 ．．．BxQ？ 22 PxQ，BxR； 23 PxPch winning a piece．Or if $21 \ldots$ Q－R4； 22 Q－K4！ with advantage．

| 22 | R $\times$ B！ | Q×R |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 23 | R－KB1 | Q－Kt4 |
| 24 | B $\times$ Pch | K－R1 |

If $24 \ldots \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1$ ； 25 B－Q5ch with a winning game．

| 25 | R－B3！ | P－Kt3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 26 | R－Kt3 | Q－B3 |
| 27 | BxP | Q－R5 |

Or $27 \ldots \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 2$ ； 28 Q－R5ch，K－Kt1； $29 \mathrm{~B}-$ R7ch，K－B1； 30 R－Kt8 mate．

| 28 | R－R3 | Q×R |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 29 P×Q | R－K2 |  |

If $29 \ldots$ R－Kt1； 30 Q－R5ch，K－Kt2； 31 Q－ R7ch，K－B3； 32 Kt－K4ch，K－K3； 33 Q－B7 mate．
30 Q－R5ch K－Kt1 32 Kt－Kt5 R－B3
31 Kt K4 4 R－KB1 33 Q－R6 Resigns

# READERS' GAMES REVIEWED 

In 'this department we publish games by peaders with annotations by noted commentator Fred Reinfeld. Any subscriber to Chess Review is welcome to ure this free service. Submit your games to Readers'

By FRED REINFELD

This department was launched in the Oc tober issue and made an instantaneous hit with our readers. It will be continued as a regular feature.

The main object of this service is to use your games as a means of giving helpful instruction to, all. Games will be selected for their general interest. The department is not limited to the efforts of any particular class of player. Games by recognized masters, of course, will not appear in this section but any other player, weak or strong, can use this service.

Roger B. Johnson of Mercer, Pa. sends us the following game with this note: ${ }^{11} \mathrm{I}$ am now enjoying my second issue of your very, very fine publication. In response to your published request for amateur games noted in the last issue, I am sending you a game between myself and H. G. Michels of Cleveland; it being one played in the current A. E. Russ Tournament. I would appreciate being told just where White made his mistake in this game."

## Game No. 1

FALKBEER COUNTER GAMBIT

| H. G. Michels | R. B. Johnson |
| :--- | ---: |
| White | Black |
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 P-KB4 | P-Q4 |

The object of this enterprising move is to avoid all the manifold attacks at White's disposal after the acceptance of the gambit; at the same time, Black indicates his desire to seize the indtiative.
$3 \mathrm{KP} \times \mathrm{P}$
PxP?
But this is very illogical (if he wanted to capture the BP , why not do it on move two?!). Furthermore, as will be seen, it is easier for White to defend his advanced Pawn than for Black to hold on to the KBP.

For these reasons, the text has always been considered inferior to 3 . . P-K5! which impedes White's development and gives Black attacking chances.

$$
4 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{KB} 3 \quad \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2
$$

4... QxP? runs up against the well-kxown inadvisability of bringing out one's Queen very early in the game and thus subjecting it to enemy attack. For example: 5 Kt -B3, Q-K3ch;
$6 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 2$ ! threatening $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Kt}$ thch followed by R-K1, giving White a decidediy better game.

5 B-B4 B-R5ch?!
This curious move leads to an extremely interesting position.


The correct procedure for White is now 6 K-B1! with these possibilities:

I 6 . . Kt-KR3 (Black wants to castle, and this is the only available square for the Kt); 7 P-Q3! Q-B3; 8 KtxB! QxKt; 9 Q-K1ch! QxQ; 10 KxQ . And now there is only one way to protect the advanced KBP, namely 10 . . P PKKt.4. But then comes 11 P-KR4! breaking up Black's Pawn formation; this is a typical and powerful piece of strategy which is worth knowing. (Note, by the way, that if White had played the seemingly stronger $7 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$, Black could now play 11. . . Kt-B4 winning the KRP or the QP.)

After II P-KR4! Black's whole plan may be considered refuted. Let us now see the other possibility:

II 6... B-Kt5; 7 Q-K2ch! Kt-K2; 8 Q-K4! or $7 \ldots \mathrm{~K}$. B1; 8 Q-K4, Q-B3; 9 P-Q3 and in either case the advanced KBP either falls or is very sick.

These variations are worthy of study, because they show how one must pick out a promising plan (exploiting the weakness of the KBP) and must then avoid moves which would lose the advantage (as for example, a premature P-Q4).

## 6 P-Kt3?

But this is quite out of place. White is presumably thinking of the Cunningham Gambit (1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 P-KB4, PXP; 3 佔 -KB 3 , B-K2; 4 B-B4, B-R5ch; 5 P-Kt3, PxP; 6 O-O, PxPch; 7 K-R1). But the analogy is not a workable one, because in the Cunningham Gambit White's KB has a free diagonal, so that the attack of two White pieces converges on the pro-
verbially weak point KB7. Here the grand attacking diagonal is closed, thus ruling out in advance the possibility that White can ever get real value for the sacrificed Pawns.

| 6 O.O | $P \times P$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 70 K-R1 | P×Pch |
| 8 Kt-KR3 |  |

B-R6 is also very strong.

| 9 | Q-K2ch | K-B1 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 10 P-Q4 | $K t-B 4$ |  |

Even at this early date, Black has already seized the initiative. Q-Kt2 was probably the best reply.

| 11 | B-B4 | B-Kt6 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 12 | Q-Q2 | Kt-Q2 |
| 13 | Kt-B3 | Kt-B3 |
| 14 | Kt-KKt5? | Q-Q2? |

Simply 14 . . Kt-R4 wins the exchange, for if 15 B-K3, B-R5 (threatening . . . Kt-Kt6ch, and also ... KtxB followed by . . . BxKt) wins.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 15 \mathrm{Kt}(5)-\mathrm{K} 4 \\
& 16 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 2 ?
\end{aligned}
$$

## Kt-R4

He should have saved the exchange with $B$ K 3 and if 16 . . B-Q3; $17 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 2$. But even then he would be on the defensive, with a decisive disadvantage in material as well.

| 16 | BxB | 23 | Kt-R3 | B-Q2 |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 17 | R×B | KtxR | 24 | P-B3 | QR-Q1 |
| 18 | KtxKt | P-KKt3 | 25 | QxP(R2) ? |  |
| 19 | R-KB1 | Q-K2 |  |  | Kt-Kt6ch |
| 20 | B-Q3 | P-KR4 | 26 | K-Kt2 | BxKtch |
| 21 | Q-B2 | K-Kt2 |  | Resigns |  |
| 22 | R-K1 | P.R5 |  |  |  |

Averill Powers of Milwaukee, handles the Black pieces in masterly fashion in this City Championship game with an instructive K-side attack, culminating in a Queen sacrifice.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Game No. } 2 \\
\text { Milwaukee City Championship } 1941 \\
\text { GIUOCO PIANO } \\
\begin{array}{l}
\text { A. Groves } \\
\text { White } \\
1 \text { P.K4 Powers } \\
2 \text { Kt-KB3 }
\end{array} \quad \text { Black } \\
3 \text { B-B4 } \\
4 \text { P-Q3 }
\end{gathered}
$$

As the name of this opening ("quiet game") indicates, it does not give White much chance for initiative.

## 5 0.0?

In this opening it is important not to castle prematurely, because the resulting pin on White's KKt can become most painful. Why this is so, will become apparent in the subsequent play. Hence $5 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3$ or $5 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3$ is preferable.

$$
5 \text { B. } \quad \text { P.Q3 }
$$

Now here is an instructive point: whereas it is good for Black to pin White's KKt after White has castled, it is bad for White to pin Black's KKt before Black has castled! It all sounds terribly confusing, and yet there is a very clear and valuable distinction:

When White's KKt is pinned, . . . Kt-Q5 is threatened (breaking up White's castled position). Furthermore, the obstreperous Black QB cannot be driven off by P-KR3 and P-KKt4 because that would leave White's castled King too exposed. Now you can realize why the early 5 O-O? was a mistake.

On the other hand, White's B-KKt5 is not to be feared, nor is Kt-Q5 to be feared, because the resultant capture of Black's KKt would only open the KKt file for him, creating a powerful line of attack against White's castled King. Furthermore, Black can play . . . PKR3 and . . . P-KKt4 with impunity, as he hasn't castled yet.

So, as you see, the fact that White's King is at KKt1 and the Black King at K1, conditions the course of the subsequent play.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
6 .-8 & \text { P-KR3 } \\
7 & \quad . .
\end{array}
$$

This is not good, as it virtually buries the Bishop alive. $7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3$ would be more useful.

B-KKt5
Above all menacing . . . Kt-Q5, breaking up White's King-side.

## 8 P-B3 <br> P-KKt4!

Note that this does not weaken Black's position, because his King is not castled. The object of the text is to force White to advance the KRP, thus creating a target which Black can utilize to open a file on the King-side.

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9 B-KKt3
10 P.KR3
P-KR4
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After 10 P-KR4 Black would not reply 10 . . . PxP (even though it opens the KKt file) because 11 BxRP gives White too strong a pin. Instead, Black would play $10 \ldots$ Kt-R2! followed by . . . KR-Kt1.

$$
10 \ldots \quad \text { P.R5! }
$$

Very good. If now $11 \mathrm{PxB}, \mathrm{PxB}$ with an ideal attacking position for Black.
11 B-R2
B.R4
12 Q-Kt3

White seizes the opportunity to extricate himself from the pin; but Black continues imperturbably with his attack, according to plan:

$$
12 \text {. . . . }
$$

P-Kt5!
For 13 KtxRP can be answered by . . . PxP with a strong attack.

| 13 | Kt-Kt5 | Q-Q2 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 14 | PxP | KtxKtP |
| 15 | Kt-KR3 | $\ldots .$. |

Grabbing the KtP would as usual be bad: $15 .$. QR-Kt1; 16 Q-R6, R-Kt3; 17 Q-R4, RKt1 with a winning position: 18 Kt -B3, KtxP: 19 RxKt, BxKt or 18 Kt-R3, KtxP! 19 KtxKt, Q-R6 etc.

15
KR-Kt1
Now Black has his open file and makes deadly use of it. The immediate threat is . . . KtxP!

| 16 | K-R1 | KtxB |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 17 | KxKt | Q-Kt5 |
| 18 | R-Kt1 | 0.0 .0 |

If now $19 \mathrm{BxP}, \mathrm{BxB} ; 20 \mathrm{QxB}$, QR-B1 winning easily. Note that White has not completed his development even at this stage.

Black now threatens $19 \ldots$ BxP; 20 KtxB, Q-Kt6ch; $21 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 1, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 6$ etc.

Further utilization of the KKt file: tripling on the file makes the attack wholly irresistible.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 20 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{R} 3 \\
& 21 \text { QR-KB1 }
\end{aligned}
$$

QR-Kt1
There was no good move. Black now finishes off brilliantly.


Subscriber Morton Jacobs of Lawrence, Kansas, sends us the following informal game. It provides many opportunities for instructive comment.

Game No. 3
RUY LOPEZ

| M. Jacobs | J. Arbuthnot |
| :---: | ---: |
| White | Black |
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3 B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4 B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5 Q-K2 | $\cdots .$. |

This move has a double object: it protects the KP and thus compels Black to look to the defense of his own KP, which will eventually be menaced by BxKt followed by KtxP.

This threat is likely to induce Black to play
P-QKt4, after which white retreats his KB and plays P-QR4, so that the QKtP is attacked twice by White's forces.'

$$
\begin{array}{lr}
5 & \text { P-Q3 } \\
6 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3 & \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QKt} 4
\end{array}
$$

As will be seen, this ereates a welcome target for attack. It would be better to continue his development with . . . B-Q2.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
7 \text { B-Kt3 } & \text { B-Kt5 } \\
8 \text { P-QP4 } & \ldots . .
\end{array}
$$

Here is the attack we spoke of previously: the QKtP is now attacked twice. To play $8 .$. PxP? would lead to great difficulties after 9 BxP . The terrible pin could not be relieved by $9 \ldots \mathrm{Q}$ Q2? because of $10 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 4!$ and wins. And if $9 \ldots$ B-Q2 Black would still be left with a bad positional weakness in the form of the isolated QRP.

## 8

. . . .

## Kt-QR4

This is open to the serious theoretical objection that a Knight is almost always badly placed on the edge of the board, for it commands less squares there than on any other part of the board. The only justification for the text would be the likelihood that the Kt. could be brought to a more favorable spot, but this does not apply here.

Simplest and best was $8 .$. QR-Kt.1.

## 9 B-B2 <br> Kt.Kt2?

But this is a very serious lapse. There is no justification for moving this $K$ t to an even worse square; and above all, the QKtP required protection. It is essential at every move to scan the position rapidly and make sure that nothing is en prise. $9 \ldots$ B-Q2 was indicated, but $9 \ldots \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{Kt} 1$ was no longer available because of $10 \mathrm{PxP}, \mathrm{RxP}$ forced; 11 P-Kt 4 winning the QRP.

10 PxP
Q-Kt1?
Having gotten into a bad position, you must try to make the best of it. Since the text loses still another Pawn without compensation, Black should have tried $10 \ldots$ PxP; 11 QxP ch, B-Q2; $12 \mathrm{RxR}, \mathrm{QxR}$ etc.

## 11 P-Q4?

And lere White is at fault; he should capture the RP.

11 P×B $\quad$| B |
| ---: |
| 12 BKt |

Again permitting the loss of a second Pawn, as White can simply capture the RP or else play PxP e.p. . . . P-QR4 was better.

## 13 B-K3?

And once more white misses his chance. Again we must emphasize the importance of looking for possible gains of material at every move.

| $13 . \operatorname{BP\times P}$ | $\mathrm{BP} \times \mathrm{P}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 14 BXP | KPXP |
| 15 | $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 4$ ? |

Not only have the foregoing exchanges been faulty (for they have greatly increased the scope of White's QB), but they have still left the QRP en prise. Again $15 .$. P PQR4 was in order.
16. PxP

KKt-Q2
Although the position is lost in any event, this move is wrong because it moves the same piece a second time (the other Kt has now moved four times without improving its position). $16 \ldots$ B-K2 would be better.

## $17 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$ <br> QxP?

And this is the crowning mistake ("never capture the QKtP!").

## 18 O.O?

White in turn does not look for the best move. $18 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} 5$ wins a piece: $18 \ldots \mathrm{Q}$ Kt5ch; $19 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 6 \mathrm{ch}$ (else the Queen is lost) ; 20 QxKt etc.

## 18 .... <br> R×P??

Fatal, $18 \ldots$ Q-Kt1 had to be played, although the position was of course lost.

## $19 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt5}$ !

Resigns
For he must lose the Queen. An extremely instructive game.

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Here are the results of games completed this month. Note we now put totals in parenthesis when reporting the second game.

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Section 8-Beringer 1, Zoudlik 0. (1-1) Work 1 , Deringer 0 .
Section 11-Mayers 1, Wallace 0. (2-0)
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Section 13-Palange 2, Gay 0. Palange 2, Umberger 0 . Vichules 1, Gay 0. (2.0)
Section 14-Butler 1, Briggs 0. Smith 1, Butler 0. Fallenbeck 1, Butler 0. (1-1)
Section 15-Benardette 2, Dishaw 0. Andrews forfeits all games.
Section 16-Chauvenet 1, Palmer 0. Chauvenet 1, Eddy 0. Paul 1, Eddy 0.
Section 18-Allured $11 / 2$, Smith $1 / 2$. Rozsa 1, Smith 0. Stubblefield 1, Smith 0.
Section 21-Jacobs 2, Chism 0. Jacobs 1, Rubin 0.
Section 22-Dayton 1, Hicks 0.
Section 24-Greenfield 1, Hamilton 0.
Section 27-Little 1, Tishko 0.
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