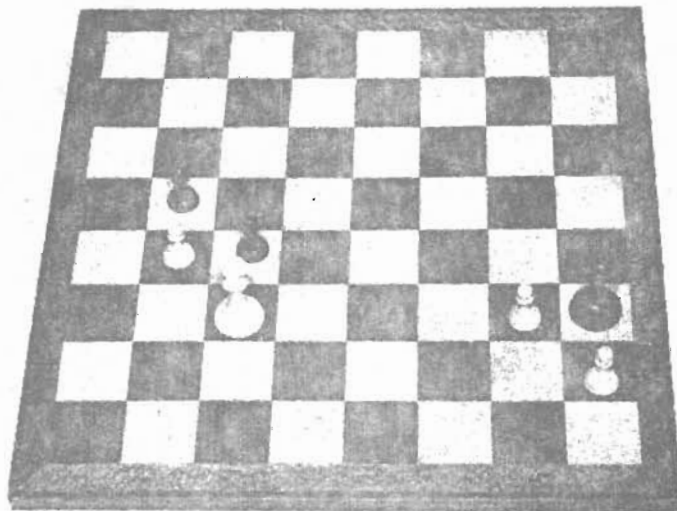


WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER

AUGUST 1956

CAN WHITE WIN?

Horowitz, in Chess Review, says he can, by using triangulation of his King (moves 3-5, 8-9, 12-14, underlined below) to assist advance of the pawns, without taking his King out of the square of the Black passed pawn until move 15 and then it is expert timing that wins.



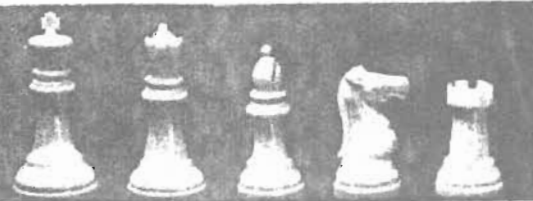
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CHESS AT THE SEAFAIR!

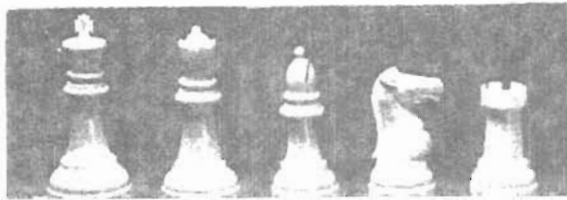
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WINNING THE MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Adam Smith Robert Edberg

1. P-K4	P-QB4	15 P-KN4	P-KR4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	16 PxP	NxRP
3. P-Q4	PxP	17 N/4-K2	R-KR1
4. NxP	N-B3	18 O-O-O	Q-R4
5. N-QB3	P-Q3	19 QR-N1	B-K3 *
6. P-B3	P-KN3	20 N-Q4	Q-K4
7. B-K3	B-Q2	21 R-N5	Q-B5
8. Q-Q2	B-N2	22 NxBch.	PxN
9. B-QB4	R-QB1	23 R/1-N1	QxQch.
10 B-N3	N-QR4	24 KxQ	N-B5
11 B-R6	O-O	25 R/5-N4	P-K4
12 P-KR4	NxB	26 N-Q5	NxN
13 RPxN	P-QR3	27 RxFch.	K-B2
14 BxB	KxB	28 PxN	RxRP

Drawn by agreement.

* After 19----B-K3; Black is threatening 20----Q-R8ch.; 21 N-N1, BxNP! 22 P-B3, B-R7; etc. Obvious but it was all Black had!

Black felt he had some winning possibilities at the end but a draw was enough to win the tournament.

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Biggest Northwest chess news for the month of July was the moving of the Seattle Chess Club. On Friday, June 29 the greater part of the moving was completed and by Sunday, July 1st only a few pieces of equipment were left in the old quarters. The Seattle Chess Club's new address is room 604 in the Seattle Y. M. C. A. The club will be open as usual seven days a week. Membership is \$10 a year to adult Seattle players. Membership for women, junior and out-of-town players is \$7.50 per year.

Special credit for the successful moving goes to club secretary DAVID ERICKSON and member MAURICE HENION. Club director JOHN RING found the new quarters for the club.

ROBERT EDBERG RETAINS YAKIMA TITLE

ROBERT EDBERG of Tieton again won the Yakima County-City Championship with a fabulous 21-1 score. Edberg lost only to TERRY NELSON who took second with a 20½-1½ score! (About the highest second place score the editor has ever heard about) ELI TREISMAN was third with 16-5 and BILL HOGE was fourth with 19½-8½. It is presumed the tournament was a round-robin but the number of contestants is not known.

ROBERT STORK VISITS NORTHWEST

ROBERT STORK, former Chess Letter Editor and spark-plug of Washington chess in 1950-51-52, returned to the Northwest after a four year absence. He came north for his brother's wedding and then visited old friends in his brief stay here. Stork now lives in the Los Angeles area and is the proud papa of a seven months old daughter.

CHESS DIGEST

From Australia comes a neatly mimeographed chess magazine, "Chess Digest", for the serious student of the game. It has new theoretical ideas, games, lessons and news. Write to J. W. WILTON, BOX 4088 G. P. O. Spencer St., Melbourne for details. We have a copy containing 40 pages and 28 diagrams.

SEAFAIR. AUG. 4-5

As the date for the Seattle Seafair Open (Sat. and Sun. Aug. 4 - 5) draws closer each day, it behooves ye wavering chess player to determine before it is too late whether he will enjoy the fun or let it pass by neglected. You do not have much time to make your decision.

Both EDBERG and WADE, who finished 2nd and 3rd last year, have promised to play. MCCORMICK is back from a trip to San Francisco and Denver and will direct the event after all. MCCORMICK will also play and will be a strong contender for the Seafair Championship won by BILLS last year. Other very strong possible contenders are G. BISHOP, V. PUPOLS, D. PARSONS, D. HAMILTON and D. EILMES.

The tournament will be held in a second floor class room at the Seattle Y. M. C. A., 4th Avenue and Madison St.

Registration will commence at nine thirty a. m. and play begin at ten.

The Seafair Parade can be viewed going by on 4th Avenue Saturday morning. The new Seattle Chess Club-room is also in the Y. M. C. A. Visitors are invited to visit and play at the club between rounds of the Seafair.

A large, clean restaurant is in the Y. M. C. A. for the convenience of all players.

Seattle chess is definitely experiencing a renaissance at this time after escaping from their former very dingy and depressing quarters.

For the first time in years, the Seattle Chess Club's treasury is showing signs of health. New members are joining up all of the time. A "Kaffee Klatch" will be held on the last Friday of each month.

A SEAFAIR SPEED TOURNAMENT will open Seafair chess festivities on Friday eve at 7. in the club - room 604.

INTERNATIONAL AUG. 19

The bugles are blowing and those rumbles you hear are war drums. The Red Coats are invading our state from British Columbia. We need 45 or more stalwarts to defend our honor at Seven Cedars Pavilion on highway 99 one mile north of Mount Vernon.

Rally around you Minute Men from Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Bremerton, Yakima, Everett, Bellingham, and all points in between. WE NEED YOU. HELP US WIN THE GIANT INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH!

Last year we rashly invaded the enemies' home grounds. They outnumbered us nearly two to one and thrashed us badly.

Soldiers, be on the battleground by high noon, our time. Firing will get under-way in earnest by one p. m. on SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th.

What will you say when your son or daughter asks you where you were on Sunday, August 19th 1956? Let us hope you were where the smoke was thickest, right in the heart of the battle.

HE IS BACK!

JIM MCCORMICK returns! The wandering chess player returns to Seattle after qualifying for the San Francisco Title Finals by scoring 6-0 in a preliminary section. He defeated Bagby & two strong "A" team members of Mechanic's Institute Chess Club in qualifying. Jim couldn't linger around long enough to capture the 'Frisco.

Soon after leaving 'Frisco, Jim turned up in Denver prepared to capture the Colorado (Little America) Open Title. However, McCormick narrowly missed winning, scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and pocketing the \$25 third prize.

Now "Joltin' Jim" is preparing a haymaker for all opponents at Seafair.

LETTERS

Dear Dan,

Unfortunately, I, myself, am unable to locate the Bishop game score which you request in the Chess Letter. (Bishop vs. Pupols in the Seattle Open - Ed) However, since your comments on me lately have been favorable, and I am becoming somewhat more conceited than usual, I am sending in a collection of reasonably recent games where I am beaten from pillar to post. (News of this must never leak out). Also I think you may be interested in a short article (The Marathon Match) I translated from the Latvian chess magazine. I found it very amusing.

Best wishes, Vic (Pupols)

IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT You don't HAVE to use these games just because I've put some notes on them, Dan. It would spoil my reputation you know. (See Games).

Dear Dan,

In the June issue of the WCL, you asked for some games you thought might be enjoyable to the readers. I am sending one (see Games - Ed) I played with Tom Makens in the Portland Open. I'm not enclosing any comments because this game is simple in itself, and except for the final twist at the end, not played in any grand style. If this game seems rather different in the opening, it is because I wanted to get away from the "book" as soon as possible.

Maybe if you decide this game is good enough to print, I will send that one in the State Junior you were watching, where I cornered the rook with my 2 bishops. Congratulations on your place in the Spokane tourney.

Dick Parsons

Dear Dirty Dan:

Poems, what poems? Who wrote poems? Actually I made a collection of poems from magazines and books and made drawings to go with them. It's the drawings that I mentioned to Mr. Bishop and since then I have sent them to you. That is, those that were the better of the ones. The poems I had in the collection are quite ancient and need quite a bit of translation even if they are in the king's English (Henry the VIII that is).

Now, however, Vic Pupols has threatened certain nasty poems under my name if I don't send in some of my own. So take notice, any poems under my name coming to you are by Pupols.

Bob Collins is back from California and will probably bring a car load to the International although interest in that event is slacking off down here.

Pupols is 1955 Pierce County Champion while the tournament just completed was the Tacoma Club championship (won by Vernon Holmes - Ed).

An example of "format improvement" is Don Eilmes page which is distinctive plus pleasing in appearance.

I think postal chess is the best thing for the NW player, especially if he doesn't live in Seattle or Spokane where a game is probably being played every minute. The new Championship Tourney should go over big.

What with McCormick out of town, I only have to find a way of quietly disposing of Dick Parsons to lesson pressure for next year's State Junior, heh,heh. Maybe I can throw him off the roof of the YMCA under the hoofs of some passing elephants at the Seafair Parade or isn't that quiet enough?

unSINCERELY YOURS, Dennis Hamilton

One reason for a shortage of letters in our letter pages in previous issues of the Chess Letter is simply because we have made news stories out of them. The following letter is an example. The writer is President of the Highline C. C.

Dear Mr. Wade;

I am writing this letter to inform you of high school chess at Highline. At Highline we have over 40 active members. In the past 3 years Highline has played over 20 matches with 10 different opponents.

Our only defeat was at the hands of West Seattle's adult chess team by the score of 10 to 0. I am not making excuses for our defeat but you have to take into consideration the difference in the two teams. We had 13 years experience, among our 5 players on the team, while they had possibly double that length of experience per man. (Well, perhaps 20 years per man anyway! - Ed) On boards 1, 2, and 4, we were even going into the end-game but under pressure and lacking end-game experience, we lost. With the score of 5 to 0 against us our collective backs were broken. Had we won 2 of those 3 close ones, it would have given us the fight and confidence to make a closer match of it.

With the exception of Yakima, no team has ever won more than 1 game in a match with us. In our two matches since West Seattle, we have played with Tacoma and Auburn High School teams. The results are as follows:

Highline High	8.	Tacoma Juniors	2.	Highline High	8.	Auburn High	1.
Kuvara	1½	Loughced	½	Kuvara	2	Utz	0
Sawyer	2	Hanson	0	Sawyer	2	Superneam	0
Bjornson	½	Hamilton	1½	*Bjornson	0	Vogel	1
Munro	2	Rorher	0	Munro	2	Fosmark	0
Culver	2	Wheeler	0	Pinto	2	(forfeit)	0
(Incomplete version given last month.)				* Only 1 game played because of time.			

As of lately, we have been playing without our third board man, Don Hicky, who has moved to California.

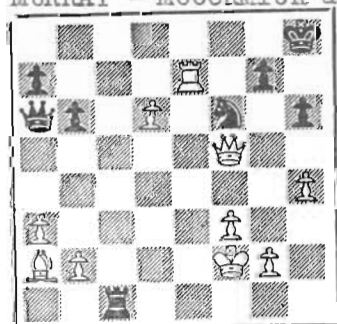
I would like to give credit for our successes to Mr. ALF HEMSTAD, Highline High School's chess club advisor and football coach. He has done more for high school chess than any person in the state.

Bob Kuvara

Dear Dan,

Regarding game Murray vs. McCormick in Seattle Open reported in the Chess Letter for July - the true game had a somewhat more sparkling finish. Instead - 37. Q-N6, there was actually played - 37. R-K8ch., NxR; 38. Q-B8ch., K-R2; 39. Q-N8ch., K-N3; 40. QxNch., K-R2; 41. B-N8 ch., K-R1; 42. B-B7 dis. ch., K-R2; 43. Q-N8 Mate. Regards, Art Murray

MURRAY - MCCORMICK after 36---K-R1.



(The record we had was incomplete. Always favoring the hammer to the prettier sword, we immediately saw 37. Q-N6 which should cause Black to immediately holler "Uncle!" and thus overlooked entirely the forced mate in seven - Ed)

Bob Edberg writes - I will definitely play in the Seafair. (Bob also has written he will be at the International Match - Ed)

F. M. Howard writes - Will let you know how many W.S. players can make the trip to the International.

MARATHON MATCH

(Condensed translation from "Sacha Pasaule" the Latvian chess magazine)Pupols

On September 15, 1955, a chess match was begun in Lincoln, Nebraska, between the Latvian players John Danenfelds and Julian Sobolevskis. The following rules were agreed upon in advance:

- 1) The match was to be decided in 1000 (one thousand) games;
- 2) the time was to be limited by the chivalrous feelings of both "knights of the royal game" , without recourse to such "cold war" weapons as chess clocks;
- 3) the loser was to compensate for the winner's time and effort at the rate of a quarter a game (\$250 in case of a total victory).

At the start of the match Danenfelds took the lead by the proverbial nose. The lead was, however, shortlived, and switched back and forth. For the largest part the long-distance match was fought shoulder by shoulder. Only during a holiday season did Danenfelds manage a ten game lead.

When spring came, the chess marathon was moved outdoors, and continued in backyards, parks, and lakesides. The chess-set and the scoretable became as necessary to the flesh and spirit of the rivals as food and shelter, and were accordingly carried about everywhere, excepting to church.

One sunny Sunday afternoon, at a lake, Sobolevskis brought in a fine "catch" Holding a fishing rod with his left, he ceaselessly mated Danenfelds with his right. Poor John was catching more fish than he knew what to do with, while Julian had nary a bite! When, many hours later, the situation was checked into, it was found that Sobolevskis had forgotten to bait his hook. However, the scoretable showed an attractive balance: eager angler Danenfelds was 12 points behind...

In May of this year, after a loud and tough battle of eight months, the marathon match was finally concluded and a new world record set.

The final score was a not-too-convincing 501 : 499 for Danenfelds.

BATTLE ROYAL

Entries are now being received for the 1957 INTERNATIONAL BATTLE ROYAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS TOURNAMENT. Entry Fee is \$5.00, of which \$3.50 goes into prize money and \$1.50 goes for tournament expenses. Our previous event had prize money of almost \$600.00 including the largest first prize ever offered in the **history** of correspondence chess. The Finals of this previous event are now in progress. The West Coast player in the Finals is JAMES W. SCHMITT of Portland. Other finalists are ERICH MARCHAND, EDGAR SNEIDERS, DR. N.M. HORNSTEIN and DAVID ELIASON.

The 1957 event will have 7-player sections with 6 players from the USA and 1 foreign player planned for each section. Leaders graduate into succeeding rounds until a champion is crowned.

In addition, the highest ranking woman player will become Battle Royal Woman Champion and the highest ranking player born after May 31, 1936 will become Junior Battle Royal Champion. All players invited. 24 prizes in all.

Rules sent on request. Send entries or queries to the Tournament Director : MORTON W. LUEBBERT JR., 404 LINN STREET, VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS.

RE: R + P vs. R = DRAW!

A position very often mishandled in clubroom play is one that occurs so frequently you would think that players with thousands of hours of chess time invested would have spent 10 minutes in learning the basic procedure.

Rook plus Pawn, versus Rook, is usually a draw. The common mistakes by Black are playing the King to the wrong side, and mishandling the Rook.

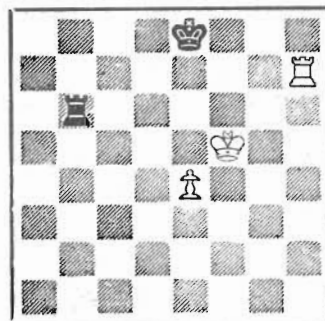
Even Masters go astray. In 1931 Capablanca won two games against master opponents after a drawn position had been reached.

IF THE DEFENDING KING CAN GET TO THE QUEENING SQUARE

In the position shown at the right the pawn is not far advanced. Black keeps his Rook on his 3rd rank until the Pawn reaches its 6th. Then the Rook goes to its 8th, and checks and checks and checks. Since the pawn is then on the square that would have to be occupied by the White King in order to threaten checkmate, White can't drive the Black King out. There are 3 ways that Black can lose:

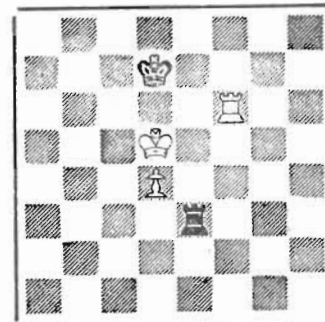
1. By immobilizing his Rook.
2. Unnecessarily allowing his King to be driven from the queening square.
3. Going to wrong square when forced out.

Let us illustrate by carrying the position forward with the typical moves printed under the diagram. After 2. P-K6 the rule says Black must go to his 8th rank. If 2. .. R-N3?, it would be a bad blunder, because of 3. K-B6 K-Q1; 4. R-R8ch, K-B2; 5. K-B7! Black immobilized his Rook



- 1 P-K5, R-QR3 3 K-B6, R-B8+
 2 P-K6 *text 4 K-K5, R-K8+
R-R8 5 K-Q6, R-Q8+

In the next diagram, an example from actual play is cited to show a series of elementary blunders which are easier to prevent than to cure. You are trying to get a standard draw position from this earlier position. The moves under the diagram gets Black to the standard draw in 3 moves. But in the actual game Black played 2..R-Q6? 3. K-K6! R-K6ch? (better was 3. ..K-Q1; 4. P-Q5, R-Q8!) 4. K-Q6, R-QR6; 5. R-R8ch, K-B2; 6. R-QB8, and although Black missed it he could still save himself with ..R-Q6!



IF THE DEFENDING KING CANNOT OCCUPY THE QUEENING SQUARE

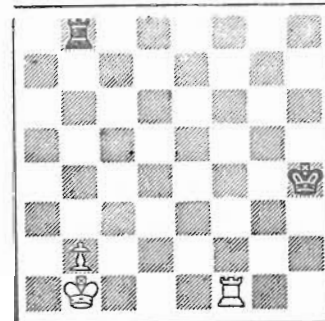
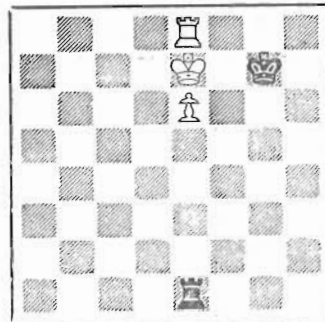
With a KP or QP it is always better for the defender to have his King at N2 on the short side of the Pawn. The King on the long side does not give the Rook enough room for checks. With a BP it's a sure thing that if the King is defending on the short side he draws, if not he loses.

In this third diagram Black draws with 1... R-QR8, 2. R-Q8, R-R2ch; 3. R-Q7, R-R1; (but not ..R-R3?) 4. R-N7, K-N3! (not ..K-N1?) 5. K-Q7, K-B3!; 6. R-B7, K-N2 (not ..R-R8; 7. P-K7) 7. K-Q6d ch, K-B1; 8. R-KR7, R-R3ch =.

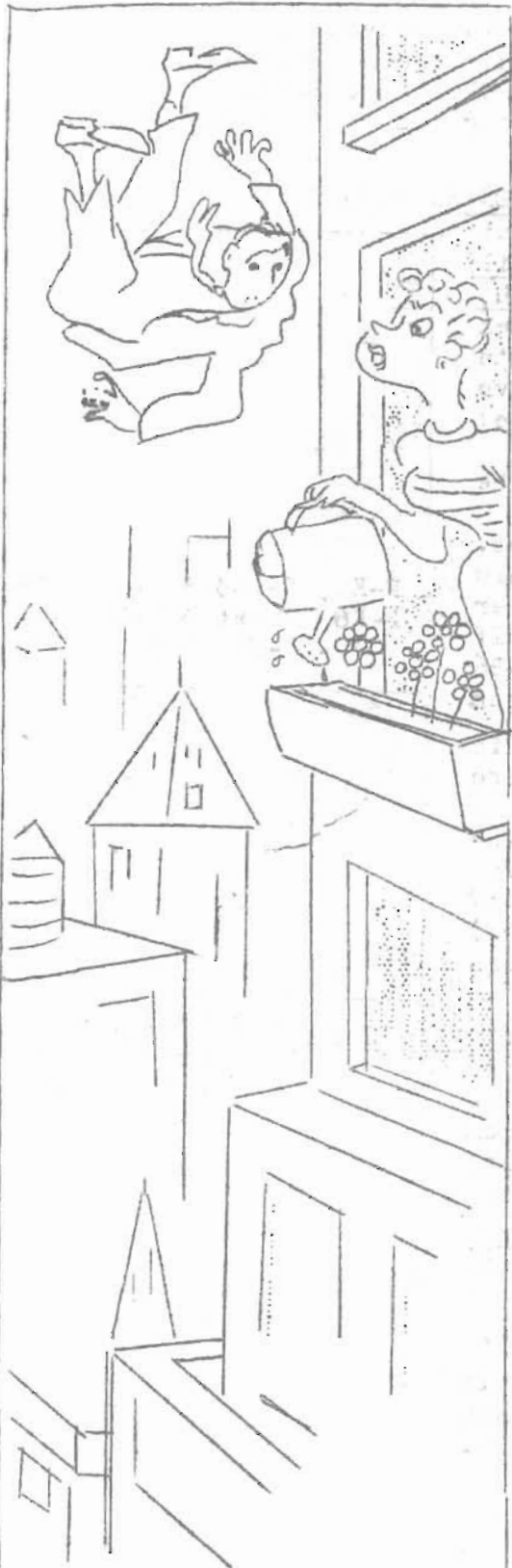
When the Black King is cut off by the White Rook it can still draw at a distance of 2 files for a center Pawn and 4 files against a NP if his King is in the middle of the board. The tactics used in the last example show a few of Black's resources:

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|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. K-N4! | |
| 2. R-B3 | K-N5! not K-N3; 3. P-N3 and wins. |
| 3. R-B1 | K-N4 so White tries- |
| 4. K-B2 | R-B1ch |
| 5. K-Q3 | R-QN1 |
| 6. K-B3 | R-B1ch |
| 7. K-Q4 | R-QN1 |
| 8. | R-QN1 K-B3 |
| 9. | P-N4 K-K2 |
| 10. | P-N5 K-Q2 = |

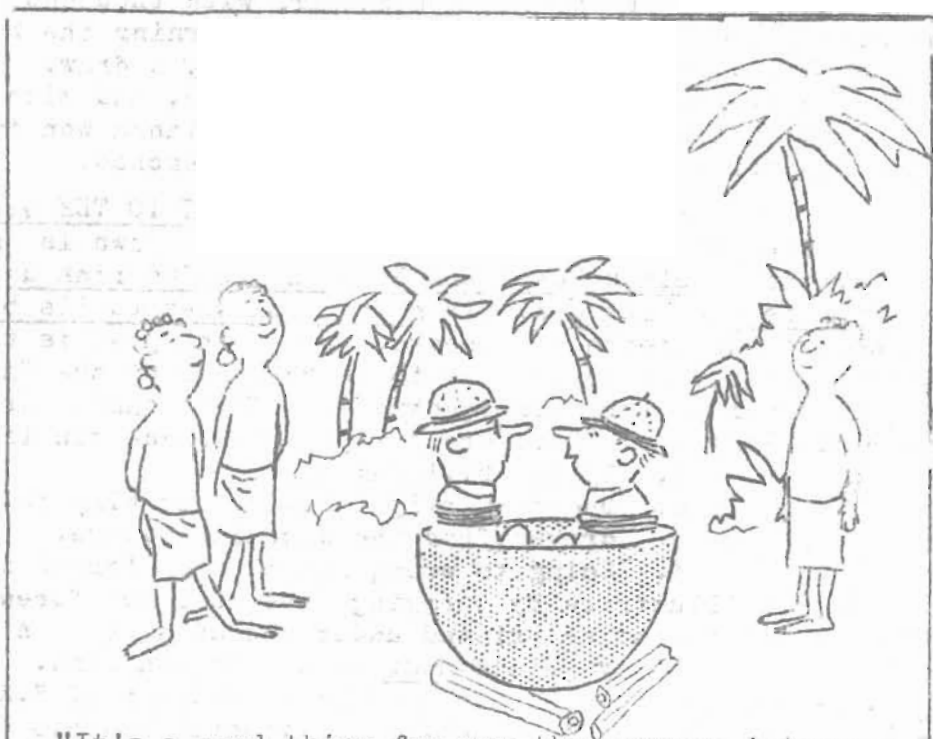
- 1 R-B7+, K-K1
 2 K-KR7, R-QR6!
 3 K-K6, R-R3+!



IN A LIGHTER VEIN



"Parrn me. Can you tell me where the Seafair Chess Tournament is being held?"



"It's a good thing for you the savages interrupted the game when they did. I would have had you in a terrible fix in another couple moves."



"You might say his whole outlook has changed, since he got a pawn ahead in a postal chess game."

--Now it is Jack Nourse, coming around the far turn,.. with Sween, Dolph, and Dewitt coming up on the inside, and 8 more, close up, running easily, but don't count out the dark horses.

Correct solutions to the both of the July problems have been received from: Hamilton, Sween, Spencer, VanNatta, Underwood, Oldham, J. Nourse, Spatz, C. Dolph, P. Dolph, Vellias, Bloomquist, Leininger, Manney and DeWitt.

Credit will be given to replies properly postmarked if more arrive after going to press. Replies dated after July 20, but received before mailing date of this issue, are penalized, but counted.

Problem #1 caused more casualties than #2. Russ Vellias, State Open Champion, reported that it was 60 times as difficult. He said that he solved #2 in 3 minutes, but needed 3 hours for #1.

O.W. Manney is kidding, we hope, when he says he will protest any problem over 2 moves, because they would interfere with his fishing. He is now stationed in Ketchikan. He said he caught 6 salmon in 1½ hours, so we know he was kidding, because when this writer went fishing with him neither of us caught any.

C.J. Sween, who is 78, says he likes problems, --if they aren't too tough. They haven't been too tough for him so far.

Idaho is still hanging on to a 1-point lead over MO.

SEND SOLUTIONS TO F.H. WEAVER, 501 Olympic Pl. Seattle 99, BEFORE AUGUST 20.

SOLVERS' CONTEST

Key Moves To Last Month's Solutions:

1. BxQP N-K2
2. B-K3 BxB
3. N-B4 mate

(If 2 BxN K-N3
If 2 R-R1, B-B8
would delay
mate in 3.)

1. Q-R2 B-Q3
 2. Q-R7* P-B4
 3. Q-N7 mate
- or
1. Q-R2 Q-Q3
 2. N-N1 QxQ
 3. N-Q2 mate

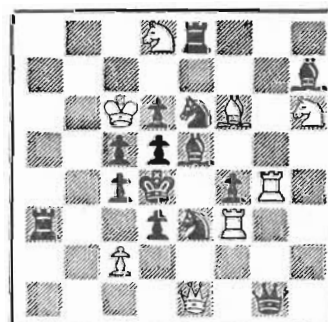
This month's problems rate 1 point just for answering plus 4 for the 5-mover, and 3 points for the 3-mover. You don't have to answer the 3-mover, but if you do, and miss it, you get penalized 2 points. It is a gamblers' choice if you want to take a chance with the odds what they are.



WHITE MATES IN 3



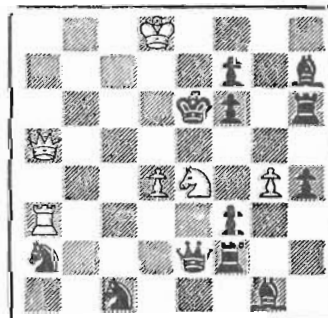
WHITE MATES IN 3



WHITE MATES IN 5

Like an old-fashioned 4th of July *** BANG! BANG!

GAMBLER'S CHOICE



WHITE MATES IN 3
IF YOU TRY THIS ONE AND
MISS, YOU LOSE 2 POINTS.

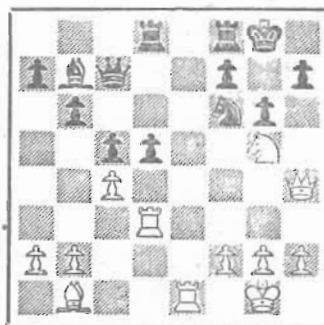
THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE RUY LOPEZ FOR GOOD, SOUND, SOLID CHESS. IT HAS UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE FACE-LIFTING IN THE PAST FEW YEARS AND BRITISH CHAMPION BARDEN IN CHESS HAS ASSIGNED RATING POINTS FOR THESE TWO GAMES FROM RUSSIA.

CHESS

Geller-Kotov. The opening moves are: 1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-N5, P-QR3; 4 B-R4, N-B3; 5 O-O, B-K2; 6 R-K1, P-QN4; 7. B-N3, O-O; 8 P-Q3, P-Q3 YOU ARE WHITE

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|----|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| 9 | <u>P-B3</u>
N-QR4 | 2 POINTS. | Black was threatening 9 ..N-QR4 to exchange White's KB. Give yourself 1 point for P-QR4 which also prevents it. |
| 10 | <u>B-B2</u>
P-B4 | 1 POINT | |
| 11 | <u>QN-Q2</u>
Q-B2 | 2 POINTS. | 1 point for P-QR4 which can now be answered with ..B-Q2. Nothing for P-KR3, because if Black plays ..B-KN5 then White can launch a K side attack with P-KR3 P-KN4 and N-B1-N3-B5. Nothing for 11. B-N5, N-R4; |
| 12 | <u>N-B1</u>
N-B3 | 2 POINTS | Again 1 point if you played P-QR4. |
| 13 | <u>N-K3</u>
R-K1 | 3 POINTS. | Score 2 points for N-N3. |
| 14 | <u>P-Q4</u>
KPxP | 4 POINTS. | You are justified in opening the center in view of the slow maneuver. 2 points for P-QR4, 1 for N-Q5 or N-B5. |
| 15 | <u>PxP</u>
B-B1 | 1 POINT | Black is seeking counterplay along the K file but your better development will overcome this threat. |
| 16 | <u>P-QN3!</u>
N-QN5 | 5 POINTS | Involves sacrifice of KP but the attack is worth it. |
| 17 | <u>B-N1</u>
NxKP | 2 POINTS | Black is now trying to win the KP. The only consistent follow-up. |
| 18 | <u>B-N2</u>
B-N2 | 2 POINTS | P-QR3 would fail to ..N-B6. |
| 19 | <u>P-Q5</u>
P-B5 | 3 POINTS | White now threatens P-QR3 |
| 20 | <u>PxP</u>
PxP | 3 POINTS | With the counter threat ..P-B6. The isolation of the QBP is plan. |
| 21 | <u>BxN!</u>
RxB | 5 POINTS | Beginning a calculated finish. If you reversed last moves take credit. |
| 22 | <u>N-N5</u>
R-K2 | 4 POINTS | Every move must be accurate. KR-K1 wouldn't help either. |
| 23 | <u>Q-R5</u>
P-R3 | 3 POINTS | |
| 24 | <u>N-B5!!!</u>
RxRch | 5 POINTS | The start of a brilliant finish. |
| 25 | <u>RxR</u>
PxN | 1 POINT | Black faces the threat of 26. R-K7. |
| 26 | <u>R-K3</u>
B-B1 | 4 POINTS | |
| 27 | <u>BxP</u>
BxB | 4 POINTS | Insures a mate. |
| 28 | <u>R-K8ch</u> | 2 POINTS | If ..P-B3; 28 Q-R8ch and 29 BxB Black resigns because if ..B-B1; 29. RxBch, KxR; and 30 Q-R8 checkmate |

NEXT MONTH!



You will earn 6 points for a decisive White move in this position, next month.

Now add up your points and find out what degree of skill you demonstrated in guessing the moves that were made in the actual game which was played for the 1955 Russian Championship. If your score is disappointing try a little harder in the game on the following page in which you will be assisted by a pretty good chess player, name of Smyslov. You will be playing the Black pieces in that game, and will defeat Fuderer, no less.

48-57	MASTER
40-47	EXPERT
30-39	Class A
20-29	Class B

TEST

YOU HAVE GRANDMASTER ASSISTANCE IN WINNING WITH THE WHITE PIECES AND THEN WITH THE BLACK PIECES. COVER THE RATED SCORE WITH A PIECE OF PAPER AND LOWER IT LINE BY LINE AS YOU GUESS WHAT YOUR GRANDMASTER IS ABOUT TO PLAY. YOUR SKILL WILL IMPROVE WITH TRYING.

Fuderer-Smyslov. The opening moves are: 1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-N5, P-QR3; 4 B-R4, N-B3; 5 O-O, B-K2; 6 R-K1, P-QN4; 7 B-N3, O-O; 8 P-B3, P-Q3; 9 P-KR3, N-QR4; 10 B-B2, P-B4; 11 P-Q4, Q-B2; 12 QN-Q2, B-Q2; 13 N-B1. YOU ARE BLACK

13	<u>KR-K1</u>	3 POINTS	Safeguards the center. 3 points for .. N-B5
14 N-K3	<u>P-N3</u>	3 POINTS	He wants to deploy his KB at KN2. Score yourself 3 points for .. B-KB1 which also serves the purpose. Deduct 1 point for .. P-R3 which allows the White N to invade KB5.
15 P-QN3	<u>B-KB1</u>	1 POINT	
16 B-N2	<u>QR-Q1</u>	2 POINTS	Reefs up the center. 3 points for .. B-N2.
17 N-Q2	<u>B-N2</u>	3 POINTS	The final move for central consolidation.
18 Q-B3	<u>BPxP</u>	5 POINTS	Tactical. White's last was an error. Score 2 for .. B-B3 or for .. Q-N2.
19 PxP	<u>N-B3</u>	4 POINTS	Without this follow-up Black's last was inferior.
20 P-Q5	<u>N-Q5</u>	2 POINTS	Deduct 5 if you left the knight en prise.
21 Q-Q1	<u>NxB</u>	3 POINTS	Exchanging the "Spanish Bishop" is necessary.
22 NxN	<u>R-QB1</u>	4 POINTS	Now Black takes advantage of the open file.
23 N-N4	<u>Q-N3</u>	3 POINTS	Also 3 for .. P-QR4 or 3 points for .. B-R3. And a bonus of 2 more if you noticed that White no longer threatening the QRP because of .. Q-R4.
24 N-Q3	<u>B-R3</u>	3 POINTS	Increases control of the black squares. You can score 3 points for .. P-QR4, 2 points for .. R-B2.
25 N-B3	<u>P-R4</u>	3 POINTS	Score 3 for .. R-B2. Only 1 for .. P-N5.
26 B-B1	<u>BxB</u>	2 POINTS	
27 RxB	<u>P-N5</u>	3 POINTS	Extends scope of Bishop.
28 N-N2	<u>B-N4</u>	2 POINTS	Guards against 29. N-B4.
29 P-N4	<u>R-B6</u>	5 POINTS	More powerful than .. R-B2 for which only 1 pt.
30 N-Q2	<u>R-N6ch</u>	4 POINTS	White's last move was a blunder.

White now resigns because of 31 K-R2, QxPch. This game was typical of Smyslov's quiet, positional masterpieces.

Barden has been criticized frequently for sometimes misjudging the value of a move. He freely admits of the errors which occasionally are found, but seems to have the best of the many rate-yourself systems now appearing in England, Germany, and the United States.

SCORING	
48-57	MASTER
40-47	EXPERT
35-39	Class A
30-34	Class B

PLAYER AVERAGES

by Wade

At long last we have decided to do something about rating our Northwest chess players. Too long have we suffered silently while opinions were bandied about as to the abilities of various players in comparison with one another. All tournaments with the exception of the Woodpushers, 30-30, Junior and Speed are figured in these player averages dating back to January, 1953. Over 3½ years of performances should give everyone a good idea of the abilities of any player. We could not in fairness rate Puget Sound League match and other match performances for the simple reason a good player on a third board would usually have a much better won-lost record than a player of nearly equal strength who had to play on first board.

Forfeits and byes are not included for or against any player. Only bona fide wins and losses and draws are listed in these records. We have listed two groups and also give a list of the exclusively Eastern Washington players. List One is a listing of solid averages - players who have competed in FIVE or more state-wide events (including Oregon, Idaho and Montana tournaments). List Two is a list of tentative averages of players who have played in at least THREE and not more than FOUR state-wide events since Jan. 1953. We have kept track of many others who have played in less than three state-wide events and when they compete in one or two more events they will break into the Tentative Ratings.

Players in the exclusive groups ((only Eastern Wash. players this time but in future lists possibly Tacoma and Yakima players)) have in some cases far higher averages than their counterparts in List One and Two. CORNELIUS, for example, has an average of .816 compared to ULVESTAD with .782. Thus it now appears impossible to integrate strictly Eastern Wash., Tacoma or Yakima averages with players having state-wide averages.

LIST I SOLID AVERAGES	LIST II TENTATIVE AVERAGES	LIST III EASTERN WASHINGTON
1. O. Ulvestad .782	1. E. Zengalis * .952	1. G. Cornelius .816
2. V. Pupols .695	2. J. Schmitt .895	2. Dr. M. Baumwell .722
3. T. Warner .682	3. I. Dalbergs .739	3. R. Dycus .706
3. W. Bills .682	4. H. Noland .684	4. P. Aikman .667
5. O.W. Manney .671	5. D. Turner .639	5. R. Kromer .633
6. C. Rosburg .647	6. L. Taro .630	6. R. Kittredge .583
7. D. Wade .634	7. D. Parsons .583	6. R. Higginson .583
8. R. Edberg .614	8. D. Moore .560	8. D. Daniels .556
9. C. Joachim .604	9. A. Clark .500	9. E. Thunberg .542
10 J. McCormick .571	10 J. Cerretelli .500	10 J. Vhay .528
11 W. Hoge .561	11 J. Nourse .471	11 W. Voget Jr. .486
12 Dr. Parker .547	12 O. LaFreniere .417	
13 G. Bishop .520	13 Dr. Shephard .286	
14 R. Vellias .514		
15 D. Eilmes .486	* From Oct. 1952 other-	For comparison, Cornelius
16 T. Nelson .478	wise he could not be listed	scored exactly the same
17 J. DeWitt .427		as Wade in 3 straight In-
18 T. Davidsen .403		land Empire Tournaments.
19 F.H. Weaver .344		

To integrate the Eastern Washington group from Spokane, reduce each rating by .150. This gives Cornelius a .656 rating, Dycus .556, Aikman .517, Kromer .483, Kittredge and Higginson .433 apiece, Daniels .406, Thunberg .392, Vhay .378 and Voget a rating of .336. Wade averaged .750, or .116 above average in 3 Inland Empire Opens so it would be safe to subtract .100 from Dr. Baumwell's .722 giving him .622 in an effort to integrate his rating.

The won-lost records of the rated players with the number of tournaments they participated in inside parenthesis:

ULVESTAD $30\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ (7), PUPOLS 57-25 (14), WARNER $52\frac{1}{2}$ - $24\frac{1}{2}$ (13), BILLS 30-14 (8), MANNEY $25\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$ (6), ROSBURG 22-12 (5), WADE $73\frac{1}{2}$ - $42\frac{1}{2}$ (18), EDBERG $56\frac{1}{2}$ - $35\frac{1}{2}$ (16), JOACHIM 29-19 (8), MCCORMICK 48-36 (15), HOGE $18\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{2}$ (6), PARKER 29-24 (9), BISHOP 26-24 (9), VELLIAS 55-52 (18), EILMES 17-18 (6), NELSON 22-24 (8), DEWITT $26\frac{1}{2}$ - $35\frac{1}{2}$ (10), DAVIDSEN $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $21\frac{1}{2}$ (6) and WEAVER $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $29\frac{1}{2}$ (8).

ZEMGALIS 20-1 (3), SCHMITT 17-2 (3), DALBERGS 17-6 (4), NOLAND 13-6 (3), TURNER $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ (3), TARO $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ (4), PARSONS $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ (3), MOORE 14-11 (4), CLARK $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ (3), CERRETELLI $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$ (4), J. NOURSE 8-9 (3), LAFRENIERE 10-14 (4), and DR. SHEPHARD 4-10 (3).

CORNELIUS 31-7 (6), IR. BAUMWELL 13-5 (3), DYCUS 12-5 (3), AIKMAN 8-4 (2) KROMER 19-11 (5), KITTREDGE 14-10 (4), HIGGINSON 14-10 (4), DANIELS 20-16 (6), THUNBERG 13-11 (5), VHAY $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ (3) and VOGET JR. 17-18 (6). And we should leave AIKMAN out until he participates in a third tournament.

Others with one or two tournaments played since Jan. 1953 who will be listed if and when they compete in one or two more tournaments: BADER, SHEETS, G.S. G. PATTERSON, AMIDON, MULFORD, ERICKSON, RING, SCHAIN, FALK, K. SMITH, DR. A. A. MURRAY, J. MCNEESE, P. ROOD, T. MAKINS and a few others.

You may have noticed the rather modest averages of VELLIAS and MCCORMICK. There are some people who refuse to be measured by statistics! Their tourney performances go up and down like a yo yo from tournament to tournament.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS ^{by} Wade

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB At Y. M. C. A. room 604, 4th Avenue and Madison St. Open Seven Days Per Week afternoons and evenings.

WEST SEATTLE CHESS CLUB Meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The club is in the High Point Recreation Center (no address given)

SPOKANE CHESS CLUB Meets at Desert Hotel. Meet on Thursday evenings.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB Meets on Friday evenings at the down town library.

YAKIMA CHESS CLUB Meets at the Yakima Y. M. C. A. at 7 p. m. on Mondays.

TRI-CITY CHESS CLUB (Richland, Pasco and Kennewick) meets every Thursday 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Richland Community Hall, Geo. Washington Way, Richland.

The postal chess team of Wade, Bader, Weaver, Weischer and Bever have now completed two moves each in their games with their Amsterdam, Holland foes and victory is still not in sight. Wade vs. the champion of Amsterdam! It could be worse, he could be playing the champion of New Amsterdam!

George Bishop returned after a vacation in San Francisco. He says James Schmitt had only $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ after 3 games in defense of his city title while Bills had 0-3. Sounds like a tough tournament!

GAMES

by Wade

United States Open, Long Beach, Cal. 1955

MORRIS GORDON (L.A.)

VIC PUPOLS

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|------------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-KN3 |
| 3. P-B4 | B-N2 |
| 4. N-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 5. PxP | NxP |
| 6. P-K4 | NxN |
| 7. PxN | P-QB4 |
| 8. B-N5ch. | B-Q2 |
| 9. BxBch. | QxB |
| 10 O-O | N-B3 |
| 11 R-N1 | PxP |
| 12 PxP | O-O |
| 13 P-Q5 | N-R4 |
| 14 B-N2 | BxB |
| 15 RxB | QR-B1 |
| 16 Q-Q3 | R-B4 |
| 17 P-KR3 | KR-B1 |
| 18 N-K5 | Q-B2? |

Black's positional superiority disappears after this. Correct was P-R5.

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| 19 Q-Q4 | P-N3 |
| 20 N-N4 | P-B3 |
| 21 N-K3 | N-B5 |
| 22 R-N5 | NxN |
| 23 QxN | R-B6 |
| 24 RxR | QxR |
| 25 Q-B4 | Q-Q5 |
| 26 K-R2 | Q-K4? |

Miscalculating the endgame which is seemingly favorable for Black since he can attack the KP or the QRP.

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| 27 QxQ | PxQ |
| 28 K-N3 | R-B7 |
| 29 P-B4 | FxPch. |
| 30 KxP | RxNP |

Looking back, 30---RxQRP seems better.

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|------------|-------|
| 31 K-K5 | R-K7 |
| 32 R-B4 | P-KN4 |
| 33 R-N4 | K-B2 |
| 34 RxP | P-N4 |
| 35 R-N4 | P-N5 |
| 36 R-B4ch. | K-N3 |
| 37 K-K6 | RxQRP |
| 38 KxP | P-N6 |
| 39 R-N4ch. | K-R3 |
| 40 P-K5 | P-R4 |
| 41 R-N1 | R-K7 |
| 42 P-K6 | P-N7 |
| 43 P-Q6 | P-R5 |
| 44 R-Q1 | P-R6 |
| 45 P-Q7 | P-R7 |

46 P-Q8(Q)

47 Q-B8ch.

48 Q-B6ch.

49 R-Q5ch.

P-N8(Q)

K-N3

K-R4

Resigns.

United States Open, Long Beach, Cal. 1955

VIC PUPOLS

ALLEN KAUFMAN (N. Y.)

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-Q3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | QN-Q2 |
| 4. N-B3 | P-K4 |
| 5. P-KN3 | B-K2 |
| 6. B-N2 | P-B3 |
| 7. P-K4 | Q-B2 |
| 8. O-O | N-B1 |
| 9. P-KR3 | N-N3 |
| 10 B-K3 | B-K3 |
| 11 Q-K2 | O-O |
| 12 KR-Q1 | QR-Q1 |
| 13 QR-B1 | N-K1 |
| 14 PxP | PxP |
| 15 FxR | BxR |
| 16 P-B5 | P-B3 |
| 17 N-Q2 | Q-B2 |
| 18 B-KB1 | B-B2 |
| 19 N-B4 | P-B4 |
| 20 PxP | QxP |
| 21 R-K1? | ---- |

White has the better position however here 21 R-Q1 is definitely necessary if he is going to control the Q6 square. The sacrifice 21---N-B5 is not dangerous. 22 PxN, PxP; 23 B-B1, P-B6; 24 Q-K4. It is quite interesting to note that after the inaccurate text-move, White never recovers.

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| 21 ---- | B-Q4 |
| 22 B-N2 | Q-K3 |
| 23 N-Q2 | N-B3 |
| 24 P-N3 | BxB |
| 25 KxB | B-R4 |
| 26 R-QB1 | R-Q1 |
| 27 Q-B4 | N-Q4 |
| 28 B-N5 | R-K1 |
| 29 N-K4 | K-R1 |
| 30 P-QR3 | BxN |
| 31 NxN | R-KB1 |
| 32 Q-K2 | P-KR3 |
| 33 B-Q2 | NxN |
| 34 RxN | Q-Q4ch. |
| 35 K-R2 | P-K5 |
| 36 B-K3 | N-K4 |
| 37 K-N2 | R-Q1 |
| 38 P-QN4 | N-B6 |

39 P-QR4 P-R3
 40 B-B4 N-Q5
 41 Q-B4 N-B6
 42 B-Q6 -----

The end-game after the exchange of queens is lost for White due to the weakness of his Q-side pawns. Unfortunately, so is the middle-game if the queens are not exchanged. A time-pressure blunder on the next move adds to White's woes.

42 ----- Q-Q7
 43 R-B2? QxR
 44 Resigns.

Monster Open Tournament, San Diego, 1955

VIC PUPOLS

JAMES SHERWIN (N. Y.)

1. P-K4 P-QB4
 2. N-K2 P-Q3
 3. P-KN3 N-KB3
 4. B-N2 P-KN3
 5. O-O B-N2
 6. P-Q4 PxP
 7. NxP O-O
 8. N-QB3 B-Q2
 9. K-R1 N-B3
 10 N-N3 N-K4
 11 N-Q5 R-B1
 12 P-QB3 NxN
 13 PxN B-N4
 14 R-KN1 N-Q6
 15 Q-B2 NxB??

Patzers sometimes ARE cleverer than Masters. Pupols saw 15---BxQBP; 16 PxP, RxP; 17 Q-Q2, KR-B1; 18 B-R3, R-B7 during the game. Sherwin did not see it.

16 QRxN P-QR4
 17 Q-Q2 B-B5
 18 Q-B4 Q-N3
 19 Q-K3 -----

Feasible, because Black cannot win a pawn. 19---QxQ; 20 PxQ, P-R5; 21 N-Q2, BxP; 22 R-R1, B-N6; 23 NxB, PxN; 24 R-R3.

19 ----- Q-R3
 20 QR-Q1 KR-K1
 21 Q-Q2 P-R5
 22 N-B1 -----

Very unpleasant, but necessary to prevent P-QR6.

22 ----- Q-R4
 23 P-QR3 R-B4
 24 N-Q3 -----

Also unpleasant, but Black can soon win the QP by tripling heavy pieces on the 4th rank.

24 ----- RxP
 25 BxR BxBch.
 26 R-N2 BxRch.
 27 KxB P-Q4

28 N-N4 P-K3
 29 Q-K3 R-Q1
 30 P-KB4 Q-N4
 31 R-Q2 P-R4
 32 K-B2 R-QB1
 33 K-N2 R-B5
 34 Q-Q3 Q-B4
 35 N-B2 P-R5
 36 N-Q4 PxP
 37 PxP BxN
 38 PxP Q-N3
 39 K-B2 R-B8
 40 K-B3 Q-B3
 41 K-B2 P-QN4
 42 P-KN4 Q-B5
 43 K-K3 R-KN8
 44 QxQ NPxQ
 45 K-B3 K-B1
 46 P-N5 K-K2
 47 R-R2 -----

Hastens the end but Black can choose when he wants to play P-QB6, which easily wins.

47 ----- R-Q8
 48 K-K3 R-Q6ch.
 49 K-K2 RxQP
 50 K-K3 R-Q6ch.
 51 Resigns.

Oregon Open Tournament, Portland, 1956.

DICK PARSONS
 (Centralia)

TOM MAKENS
 (U. S. N.)

1. P-K4 P-QB3
 2. N-KB3 P-Q4
 3. PxP PxP
 4. P-Q4 B-N5
 5. B-Q3 N-QB3
 6. QN-Q2 P-QR3
 7. P-B3 Q-B2
 8. Q-B2 P-KN3
 9. P-KR3 BxN
 10 NxB P-K4
 11 PxP NxP
 12 NxN QxNch.
 13 B-K3 Q-B2
 14 B-Q4 P-B3
 15 O-O-O O-O-O
 16 KR-K1 B-B4
 17 BxB QxB
 18 B-K2 N-K2
 19 B-B3 R-Q2
 20 R-K6 P-B4
 21 R-K5 R/1-Q1
 22 Q-Q2 Q-Q3
 23 R/1-K1 P-Q5?
 24 PxP R-B2ch.

25 K-N1, N-B3; 26 R-Q5, Q-N5?? 27 RxRch., KxR; 28 BxN, Black resigns.

AROUND THE CHESS WORLD BY DON EILMES

George "Scoop" Bishop had the forethought to order results from the U.S. Open, at Oklahoma City, to be sent airmail special delivery. The tournament started July 16, and will be concluded July 28.

Only 6 of the 101 contestants had perfect scores by the start of the 4th round, including only 2 of the 15 rated Masters.

Robert Brieger, and William Bills, both former residents of Seattle, each had 3-2 scores at the end of 5 rounds. Brieger, an expert, who would probably be a Master if more opponents dared to play 1. P-Q4 against him, was upset in a Sicilian by James Sherwin, who is a Senior Master, and by DiCamilo, also a Master.

U.S. Champion Arthur Bisguier came a cropper in the 3rd round when he lost a Ruy Lopez to Dan Fischheimer, an expert from Chicago, in a game that will provide copy to Chess Letter's slower rivals for months to come.

White	Black						
Fischheimer	Bisguier	9.	PxP	P-K5	22.	NxR	Q-Q1
1.	P-K4	10.	PxN	PxN	23.	R-K1	B-K2
2.	N-KB3	11.	QxP	B-KN5	24.	N-N3	B-B1
3.	B-N5	12.	Q-N3	B-K7	25.	N-B5	BxB
4.	B-R4	13.	P-Q4	B-Q3	26.	NxBch	K-R2
5.	Q-K2	14.	Q-R4	BxR	27.	NxP	Q-KB1
6.	B-N3	15.	KxB	R-K1	28.	R-K4	R-K1
7.	P-B3	16.	B-K3	R-K5	29.	R-R4ch	K-N3
8.	O-O	17.	Q-N5	Q-QB1	30.	R-N4ch	K-B4
MCO show	Both PCO and	18.	P-KR3	K-B1	31.	P-N3	R-K5
point for	..P-Q3 at this	19.	N-Q2	P-R3	32.	R-N8	QxR
an even	game.	20.	QxN	PxQ	33.	N-R6ch	K-N3
8.	P-Q4	21.	BxPch	K-N1	34.	NxQ	K-N2

Black could have resigned any time now, but waited until his 50th move with passed pawns coming at him all over the board.

RESULTS FROM OTHER STATES

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI: (62 players) 1. Tautvaisis; 2. Jakstas; Turiansky
 SOUTH DAKOTA: (8 players) 1. M.F. Anderson; 2. Schroeder; Kaiser
 U.S. AMATEUR: (88 players) 1. Hudson; 2. Lyman; 3. Cotter; Parmelee
 NORTH DAKOTA: (20 players) 1. G. Anderson; 2. McKee; 3. Waag; Johns
 NORTH CAROLINA: (30 players) 1. Crittenden; 2. Burdick; 3. Henderson.
 WISCONSIN: (64 players) 1. Krascewski; 2. Meifert; 3. Young; Kujoth
 MARYLAND: (36 players) 1. Kandel; 2. Wanetick; 3. Garfinkel; McComas
 TEXAS OPEN: (14 players) 1. Brieger; 2. Bone; 3. Smith; 4. Hyder.
 TEXAS ROUND ROBIN: (6 players) 1. Tears; 2. K. Smith; 3. Payne.

ANSWERS TO JULY QUIZ ON CHESS KNOWLEDGE

(a) Euwe. (b) Alexander. (c) Fine. (d) Botvinnik. (e) Smyslov.

Sammy Reshevsky, who is supposed to be totally devoid of humor, wrote to a friend with a report on a simultaneous exhibition he had played at the Central YMCA, in Columbus Ohio, that: "Of the 35 contestants, and 46 spectators, only 2 got draws."

MANHATTAN FIGHTS

by Griff Parker

Boxing Reporter, New York Post-Dispatch

Now, my editor can smell a story and give it a new twist as fast as they come and he's just as quick with a gag so, I should have detected the faint odor of rat when he calls me in today and says, "Go down to the Manhattan C.C. and cover the bouts tonight."

There isn't a fight club that I can't tell you the manager's first name but this Manhattan C.C. has me on the ropes so, I lead with my chin and ask for the address. He tells me very gleefully (I remember now).

Did you ever wonder how a fighter feels when he gets up off his stool, takes three steps, and walks right into a straight left to the jaw? That sign "Manhattan CHESS CLUB" is that left to my jaw. Now I know I'm in against a ringer for sure.

"Boy," I says to myself, "You've seen guys get off the floor after that first jolt and finish the fight. Pull yourself together."

At the count of eight I'm up off the street and giving the door a good workout. Some light-heavy opens it. I hand him my card. "Parker from the P-D", I says, "Came down to cover your bouts on tonight's card." He couldn't have been more surprised if I had hit him with a rabbit punch but he recovers quickly and says, "Sure, come on in."

I figure he's entitled to a fair count and decide to fight clean. "Listen," I say, "I've been had. My editor tells me to cover the fights at the Manhattan C.C. So I come up and find it's a chess club. O.K. I know now it's a gag but I'm going to get a story."

"Maybe I can help," he says. "What do you know about chess?"

"Nothing," I says, "Except I know that any day a knight can give a pawn a good rooking."

He sort of grins at what I call my best humor. Then he says, "Come on in the other room and I'll show you the moves or should I say show you the ropes?"

After a quick briefing I learn that a knight don't always rook a pawn and the queen's a real Amazon when she gets in the ring. The king seems pretty much of a patsy.

My light-heavy says, "Excuse me" and ducks out but he's back real soon and he says he's lined up some bouts for me. He sets two guys on their stools and it shapes up like an even match. Weights and measurements figure equal. In fact all the bouts look even and I calls it good matchmaking.

The bell rings and this "Kid" Corrigan, in the white trunks, leads with his left. "Killer" Jones, in black, counters with his right. The "Kid" drops his right and "socko", the "Killer" bangs a solid left to the jaw and it's all over. My trainer hands me the score card where he's been marking punches. It reads like this - 1. P-KB4, P-K4; 2. P-KN4, Q-R5 Mate. (Knockout to youse guys.)

I'm standing there sort of glassy-eyed and he whispers, "This one was fixed. No member of my club would ever fall for the Fool's Mate. (Sucker punch to the unintelligentia)

The second event lasts a little longer. At the bell K.O. Mason, in white trunks leads with a right. Seems the guy in white gets the first punch. "Tiger" Hansen counters with his. K.O. lets go with a left hook and the "Tiger" lands one. Then K.O. comes

through with a double right cross. "Tiger" sees the first and blocks it but he don't see the second which is too bad for him. He goes out like a light. I'm curious to see the card. It goes - 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. B-B4, B-B4; 3. Q-R5, N-KB3; 4. QxP Mate.

My trainer whispers in my good ear again. "This was fixed, too, we don't fall for the 'Scholar's Mate' around here."

I can see we stepped up a notch in class.

The special event is a carbon copy of the second except Black sees the second right coming and blocks it with P-Q4. Finally White has to cover up and the ref gives Black a T.K.O.

"Another fix," says my trainer. I ought to tell the commissioner about these.

Then they bring on the semi-windup. Figuring here's a chance to make a quick buck I ask if this one is rigged. Light-heavy says, "No, but we have the style of fight planned."

It's planned and how. It's a real patty-cake affair. After a couple of love taps the guys crawl into their shells and the ref calls it a draw after ten rounds. It's the kind of fight that has the Square Garden roof bouncing with the Boos. My trainer says, "You see we have that kind, too."

The main event makes up for all the fixes and patty-caking that's gone before. This one is for real and a Donney-Brook, hammer and tongs, knock down drag out slugging match if I ever saw one.

By this time I'm getting wise so I know what punches hurt and what don't and any real ones I miss I get pointed out to me.

Both those guys are hanging on the ropes at one time or another and both make two or three trips to the canvas but somehow they come back swinging. They finally call this a draw when neither guy can raise his arms. They only got kings left.

This winds up the card so I amble around and watch some of the club fighters in the other rings. Right hooks, left jabs, uppercuts and haymakers are a dime a dozen and brother, watch out for that discovered check punch. It carries more dynamite than Rocky's upper cut.

The old dead-line pops up about now so I look up my light-heavy friend and thank him for one swell evening.

On the way back I've got time to think and believe me there's only one guy who's got what it takes to cover a real good chess match and that's a boxing reporter. No one else can write as good a story on that battle of wits going on over the checkered ring. It's a real fight and only a fight writer should try it.

Yeah, and tomorrow I'm going to sign that editor for a chess bout. He's just dopey enough to fall for that "Fool's Mate."

HOAX?

By some strange coincidence, the 3 move brilliancy attributed to one of our youthful Seattle club players was concocted by S. Loyd in 1859. Forsyth - 8, 6R1, 7p, 5K1k, 8, 6p1, 5bPP, 4N3. Loyd's 3-mover is connected with one of the most famous chess problem stories ever written. Remove the white knight and White mates in four. Add to this the removal of the white pawn at KR2 and White announces mate in five!

It would appear that the editor of the WCL was the naïve victim of a hoax!

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		June 22, 1956	Points
55B-4B	Brookshire	1 Lyberger	0 38
55OH-2B	Baron	1 Howard	0 18
56A-1A	Baron	1 Carter	C 13
56A-1B	Baron	1 Carter	C 13
55A-7B	Baron	1 Carter	0 13
		June 26, 1956	
56B-1B	Laine	1 Youngman	0 28
55B-2A	Laine	1 Meliza	0 48
		June 27, 1956	
55A-7B	Bever	1 Coubrough	0 48
		July 2, 1956	
56A-1B	Edberg, R.E.	1 Howard	0 40
56A-3B	Howard	1 Husby	0 32
		July 3, 1956	
55B-4B	Lyberger	1 Waldron	C 24
		July 5, 1956	
55B-3B	Sween	1 Waldron	C 12
		July 6, 1956	
55B-5B	Parsons	1 Spencer	0 0
		July 7, 1956	
55A-6A	Carter	1 Allyn, L.	0 58
55A-6B	Carter	1 Allyn, L.	0 58
56B-1A	Squire	1 Laine	0 70
		July 10, 1956	
55A-6A	Parsons	1 Allyn, L.	0 24
55A-6B	Parsons	1 Allyn, L.	0 24
		July 11, 1956	
55A-7A	Coubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$ Baron	$\frac{1}{2}$ 36
55A-7B	Coubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$ Baron	$\frac{1}{2}$ 36
		July 13, 1956	
55A-6B	Carter	1 Knapp	0 35
55B-5B	Parsons	1 Wayner	0 0
		July 16, 1956	
56B-4A	Hamilton	1 Miltmore	0 50
56B-4B	Hamilton	1 Miltmore	0 50
56B-5A	Phillips	1 Smith	C 54
56B-5B	Phillips	1 Smith	0 54

We note from the record of games completed that there are a couple of "perfect" games reported, the two games in which Coubrough and Baron played to a draw. We would be interested in having a record of these two games for future publication so that others may find a system of beating the "A" Division postal Chess leader. Baron seems to be firmly enthroned in the top position but we know of some who are anxious for a chance to topple him from the top position.

Brookshire continues his climb toward the top of the "B" Division.

Here is an interesting bit of history from the chess life of our good member, Bever, who has kept a record of his postal games for the past 32 years. During that time he has played 414 games that he has a record of. The listing is divided between the games played as white and as black.

	Won	Lost	Draw	Total
White	106	93	23	222
Black	89	85	18	192
Total	195	178	41	414

Can anyone else match or better this record? It is an average of about 13 games per year or nearly one a month, a lot of postal games.

Kenneth Smith finished his high school career in June and promptly joined with the U.S. Navy for a four year hitch. Even though he will be very busy with his Boot training he believes he will find time to finish his postal games.

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Husby	1131

"B" Division

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