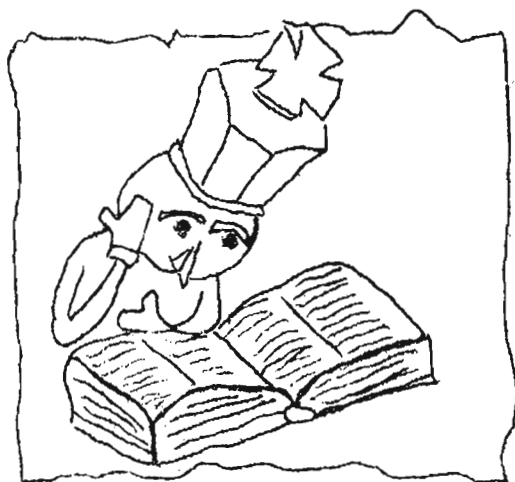


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PUGET SOUND LEAGUE RACE

One of the tightest and most hotly contested races in years is the verdict of all chess addicts after only three rounds. These games are being rated so please send in the complete results to the editor after a match. Both teams should send in the result and we need full names.

RULES BEFORE - NOT DURING !

IVARS DALLBERGS (He ends both first and last names with an s in his signature quite contrary to misinformation given us.) was a little surprised when he did not receive his prize at the conclusion of the Seafair Open. In fact, prizes were never even announced as they should have been shortly after the beginning of play. A good time for this would have been just before the second round pairings. Then two or three people felt that we had such an unusually large turnout and more money than usual that a certain amount ought to be set aside for some future event. We opposed this, not because it was not a good idea, but because no mention was made before the tourney. Also in the annual meeting we voted against setting aside a certain amount from each tournament which would go to the next state champion. This was voted down, not amended. We have had trouble in past events caused by making up new rules as we went along and caused bitter factions to develop while the Chess Letter tried to cover up. Let us be fair to all contestants. We do not like to see masters and experts steer a tournament their way as apparently some did in invoking the double forfeit rule at the U. S. Open. On the other hand, patzers made the decisions to the detriment of the expert players who won prize money at the Seafair .

No one is accused of wrong-doing, just bad judgment and we have created a bad rift.

LETTERS ARE WANTED

You disagree with the editor but do not have a magazine like he does & so you do not have the opportunity to "sound off". Write in and we let you cuss us out in the Letters To Ye Ed! We realize your opinion may be quite as good as our own and we do not want our readers to develop ulcers.

ALPHONSO - GASTON

"Alphonso" DAN WADE gave away the first two games in a six game match at 35 moves per hour with Dr. A.A. Murray. With a badly bent morale, Wade lost a third game and Murray led 3 to 0.

Then "Gaston" Dr. Murray went in to his act. He had "won" games in the 4th and 5th games yet somehow contrived to lose them both. With his morale slightly frayed, he also lost the 6th game so the match ended tied at 3 to 3.

Alphonso and Gaston have started a ten game match. Neither side was generous in the first game which was relatively well-played. Score stands $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

ANOTHER BIG RALLY!

In Sandpoint, Idaho, BRUCE FRED - STROM led 2 to 0 in a five game match with JIM BENOIT. Then Benoit got hot, pulled the rug out from under his opponent and won three games in a row to capture the match 3 to 2.

CONWAY WRITES

Spokane's Mike Conway is now living in Eugene, Oregon. They are going to promote an "Emerald Empire Open".

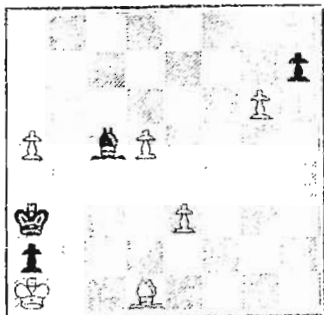
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By F. K. LAWSON (Thompson Hill)



BLACK (3 moves)
White mates in two

By J. CAHO
BLACK



(WHITE)
White to play and win.

Many of the readers of the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER are chess enthusiasts as well as chess players. No doubt all of you do wish to see our game more widely played in the United States with the development of superior and perhaps champion players. All of you would have every satisfaction in an expansion of interest in chess and recognition of its gratifications & stimulations.

Many of you are able to teach chess & give talks on chess (the history of chess and analysis of classic plays). Others of our players are capable of giving chess exhibitions: simultaneous play, blindfold & other varieties of our game that could be of interest to the general public.

These players are badly needed. Join with the AMERICAN CHESS FOUNDATION in its rapidly expanding program to bring chess to ever-widening circles of the American public.

The American Chess Foundation has now worked out a program with the Department of Defense to stimulate the playing of chess among all of the Armed Forces. This program will take the form of teaching chess, of lectures and demonstrations, exhibits, and inter-service and intra-service tournaments.

A similar program is under way for hospitalized veterans and for youth & old-age groups in various communities.

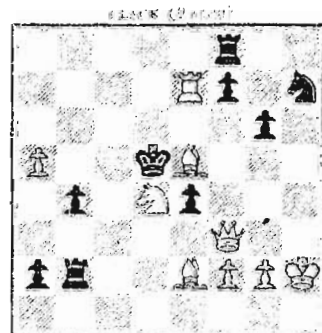
But, - this program can be carried on only if there are enough volunteers to do the work. Men and women are needed as volunteers to be available for the military installations in their own vicinity & to help the men and women in uniform get to know chess, play chess and to derive the many satisfactions that chess playing offers.

If you can render any of these valuable services, won't you please, at your own convenience, make yourself available?

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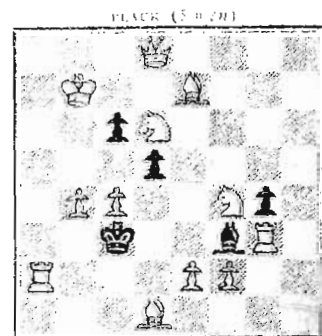
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By F. F. L. ALEXANDER (Streatham)



BLACK (3 moves)
White mates in three.

By E. HARLEY (Edinburgh)



BLACK (3 moves)
White mates in two.

NORTH SEATTLE LOSES

"For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse the battle was lost."

For want of one phone call the North Seattle chess team lost its match by a 6-4 score to the Seattle Chess Club on Sunday, October 19th. Dr. Murray did not know the match was scheduled while Dan Wade believed he knew. One phone call would have righted matters.

A heavily reinforced Seattle team ran the score up to 4-0 and it looked like the North Seattle boys were in over their depth and should forego title talk in the future.

Then matters perked up and the visitors started making some points too. Finally Seattle led by only 5-4 and Sid Smith had a draw on fifth board with Grannis which however would still leave the visitors a point short. So the "High Command" called for a Kamakazi (suicide) attack in an all out try for a win. Smith lost. So when rating it, please consider the conditions.

Richard Schultz is rated a U. S. expert with about a 2008 rating. No one else cared to play Conner so Wade put Eilmes on first board against Schultz and played Conner himself. The legal loophole was Wade's loss to Eilmes in a match not long ago.

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB	6.	NORTH SEATTLE	4.
Richard Schultz	1	Donald Eilmes	1
Walt Conner	0	Daniel Wade	2
Max Bader	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	David Erickson	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Russell Vellias	2	Oliver Morris	0
Donald Corey	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sid Smith	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dave Grannis	1	Sid Smith *	0

* Suicide attempt to save match.

LATVIANS OPEN SEASON

The Latvians opened their season October 12th at Olympia blasting the Olympia team by an 8-2 score. No details received.

LATVIAN TEAM	8.	OLYMPIA CLUB	2.
Elmars Zemgalis	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Charles Joachim	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Viesturs Seglins	2	Richard Pawley	0
Raimund Blums	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Don Crawford	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Zigurds Seglins	1	Margers Kalnins	1
Valdenars Grinhagens	2	Al Livingston	0

(Let us know if any names are wrong.)

KITSAP CRUSHES TACOMA

Tacoma was badly bent by the invading Kitsaps being defeated 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Kitsap now joins the Seattle Chess Club at the top of the standings. Both clubs sport unblemished 3-0 scores.

Jack Nourse, not knowing about North Seattle's setback, wrote "Looks like you made your annual prediction a little too early. Right now it looks like it's between the Latvians, North End and Kitsap. After November 2 it will probably be between the North End and Latvians. Anyway, count on us to be in the top three."

KITSAP COUNTY	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	TACOMA CLUB	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jim McCormick	2	Charles Hewitt	0
George Rehberg	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thomas Dolle	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jack Nourse	2	Don Kendall	0
Dr. John Almond	1	Day	1
Charles Magerkurth	2	Frank	0

WEST SEATTLE WINS BY FORFEIT

Chess Center has folded so future opponents take notice and join West Seattle in chalking up 10-0 forfeit wins.

LATVIANS WIN NUMBER TWO AT MCNEIL

The Latvians trounced McNeil 7-1 for their second match victory of the season. Viesturs Seglins was unable to finish his first game so had no time for a second.

LATVIAN TEAM	7.	MCNEIL ISLAND	1.
Elmars Zemgalis	2	Aaron Benaveditz	0
Viesturs Seglins	X	Roy Hughes	X
Zigurds Seglins	2	Tod Travis	0
Valdenars Grinhagens	2	Dave Warner	0
Juris Dumins	1	Eddy Ege	1

PUGET SOUND STANDINGS

	W	L		W	L
Seattle Chess Club	3	0	Tacoma Chess Club	1	2
Kitsap County Club	3	0	Olympia Club	0	3
Latvian Team	2	0	McNeil Island	0	3
North Seattle	2	1	Chess Center	0	3
West Seattle	2	1			

Nov. 2nd predictions: North Seattle will win a close one from Kitsap, McNeil over Olympia, Seattle over Tacoma, and Latvians over Center.

KITSAP LEADS P.S.L.

We still can hardly believe it. North Seattle at full strength was completely and decisively whipped by Kitsap. The score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ does not really tell the story. If Kitsap had not made a couple of bad blunders, the score could have been 9 to 1!

Kitsap had whites the first five games and Wade won and Eilmas drew and Kitsap led $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Then Kitsap won 4 in a row to rocket the score to $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ before Morris swindled Dr. Almond in the final game to close the gap a trifle.

KITSAP COUNTY	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	NORTH SEATTLE	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jim McCormick	2	Dr. A.A. Murray	0
George Rehberg	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Don Eilmas	$\frac{1}{2}$
John Nourse	1	Dan Wade	1
Dr. John Almond	1	Oliver Morris	1
Chas. Ingerkurth	2	Tom Hakons	0

TACOMA JOLTS SEATTLE CHESS CLUB!

Tacoma, tired of being pushed around, had a turn-out of their best players which resulted in a 7 to 2 whipping for the visiting Seattle Chess Club team.

The second game between Connor and Hewitt was not started as all the other boards were through with their second games before they had finished their first. Connor wanted to call the second game a draw but Tacoma refused so since it takes mutual agreement, the final score will have to be 7 to 2. Also, Tacoma questioned the use of Franett, a member of the now defunct Chess Center team on 5th board. Rules are rules but we feel that it was no fault of Franett's and if an opposing team will allow him to play, that is fine - but if they refuse, then Seattle will have to get another man or forfeit.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB	7	SEATTLE CHESS CLUB	2
Vernon Holmes	2	Richard Schultz	0
Chas. R. Hewitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	Walt Connor	$\frac{1}{2}$
Dick Somsen	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Max Bader	$\frac{1}{2}$
Ed C. Diedrich	2	Archie Fredrickson	0
Carl E. Carlson	1	Mike Franett	1

LATVIANS win by FORFEIT

The Latvian team pushed their record to 3-0 without pushing a pawn. Ulvestad's team now has lost four matches, two over the board and two by forfeit.

In a battle to keep out of last place, McNeil Island defeated Olympia 7 to 3. The Olympia team was weakened by the absence of Charles Joachim, regular 1st board player.

MCNEIL ISLAND	7	OLYMPIA CHESS CLUB	3
Aaron Benavidez	1	Harry Parmelee	1
Roy Hughes	1*	Don Crawford	1*
Lewis Calloway	1	Phil Styman	1
Dave Warner	2	Al Livingston	0
George Ney	2	Doyle Egg	0

* Two drawn games.

LEAGUE STANDINGS AFTER FOUR ROUNDS.

	Won	Lost	Pts.	For	Agst.
1. Kitsap County	4	- 0	33	-	7
2. The Latvians	3	- 0	25	-	3
3. Seattle Club	3	- 1	22	-	17
4. West Seattle	2	- 1	21	-	9
5-6 Tacoma Club	2	- 2	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
5-6 North Seattle	2	- 2	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. McNeil Island	1	- 3	11	-	27
8-9 Olympia Club	0	- 4	13	-	27
8-9 Chess Center	0	- 4	4	-	36

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 16th. West Seattle at North Seattle, Kitsap at Seattle Club, Tacoma vs. Latvians at Seattle Club, and Olympia wins by forfeit from the Seattle Chess Center.

Sunday, Nov. 30th. North Seattle at Tacoma, West Seattle at Olympia, Latvians at Kitsap and Seattle Chess Club at McNeil Island.

Sunday, Dec. 14th. Kitsap at Olympia, Latvians at Seattle Club, West Seattle at McNeil Island and Tacoma wins by forfeit from the Seattle Chess Center.

Sunday, Jan. 4th. Olympia at North Seattle, Latvians vs. West Seattle at Seattle Club, and McNeil Island wins by forfeit from the Seattle Chess Center. (Seattle Club, Kitsap and Tacoma have byes.)

Sunday, Jan. 18th. North Seattle vs. Latvians at Seattle Club, Seattle Chess Club wins by forfeit from Chess Center, Tacoma at McNeil Island and West Seattle at Kitsap.

SUNDAY, FEB. 1st. Possible title playoff.

NEXT MONTH
LIST OF LEADING P.S.L. PLAYERS

PUPOLI VOX PUPOLI

At Portoroz, Baby Fischer's draws were uninspiring and his wins could lay no claim to immortality. But there were enough of them to qualify him, although last month I attempted to prove that not all of them were well earned. The following game may answer the question of how his play compares with the other grandmasters who qualified.

White: Fridrik Olafsson (Iceland) Black Fischer.

1. P-QB4, N-KB3; 2. N-QB3, P-K3; 3. N-B3, P-Q4; 4. P-Q4, B-N5; 5. PxpP, PxpP; 6. B-N5, P-KR3; 7. B-R4, P-B4.

A fighting move. In order to prevent the isolation of his Queen Pawn, he will have to advance this Pawn another step.

8. P-K3, N-B3; 9. R-B1, P-B5; 10. B-K2 B-K3; 11. O-O, O-O; 12. N-Q2.

Threatens P-K4 with complications favoring White, but Black's move stops this.

12. ---, B-K2; 13. P-QN3, P-KN4?

White's 13th move forces Black to act immediately on the Queen-side where he can win a Pawn or an Exchange. Olafsson has obviously planned it that way, and Fischer is trying to avoid the doubled Pawns and King-side weakening this Bishop can give him by exchanging itself against the King's Knight. Unfortunately, this move is in itself a further weakening, and after it there is no salvation for Black.

14. B-N3, B-QR6; 15. R-B2, N-QN5; 16. PxpP, NxR; 17. QxN, PxpP; 18. N-N5!, B-QN5; 19. N-B7!

Now things become clear: The Knight's not after the Rook, but after the white-squared Bishop, allowing the Queen to mate!

19. ---, BxN; 20. NxN, PxpN; 21. BxP!!, Q-K2; 22. QxB, N-K5; 23. Q-Q3, NxN; 24. RpxN, R-B3; 25. Q-K4, R-QB1; 26. B-N3, Q-Q2; 27. R-Q1, R-K1.

An ingenious way of parrying the planned P-Q5; but the weakness of Black's King-Pawn is overwhelming and must lose the end-game.

28. P-B4, Q-R2; 29. Q-K5, Q-B4; 30. P-N4, QxQ; 31. QPxQ, R-B2; 32. P-B5, R-B2; 33. R-Q6, R-B4; 34. BxpCh., K-B1; 35. B-N3, R/4xP; 36. RxP, RxKP; 37. R-KN6, R/1-K5; 38. RxP, R-N6; 39. R-N8ch., K-K2; 40. P-N5, R-K7; 41. B-Q5. Black resigned. He was just outplayed.

Olafsson himself was just a bare qualifier, tying with Fischer for 5/6 place after he pulled a mating trap on his opponent in the second session of his final game. But give him credit for the Exchange sacrifice in the previous game. I do not know how the game would have continued if Fischer had not weakened his Kingside, since I am not a grandmaster, but these things are not accidental. The same fate also befell Danish grandmaster Larsen (the tournament surprise in a negative sense. He had recently played in numerous tournaments, winning consistently, and was supposed to be in fine shape. He finished sixteenth out of twentyone).

White: Larsen. Black: Olafsson.

1. N-KB3, N-KB3; 2. P-KN3, P-KN3; 3. B-N2, B-N2; 4. O-O, O-O.

If this seems funny to you, you have not been playing enough tournament chess. Opening theory these days is reputed to be so highly catalogued that none of the young up-and-comers in this state bother to study it any more. Instead, they set up their pieces in this manner to threaten massive retaliation the moment one of yours inadvertently advances past the third rank.

5. P-B4, P-B3; 6. P-Q4, P-Q3; 7. N-B3, QN-Q2; 8. P-K4, P-K4; 9. R-K1, N-K1; 10. B-N5, P-B3; 11. B-K3, Q-K2; 12. Q-Q2, P-KB4; 13. P-B5, Q-B2; 14. KPxpP, NPxpP.

Now 15. QPxP, PxpKP leads to a seldomly tested position where Black's "hanging" Pawns are customarily considered to be weak. White tries for a definite advantage - and walks right into another prepared sacrifice of the Exchange.

15. PxpP, P-K5; 16. N-KN5, Q-B3; 17. P-Q5, NxP; 18. N-K6.

Now R-K1 allows a Knight fork, and R-B2, 19. B-N5, Q-N3; 20. N-Q8 wins a pawn .

18. ---, N-B5; 19. Q-K2, NxB; 20. NxR, NxP!; 21. N/8xN, BxN; 22. QR-B1, R-K1; 23. KR-Q1, B-K3; 24. NxN, BxN; 25. P-N3, B-R3.

It is now extremely difficult to find correct moves for White.

26. P-B4, B-B1; 27. Q-R5, B-B2; 28. Q-N5ch., QxQ; 29. PxQ, B-R4; 30. R-Q7?

Looks most logical, but loses. 30. B-R3, not holding on to the Exchange, draws. It is possible that Larsen made this move in time pressure caused by the previous difficult decisions. If you are playing for a win, avoid balanced positions.

30. ---, P-K6; 31. RxNP, P-K7; 32. K-B2.

The Bishop is in the way, else R-K1 could be played.

32. ---, B-B4ch.; 33. K-K1, R-Q1!
White resigns.

So when you play your next Scandinavian opponent, don't bother to go after his Rooks. He has small use for the darned things anyway.

WASHINGTON OPEN, JANUARY 24 - 25.

Tournament Director AL LIVINGSTON announces that the 1959 WASHINGTON OPEN will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25 at the SEATTLE UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION at the corner of Broadway and Madison. These quarters will be superior to any we've had at the Seattle YMCA.

This will be a six round Swiss & Harkness pairings will be used. Mr. Livingston is toying with the idea of a 7th round for the leading players only to break ties. In our next announcement, we will confirm this.

The first and second rounds will be at 30 moves an hour and later rounds at 40 in $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. This too will be confirmed next month.

Entry fee will probably be the usual - \$3 for adults and possibly \$2 for those 18 and under.

Registration 8:30. Start play at 9.

OLYMPIA NEWS

The Olympia "A" tournament is in full swing. Kalnins seems to be the favorite. Others in the tourney are Ellis Ayer, Don Crawford, Edna Egg, Phil Dolan, Dr. Waldo MacInnis, Richard Pawley, and Ed Tveden.

In the "B" tournament, either Ted Davis or Chester Harmeson have the best title chances. (Written in early October - Ed.)

Both are round-robins. Ed Goodwin who won the "C" event, has found himself in a rough company in the "B" tournament.

On Monday, Oct. 6th, was started the annual County Tournament known as S.S. (South Sound) this year. Players from not only Olympia, but Shelton, Littlerock, Ft. Lewis, South Tacoma, Longview, and Kelso are expected to participate. No entry fee. Everyone welcome.

When Olympia played Tacoma early in the season, most of the team traveled from Olympia to Oakland Park field house, but Joachim traveled by bus from Seattle. Hauling about 40 pounds of luggage around, Joachim arrived at the wrong place and was completely and hopelessly lost! Finally a phone call produced Mrs. Vernon Holmes who drove him to the site of the match where Joachim proceeded to win two games from her husband! Once, years ago, Joachim was state champ and had lost to Holmes 5 to 0. It is possible Holmes was so surprised at the manner of Joachim's arrival that he never could settle down enough to resume his usual winning habits.

Some results for grading the newcomers only found Maegers Kalnins winning 6-0 over Bill Herman, 1-0 over Harry Parmelee, and drawing Richard Pawley 2-2. Kalnins lost $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to Joachim. Don Crawford played several games, losing only to Joachim and is definitely Class "A".

U. of WASHINGTON

BUZ EDDY is now attending the University of Washington and has reestablished a chess club at the U.

In the late 40's and early 50's ROBERT STORK and KEN LULFORD kept campus chess very much alive. Later TED WARNER kept it going. Organized chess passed from the U after that.

FROM 'CHESS LIFE' ULVESTAD WINS 'HEART OF AMERICA'

OLAF ULVESTAD, Seattle Chess Master, won the Heart of America Open at Kansas City, winning five and drawing two for a 6-1 score. Ulvestad emerged as the only unbeaten player in the 37 man event.

USCF experts KAZYS JAKSTAS of Chicago and JOHN RAGAN of East St. Louis, Illinois each scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Jakstas taking second place on Selkoff points.

Month before last our reporter was in error, stating that Ulvestad had gone up to Canada at the conclusion of the United States Open to play in the Canadian Open. Olaf turned up in Kansas City instead.

HELP WANTED

WANTED: CRACKERJACK STATE CHAIRMAN FOR STATE OF WASHINGTON. PREFER A LOCAL RESIDENT OF DEDICATED TYPE. HIGHEST COMPENSATION IN SATISFACTION OF DOING AN IMPORTANT JOB THAT NEEDS DOING. APPLY TO GUTHRIE MCCLAIN, USCF VICE-PRESIDENT, 244 KEARNEY ST., 4TH FLOOR, SAN FRANCISCO.

'CHESS'

ROBERT KARCH, Northwest Ratings Director for the Washington Chess Federation, has recently been appointed West Coast representative for the British magazine CHESS. The regular subscription price to readers in the United States is \$4.50, but USCF members may obtain a full year's subscription by sending Bob a check for \$4.25 plus a USCF Membership Card, which will be immediately returned to the owner. A sample copy of CHESS may be obtained by sending name and address and a 4 cent stamp to Robert A. Karch, 16025 Paseo del Campo, Lonzco, California.

OPERATION

The USCF is conducting a determined campaign to add a thousand new members to their membership. Send \$5 to Kenneth Harkness, Business Manager, 80 East 11th Street New York 3, New York. 24 issues of newspaper 'Chess Life' per year.

USCF Tournament Director George Koltanowski takes a stand against the double forfeit rule. Some leading masters were for the rule at the recent U. S. Open but after the rule had been applied twice during the tournament, most of those who had voted for it were against it but it then was too late. A player over steps time limit and the other player claims a win. But no correct score of the game exists & so there is no proof anyone over stepped the time limit. So instead of calling it a draw or setting a new time limit for a certain number of moves and commanding a continuation of the game, the double forfeit rule is invoked and both players are losers! (Ed. note: We know one of the 2 is a cheat but can't prove which one - so hang them both!)

CINCINNATI WINS OVER DAYTON

Cincinnati defeated Dayton 12 to 10 in a 22 board match in Dayton. TED WARNER, formerly of Seattle, won his game on second board for Cincinnati.

RED FACES OVER GOLDEN ROSE

Two Portland, Oregon players (one with chagrin) wrote in that the Golden Rose Open was NOT a Seattle event as had been mistakenly reported in a recent number of Chess Life!

ROBERT BYRNE INDIANA OPEN CHAMP

International Master Robert Byrne had $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in a 32 player tourney at Muncie. It was reported to be the strongest tournament ever held in Indiana.

BRAD WADE WINS ALABAMA OPEN TITLE

Brad Wade of Birmingham won the Alabama Open Championship for 1958 at Birmingham. 32 players entered with only two non-alabama players placing in the top 27. Wade had a winning score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

RAGAN TAKES ARKANSAS OPEN

John Ragan won the 36 player Arkansas Open held at Hot Springs with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score.

THE CHESS OLYMPICS

We thank George Bishop for sending clippings from Isaac Kashdan's column 'Chess' in the Los Angeles Times.

Oct. 12th 'Times'

The United States Chess Team in the Munich, Germany Chess Olympics won five consecutive matches in Section Two of the preliminaries. The U. S. team downed Norway, Iran, Finland, Israel & South Africa. The American team, headed by Samuel Reshevsky, did not lose a game in these matches. High scorer is Arthur Bisguier with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. William Lombardy and Nicholas Rossolimo have each won three. Larry Evans has two wins and three draws.

Oct. 19th 'Times'

In the final three preliminary matches the U. S. team ran into harder sledding losing $1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ to West Germany, tied with Spain 2-2, and won 3-1 over Iceland in the final round. This left the U.S. team with a 23-9 score (6 won, 1 lost and 1 tied in matches) and second place in Section Two.

Qualifying for the finals were the 3 top teams in each section. Section One, Russia 27-5; Bulgaria $21\frac{1}{2}-10\frac{1}{2}$; and Austria 21-11.

Section Two - Spain $23\frac{1}{2}-8\frac{1}{2}$; U.S. 23-9; and West Germany $22\frac{1}{2}-9\frac{1}{2}$.

Section Three - Argentina 23-9; East Germany 21-11; and England 20-12.

Section Four - Czechoslovakia 25-7; Yugoslavia 24-8; and Switzerland 20-12.

Reshevsky participated in only three of the preliminary rounds and scored $1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ while the others in the order of boards occupied were Lombardy, $5\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$; Bisguier, 4-3; Evans, $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$; Rossolimo, $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$.

Russian team preliminary individual results were - Botwinnik, $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$; Smyslov, 4-1; Keres, $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$; Bronstein, $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$; Tal, $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$; and Petrosian, 5-1.

The Russians lost only one game when Botwinnik lost to Duckstein of Austria.

Entering the finals of the Chess Olympics Team Tournament at Munich, The U. S. team was paired with the champion Russian squad. The final score was 2-2 with all four games ending drawn. With Samuel Reshevsky out of the line-up, the first board was taken by 20-year-old William Lombardy, world junior champion. Lombardy, with the black pieces in a King's Indian Defense, drew Botwinnik in 40 moves.

On second board Bisguier met Smyslov. In a Scotch Opening, the contestants played only 22 moves before agreeing to a draw.

Larry Evans on third board set up a Nimzo-Indian Defense against Paul Keres. A draw was declared after 32 moves.

Nicholas Rossolimo and David Bronstein played a Two Knights Defense and drew in only 13 moves.

In other matches during the 1st round among the 12 finalists, Argentina won over Spain 3-1, Yugoslavia $3\frac{1}{2}$ East Germany $\frac{1}{2}$, Czechoslovakia 3 England 1, West Germany 3 Switzerland 1, and Austria $2\frac{1}{2}$ Bulgaria $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Oct. 26th 'Times' - FINAL STANDINGS.

1. Russia	$34\frac{1}{2}-9\frac{1}{2}$	5. Czechoslov.	22 -22
2. Yugoslavia	29 -15	8. Switzerland	19 -25
3. Argentina	$25\frac{1}{2}-18\frac{1}{2}$	9. Spain	$17\frac{1}{2}-26\frac{1}{2}$
4. U. S. A.	24 -20	10. Bulgaria	17 -27
5. W. Germany	22 -22	11. England	16 -28
5. E. Germany	22 -22	12. Austria	$15\frac{1}{2}-28\frac{1}{2}$

Russia retained the Hamilton-Russell Trophy, emblematic of world team supremacy, with 8 match wins, 0 losses and 3 draws. They drew the U. S., Argentina and Yugoslavia.

The U. S. team won 4 matches, winning 3-1 over England and winning $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ over W. Germany, Spain and Switzerland. The U. S. team lost to Yugoslavia $1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ and drew 2-2 their remaining six matches. They won 11, lost 7, and drew 26 in the total of 44 contests played.

Evans scored 5-3 with 3 won, 1 lost, and 4 drawn. Bisguier had 5-5 with 3-3-4. Reshevsky had $4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$ (2-1-5), Lombardy 5-4 (2-1-6), and Rossolimo $4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$ (1-1-7).

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1958 Vicsturs Soglinas
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 1934 Olaf Ulvestad
 1933 J. L. Sheets
 1932 J. L. Sheets
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 Olaf Ulvestad
 1957 George Bishop
 1956 Russell Vellias
 1955 Ted Warner
 1954 James Schmitt
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 1956 Robert Edberg
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1958 Jim McCormick
 1957 (Lapse)
 1956 Viktors Pupols
 1955 Olaf Ulvestad
 1954 Charles Rosburg *
 1953 Elmars Zomgalis *
 1952 (Lapse)
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 1950 Charles Joachim

* The 1953 and 1954
 tournaments were a
 part of the Seattle
 Seafair Open.

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1958 Max Bader
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 1957 Ivars Dalbergs
 1956 James Schmitt
 1955 Elmars Zomgalis
 1954 Viktors Pupols
 1953 James Schmitt
 1952 Dan Wade
 1951 Alex Suchobock
 1950 Robert Stork
 1949 Jim Amidon and
 Richard Allen
 1948 James Schmitt
 (Lapse)
 1938 Harou Ishida
 (Lapse)
 1936 J. L. Sheets
 (Lapse)
 1933 Olaf Ulvestad

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1958 Dr. Peter Lapiken
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 1955 Ted Warner
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1958 Gordon Cornelius
 1957 Robert Higginson
 1956 Gordon Cornelius
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 1954 Gordon Cornelius
 1953 Gordon Cornelius

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1958 Viktors Pupols
 1957 Viktors Pupols

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1958 Charles Joachim
 1957 Charles Joachim

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1958 Charles Griffiths
 1957 Charles Griffiths
 1956 Jim McCormick
 1955 Stephen Falk
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 1952 Dennis Chipman
 1951 Gerald Schain
 1950 Charles Ballantine

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1958 Oliver LaFroniere
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 1954 Kenneth Mulford
 1953 Jim McCormick
 1952 Sheldon Rein
 1951 Gerald Schain
 1950 Carl Enz

WASH. SPEED CHAMPIONS

1958 (Lapse)
 1957 Charles Griffiths
 1956 Dan Wade
 1955 Russell Vellias
 1954 G.S.G. Patterson

GAMES by EILMES

A game from the Kitsap- N.E. Seattle Match

"Never say die"

<u>Oliver Morris</u>		<u>Dr. John Almond</u>	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	20 KR-B1	KR-K1
2. N-KB3	N-KB3	21 P-QN4	PxP
3. P-K3	P-K3	22 PxP	Q-N2
4. QN-Q2 (a)	P-B4	23 Q-N3	B-N4
5. P-B4 (b)	PxQP	24 N/B3-K1 (d)	Q-N1
6. KPxP	B-K2	25 P-KR3	R-B5
7. P-B5	O-O	26 N-B2 (e)	R-B6!
8. B-Q3	N-B3	27 Q-N2	BxN
9. P-QR3	P-QR4	28 P-B3	RxN
10 B-N5	Q-B2	29 RxR	BxR
11 Q-K2	P-QN2	30 QxB	N-N6 (f)
12 BxN	QxB	31 P-N5	R-B1
13 N-K5	Q-B2	32 Q-B2	R-B5
14 P-B6	B-Q3	33 P-B4	N-K5
15 N-B3	N-K5 (c)	34 Q-R4	Q-K1
16 Q-B2	P-KB3	35 R-R7 (g)	QxNP
17 N-Q3	B-Q2	36 Q-N4 !!	R-B2 (h)
18 O-O	BxP	37 QxPch.	Resigns
19 B-K3	QR-B1		

- a) Usually signaling the Colle Attack.
- b) More in the spirit of the opening would be 5. P-B3
- c) 15.....B-R3 is also good at this point.
- d) Better was 24. N/Q3-K1, but even then White's game would be hard to hold.
- e) An oversight which costs a piece, although White hardly had a good move available at this point.
- f) Or 30....R-QB1 31. Q-R4 N-B6 with an easy win for Black.
- g) Obtaining some counter-play in the 7th rank.
- h) A blunder which costs the game. Black's win lies in 36.....Q-N8ch. 37. K-R2 N-N4!! 38. P-R4 Q-B4! 38. QxQ PxQ 40. PxN PxP and Black has far too many pawns to contend with.

From the last N.E. Seattle tourney.

<u>Don Eilmes</u>		<u>Dr. A.A. Murray</u>	
1. P-K4	P-QE4	6. B-KN5 (a)	P-K3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	7. Q-Q2	B-K2
3. P-Q4	PxP	8. O-O-O	P-QR3
4. NxP	N-KB3	9. P-B4	Q-B2 (b)
5. N-QB3	P-Q3	10 BxN	PxB (c)

(continued next column)

11 B-K2	B-Q2	19 NxKP	QxN
12 B-B3 (d)	R-QB1	20 Q-Q3	N-K6
13 KR-K1	N-R4	21 N-Q5	RxP
14 Q-K2	P-N4	22 NxN	RxPch
15 P-K5	BPxP (e)	23 KxR	B-B3ch
16 PxP	N-B5 (f)	24 K-N1	O-O
17 PxP	B-N4ch(g)	25 QxB	Q-K4
18 K-N1	QxP	26 Q-Q4	Resigns

- a) The Richter Attack, considered by most, the strongest line against the Sicilian.
- b) Black is anxious to start a queen-side attack, but the best square for the Queen is not yet certain. Better was 9. O-O or 9. B-Q2
- c) Opening a file for Black while also strengthening his center.
- d) Better was 12. P-B5
- e) If 15.....P-K4 then 16. PxP BxP 17. NxKP!! or if 15.....P-B4 then 16. NxBP! PxN? 17. PxP winning.
- f) Black falters. With P-Q4 White's center attack is stopped and Black's game is preferable.
- g) 17.....BxP is better, but even then White's two open center files give good chances.

A game from the 1955 Junior Tourney

<u>Oliver LaFreniere</u>		<u>Victors Pupols</u>	
1. P-QB4	N-KB3	11 P-N3 (b)	NxN
2. P-KN3	P-KN3	12 BxN	N-K4 (c)
3. N-KB3	B-N2	13 B-N2	P-QR3
4. B-N2	O-O	14 P-QR4	B-Q2
5. N-B3	P-Q3	15 B-Q2	P-QN4
6. O-O	P-B4	16 P-B4	N-N5
7. P-Q4	N-B3	17 RPxP?	B-Q5ch
8. B-N5 (a)	R-N1	18 P-K3 (d)	NxKP
9. R-B1	N-Q2	19	Resigns
10 P-Q5	QN-K4		

- a) White is anxious to develop his QB, but a much better policy would be P-K3, then B-Q2.
- b) 11. N-Q2 was an absolute necessity.
- c) Black's pieces now have beautiful scope.
- d) An oversight, better was 18. K-R1 and if N-B7ch? 19. RxN BxR 20. P-K3! but after PxP 21. Q-K2 PxP 22. PxP BxKP 23. BxP White's game is still lost due to both his bad bishops.

The first game of a recently started Wade-Murray Match. One ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

Dan Wade		Dr. A.A Murray	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	28 N-R4	K-R1
2. N-KB3	P-QN3	29 NxNP (e)	RxN
3. P-QB4 (a)	B-N2	30 QxBP	Q-Q1
4. N-B3	P-N3	31 BxP	Q-Q3
5. Q-B2	B-N2	32 Q-K3	R-QB1
6. P-K4	P-Q3	33 R-QB3	Q-B4
7. B-Q3	N-B3	34 QxQ	RxQ
8. P-QR3	O-O (b)	35 B-K8	K-N2
9. P-Q5	N-K4	36 B-B6	N-B1
10 NxN	PxN	37 R-Q1	K-B2
11 O-O	N-Q2	38 P-QR4	B-B1
12 P-QN4	P-QR4	39 P-Q6	B-Q2
13 B-K3	P-QB4 (c)	40 PxP	KxP
14 P-N5 (d)	N-B3	41 R-Q5	RxR
15 P-R3	P-R4	42 BPxR (f)	K-Q3
16 QR-Q1	N-R2	43 P-R4	N-R2
17 Q-Q2	Q-Q3	44 P-R5	P-N5
18 B-R6	QR-Q1	45 BxB	KxB
19 BxB	KxB	46 R-B6	RxR
20 P-B4	P-B3	47 NPxRch	K-B2
21 P-B5	P-N4	48 K-B2	N-N4
22 Q-K2	K-R3	49 K-K3	N-B2
23 B-B2	Q-N1	50 K-Q3	N-N3
24 R-Q3	R-Q3	51 K-B3	N-Q3
25 B-Q1	Q-K1	52 K-Q3	N-B2 g)
26 P-N3	R-KN1	53 K-B2	K-B2
27 Q-K3	K-N2	54 K-N3	Drawn

- a) The best antidote to the Queen's side fianchetto is counter fianchetto on KN2. The KB is then usually better than Black's opposing QB as it gets the protection of the K.
- b) Better is 8....KN-Q2 attacking the QP and encouraging 9.P-Q5 QN-K4 with better scope for Black's pieces. If 9.B-K3 P-K4 10 P-Q5 N-Q5 and Black has an even game.
- c) Creating a weakness on QN3.
- d) White correctly locks the pawn position and with it Black's weak pawn.
- e) A very promising sacrifice in view of Black's weak pawn structure and lack of maneuvering space.
- f) Passing up the opportunity of having three connecting passed pawns, which would prove impossible to stop. 42 QPxP! BxBP? 43 P-Q6ch K-Q1 (not K-K3 as 44 B-Q5ch KxP 45 P-B4ch KxB 45 PxR, and wins.) 44 P-B5 R-N1 45 B-Q5 and it is doubtful if Black can hold the position even by returning the piece.
- g) Black dare not play for a win with 52....K-B4 because of 53 P-R6! N-B2 54 P-B7 and the N cannot stop both pawns.

A Recent Local Game

Joachim		Karch	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	25 Q-N5	Q-N3
2. P-QB4	P-QB3	26 QxQ	BxQ
3. N-QB3	P-K3	27 KR-R1	KR-Q1 d)
4. P-K3	QN-Q2	28 P-R3 e)	R-Q7
5. N-B3	KN-B3	29 N-N5	BxPch
6. Q-B2	P-QR3	30 K-R2	RxR
7. P-QR3 (a)	B-K2	31 RxR	BxNch
8. B-Q3	PxP	32 KxB	BxP
9. BxBP	P-QN4	33 R-R7	P-N4
10 B-Q3	P-B4	34 K-N4 f)	RxPch
11 B-K4	R-QN1 (b)	35 K-R5	K-N2
12 O-O	O-O	36 RxPch g)	KxR
13 N-N5	NxB	37 N-Q6ch	K-B3
14 N/5xN	B-N2	38 NxBch	K-B4
15 PxP	NxP	39 N-Q6ch	K-B5
16 N-N3 (c)	R-B1	40 N-K8	P-K4
17 P-K4	P-QR4		
18 Q-K2	F-N5		and Black won in a few moves.
19 PxP	PxP		
20 N-N5	N-N6		
21 N-R7??	R-R1		
22 R-R2	B-B4		
23 B-K3	N-Q5		
24 BxN	BxB		

- a) Better was 7....P-QN3
- b) 11.NxB 12 QxN R-QN1 seems stronger for Black, White would be in an awkward position and soon must lose moves with his Queen.
- c) White would have nearly an even game with 16 NxN BxN 17 P-QN4 B-K2 18 B-N2
- d) Because of his misplaced N, White is utilizing nearly all his forces in defensive measures, while Black's B's bear menacingly down on White's King side.
- e) White has nothing to do. If 28 P-QN3 B-Q5! and White loses at least the exchange. 29 R-Q1? BxPch (and not 29...BxN 30 RxRch RxR 31 RxB R-Q8ch 32 N-B1 BxKP and Black only wins a pawn) 30 KxB RxR and Black has won the exchange and retains the pin on the N.
- f) Black threatened RxP Mate. White has nothing left to play for.
- g) This combination just helps Black shorten the game.

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EXCERPTS FROM WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER OF NOVEMBER, 1948

The November 1948 cover of the Washington Chess Letter bears the following announcement "The Knight says: Enter the Washington State Championship Tournament on December 4th. & 5th. in the Assembly Hotel, Seattle. Nobody will take your shirt".

Letters to the Editor were published from Robert A. Karch, then of Tacoma, Washington, Max Bader, then of Bellingham, Washington, Jim Schmidt of Portland, Ore. and Jack Nourse of Port Blakely, Washington.

Bob Karch said in part, "We could sure use some new blood. Let's organize inter high school play in Washington. There are lots of fellows like me who are just aching for a chance to compete with more nearly equal competition. It's discouraging to go down to the Club every Friday night and lose practically every game. Couldn't the Washington Chess Federation do something to help the younger generation"?

Bob at that time was discouraged about the lack of a high school program but it is now evident from all of the chess activity in the local High Schools that his idea has borne fruit, and we are now getting a considerable amount of the new blood that he wanted. (Ed.)

Lawrence Taro in his editorial said, "The new Tournament schedule should create an outlet for competitive play hitherto only dreamed about in this area. It provides a series of major tournaments where every player in the state will be given an opportunity to compete with the best, and make his mark in our Hall of Fame. The program consists of two types of major tournaments, the so-called Open tournaments, and the Area tournaments. The only exception will be the Pacific Northwest Expert's, which will be strictly invitational".

The Washington State Championship Tournament was scheduled for Dec. 4th & 5th. at the Seattle Chess Club rooms in the Assembly Hotel. The Northwest Washington tournament on Jan. 29th and 30th at Everett with entries limited to residents of San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit, Island and Snohomish Counties. The Seattle City tournament at the Seattle Chess Club on Feb. 26th and 27th, the Washington Speed tournament on March 27th, Pacific Northwest Experts on April 2nd and 3rd was to be Invitational with 2 players each from B. C., Ore., and Wash. The Puget Sound Open on May 29th and 30th.

The WCF Director's meeting was scheduled for November 9th in the Seattle Chess Club rooms.

The WCF Officers held a meeting on October 14, at which a new form of constitution and by-laws were prepared by a committee headed by Dick Allen and referred to the Directors.

Olaf Ulvestad participated in the New York State Tournament. The tournament was won by 16 year old Larry Evans with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. Ulvestad placed second with a score of 6 to 2.

Announcement of a new California Chess Association with the California Chess News published by George Koltanowski as the official organ, was made.

Olaf Ulvestad's second article on his trip to Russia described his arrival in Helsinki and Leningrad with a huge banquet given by the Russians for the American chess players.

ChessArchives

SICILIAN

Openings : 14 b
Serial No. 7

Rowser Variation with 7 Q-Q2 B-K2 and 8. . . O-O winning the pawn by 9 B x N followed by 10 N x N

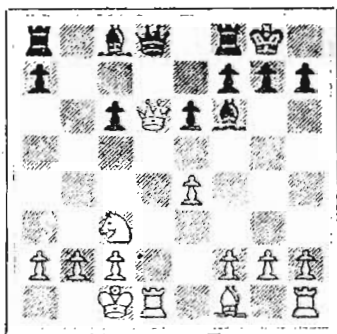
Summary :

After 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-B3 5 N-QB3 F-Q3 6 B-KN5 P-K3 7 Q-Q2 B-K2 8 O-O O-O White normally continues with 9 P-B4 and 9. . . NxN 10 QxN P-KR3 11 B-R4 Q-R4 leads to a variation very much in fashion at the moment.

We hardly ever see White go to win the pawn by 9 BxN BxB 10 NxN PxN 11 QxP. Theory says that Black recovers the pawn with a good position by 11. . . Q-R4 12 Q-N3 BxN 13 QxB QxP. *Shakhmaty* and *Schach-Echo*, however, quote a number of postal games in which Black was unable to equalise after 14 B-B4 Q-R5 15 K-N1.

Consequently the question arises, could Black have improved on his earlier play. We suggest . . . Q-N3! on move eleven.

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| 1 P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 P-Q4 | P x P |
| 4 N x P | N-B3 |
| 5 N-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 6 B-KN5 | P-K3 |
| 7 Q-Q2 | B-K2 |
| 8 O-O-O | O-O |
| 9 B x N | B x B |
| 10 N x N | P x N |
| 11 Q x P | |



We now consider .

- 11 . . . Q-R4 (A) ;
11 . . . Q-N3! (B)

A

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|----------|-------|
| 11 . . . | Q-R4 |
| 12 Q-N3 | B x N |
| 13 Q x B | Q x P |
| 14 B-B4 | Q-R5 |

14. . . Q-R8ch? would be a blunder :
15 K-Q2 Q-R5 16 R-R1.

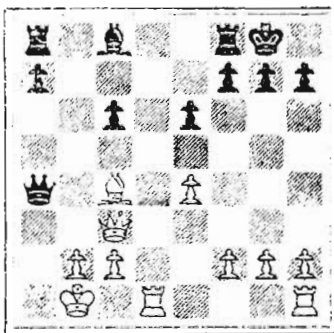
15 K-N1

This position has occurred mainly in

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correspondence games. In Russia, there has even been a theme tournament based on it. As a survey by Mazurenko in *Shakhmaty* shows, the results were not satisfactory for Black.



(1) 15. . . P-QR4 16 R-Q6 B-N2 17 KR-Q1 and White commands the open file;

(2) 15. . . P-QB4 16 R-Q3 B-N2 17 P-B3 KR-Q1 18 KR-Q1, with a positional advantage ;

(3) 15. . . B-N2 16 R-Q7 B-R3 17 BxB QxB 18 KR-Q1 and Black cannot play 18. . . Q-K7 because of 19 QxBP QxKBP 20 QxR.

(4) 15. . . B-R3 16 BxB QxB 17 R-Q3 and White has the better of it ;

(5) 15. . . R-N1 16 R-Q3 Q-N5 17 QxQ RxQ 18 P-QN3 followed by K-N2 and R-QR1 with an endgame advantage.

Black becomes very conscious of the weakening of his pawns on the queen's wing ; his bishop is weaker than White's and it is a problem how to develop it.

- 11 . . . B Q-N3!
12 Q-N3

White could also protect both his KBP and knight by 12 Q-Q2. After 12. . . R-N1 13 P-QN3, 13. . . BxN 14 QxB QxBP would practically transpose into the text. Stronger than 13. . . BxN, however, is 13. . . Q-R4!

On 12 P-K5 would come 12. . . R-Q1, which move White has to reckon with in any event ; as also. . . B-N4ch.

- 12 . . . R-N1
13 P-QN3

Black is now ready to regain the pawn, in entirely satisfactory circumstances, by 13. . . BxN 14 QxB QxBP (15 QxBP B-N2 16 Q-R4 Q-K6ch followed by 17. . . BxP).

White's KBP is worth more than his QRP which Black took in variation A ; the disappearance of his KBP splits White's pawns into three groups.

Black can also play for attack with, for instance, 13. . . B-Q5 14 P-B4 Q-B4, after which 15 R-Q3 Q-R6ch 16 K-N1 P-KB4 would be very promising for him but 15 N-N1! would not suit him at all.

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Openings : 2 k
Serial No. 2

Semi-Meran

Summary :

After 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-QB3 3 N-KB3 N-B3 4 N-B3 P-K3 5 P-K3 QN-Q2 6 B-Q3, 6. . . B-N5 leads to the variation named after Romih. This old line of play was revived in the World Championship Match Tournament 1948 and, although the results with it were none too satisfactory for Black, no clear theoretical way of securing an opening advantage against it is known for White. Uhlmann of Austria, who is noted for his good preparation of openings, tried at Wageningen a new method, not entirely original but quite promising.

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| 1 P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2 P-QB4 | P-B3 |
| 3 N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4 N-B3 | P-K3 |
| 5 P-K3 | QN-Q2 |
| 6 B-Q3 | B-N5 |
| 7 O-O | |

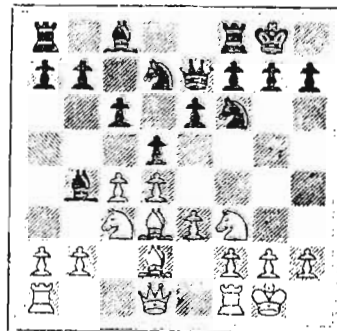
In the World Championship contests of 1948, the almost invariable continuation here was 7 P-QR3 B-R4 8 Q-B2 Q-K2 9 B-Q2 PxP 10 BxBP P-K4 11 O-O O-O. The best for White now is Najdorf's waiting move 12 B-R2!, planning to answer 12. . . B-B2 with 13 N-QN5, B-N3 14 B-N4 (as in Foltys v Donner, Amsterdam 1950).

Black can hardly exchange on his Q5 since after 12. . . PxP 13 PxP White can play R-K1 with a useful gain of time. 12. . . B-N3 13 N-K4 or 13 QR-Q1 is similarly to White's advantage. In 1953 Taimanov showed in his match against Botvinnik that Black does better to prepare. . . P-K4 by means of. . . B-B2 rather than. . . Q-K2. The game went 7 P-QR3 B-R4 8 Q-B2 O-O 9 B-Q2 B-B2 10 O-O PxP 11 BxBP P-K4 12 QR-K1 PxP 13 PxP N-N3 14 B-K2. Now Black went wrong with 14. . . B-N5 ; 15 B-N5! By 14. . . P-KR3! he could have obtained a completely satisfactory game.

Rather stronger than 12 R-K1 is 12 PxP N x P 13 NxN BxN 14 P-B4.

- 7 . . . O-O
8 B-Q2 Q-K2

8. . . B-Q3 is also worth investigation, as Black, having already castled, is no longer forced to exchange on his K5. Though White, after 8. . . B-Q3 9 P-K4 PxBP 10 BxP P-K4 has been presented with the move B-Q2, it is a question whether it is worth much. In the analogous variation after 6. . . B-Q3 (Tchigorin) 7 O-O (stranger 7 P-K4!) 7. . . O-O 8 P-K4 PxBP 9 BxBP P-K4 White has customarily continued 10 B-KN5, without achieving very much. If White wants to make something of his "tempo gain" B-Q2, he must obviously try something other than 11 B-KN5.
9 Q-K1



The main idea of this is, in the event of 9. . . BxN 10 BxB N-K5, to make 11 B-N4 playable. White is ready to play 10 N-K5, against which 10. . . NxN 11 PxN N-Q2 cannot be played because of 12 NxP.

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9/23/58	58B-4B	Munselle	1	McCord, D.R.	C	56
10/1/58	58A-6B	Howard	1	Eilmes	0	56
	58A-4A	Skarsten	1	Spatz	0	56
	58A-4B	Skarsten	1	Spatz	0	56
	58A-4A	Knapp	1	Spatz	0	72
	58A-4B	Knapp	1	Spatz	0	72
	58A-4A	Lyberger	1	Spatz	0	66
	58A-4B	Lyberger	1	Spatz	0	66
	58A-4A	Roberts, D.	1	Spatz	0	78
	58A-4B	Roberts, D.	1	Spatz	0	78
10/4/58	57B-7B	Scripps	1	Hall	0	3
10/5/58	57B-6B	Gemar	1	Hall	0	20
10/8/58	57A-6A	Woodward	1	Mills	0	34
10/12/58	58A-3B	Gemar	1	Husby	0	42
10/14/58	58A-2B	Luters	1	Mills	0	58
	58A-2B	Luters	1	Laine	0	38
	57B-6B	Kuvara	1	Gemar	0	74
	58B-1A	Koenkow	1	Chapman	0	44
	58B-1B	Koenkow	1	Chapman	0	44
10/15/58	58B-2A	Sala	1	Tuggle	0	62
	58A-3A	Howard	$\frac{1}{2}$	Husoy	$\frac{1}{2}$	26
10/16/58	58B-1A	Bowerman	1	Chapman	0	34
	58B-1A	Quass	1	Chapman	0	46
	58B-1B	Bowerman	1	Chapman	0	34
	58B-1B	Quass	1	Chapman	0	46
10/18/58	58A-3A	Eilmes	1	Gemar	0	37
10/23/58	58B-5A	Lydic	1	King	0	50
	58B-5B	Lydic	1	King	0	50
	58B-5A	Dart, Ken	1	King	0	44
	58B-5B	Dart, Ken	1	King	0	44
	58B-5A	Allen	1	King	0	46
	58B-5B	Allen	1	King	0	46
	58B-5A	Skoglund	1	King	0	34
	58B-5B	Skoglund	1	King	0	34
	57A-6B	Woodward	1	Mills	0	22
10/24/58	58B-4B	Munselle	1	Bothun	0	34
	58B-4A	Munselle	1	Bothun	0	34
10/28/58	58A-5A	Carter	1	Howard	0	54
	58A-1B	Weaver	1	Gemar	0	14

Vellias in 15th position in the "A" Division has sent in an entry for another section with the request that his opponents be those in the top rating. He is ambitious to take on some of you high ranking players. If 4 of you will send in an entry, we will oblige him. Here is a challenge to be taken up.

Sam Spatz is resigning all of his games due to lack of time. Since his last section 58A-4A and 58A-4B was started such a short time ago, we would like to know whether or not more than 6 moves were completed in his games. If 6 or less moves completed we will substitute a player in his place. Sorry to have him drop out as he was in 7th place and going strong for top honors.

The same applies in King's games as to substitution of another player.

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