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## SPECIAL NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP NUMBER

This young New Zealander  
doesn't know much about  
chess, but he's having a  
whale of a time.

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# READERS' VIEWS

## LIGHT IN HIS DARKNESS

... I have nothing but praise for the N.Z. Chessplayer. I consider it is an outstanding achievement, is well printed and edited and will prove a boon to New Zealand chessplayers. I wish it every success. It will fill a gap for me as it will be the only avenue for me to keep abreast of the N.Z. chess news. At date I am unaware of the results of the Congress. Practically a heathen, in fact.

My best wishes to you and all my chess friends in New Zealand.

January 13, 1948.

D. R. Richards,  
Norfolk Island,

## THEM WERE THE DAYS

Dear Sir,—I have before me the first copy of your chess magazine and I am very pleased with it. This is to my knowledge the third attempt to run a chess magazine in this country. The first I have any recollection of was started in Wanganui in the late '80's of last century. About 1887 or '88. I had just learnt to play then and subscribed to it; it only ran for about seven months. The mention in your pages, of Mr. Sexton and Dr. Hatherley, brought the whole thing back to my mind as they were both connected with it. I remember seeing several three-movers by the late Thomas Sexton of Ashhurst. I kept my copies for some years but they were eventually destroyed in a fire.

With best wishes for the success of the new mag. and hoping that you will be able to make it a bi-monthly.

January 1, 1948.

Ernest A. Le Petit,  
Invercargill.

## THE SWISS SYSTEM

Dear Sir,  
May I offer my congratulations on your first number and express the hope that it will flourish throughout the years.

There is a point in Mr. Wade's article on the Swiss System that eludes me. The article states that "... for 16 players the minimum number of rounds is five..." This should surely be FOUR, as the following argument should demonstrate.

For minimum rounds there should be no drawn games. Of 16 players the first round should select eight winners to contest the second round. The eight losers will, of course, be playing among themselves in later rounds. Round 2 should select four winners similarly, Round 3, two winners and Round 4 will decide the contest.

Generally, for two players, one round is needed; for 3-4 players, two rounds; 5-8 players, three rounds; 9-16 players, four rounds; 17-32 players, five rounds, and so on.

Christchurch.

J. D. McKenzie.

## DOMINION ROAD C.C.

The first report of a club using the Swiss system comes from Dominion Road, where a Restricted Move tournament (15 entries) was held over the Christmas holidays.

Five Swiss rounds were played and the winner turned up in E. V. Stack. Results of the experiment were very satisfactory and more events of a like nature will be scheduled in future.

R. G. Wade, on a quick visit from

Wellington, played a 24-board simultaneous on January 30. He made a good impression on the local lads, conceding only two draws to F. C. McSherry and 17-year-old Ian Crawford, a very promising young visitor from the Auckland Club.

(Mr. Wade's article was written hurriedly, immediately upon his return from overseas and he did not have the time, nor had we the space, to elaborate upon the Swiss System. Our correspondent will not be the only reader to be confused upon this question; the answer to which will be found elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.)

## CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

Dear Sir,—Hearty congratulations on the first number of the N.Z. Chessplayer. A first-rate chess publication; if this magazine is not well supported in the future I will be exceedingly surprised and needless to say, disappointed. We held our last Committee meeting of the year on Tuesday, the 9th of December. Judgment on the magazine was most favourable and I was instructed to convey to you our appreciation of the space allotted to Correspondence Chess and also to wish the magazine a prosperous future.

You may be interested to know that I have already received several letters from members in both islands, expressing satisfaction with the magazine in general and the correspondence notes in particular.

—Spencer Smith, Hon. Secretary, N.Z. Correspondence Chess Assn.

Wanganui,  
December 14, 1947.

## GET IN EARLY

"... Some weeks ago I received advice from you that a new publication, 'The New Zealand Chessplayer' would be on sale on 1st December. I have tried to purchase from local newsagents, but it is not available. What is the position?"

(We have received several letters like the above. The N.Z. Chessplayer was on sale on December 1 and any newsagent could obtain copies from the distributors, Messrs. Gordon & Gotch, Ltd., Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. As the supply is necessarily limited, on account of paper shortage, intending readers should order their copies well in advance or send 10/- for five issues direct to N.Z. Chessplayer, 256 Dominion Road, Auckland, S.2, and so receive copies post free immediately upon publication.—Ed.)



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Secretary, N.Z. Correspondence Wanganui, December 14, 1947

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**More About Ourselves**

When we put our first issue before the chess public of New Zealand, we were prepared to bask a little in the admiration of our friends and submit to a spot of criticism from a few other sources. We were not, however, prepared for the unqualified success with which our first venture was attended. Letters have arrived from all parts of the country, praising our first issue and wishing us well in the future. These included congratulations from many clubs and from Mr. C. J. S. Purdy, Editor of "Chess World." To all these correspondents we extend our thanks; and our thanks are also due to those enthusiasts who helped to get our first issue out.

As to the future, we hope to add improvements as we go along, giving our readers the kind of fare that they like most and applying ourselves to the betterment of chess wherever we find it.

Whether we succeed or not will depend upon what we have to offer our readers, and as news will be a main item in our life, its collection will be a major task. Clubs and readers can help by promptly sending along any items of interest, in fact, news from any source will be more than welcome.

As our special type equipment has now arrived from England, we are able to print

**NO MISS IN SWISS**

Many sports bodies, such as golf, tennis and bowls, are unable—owing to the number of competitors and competitions in a season — to conduct events upon a points system where a player has to meet every other entrant, so the knock-out system is used in order to shorten contests. The main fault in this system is that a player is immediately disqualified by one defeat, which of course, may have been accidental. Bowlers improve upon this by allowing a player two lives, so that he is not disqualified until beaten twice. The knock-out system is too well known to readers to call for further description and is brought into this discussion merely to settle the point raised by a correspondent in this issue, a point that certainly needs clarification.

The Swiss system is designed to retain the best points of the knock-out and points systems and to replace both. Its main feature (the only one we need discuss here) is that, whilst following the general plan of the knock-out, no player is disqualified by defeat and in order that a defeated player may have an opportunity to overtake the leaders, one more round is played. Therefore, the minimum number of rounds for 16 players would be five as against four in a knock-out. This applies in all cases, the Swiss requiring one more round than the knock-out.

**SIMPLE AND DECISIVE**

While we are on this subject let us see what Mr. D. M. Le Dain, Canadian correspondent to "Chess," thinks about it. Writing in the December issue of "Chess," he says:

"Introduction in North America of the Swiss System . . . must be credited to George Koltanowski, Belgian master now residing in the U.S.A. It has put new life into provincial and State championships throughout the Continent, enabling tournaments with as many as 60 entries to be run off in six or seven rounds of a three-day meet, and the best player established with satisfactory accuracy. The idea is as simple as a cream separator. Pairing, 1st round, seeded, or blind, draw. 2nd round, 1 vs. 1, ½ vs. ½, 0 vs. 0. Third and following rounds, pairing based on relative point scores, without duplication. Who knows, Koltanowski may become known as the 'Saint George' who put an end to the 'draggin' in tournament play . . ."

**NEXT PUBLICATION DATE**

The next publication date for the N.Z. CHESS-PLAYER will be the end of May. Deadline for receiving copy will be May 5th, but GET THAT COPY IN EARLY!

more diagrams in this issue, which should be an improvement. If you have any suggestions to make concerning other improvements, we will be glad to put them into effect if practicable. —The Editor.

# AROUND THE N.Z. CLUBS

## AUCKLAND

With the season now drawing to a close, the only tournament running is the Summer Cup, which has drawn 14 entries. Best scores so far are G. Sale 4½ out of 5, A. E. Nield 3 out of 3, but the holidays have held a number of games up.

Further tournament results are: Minor Level (double round), 1st, B. H. P. Marsick 10; 2nd, G. L. Calnan and D. B. Duggan 8. Handicap Tourney: (10 entries): 1st, G. L. Calnan 9 (possible); 2nd, C. A. Langabeer 8; 3rd, Mrs. E. L. Short 7.

The N.Z. champion, R. G. Wade, gave a simultaneous exhibition on Thursday, 22nd January, playing 27 boards. He won 15, drew 7 and lost 5. The players scoring wins were Mrs. E. L. Short, Miss A. R. Hollis, A. L. Fletcher, R. E. Baeyertz and R. W. Park. It was a good performance considering the strength of the players opposed to him.

## OTAGO

In the Otago Club's Championship, W. Lang is in the lead with 9 points scored and 1 to play. His cousin, J. F. Lang, has 5 with 4 to play, R. Lungley 8 with 2 to play, and A. J. McDermott 6 and 4. From this it appears that it will be an "exciting race" home. R. Watt still leads the field in the Gambit Tourney but the finish is by no means certain.

The congress has created new interest in chess locally and the Otago Club has gained several new members. The usual reactions, running to Kriegspiel, four-handed chess, caterpillars and simuls, are prevalent, but the epidemic will soon pass.

A caterpillar simul. was held on December 13th to celebrate the winning of the Bledisloe Cup, the caterpillar team being W. and J. F. Lang and R. McDermid. The presentation of prizes for the various tournaments took place later, when the Bledisloe Cup was also presented to the Club Captain (R. McDermid) by the President of the N.Z. Chess Association, Mr. J. J. Marlow.

## NO IRON CURTAIN

Is your club represented in these columns? If not, why? However small your club is, there are chess players all over New Zealand who want to know what you are doing. Don't forget, where your club is concerned, NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS!

## OTAGO'S PERPETUAL HANDICAP

The Otago Club's Handicap Tourney is run on a points system and two games may be played with the same opponent each night (one white, one black). Any games, Championship, Gambit, Handicap or otherwise, automatically count for the Handicap Tourney and the players' total points are altered every month in accordance with the principle that a weak player scores more for beating a player with a higher score than the same higher player gets for beating a weaker player. Following is a list of the competitors and their present totals, with the points awarded them at the beginning of the season (March, 1947) in brackets: Dr. E. Meyer (720) 724, W. Lang (720) 729, J. F. Lang (720) 742, W. S. Stenhouse (700) 716, R. McDermid (700) 699, R. Watt (640) 638, A. C. Twose (600) 582, H. A. McGilvary (600) 623, R. C. Glass (600) 593, A. J. McDermott (600) 615, R. Lungley (580) 602, S. J. Webb (660) 668, J. K. L. Webling (620) 607, A. Ward (550) 533, C. Ahern (450) 479, J. Lawson (500) 484, J. R. Cusack (420) 447, R. James (360) 360, C. P. Keen (275) 259, B. Hannagan (420) 433, J. McAush (380) 362, L. Cartwright (350) 350, W. F. Allen (480) 479, R. Williamson (620) 623, J. J. Lang (300) 362 (leading), J. Stenhouse (300) 288, A. C. Hall (350) 281, D. Lauglen (560) 560, J. J. Marlow (480) 480, R. G. Glass (300) 317, J. J. Jackson (420) 424.

## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CLUB

Early last year a group of keen young players formed a Chess and Draughts Club at the University. About 15 players meet regularly at lunch hours and on Monday evenings during term.

The Club conducts its own tournaments and hopes to provide a cup for its Chess Championship; the first title-holder is Mr. John Nathan.

On the opening night, June 10th, Mr. C. Belton, President of the Auckland Chess Club, gave a simultaneous display; of 15 games he won 11. Mr. G. Trundle was also present.

It is hoped that this is but the first of a series of friendly competitions with players beyond the College.

A team will probably be prepared to compete in the Chess League Competitions during the coming year. It is also hoped to have an inter-University Chess Tournament.

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ENGLAND

The play-off for the British Championship between H. Golombek and R. J. Broadbent resulted in a win for the former by four points to two (3 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss). When Golombek won the first two games and drew the third, the result appeared a foregone conclusion. Broadbent held his own in the last three games, but the match was virtually over after the 5th.

YUGOSLAVIA

Eighteen masters, including M. Vidmar, B. Kostic, V. Pirc, P. Trifunovic, S. Vukovic and S. Gligoric, took part in the final of the 3rd National Championship at Ljubljana. Dr. Trifunovic and Gligoric tied for first place and will play off for the title. Full details are not yet available but here is something to chew on—over 50,000 players took part in the preliminary sections.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The long looked-for contest to settle the question of the World Championship, left vacant by the death of Alekhine, will commence this March-April. The first half will be held in Holland and the second half in Moscow. Holland and Russia will finance each half respectively. The players will be M. Botvinnik,

P. Keres, V. Smyslov (U.S.S.R.), R. Fine, S. Reshevsky (U.S.A.) and M. Euwe (Holland). They will play four games against each other, three rounds a week with five-hour sessions and six-hour sessions for adjourned games. Time control—40 moves in 2½ hours, and thereafter 16 moves an hour. A women's championship may proceed concurrently.

U.S.A.

A radio match between the Jockey Club, La Plata, and the Manhattan C.C., New York, played on November 2nd, resulted in a solid win for the Argentine team. Following are the detailed results:

Jockey Club		Manhattan C.C.	
1 G. Stalberg	0	S. Reshevsky	1
2 M. Najdorf	1	I. Kashdan	0
3 Julio Bolbochan	½	S. Denker	½
4 H. Pilnik	½	I. Horowitz	½
5 C. Maderna	½	A. Kevitz	½
6 P. Michel	1	A. Pinkus	0
7 H. Rossetto	½	M. Pavey	½
8 C. Guimard	1	G. Kramer	0
9 L. Garcia Balade	½	G. Shainswit	½
10 M. Luckis	1	D. Byrne	0
	6½		3½



Players who took part in the Dunedin Congress

# CLEAR - CUT WIN FOR WADE

## GREEK MEETS GREEK

Various games have different points of interest. The following one, played in the ninth round of the N.Z. Championship, is interesting chiefly because the players engaged are admittedly the two best in the country. Lepviikman plays strongly and Wade consumes a great deal of his time over one move, eventually deciding that it is better to take the draw, rather than take the risk of losing. A very interesting game. Notes by R. G. Wade.

### Game No. 127

#### KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE

T. Lepviikman	R. G. Wade
1. P—QB4	N—KB3
2. N—QB3	P—KN3
3. P—KN3	B—N2
4. B—N2	Castles
5. P—Q4	P—Q3

The game is now in the King's Indian Defence.

6. P—K4

This move is in vogue at present, but does not represent the only attacking plan against the King's Indian. Pawns on central squares can deprive pieces of good central posts.

6. . . . . QN—Q2

Also P—K4 immediately, as Black's Pawn structure is better for endings.

7. KN—K2 P—K4  
8. P—Q5

The exchange 8 P x P, P x P; is not good for White as Black can keep White pieces out of his Q4 by P—QB3 and will eventually place pieces on Q5 via N—K3.

8. . . . . P—QR4  
9. Castles N—B4  
10. B—K3 B—Q2

Black's weakness is the need of a good square to develop this Bishop. He plans 11 . . . . Q—B1 and 12 . . . B—R6, exchanging the Bishop. White stops this immediately.

11. P—KR3 N—K1  
12. P—B4

The idea behind 7 KN—K2.

(Continued on page 8)

## HISTORY MADE AT DUNEDIN

Special Correspondent (H. A. McGilvary)

The 55th N.Z. Chess Congress, which opened at Dunedin on December 26th, 1947, produced many interesting features. Chief interest centred in the performance of R. G. Wade, whose outstanding victory with a margin of 2½ points, has probably never been bettered and conclusively proves that his overseas experience puts him in a class by himself in this country. The introduction of the Swiss System in five preliminary rounds as a means of elimination for the minor contests was voted a success and appeared satisfactory to everyone.

The Mayor of Dunedin, Mr. D. C. Cameron, opened the Congress at 10.30 a.m., and after a few words of welcome by the N.Z. C.A. President, Mr. J. J. Marlow, the details of play were discussed. The suggestion of the Otago Club that the whole Congress be run on the Swiss System was discarded, the Championship being confined to the 12 players already selected. (The N.Z. C.A. rules would prevent the suggestion being carried into effect.—Ed.) It was decided that the remaining 26 players engage in a preliminary five rounds Swiss System to qualify for the Major Open (8 players), First Class (9) and Second Class (9). The suggestion that points gained in the preliminary rounds be carried forward to the finals was rejected.

The Championship hours of play were 2 to 6 p.m. on Boxing Day (1 round); Saturday, 27th, 2 rounds, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, free; Monday 29th, 1 round, 2 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 30th, 2 rounds, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. and so on. In the Swiss this scheme of play was not strictly adhered to, it being necessary to catch up on the extra number of rounds involved. Also in the First and Second Class the rate of play was fixed at 25 moves to the hour.

The consensus of opinion here is that the Swiss was a great improvement on the "leave it to the selectors" system and many think that it would be better to have the whole congress run in this manner with, say, 8 or 9 qualifying rounds instead of five.

Players who were expecting a typically Dunedin summer (??) with hail, rain and wind, were agreeably surprised that Mother Nature turned on a feast of fine weather inducing many players to divest themselves of ties, coats and pullovers. Credit must be given to those tireless ones who worked so hard to make the contest the success that it undoubtedly was. Mr. R. C. Glass (Umpire) toiled tirelessly doing all sorts of jobs, reporting to the radio stations, copying scores, fixing the draws, etc.; W. S. Stenhouse and the President of the Otago Club, Archie Ward (Director of Play), were on the premises the whole time helping with the refreshments and performing other tasks that were necessary. Mr. J. J. Marlow was there, assisting with various tasks and was frequently seen offering congratulations to beaming winners or condoling some saddened soul stricken by the hand of doom. Others to whom thanks are due are J. S. M. Lawson, who acted as umpire on some occasions, J. F. Lang, who did all the clerical work preceding the event, and R. G. Wade, who found time to do many things and tender many valuable suggestions.

As previously remarked, the Championship was a signal triumph for Wade, but it would be quite wrong to say that the others were beaten pointlessly. Scott and Lynch showed considerable improvement over previous efforts and J. F. Lang did well considering that it was his first attempt.

Twenty-one-year-old Noel Henderson (Wellington) won the Major open in convincing style, losing only one game out of a total of 12. The surprise was the excellent showing of Allen Kwok (Otago) until re-

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The First Class was won by Otago's Selwyn Webb, who narrowly missed (perhaps unluckily) qualifying for the Major Open. A. S. Hollander (Christchurch) won the Second Class with D. Robertson half a point behind. The latter looked like winning in the last round, but Hollander (requiring a full point to win) with a piece down, was presented with the win by Woodfield, who forgot about his clock. Bad luck for Robertson, who played well considering that he gets very little play over the board.

## 55th NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

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1 R. G. Wade (Wgtn.) ..	*	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
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3 H. McNabb (Nelson) ..	0	1	*	1	½	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	7½
4 R. O. Scott (Wgtn.) ...	0	1	0	*	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
5 D. I. Lynch (Hastings)	½	½	½	1	*	0	½	½	1	½	½	1	6½
6 J. F. Lang (Dunedin) ..	0	0	1	0	1	*	½	0	1	1	1	1	6½
7 W. M. Stewart (Ch'ch.)	0	½	0	1	½	½	*	½	0	1	1	1	6
8 A. E. Nield (Auck.) ..	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	*	1	½	1	1	5½
9 C. B. Newick (Auck) ..	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*	½	1	1	4½
10 W. Lang (Dunedin) ..	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	*	0	1	1	2½
11 G. E. Trundle (Auck.) .	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	1	*	0	1½
12 W. E. Moore (Ch'ch.) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	1

Prizes: 1st, £15 6/-; 2nd, £5 4/-; 4th, £3 18/-; 5th, £2 12/-; 7th, £1 6/-.

The prizes were distributed on the Modified Sieger System—the winner received 10 per cent. and the remainder of the prize money was distributed between everyone scoring more than 50 per cent. in proportion to his score. Wade received 10 per cent. plus 9/25ths of the money allotted to the championship.

## ROUND BY ROUND POSITIONS

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
R. G. Wade .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
T. Lepviikman .....	½	1½	1½	2½	3	4	5	5	5½	6	7
H. McNabb .....	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5	6	7	7½
R. O. Scott .....	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7
D. I. Lynch .....	½	1	2	2½	3	4	5	5½	6	6	6½
J. F. Lang .....	0	1	1½	2½	2½	3½	3½	4½	5½	6	6½
W. M. Stewart .....	0	1	1½	1½	2	2½	3½	4	5	6	6
A. E. Nield .....	1	1½	2	2	3	3½	4½	5½	5½	5½	5½
C. B. Newick .....	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3½	3½	3½	4½
W. Lang .....	0	0	½	1½	2	2	2	2½	2½	2½	2½
G. E. Trundle .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	1½	1½
W. E. Moore .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1

## MAJOR OPEN QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

Following are the total points (followed by the players' Sonneborne-Berger points) gained in the preliminary qualifying rounds. Five rounds, Swiss System:

N. S. Henderson (Wellington) 5—15½, W. Reindler (Wanganui) 4½—11½, A. Kwok (Otago) 3½—9½, N. T. Fletcher (Civic, Wellington) 3½—8½, H. A. McGilvary (Otago) 3½—7½, S. J. Webb (Otago) 3—8½, Mrs. E. L. Short (Auckland) 3—7½, R. Watt (Otago) 3—7, R. E. Baeyerz (Remuera) 3—6½, Miss A. R. Hcllis (Onehunga) 3—5, J. K. L. Webling (Otago) 3—3½, R. E. Williamson (Otago) 2½—4½, H. P. Whitlock (Wanganui) 2½—4½, J. R. Cusack (Otago) 2½—4½, J. W. Ross (Civic, Wellington) 2½—4½, F. N. McNabb (Nelson) 2½—3½, W. A. Pearse (South Canterbury) 2—2½, A. S. Hollander (Christchurch) 2—2, S. Frew (Blenheim) 2—2, B. Hanagan (Otago) 1½—3½, E. Faulkner (Civic, Wellington) 1½—3, D. T. Woodfield (Rangataua) 1½—1½, A. Summers (Wellington) 1—3, D. Robertson (N.Z.C.C.A., Rakaia) 1—2, J. F. Pobar (Civic, Wellington), 1—1½, L. Sim (Palmerston N.) 1—1.

## THE PRESIDENT LOOKS ON



MR. J. J. MARLOW

Born in London, England, in 1862, Mr. J. J. Marlow came to New Zealand in 1874. He learnt to play chess in 1878 and has indulged in the game consistently since then, although his life has been too full of public affairs to allow him to take up the game seriously. He has been successful in winning two-move problem solving competitions but has never attempted composing. He was President of the Otago Club 40 years ago and again 10 years later; and President of the N.Z.C.A. in 1937, and the current season, finds him again occupying that position. He is also Patron of the Otago Club.

The only competitive chess he has attempted has been to play in the telegraphic matches for the Otago Club for close on 40 years and with more than average success. It will be easy to find a stronger player but not a more enthusiastic one, or one who derives more enjoyment from the Royal game. His genial personality and ardent devotion to all matters pertaining to chess have won the respect and endearment of many chess enthusiasts throughout his lifetime and it is to be hoped that he will live many years yet to promote the advancement of the game he loves so well.



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MAJOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

NEW ZEALAND

White has in mind P-B5, permanently limiting the Black Queen's Bishop.

- 12. . . . . P-B4
- 13. KP x P B x P

Stronger than 13 .... NP xP as White would maintain the status quo on the King's side, leaving Black blocking the Bishop with a Pawn, and would proceed by P-QN3, P-QR3, Q-B2 and P-QN4 with an eventual P-QB5 to build up pressure on the Queen's side. Note that Black has not tried to play P-QN3, as he hoped after B x N, QP x B; to bring his Queen's Rook into play by R-R3.

- 14. P-KN4 B-Q2
- 15. B x N P x B
- 16. N-K4 Q-K2

Black had to watch the sacrifice P-Q6.

- 17. N-N5!?

Trappy!

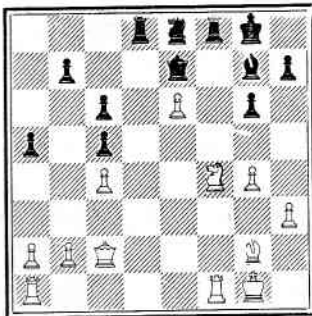
- 17. . . . . P x P
- 18. N-K6 B x N
- 19. P x B

The idea. Black cannot play Q x P because of B-Q5 and the Pawn is a wedge in his position.

- 19. . . . . R-Q1!
- 20. Q-B2 P-B3

Interesting would be the "sacrifice" 20 .... Q x P; 21 B-Q5, R x B; as White's exposed King is a handicap.

- 21. N x P



I spent nearly an hour on my next move. I really wanted to play 21 .... B-R3 but the threat of the sacrifice 22 N x P dissuaded me.

- 21. . . . . Q-N4!
- 22. P-K7! Q x KP
- 23. QR-K1

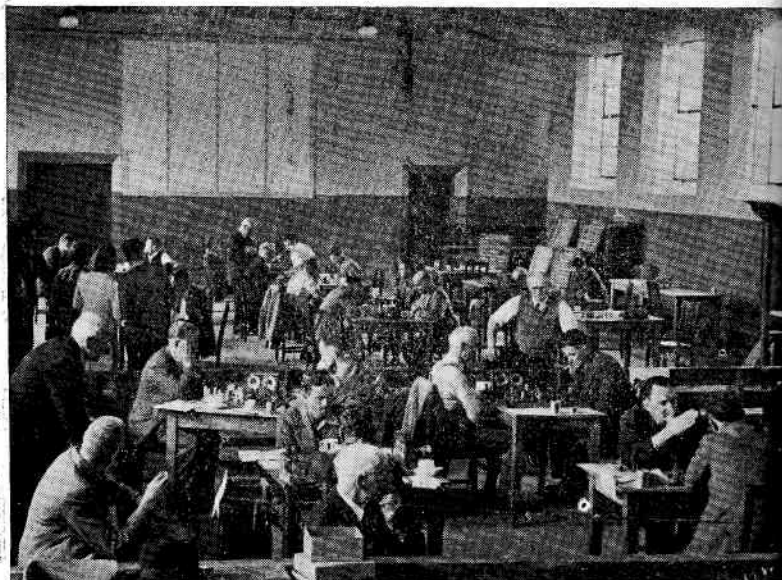
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1 Henderson, N. S. ....	*	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	£13 5 0
2 Fletcher, N.T. ....	0	*	1	0	½	½	1	1	4	£2 5 0
3 McGilvary, H. A. ....	0	0	*	1	0	1	1	1	4	£2 5 0
4 Reindler, W. ....	1	1	0	*	0	1	1	0	4	£2 5 0
5 Baeyertz, R. E. ....	0	½	1	1	*	0	0	1	3½	
6 Kwok, A. ....	0	½	0	0	1	*	1	1	3½	
7 Hollis, Miss A. R. ....	0	0	0	0	1	0	*	1	2	
8 Short, Mrs. E. L. ....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	*	1	

White	Black
Moore ..... 0	Nield ...
Scott ..... 1	J. F. Lang ..
Lynch ..... ½	Lepviikma ..
Stewart ..... 0	Wade ..
W. Lang .... 0	McNabb ..
Newick ..... 1	Trundle ..

FIRST CLASS TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Prize Money
1 Webb, S. J. ....	*	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	£6 16 0
2 Whitlock, H. P. ....	0	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	6½	£4 10 0
3 Webling, J. K. L. ...	1	0	*	½	½	1	1	0	1	5	£1 16 0
4 Watt, R. ....	0	0	½	*	1	1	0	1	1	4½	18 0
5 McNabb, F. N. ....	0	½	½	0	*	0	½	1	1	3½	
6 Pearse, W. A. ....	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	0	1	3	
7 Williamson, R. E. ...	0	0	0	1	½	0	*	½	1	3	
8 Cusack, J. R. ....	0	0	1	0	0	1	½	*	0	2½	
9 Rcss, J. W. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	1	

White	Black
Wade ..... 1	Moore ..
J. F. Lang .. 1	Newick ..
Lepviikman .. 1	W. Lang ..
Trundle ..... 0	Stewart ..
Nield ..... ½	Lynch ...
McNabb ..... 1	Scott ...



Play in progress during the N.Z. Congress.

White	Black
Newick ..... 1	McNabb ..
Scott ..... 1	Lepviikma ..
W. Lang .... ½	Nield ...
Wade ..... 1	Trundle ..
Stewart ..... ½	J. F. Lang ..
Lynch ..... 1	Moore ..

White	Black
Moore ..... 0	W. Lang ..
Lepviikman .. 1	Newick ..
Lynch ..... ½	Wade ...
McNabb ..... 1	Stewart ..
Nield ..... 0	Scott ...
J. F. Lang .. 1	Trundle ..

White	Black
Stewart .... ½	Lepviikma ..
J. F. Lang .. 0	Wade ...
Scott ..... 1	Moore ...
Newick ..... 0	Nield ...
W. Lang .... ½	Lynch ...
Trundle ..... 0	McNabb ..

White	Black
Lepviikman .. 1	Trundle ..
Nield ..... ½	Stewart ..
Lynch ..... 1	Scott ...
McNabb ..... 0	J. F. Lang ..
Moore ..... 0	Newick ..
Wade ..... 1	W. Lang ..

SECOND CLASS TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Prize Money
1 Hollander, A. S. ....	*	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	7	£5 1 0
2 Robertson, D. ....	½	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6½	£3 6 0
3 Sim, L. ....	0	0	*	1	1	0	1	1	1	5	£1 6 0
4 Hannagan, B. ....	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	5	£1 6 0
5 Woodfield, D. T. ....	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	½	1	3½	
6 Frew, S. ....	½	0	1	0	0	*	0	0	1	2½	
7 Summers, A. ....	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	½	1	2½	
8 Faulkner, E. ....	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	*	0	2	
9 Pobar, J. F. ....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	2	

White	Black
J. F. Lang .. 0	Lepviikma ..
Wade ..... 1	McNabb ..
Newick ..... 0	Lynch ...
Stewart ..... 1	Moore ...
Trundle ..... 0	Nield ...
Scott ..... 1	W. Lang ..



# NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

## ROUND 1

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Moore . . . . . 0	Nield . . . . . 1	Q.G.D. (Slav Defence) . . . . .	51
Scott . . . . . 1	J. F. Lang . . 0	Q.P. (Dutch Defence) . . . . .	84
Lynch . . . . . ½	Lepviikman . . ½	Q.P. (King's Indian Defence) . . . . .	46
Stewart . . . . 0	Wade . . . . . 1	Q.G.D. (Slav Defence) . . . . .	30
W. Lang . . . . 0	McNabb . . . . 1	Grunfeld Defence . . . . .	36
Newick . . . . . 1	Trundle . . . . 0	Bird's Opening . . . . .	26

## ROUND 2

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Wade . . . . . 1	Moore . . . . . 0	Ruy Lopez . . . . .	25
J. F. Lang . . . 1	Newick . . . . . 0	Q.G.D. (Slav Defence) . . . . .	62
Lepviikman . . . 1	W. Lang . . . . 0	Catalan System . . . . .	45
Trundle . . . . 0	Stewart . . . . 1	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	43
Nield . . . . . ½	Lynch . . . . . ½	Ruy Lopez . . . . .	58
McNabb . . . . . 1	Scott . . . . . 0	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	24

## ROUND 3

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Newick . . . . . 1	McNabb . . . . 0	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	24
Scott . . . . . 1	Lepviikman . . 0	Q.P. (King's Indian) . . . . .	63
W. Lang . . . . ½	Nield . . . . . ½	Slav Defence . . . . .	77
Wade . . . . . 1	Trundle . . . . 0	Petroff's Defence . . . . .	53
Stewart . . . . ½	J. F. Lang . . ½	Dutch Defence . . . . .	66
Lynch . . . . . 1	Moore . . . . . 0	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	40

## ROUND 4

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Moore . . . . . 0	W. Lang . . . . 1	Nimzo-Indian Defence . . . . .	69
Lepviikman . . . 1	Newick . . . . . 0	English Opening . . . . .	40
Lynch . . . . . ½	Wade . . . . . ½	Queen's Indian Defence . . . . .	33
McNabb . . . . . 1	Stewart . . . . 0	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	36
Nield . . . . . 0	Scott . . . . . 1	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	69
J. F. Lang . . . 1	Trundle . . . . 0	Slav Defence . . . . .	40

## ROUND 5

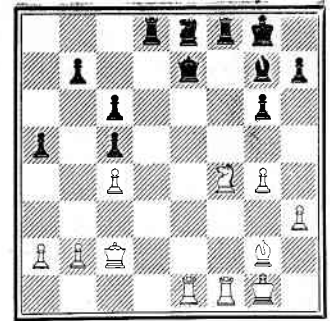
White	Black	Opening	Moves
Stewart . . . . ½	Lepviikman . . ½	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	46
J. F. Lang . . . 0	Wade . . . . . 1	Colle System . . . . .	37
Scott . . . . . 1	Moore . . . . . 0	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	35
Newick . . . . . 0	Nield . . . . . 1	King's Gambit . . . . .	40
W. Lang . . . . ½	Lynch . . . . . ½	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	32
Trundle . . . . 0	McNabb . . . . 1	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	47

## ROUND 6

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Lepviikman . . . 1	Trundle . . . . 0	Reti Opening . . . . .	56
Nield . . . . . ½	Stewart . . . . ½	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	36
Lynch . . . . . 1	Scott . . . . . 0	Queen's Indian Defence . . . . .	46
McNabb . . . . . 0	J. F. Lang . . . 1	Dutch Defence . . . . .	35
Moore . . . . . 0	Newick . . . . . 1	Queen's Gambit . . . . .	61
Wade . . . . . 1	W. Lang . . . . 0	French Defence . . . . .	61

## ROUND 7

White	Black	Opening	Moves
J. F. Lang . . . 0	Lepviikman . . 1	King's Indian Defence . . . . .	29
Wade . . . . . 1	McNabb . . . . 0	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	28
Newick . . . . . 0	Lynch . . . . . 1	Vienna Opening . . . . .	41
Stewart . . . . 1	Moore . . . . . 0	Ruy Lopez . . . . .	51
Trundle . . . . 0	Nield . . . . . 1	Bishop's Opening . . . . .	41
Scott . . . . . 1	W. Lang . . . . 0	Dutch Defence . . . . .	51



I expected 23 KR—K1, Q moves; 24 N—K6, when I played 21 .... Q—N4. I examined 23 KR—K1, B—Q5 ch; 24 K—R1, B—K6; but as Lepviikman pointed out 25 N x NP is good for White. I also looked at 23 KR—K1, Q—R5!; 24 N—K6, B—Q5 ch; 25 K—R1, R—B7; 26 Q—Q3!, R—R1; 27 N x B, leading to an even game; or 25 .... N—B3, 26 N x KR, N x NP leading to a draw by perpetual check.

23. . . . . Q—Q3

The alternative was 23 .... Q—R5.

24. R—K4! N—B3?

Time pressure—due to the hour on one move. Correct was 24 .... B—K4 to force the exchange of pieces and relieve the pressure of White's pieces.

25. R—K6 Q—Q5 ch

26. K—R1 Q—Q7

The hoped-for 26 .... N x P was not on because of 27 R—K4, N—K6; 28 Q—N3.

27. Q—N3 N x P

28. R—K2 Q—Q3

29. R—K6 Q—Q7

30. Q—N3 N—R3

30 .... N—B3 was good as there is nothing in 31 N x NP.

31. R—K2 Q—Q3

32. R—K6 Q—Q7

33. R—K2 Q—Q3

Draw agreed. A good struggle.

### Game No. 128

Played in the second round of the N.Z. Congress.

### QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

H. McNabb	R. O. Scott
1. P—Q4	P—K3
2. P—QB4	N—KB3
3. N—QB3	P—QN3
4. P—K4	B—N5
5. B—Q3	B—N2
6. Q—K2	P—Q3

Total	Prize Money
6	£13 5 0
4	£2 5 0
4	£2 5 0
3½	£2 5 0
3½	
2	
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Total	Prize Money
7	£6 16 0
6½	£4 10 0
5	£1 16 0
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Total	Prize Money
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7	£3 6 0
6½	£1 6 0
5	£1 6 0
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7. N-B3	P-KR3
8. Castles	B x N
9. P x B	Castles
10. P-K5	P x P
11. N x P	QN-Q2
12. B-R3	P-B4
13. P-B4	R-K1
14. B-B2	Q-B2
15. QR-Q1	N-B1
16. P-N4	KR-Q1
17. P-N5	N(B3)-Q2
18. P x RP	N x N
19. P x NP	N(B1)-N3
20. BP x N	Q-B3
21. P-Q5	P x P
22. P x P	Q-K1
23. B x N	P x B
24. R-B8 ch	Resigns

**SLIPPED**

In this fifth round game, the Otago player J. F. Lang, made a solid bid to take a point from the leader. He came out of the opening very well but slipped after a weak move on the 17th. From then on he was fighting hard to stave off the inevitable defeat. Notes by R. G. Wade.

**Game No. 129**

**COLLE SYSTEM (in Effect)**

J. F. Lang	R. G. Wade
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-K3	N-KB3
3. B-Q3	P-B4
4. P-QB3	Q-B2

Here, or on move 3, B-KN5 would be interesting and quite good.

**5. N-Q2**

Intending the "Stonewall" by 6 P-KB4.

5. . . . .	P-K4!?
6. P x KP	Q x P
7. KN-B3	Q-B2
8. P-K4!	

Correctly opening up the game—White's development is better.

**8. . . . . N-B3**

Highly tempting is 9 P-K5, N-KN5; 10 Castles, B-K3.

**9. . . . . B-N5**

Black endeavours not to fall behind in effective mobilisation of the pieces.

10. P x P	N x P
11. R-K1 ch	B-K2
12. N-K4	Castles (Q)

Incorrect, as Jim Lang shows.

**ROUND 8**

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Lynch . . . . . ½	Stewart . . . . . ½	Q.G.D. (Orthodox) . . . . .	52
Lepviikman . . . . . 0	McNabb . . . . . 1	Reti Opening . . . . .	33
Moore . . . . . 1	Trundle . . . . . 0	Slav Defence . . . . .	36
W. Lang . . . . . ½	Newick . . . . . ½	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	31
Scott . . . . . 0	Wade . . . . . 1	Colle System . . . . .	40
Nield . . . . . 1	J. F. Lang . . . . . 0	French Defence . . . . .	27



R. O. Scott and R. G. Wade (right) playing the eighth round.

**ROUND 9**

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Trundle . . . . . ½	Lynch . . . . . ½	Bishop's Opening . . . . .	48
Lepviikman . . . . . ½	Wade . . . . . ½	King's Indian Defence . . . . .	34
McNabb . . . . . 1	Nield . . . . . 0	Slav Defence . . . . .	28
Newick . . . . . 0	Scott . . . . . 1	Wing Gambit . . . . .	28
J. F. Lang . . . . . 1	Moore . . . . . 0	Dutch Defence . . . . .	36
Stewart . . . . . 1	W. Lang . . . . . 0	French Defence . . . . .	14

**ROUND 10**

White	Black	Opening	Moves
Nield . . . . . 0	Lepviikman . . . . . 1	Queen's Pawn . . . . .	27
Moore . . . . . 0	McNabb . . . . . 1	King's Indian Defence . . . . .	21
Lynch . . . . . 0	J. F. Lang . . . . . 1	Dutch Defence . . . . .	35
Scott . . . . . 0	Stewart . . . . . 1	Colle System . . . . .	45
Wade . . . . . 1	Newick . . . . . 0	English Opening . . . . .	39
W. Lang . . . . . 0	Trundle . . . . . 1	Slav Defence . . . . .	45

**ROUND 11**

White	Black	Opening	Moves
McNabb . . . . . ½	Lynch . . . . . ½	Q.G.D. (Orthodox) . . . . .	57
W. Lang . . . . . 0	J. F. Lang . . . . . 1	Colle System . . . . .	50
Lepviikman . . . . . 1	Moore . . . . . 0	English Opening . . . . .	24
Trundle . . . . . 0	Scott . . . . . 1	Sicilian Defence . . . . .	51
Stewart . . . . . 0	Newick . . . . . 1	Slav Defence . . . . .	52
Wade . . . . . 1	Nield . . . . . 0	Petroff's Defence . . . . .	40

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Thought White has  
 move trained on  
 move 12 — Castles  
 move.  
 12. N-N5  
 I did not care for  
 13. B x N, Q x B; 15  
 16. B x Q. In my opi  
 a slight edge from  
 17. P-KR3  
 18. Q-B2  
 The square, K55  
 must return to  
 Black's pieces, in  
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 19. . . . .  
 Something a weak  
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 with attacking chan  
 20. B-B5  
 21. Q-K4  
 I hardly dared  
 much. I feared 17 B  
 18. B x B, P x B;  
 moved by Q-K4  
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 22. . . . .  
 I shall retain all  
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 23. B x N  
 24. N-B5  
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Moves	52
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Though White has a fine array of pieces trained on Black's King's side, 12 ..... Castles (K) was the move.

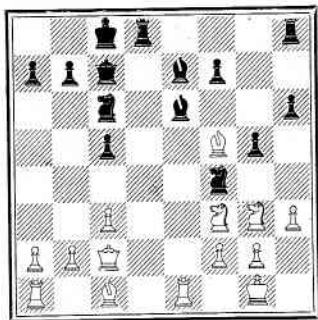
13. N-N3! P-KR3  
I did not care for 13 ..... N-B5; 14 B x N, Q x B; 15 R-K4, B x N; 16 R x Q. In my opinion White has a slight edge from the opening.

14. P-KR3 B-K3  
15. Q-B2!

The square, KB5 becomes a vital pivot square to exchange off Black's pieces, hinder a Pawn storm and hit at the Black King.

15. .... N-B5  
Accepting a weakening of my Pawn position in return for vaguish attacking chances.

16. B-B5 P-KN4



17. Q-K4?

I hardly dared hope for this much. I feared 17 B x N, P x B; 18 B x B, P x B; 19 N-B7, followed by Q-K4, when Black's Pawn position is miserably weak.

17. .... K-N1!

I shall retain either a decent Pawn structure or the two Bishops.

18. B x N P x B  
19. N-R5 B-Q4!  
20. Q x P B-Q3  
21. Q-K3 KR-K1  
22. Q-Q3

Q x R was perhaps best.

22. .... P-B5!  
23. Q-B2 B x N  
24. P x B R-N1 ch  
25. B-N4 N-K4

Also strong would be 25 ..... P-B4; 26 Q x P, QR-KB1.

26. K-B1 N-Q6

Shutting out the Queen.

27. R-K4 B-B4  
28. R x P P-B4!

Seeking the decisive entry Q-

R7, for if 29 B x BP, Q-R7 wins.

29. N-B4.

Giving up a piece—best of a bad bargain.

29. .... N x N  
30. Q x P N-Q6

With Q-R7 again in the offing.

31. K-N2 P-N4  
32. P-N4 P x R  
33. P x B Q x P  
34. R-QN1 ch K-R1

For Q-Q4 is Black's key defence move.

35. Q x Q N x Q  
36. P-B4? P-KR4  
37. Resigns.

### BREVITY

No doubt Black wondered for a time where he went wrong in this game; the end came so quickly and unexpectedly for him. Some day we will write an article on P-KR3. It is surprising that so many really good players are unfamiliar with the principles involved where the KRP is concerned.

#### Game No. 130

#### FRENCH DEFENCE

W. M. Stewart W. Lang

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|-------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4     | P-K3    |
| 2. P-Q4     | P-Q4    |
| 3. N-QB3    | N-KB3   |
| 4. B-KN5    | P x P   |
| 5. N x P    | QN-Q2   |
| 6. N-KB3    | B-K2    |
| 7. N x N ch | N x N   |
| 8. B-Q3     | Castles |
| 9. P-KR4    | P-KR3   |
| 10. Q-Q2    | P-QN3   |
| 11. B x RP  | P x B   |
| 12. Q x P   | R-K1    |
| 13. N-N5    | B-B1    |
| 14. B-R7 ch | Resigns |

#### Game No. 131

Played in the eighth round of the N.Z. Congress. Notes by A. L. Fletcher.

#### FRENCH DEFENCE

A. E. Nield J. F. Lang

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| 1. P-Q4  | P-K3  |
| 2. P-K4  | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-KN5 | B-K2  |
| 5. P-K5  | KN-Q2 |

6. P-KR4

Alekhine's Attack, popular with the aggressive.

6. .... P-KB3  
7. Q-R5 ch P-N3

Possibly as good as 7 ... , K-B1; but the objection to the text is that it gives the White KRP a possible target. Black has to produce something good to keep a balance after Q-R5 ch.

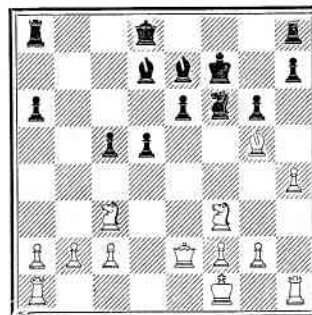
8. P x P N x P

Of course, if 8 ... , P x Q; 9 P x B, and Black's King side is a mess. (M.C.O.)

9. Q-Q1	P-B4
10. N-B3	N-B3
11. B-N5	B-Q2
12. Q-Q2	P-QR3
13. KB x N	P x B
14. P x P!	B x P
15. Q-K2	B-K2
16. N-Q4	K-B2
17. K-B1	

White can hardly castle either side, but wants his QR at K1.

17. .... P-B4!  
18. N-B3



18. .... K-N2?

Inconsequent! Logical was 18 ... , P-Q5!; 19 N-K5 ch, K-N2; 20 N x B, Q x N; 21 N-K4, Q-N4. White gets a pull by Black's failure to exploit his opponent's 17th move.

19. Q-K5 P-R3  
20. B-B4 K-R2

"Escaping" to doubtful safety.

21. K-N1! N-R4  
22. N-N5 ch! P x N

If 22 ... , K-N1; White wins by 23 N x KP.

23. P x P	KR-B1
24. P-KN4	R x B
25. Q x R	B x P
26. Q-B7 ch	K-R1
27. P x N	Resigns



the eighth round.

Moves	48
.....	34
Defence	28
.....	28
.....	36
.....	14

Moves	27
.....	21
Defence	35
.....	45
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.....	43

Moves	37
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.....	51
.....	52
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**Game No. 132**

Played in the seventh round of the N.Z. Congress. Notes by R. G. Wade.

**SICILIAN DEFENCE**

R. G. Wade      H. McNabb

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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-KB3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-Q3  |
| 6. B-K2  |       |

An excellent alternative is P-KN3, keeping the square K2 available for the Knight on Q4. The Bishop has very little scope on the diagonal KB1-QR6, particularly after Black's P-QR3-QN4 and usually finishes on the long diagonal, KR1-QR8.

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| 6. . . . . | P-K3 |
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There are two main alternatives (a) 6 . . . . P-KN3; 7 B-K3, B-N2; 8 Castles, Castles; the Dragon Variation; and (b) . . . . 6 P-K4 (Boleslavsky's) 7 N-KB3 (stronger than 7 N-N3 when the Knight has little scope). 6 . . . . P-K3 introduces the Scheveningen Variation.

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| 7. Castles | B-K2 |
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Purdy recommends immediate Queen side operations by 7 . . . . P-QR3 with Q-B2, P-QN4, B-N2, N-QR4-B5.

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| 8. K-R1 |  |
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Preparing for King's side operations.

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| 8. . . . . | Castles |
| 9. P-B4    | P-QR3   |
| 10. B-B3   | Q-B2    |
| 11. P-KN4  |         |

The Black King's Knight is to be driven away from KB3 where it influences the centre and the King's side to be stormed before Black can open up the centre.

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| 11. . . . . | P-Q4 |
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McNabb realises that the proper way of countering a flank attack is by opening up the centre and strives to do it by P-Q4. However, the primary object of opening the game is freeing pieces for action to exploit White's exposed King. 11 . . . . P-Q4 is premature, as Black's pieces do not increase their scope.

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| 12. P x P |  |
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Stronger than 12 P-K5, N-Q2; followed by P-B3.

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| 12. . . . . | N x N |
| 13. Q x N   |       |

The reason for K-R1 is now apparent.

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| 13. . . . . | R-Q1   |
| 14. B-K3    | N x QP |
| 15. N x N   | P x N  |
| 16. P-B3    |        |

Black's Pawn on Q4 will be a hindrance, particularly to his light square Bishop.

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| 16. . . . . | B-Q2  |
| 17. QR-Q1   | B-QB3 |
| 18. Q-Q2!   |       |

The changing of the guard.

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| 18. . . . . | P-QN4 |
| 19. B-Q4    | B-Q3  |
| 20. B-K2    | B-Q2  |
| 21. R-B2    | B-QB4 |

Black gives up the struggle. I would have tried R-K1, with R-K5 in mind.

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| 22. R-KN1 | R-K1 |
| 23. B-Q3  |      |

White quietly prepares his attack, knowing that Black's pieces cannot interfere.

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| 23. . . . . | B x B |
| 24. P x B   | QR-B1 |
| 25. P-B5!   | P-B3  |

The thrust, 26 P-B6 was a troublesome threat. 25 . . . . Q-Q3 was comparatively best.

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| 26. P-N5                    | K-R1 |
| 26 . . . . P x P; 27 Q x P; |      |
| B-N4; 28 P-B5 wins.         |      |

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| 27. P x P | P x P   |
| 28. Q-R6  | Resigns |

Mate was inevitable.

**NEAR MISS**

It was the following game, played in the seventh round of the Congress, to which R. G. Wade referred when he said that Jim Lang gave Lepviikman a terrible fright. Certainly an exciting game played with inspiration by Lang up to the point when he lost his grip on the position. Lepviikman was not slow to seize the opportunity when it came. Notes by H. D. Addis.

**Game No. 133**

**KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE**

J. F. Lang      T. Lepviikman

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|----------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3   |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3   |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N2    |
| 4. P-K4  | P-Q3    |
| 5. N-B3  | Castles |
| 6. B-N5  | QN-Q2   |
| 7. B-K2  | P-B3    |
| 8. Q-Q2  | Q-R4    |

Preventing B-R6.

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| 9. P-QR3  | P-K4 |
| 10. P-QN4 | Q-B2 |
| 11. P-Q5  | N-R4 |
| 12. P-B5  |      |

This entails a certain amount of risk when White has not castled.

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| 12. . . . . | P x BP |
| 13. P-Q6    | Q-N1   |

Q-N3 would lose the Queen.

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| 14. B-K7 | R-K1  |
| 15. B-B4 | P-QN4 |

Sacrificing a pawn to free the Queen side pieces.

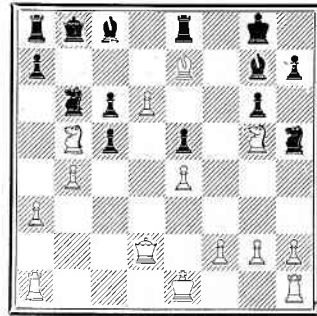
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| 16. N x NP | N-N3 |
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If 16. . . ., P x N; 17 B x P ch, wins the rook.

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| 17. B x P ch |  |
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White is practically forced to sacrifice the Bishop.

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| 17. . . . . | K x B |
| 18. N-N5 ch | K-N1  |



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| 19. P x P |  |
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This loses. N-QB7 gave White good chances.

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| 19. . . . . | N-QB5   |
| 20. Q-Q3    | Q x N   |
| 21. R-QN1   | Q-R4 ch |
| 22. R-N4    | B-QR3   |
| 23. Q-R3    |         |

Threatening a smothered mate.

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| 23. . . . . | N x QP |
| 24. Q-K6 ch |        |

P x N is stronger.

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| 24. . . . . | N-B2 |
| 25. N x N   |      |

Q x N ch is better, but White's King is so badly placed that his game is hopeless.

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| 25. . . . . | R x B |
| 26. N-R6 ch |       |

Q x R is preferable, but White's attack is finished.

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| 26. . . . .   | K-R1  |
| 27. Q x R     | B x N |
| 28. Q x KP ch | B-N2  |
| 29. Q-Q6      | R-Q1  |
| 30. Resigns.  |       |



P-K4  
Q-B2  
N-R4

tain amount of  
as not castled.

P x BP  
Q-N1

the Queen.

R-K1  
P-QN4

wn to free the

N-N3

N; 17 B x P ch,

ically forced to  
p.

K x B  
K-N1



QB7 gave White

N-QB5  
Q x N  
Q-R4 ch  
B-QR3

smothered mate.

N x QP

ger.

N-B2

etter, but White's  
placed that his

R x B

able, but White's

K-R1  
B x N  
B-N2  
R-Q1

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## ONLY THE BRAVE

The following game, played in the third round, was one of the best of the congress. Fortunes fluctuate in exciting positions and the game moves on to a climax that has both players on their toes. A good illustration of both players at their best. Notes by C. B. Newick.

Game No. 134

### SICILIAN DEFENCE—WING GAMBIT

C. B. Newick H. McNabb

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| 1. P-K4   | P-QB4 |
| 2. P-QN4  | P x P |
| 3. P-QR3  | P-Q4  |
| 4. P x QP |       |

Preferable to the older line, P-K5.

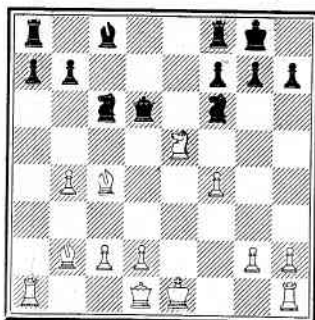
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| 4. . . . . | Q x P |
| 5. N-KB3   | N-KB3 |

The usual reply is 5 . . . . , B-N5; 6 P x P, B x N; 7 Q x B, Q x Q; and White has the two Bishops and a shattered pawn position. But of course 7 . . . . , Q-K4 ch; 8 K-Q1, Q x R?; 9 Q x NP!! And 7 . . . . P-K4 is also a good reply.

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| 6. P x P | P-K4    |
| 7. N-B3  | Q-K3    |
| 8. N-QN5 | B-Q3    |
| 9. B-B4  | Q-K2    |
| 10. B-N2 | Castles |

Black's play is very accurate from now on; any transposition of the following moves would entail grave danger.

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| 11. N x B | Q x N |
| 12. N x P | N-B3  |
| 13. P-B4  |       |



This is a weak move which Black exploits to the maximum. The apparently dangerous 13 Q-K2 looks best.

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| 13. . . . . | N x N  |
| 14. P x N   | Q x NP |
| 15. Castles |        |

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The only chance of counter play as White must lose at least a piece. The threat of . . . . , B-N5 on the uncastled King is the main danger.

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| 15. . . . . | Q x QB |
| 16. P-Q4    | B-N5   |

Black had spent so much time working out the strength of . . . . B-N5 that he is unable to resist the chance of playing it, but it is now weak as White's reply threatens to win the Queen.

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| 17. Q-Q3     | KR-Q1 |
| 18. P-B3     | P-QN4 |
| 19. B x P ch |       |

White is forced into this sacrifice as no other reply gives much hope.

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| 19. . . . . | K x B |
| 20. Q x RP  | R-R1  |

The fatal mistake, made under severe time trouble, Black having only 22 minutes for his remaining 20 moves. 20 . . . . , Q x R seems best, but there is still a lot of play in the position.

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| 21. R x N ch | K-K2     |
| 22. Q x P ch | K-Q1     |
| 23. R-Q6 ch  | K-B1     |
| 24. Q x B ch | Resigns. |

## TIME MARCHES ON!

In this eighth round game McNabb played so well that he forced the former N.Z. champion to consume valuable time and under the pressure applied by the clock, Lepviikman found himself sinking further into the quicksands of trouble. Well played by McNabb. Notes by A. L. Fletcher.

Game No. 135

### CATALAN SYSTEM

T. Lepviikman H. McNabb

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-QB4  | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4   | P-Q4  |
| 3. N-KB3  | N-KB3 |
| 4. P-KN3  | P x P |
| 5. B-N2   | QN-Q2 |
| 6. Q-R4   | P-QR3 |
| 7. Q x BP |       |

Playable, but 7 N-B3 is better. Try 7 N-B3, R-QN1; 8 Q x BP, P-QN4; 9 Q-Q3, B-N2. Compare this position with that in the text after Black's 9th, in which Black has already played the essential . . . , P-B4 and White's Queen's

Knight is not so well placed. Q.E.D.

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| 7. . . . .  | P-QN4   |
| 8. Q-Q3     | B-N2    |
| 9. QN-Q2    | P-B4    |
| 10. Castles | P x P   |
| 11. Q x P   | B-B4    |
| 12. Q-KR4   | Castles |
| 13. N-N3    | B-N3    |

Black has come out of the opening with flying colours. He now conceives a good plan, in part anticipating White's 15th, which aims at keeping his opponent further restrained.

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| 14. B-B4  | R-R2! |
| 15. QR-Q1 | Q-R1! |
| 16. Q-R3  | R-B1  |
| 17. QN-Q4 | B-Q4  |

18 N x KP is not yet a threat, but Black stops it in advance without losing time.

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| 18. P-N3 | P-R3     |
| 19. B-B1 | R(R2)-B2 |
| 20. B-B4 | R-B6     |
| 21. B-Q2 | R(B6)-B2 |
| 22. B-B4 | R-R2     |
| 23. B-B1 | B-K5     |
| 24. B-N2 | R(R2)-B2 |

Now the Bishop can no longer pester him, the Rook pops out again!

25. N x P

White's clock is probably starting to worry him. Preferable is 25 R-B1, trying to get rid of Black's pressure. This could lead to wholesale exchanges and a level ending.

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| 25. . . . . | R-B7 |
| 26. B-QR1   |      |

If this Bishop is to die he should be left at N2. He could have tried 26 B x N, N x B; 27 N-Q4, etc. But, in bad time trouble, his play lacks his usual decision.

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| 26. . . . . | R x RP |
| 27. N x P   |        |

This looks like a gambler's throw. Again, B x N.

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| 27. . . . .       | R x B |
| 28. Q x P         | R x R |
| 29. R x R         | R-B4  |
| 30. R x N         | N x R |
| 31. N-R5          | Q-KB1 |
| 32. Q-B4          | Q-K2  |
| 33. Lost on time. |       |

Very un-Lepviikmanish, but McNabb's fine play never gave the former champion a chance to get going.

# AN AUSTRALIAN LOOKS AT N.Z. CHESS

By A. E. NIELD

To a player recently arrived from Australia the N.Z. Championship Tourney just concluded has two features of particular interest.

The first was the outstanding success of R. G. Wade, who finished 2½ points above his nearest rivals, winning every game but two, in which he conceded a draw to his opponents. He was never in difficulties at any time and his quick and sure grasp of position enabled him to play with a rapidity and confidence which left his opponents groping for an adequate reply.

As the result of experience gained overseas Wade has improved beyond recognition upon the form he displayed in the Australian Championship nearly two and a-half years ago, when he tied for second place. The recent tournament has shown that he is the outstanding player in New Zealand to-day and it is scarcely too much to say that he occupies much the same position in the Dominion as Steiner does in the Commonwealth, in the sense of being head and shoulders above his compeers. It is a safe prediction that he will remain champion of New Zealand for many years to come.

The second feature referred to was the remarkable evenness of the form displayed by the remaining players. Only two points separated (at ½ point intervals) the scores of no fewer than seven competitors occupying from second to eighth places. Had Wade not been playing, this disparity would have been reduced to 1½ points, an extraordinary phenomenon which must be almost unique.

This augurs well for chess in New Zealand. I have been told, and I can quite believe it, that chess in the Dominion has made great strides within the past ten or twelve years and that the standard of play has improved in proportion. Gone are the days when peripatetic Australians, in search of easy triumphs, would cross the Tasman and annex the New Zealand title almost as a matter of course, incidentally distributing largesse in the form of chess enlightenment to the local inhabitants somewhat in the manner of a Roman conqueror bringing the fruits of civilisation to a race of savages. To-day, New Zealanders are fully qualified to repel the alien invader and have nothing to learn from him.

As one who has competed in the Australian Championships within recent years as well as in several State Championships, I can confidently assert that the standard of play in the 1947-48 N.Z. Championship was fully up to the standard of the Australian contests and decidedly superior to that of the average State Championship, and I venture to say that a representative team from New Zealand could at least hold its own against any combination picked from the best players of all the States of Australia. It is to be hoped that the projected radio match between Sydney and Melbourne, as representing Australia, and Auckland and Wellington, as representing New Zealand, will eventuate; although unfortunately, such a contest would involve the omission from the teams of many first class players from other centres.

## R. G. WADE

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPION

### A Short Biography

Robert G. Wade was born at Dunedin in 1921. Before he was nine years old he was playing chess with his father, who learnt the game from his father too. Wade's first outside contacts were with members of the Dunedin Athenaeum and Otago Chess Club in 1937. In 1938 he entered the Public Service and joined the Wellington Chess Club. In the same year he contested his first tournament, the Premier Reserves (now the Major Open) at Wanganui Congress, which he won. Next year he played in the N.Z. Championship, beating the winner, J. B. Dunlop, and finishing with a 50 per cent. score. In 1940 he was second to Allerhand in the Wellington Club Championship, ahead of Dyer, Gyles, Beyer, Severne and Kelling; and at the 1940-41 Congress at Timaru, he tied with Allerhand for first place losing the play-off. In the next N.Z. Championship held at Wellington in 1943-44, he again tied for first place, this time with E. H. Severne, becoming N.Z. champion by winning the play-off 2-0. He retained the title at Auckland 1944-45 ahead of T. Lepviikman, and when the latter won at Christchurch in the following year, Wade was equal with J. D. Steel in second place. Just previously to this event, he had contested the Australian Championship in which he played his best chess up to that time. Lajos Steiner was the winner with R. G. Wade, C. J. S. Purdy and F. Lazare in a triple tie for second place. He has held the Wellington Club Championship in 1944-45-46, but strangely enough, in three tries for the All-Wellington Championship, he has never been able to better his original second in 1940.

In 1946 Wade went overseas and represented New Zealand in the British Championship at Nottingham in August, when he was unfortunately handicapped by ill-health. Following this experience he played in the international Masters' Tournament at Barcelona (Spain), November, 1946; invitation tournament at Reykjavik (Iceland), February, 1947; Canadian Championship at Quebec, June, 1947; United States Open Championship at Corpus Christi (Texas), August, 1947; finally winning the United States South-western Championship at Fort Worth (Texas) in September, 1947.

On the executive side, Wade started off as Librarian for the Wellington Chess Club in 1939. He was secretary of that club and the Wellington Chess League in 1940-41, when ill-health caused his retirement from the game until 1943. He has been secretary for the Wellington Club and the League for short terms since then and has been a delegate to the N.Z.C.A. since 1939. On his return to New Zealand in November, 1947, he was appointed secretary of the New Zealand Chess Association, which position he now holds.



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# CONGRESS SNAPSHOTS



(1) T. Lepviikman and W. Lang with A. C. Hall, well-known Otago Club member, looking on. (2) A. E. Niels and D. I. Lynch. (3) Leo Sim. (4) Miss A. R. Hollis and Mrs. E. L. Short. (5) J. F. Lang. (6) G. E. Trundle and W. E. Moore. (7) A. S. Hollander and J. W. Ross. (8) J. K. L. Webbling. (9) R. Watt and S. J. Webb. (10) J. R. Cusack.

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# IMPRESSIONS OF 1947-48 CONGRESS

By R. G. WADE

Beforehand it was thought that the contest would probably be between Lepviikman, McNabb and Wade, with Nield slightly more than an outsider's chance and Newick not too much in the background. The first prediction proved to be right. I think Nield found the strain of the tourney too much and would have preferred to meet the top three players spread out rather than in the last three rounds. Scott was still a surprise to many players—including myself. Yet it should not have been so; in his last four congresses Scotty has not slipped below fourth place. Nor was he particularly lucky; his good luck was balanced by bad slips.

Dave Lynch was the drawing master of the tourney (3 wins—1 loss—7 draws) but they were not the routine draws to be despised; rather they were well-earned half points. Jim Lang has the ability to become one of New Zealand's top stylists. He gave Lepviikman a terrible fright, beat McNabb, and made me exert myself more than I care for.

Young Merv Stewart has a stubborn streak in him that, with the right practice, could make him a serious contender for the title. Fighting ability at chess is number one asset (the lucky player at chess is the one who goes down fighting) and Christchurch will have a worthy successor to Hendin and Abbott when he gets the experience.

After watching some of Newick's games, I am confused! He has the talent, the ideas and the courage to try these ideas. Yet somewhere during a game he gives ground. Why, I am not certain—does he lose that initial confidence when the opponent shows signs of resistance, or does he lack stamina? Bill Lang had no right to finish with only 2½ points. Characteristic of his play is the tendency for positions to arise where neither side can give the least ground. If I were him I would try a season of open games—King's Gambits, Vienna Games, Slav Defence, etc.—to round off his style.

Both Trundle and Mocre were outclassed a little, yet the tourney would not have been complete without them. Moore lost confidence after an extremely bad start, but the experience of baptismal fire will prove very useful in his further development as a player. George Trundle's happy expression belies his position. However, a warning to other players is justified. Beware when the smile is not so ready or the look is far away!

The 1947 year has not been so good to Lepviikman. And not his fault. Throughout the year he has been expecting weekly to be transferred from Wellington to Palmerston North by his firm. Because of that, he did not compete in the Wellington Club, Working Men's Club or the All-Wellington Championships. It turned out that he could have played in all. And how much better he would have played! No champion can afford to mark time. Lepviikman is our most stylish player; one of the best games—perhaps the best—ever played in New Zealand, was Tom's defeat of Harold McNabb in the last Christchurch Congress.

McNabb's chess has also suffered by his "retirement" to Nelson from Wellington. I, personally, fear McNabb's play more than anyone else in New

Zealand, except perhaps Allerhand. Give him an edge and there will be no more chances.

Bill Lang had a chance to beat me—I played a winning combination carelessly quick and slipped up. But Lang, not adapting his mind from a losing position to a won one quickly enough, casually picked up a pawn and found to his horror that I was to oppose his Queen and Bishop with two Queens—curtains. Both my draws with Lepviikman and Lynch came as a result of time pressure. I had consumed so much time defending my position that when I found myself out of trouble I had no time to evolve the winning lines—justifiable though not satisfactory draws. I was jittery towards the end against Scott and Jim Lang also, but their collapses came in time.

## THE OTHER TOURNEYS

Twenty-six opponents faced each other across the boards in a qualifying tourney to decide who were to be the players in the Major Open and First Class Tournaments. Previously the selection board had done the sorting as best as possible with the limited knowledge of playing ability at its disposal. This congress, the players, using the Swiss System, sorted themselves out. (The Swiss System pairs round by round, for an arbitrary number of rounds, commencing with the leading players, the players with as near a similar score who have not previously met). Ties in score occur as a matter of course in a field of 26 players who only play five rounds, and these were broken by first resorting to the idea that it is N.Z.C.A. policy to spread representation among as many clubs as possible (first preference was given to competitors who did not have clubmates already qualified) and then by using the Sonneborne-Berger System. The S-B values a win against a leading player more highly than that against a weaker player. To compute a player's S-B, add together the final points scored by each competitor the player defeated and half the score of each competitor drawn with. I must say I did not feel too happy with the way the representation question worked out when preference was given to Mrs. Short, Baeyertz and Miss Hollis, members of the Auckland Chess Club though representing different Auckland clubs, ahead of Webb and Watt, of Otago, whose clubmates, McGilvary and Kwok, qualified without trouble. Webb and Watt had better S-B scores than Baeyertz and Miss Hollis.

At the opening meeting the players decided not to carry their scores with them into the final tourneys. There was terrific keenness to qualify. I anticipate in the future, possible ill-feeling arising from the last of the qualifying rounds if a player who is certain to qualify, or one who has no chance, takes no interest in his last round game or even goes further and deliberately affects the results. I recommend two improvements(!?): 1. That points from a qualifying tourney be carried forward. 2. That for tourneys other than the championship, a

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PROBLEM No. 1  
E. W. Bennett, "Good ...  
1922.

White to move and mate

**SOLUTION**

Problem No. 1  
Key: E—Q7 ...  
E—E7, E—E ...  
Q—Q6 mate.

Problem No. 2  
Key: Q—E1 ...  
Q—E1 ...  
E—E7 mate.

N.Z. CHESSPLAYER, S



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At a short (too short and I was responsible) Players' meeting at the end of the congress, the players recommended having six qualifying rounds instead of five, and stated that they were prepared to lengthen the congress by one extra day in order to carry it out. That is a good step.

The first eight places in the qualifying tourney were placed in the Major Open, leaving 18 players for the First Class and Second Class tourneys. I was responsible for an experiment. They were divided into two tourneys of nine players each so that every player had a bye and there were nine rounds. These were played in 4½ days (two rounds a day) in three-hour sessions at a time limit of 36 moves in 1½ hours and 24 moves thereafter. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the final meeting, concerning the change-over to the faster time limit and two games (one each in the First and Second Class) were lost on time. I feel that these losses were due, not to the faster time, but to inexperience with clocks. One player in the Second Class seemed to be stricken with paralysis when his clock neared the hour. My experience is that the average player in the lower grade tourneys does not consume nearly as much time as the championship player whose sense of anticipation is greater.

The Congress went to Dunedin this time because it coincided with the opening of 1948, Otago's centennial year. In fact we were the first of many national bodies to hold their events in Dunedin, and the Mayor, Mr. D. C. Cameron, welcomed us especially in that light.

Newspaper reports were not niggardly though they were, as I think they should be, quite non-technical. If a local newspaper in a centre outside Dunedin missed a report more than once, that is due to complacency on the part of the chess players in that district. Nationally the N.B.S. did a good job, broadcasting the results and comments on a national hook-up every morning at 8.10 and the C.B.S. gave two interviews and results over 4ZB.

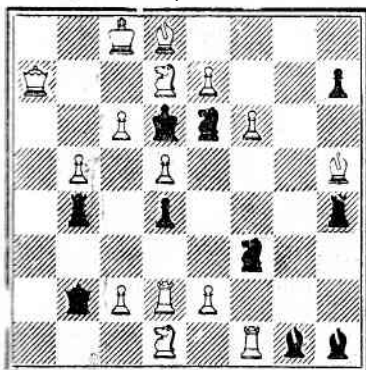
**SONNEBORNE SYSTEM**

This system is used to separate players in the case of ties: (1) Square total winning points. (2) Ascertain "Neustadt" points, i.e., for each win, the number of points scored by the opponent (draws take ½). (3) Add 1 and 2. (4) Square total of losing points. (5) Ascertain the "Neustadt" points, i.e., for each loss, the number of points lost by the opponent (draws take ½). (6) Add 4 and 5. (7) Add 3 and 6. (8) Ascertain the percentage of No. 3 to No. 7.

**PROBLEM SECTION**

**PROBLEM No. 4**

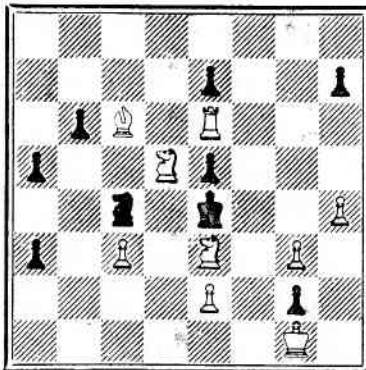
H. W. Bettman, "Good Companions," 1922.



White to move and mate in three.

**PROBLEM No. 5**

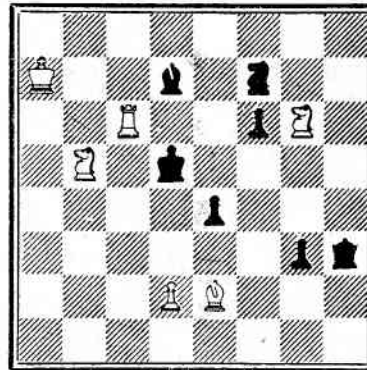
G. Heathcote, "American Chess Bulletin," 1907.



White to move and mate in three.

**PROBLEM No. 6**

E. A. Le Petit, Invercargill, 1947.



White to move and mate in two.

**SOLUTIONS**

**Problem No. 1**

Key: K—Q7.  
1 . . . ., K—K5; 2 R—Q5, K x R;  
3 Q—Q4 mate.

**Problem No. 2**

Key: Q—R3 threatening Q—Q7  
or B8, etc.  
(a) 1 . . . ., R x Q; 2 QN x P,  
. . . .; 3 N—K7 mate.

(b) 1 . . . ., B x Q; 2 B—B4 ch,  
P x B; 3 P x P mate.  
(c) 1 . . . ., N x Q; 2 N—Q3,  
P x N; (2 . . . ., other; 3 QN x P);  
3 B—KB3 mate.  
(d) 1 . . . ., N else; 2 Q—K6,  
mate.

**Problem No. 3**

Key: R—N6 threatening Q—N5  
mate.

(a) 1 . . . ., B—Q7; R—B4 ch, B—  
B5; 3 Q—N5 mate.  
(b) 1 . . . ., P—R7; 2 Q—N5 ch,  
K—R6; 3 Q—N4 mate.

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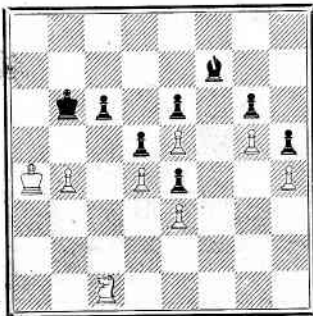
# The Theory of the Triangle

By WOODSHIFTER

Many a won game is thrown away by the inexperienced player because of his unfamiliarity with a principle. The theory of the opposition is elementary, but the application of this theory in locked pawn positions is where the inexperienced player wanders on unfamiliar ground. We have learnt that the last player to move into the opposition square gains the opposition, but it may be as well to note that, where pawns are involved, the opposition squares do not always remain constant, varying with a move of the pawns or pieces. If, to win, it becomes necessary to obtain the opposition and both Kings have two squares in reserve from which either can approach the opposition square, the position will be drawn, as neither will move into that square. If one King has only one reserve square he must either occupy the opposition square or move away, allowing his opponent to take the opposition and so force a win. This is the Theory of the Triangle.

## PRECISE!

The following instructive ending occurred during the last round of the All-Wellington Championship, the players being K. Beyer and E. H. Severne. Although the latter played with his customary skill (after an initial mistake), he was helpless against Beyer's precise application of the theory of the triangle. Playing a Queen's Pawn Game (Cambridge Springs Defence) the following position was reached after White's 40th move:



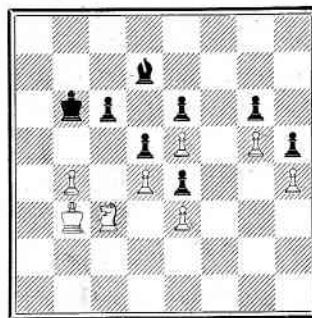
A win for Black looks hopeless on account of the inferior placing of his Bishop. On the other hand, if the Bishop and Knight were off the board, Black would have a dead draw as he has two squares, R3 and N3 on which he can move alternately until the cows come home. So it will be White's objective to rob Black of the use of one of those squares.

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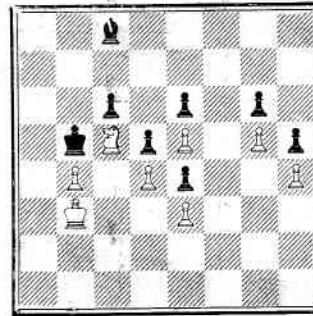
The most aggressive move, forcing White's reply on account of the threatened 41 . . . P—B4 dis. ch.

41. K—N3 K—N4  
42. N—K2 K—N3  
43. N—B3 B—Q2?

This was Black's mistake; from now on every move is forced. Black may have well understood the weakness of this move, because at this stage of the tournament, a draw may have been no good to him; but it is difficult to see how he could expect to win, for after the Knight goes to B5 there can be no outlet for the Bishop via B1 and R3 on account of Black's weak King's Pawn. 43 . . . B—B2; 44 N—R4 ch, K—N4; 45 N—B5, B—N1 holds the draw quite safely.



44. N—R4 ch K—N4  
45. N—B5 B—B1



Now the Black King cannot use his R3 and N2 squares. Up till now, the opposition squares were White's N3 and N5, but now they are his R4 and N6. Black will have only one square from which to approach the opposition square (N3) while White can approach the opposition square (R4) from R3 and N3. Black's next must be a King move so:

46. K—B3 K—N3  
47. K—N2

Taking the distant opposition. Not K—N3 because of 47 . . . K—N4.

47. . . . K—B2

If 47 . . . K—N4; then 48 K—N3, K—N3; 49 K—R4, K—B2; 50 K—R5, K—B1 (50 . . . B—Q2; 51 N x B, K x N; 52 K—N6); 51 K—N6 wins.

48. K—N3 B—Q2

If 48 . . . K—N3; 49 K—R4. Last into the opposition square wins.

49. K—R4

Safe now to be first into the opposition square because the Black King cannot leave the Bishop.

49. . . . B—K1

But what else can he do? 49 . . . B—B1; 50 K—R5 wins as in note after move 47. If 49 . . . K—B1; 50 K—R5, K—B2; 51 N x B, K x N; 52 K—N6.

50. N x P ch K—N3  
51. N—B5 B—B2  
52. P—K6 B—K1

And now the Black Bishop is completely immobilised. Black has the opposition, but White will regain it easily because of the two squares from which he can approach it.

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BULLIANT

In the European Championship and U.S. Championship the world title, the title of U.S. Champion and so on will be awarded to the player who won the most games in the following order: 1. G. G. Wade.

Game No. 13

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# WORLD CHESS DIGEST



Black King cannot use 2 squares. Up till position squares were N5, but now they N6. Black will have from which to approach the op- (R4) from R3 and ext must be a King

K--N3  
distant opposition. because of 47 ..... K--  
K--B2  
N4; then 48 K--N3, R4, K--B2; 50 K-- B-Q2; 51 K--N6); 51 K--  
R-Q2  
N3; 49 K--R4. Last position square wins.

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6 B--K1  
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TER, SUMMER, 1948

## BRILLIANCY

In the European (excluding Scandinavia and U.S.S.R.) Zone Tourney to find the challenger for the world title, the English master, C. H. O'D. Alexander, did not do as well as expected, but he played some first-class games. He was awarded the first brilliancy prize for the following game. Notes by R. G. Wade.

Game No. 136

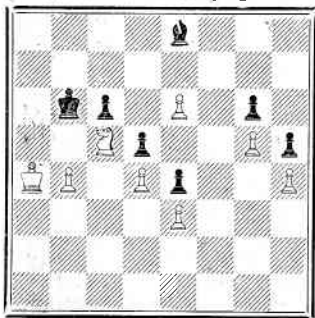
RUY LOPEZ

C. H. O'D. Alexander L. Pachman

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| 1. P--K4  | P--K4  |
| 2. N--KB3 | N--QB3 |
| 3. B--N5  | P--QR3 |

O'Kelly, of Belgium (winner of

(Continued from page 18)



53. K--R3 K--B2  
Not 53 .... K--N4 because of 44 K--N3, K--N3; 55 K--R4.

54. K--N3  
If 54 K--R4, K--N3  
54. .... K--B1  
Because he cannot occupy N3 the Black King has been forced completely away from the opposition square and the White King can now advance with impunity.

55. K--R4	K--N1
56. K--R5	K--B2
57. K--R6	K--N1
58. K--N6	K--B1
59. N--N7	

Threatening N--Q6.  
59. .... P--B4  
60. P x P B--R5  
"I got the Bishop out anyhow."  
61. P--B6 Resigns.

the tournament), popularised the variation 3 . . . . N--B3; 4 Castles, B--B4; 5 N x P, N x N; 6 P--Q4, P--B3; 7 P x N, N x P; 8 B--Q3, P--Q4; 9 P x P e.p., N--KB3!; Also 5 P--B3, Castles; 6 P--Q4, B--N3 gives Black a very solid position.

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| 4. B--R4   | N--B3  |
| 5. Castles | B--K2  |
| 6. R--K1   | P--QN4 |
| 7. B--N3   | P--Q3  |

Sharper is 7 . . . . Castles; threatening the complications of the Marshall Attack 8 P--B3, P--Q4.

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| 8. P--B3 | Castles |
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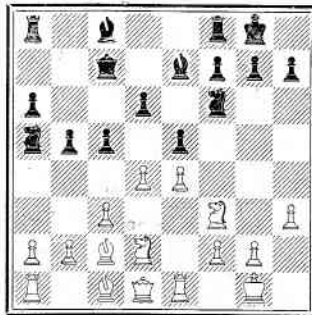
Reserves more options than 8 . . . . N--QR4; 9 B--B2; P--B4; 10 P--Q4, Q--B2; 11 P--QR4 and has the answer 9 . . . . B--N5; to 9 P--Q4.

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| 9. P--KR3 | N--QR4 |
| 10. B--B2 | P--B4  |
| 11. P--Q4 |        |

After 9 P--KR3, 11 P--Q3 would be out of place as it could have been played on the 9th move.

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| 11. ....   | Q--B2 |
| 12. QN--Q2 |       |

Now 12 P--QR4 is answered by B--Q2 connecting the two rooks.



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| 12. .... | B--N2 |
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Alexander gives after 12 . . . . , BP x P; 13 P x P, N--B3; the move 14 P--R3. However, 14 . . . . , P--Q4 institutes interesting complications. Another possibility was 12 . . . . N--B3; when best is 13 P x BP, P x P; 14 N--B1 and K3, etc. Here 13 P--Q5 is not so good as after 13 . . . . , N--Q1; 14 P--QR4, R--N1; 15 P--B4, B--Q2!

Black has possibilities of opening the Queen's side if White concentrates on the other wing.

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| 13. P--Q5 | B--B1 |
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If White had played 12 P--Q5, Black's correct plan would be 12 . . . . , N--K1; followed by P--KB4. By B--B1, Pachman seeks to carry out a similar idea. Certainly the Bishop has no more scope on the "long" diagonal.

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| 14. N--B1  | R--K1  |
| 15. K--R2  | P--N3  |
| 16. N--K3  | B--B1  |
| 17. P--KN4 | B--KN2 |

White is slowly setting up an attacking position on the King's side—and Alexander likes doing nothing better—while Black is concentrating on building a strong defensive position. But, as always, defence is harder to conduct than attack.

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| 18. R--KN1 | K--R1 |
| 19. N--N5! |       |

To provoke weakening pawn moves to assist in opening up lines for White pieces on to the King.

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| 19. .... | R--B1 |
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Alexander recommended 19 . . . . , P--R3 immediately, though after 20 N--B3 the threat of 21 P--N5, P--R4; 22 N--R4 with P--KB4 to follow would be good for White as his pieces can be more aggressively placed.

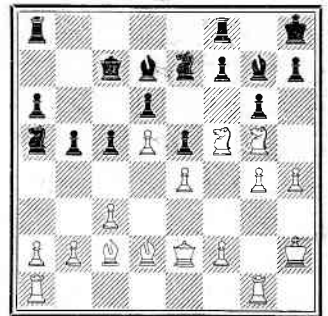
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| 20. P--KR4 |  |
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Now the Knight has to retreat to R3 to reinforce P--KB4.

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| 20. ....  | N--N1  |
| 21. Q--K2 | B--Q2  |
| 22. B--Q2 | N--K2? |

Better, as events prove, would have been 22 . . . . , P--R3.

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| 23. N--B5!! |  |
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A fine positional sacrifice which, Alexander pointed out, should not have been accepted. Best reply is 23 . . . , B-KB3; 24 N x N, B x N (K2); 25 P-KB4, when White has the better chances, however. Note how the Black Knight on QR4 is a tower of strength to White's position.

23. . . . P x N  
24. NP x P

The threat is Q-R5. Pachman would consider the defences (A) 24 . . . , P-R3, 25 Q-R5 and now 25 . . . , B-K1 is answered by 26 P-B6, while 25 . . . , N-N1 is met by 26 N x P ch, R x N; 27 Q x R, B-KB3; 28 B x P, and 25 . . . , P-B3 by 26 N-B7 ch, R x N; (26 . . . , K-N1 or R2; 27 R x B ch, K x R; 28 R-KN1 ch, etc.); 27 Q x R, R-KN1; 28 Q x N with material and positional advantage. (B) 24 . . . , N-N1; 25 N x RP, K x N; 26 Q-R5 ch, followed by the sacrifice of the exchange. Pachman chooses a third that gives more chances.

24. . . . P-B3  
25 N x P! B-K1!

If 25 . . . , K x N; 26 Q-R5 ch, K-N1; 27 R x B ch, leads to mate, or 25 . . . , R-KN1; 26 N x P! or 25 . . . , R-B2; 26 Q-R5, K-N1; 27 B-R6, wins. (Alexander).

26. R x B

Though after 26 N x R, B x N; 27 R-N3, Black has great difficulty bringing the heavy pieces to the defence. White, on principle, seeks to eliminate pieces that are qualitatively more valuable in the actual position.

26. . . . K x R  
27. N x R K x N  
28. B-R6 ch K-B2  
29. Q-R5 ch N-N3  
30. P x Nch K-N1

If 30 . . . , K-K2; 31 B-B8ch, K x B (31 . . . , K-Q1; 32 Q-R8); 32 Q-R8 ch, K-K2; 33 P-N7 wins easily.

31. Q-B5 Q-K2  
32. R-KN1 N-B5  
33. B-B1 B-Q2  
34. Q-B3 R-KB1  
35. P-N3 N-N3  
36. P-R5

Also strong is Q-R5, threatening 37 P-N7 as 36 . . . , B-K1 is not good.

36. . . . P-B4  
37. B-N5 P x P  
38. Q-K2 Q-K1  
39. B x P B-B4  
40. B-R6 R-B3

### 41. Q-B3 Resigns

After 41 . . . , Q-Q2; 42 R-N5, wins the exchange. The attack was very forcibly carried out and will repay study.

### CHESS ARTISTRY

When Bondarevsky met Kotov in the recent U.S.S.R. Championship he produced a beautiful mate in five moves from the position diagrammed below. It is so much like a problem that we present it as one; Black to play and mate in five:



Kotov

Can you find it? The solution will be found on page 21.

### SPORTING

British players and congresses have contributed to a high standard of sportsmanship that prevails in all chess countries. A peerless example of that sportsmanship occurred in the Hastings 1933-34 international tourney. Sir George Thomas needed but half a point in his last round game to head a field containing Euwe, Flohr, Capablanca, Botvinnik, Lilienthal, etc., and he had only his countryman, Tylor to play. England, facing its most glorious chess success of a half century, had only the sportsmanship of Tylor between it and fulfilment. Tylor played to win!—and won. Sir George tied with Euwe and Flohr. The following game, played in the recent British Championship, shows that the veteran master has not lost his touch. Notes by J. D. Steele.

Game No. 137

RUY LOPEZ

Sir G. A. Thomas G. Wood

1. P-K4 P-K4

2. N-KB3 N-QB3  
3. B-N5 P-QR3  
4. B-R4 N-B3  
5. Q-K2 P-QN4

If 5 . . . B-B4 (as in Sir George Thomas v. Alekhine, Margate 1937) strongly recommended by the M.C.O., then 6 B x N!, QP x B 7 N x P, Q-Q5; 8 N-Q3!, B-R2; 9 N-B3 holding the extra Pawn.

6. B-N3 B-K2  
6 . . . B-B4; 7 P-QR4, R-QN1 is an alternative.

7. P-B3 Castles  
8. Castles P-Q3  
More solid than Schlechter's 8 . . . P-Q4; 9 P-Q3.

9. P-Q4 P x P?  
It is much better to retain the pressure on White's Q4 by 9 . . . B-N5 and if 10 R-Q1, then 10 . . . P x P; 11 P x P, P-Q4!

10. N x P N-QR4  
For if now 10 . . . N x N; 11 P x N, P-Q4; then 12 P-K5, N-K5; 13 P-B3 leaves Black awkwardly placed.

11. B-B2 P-B4  
12. N-B5 B x N  
Alexander gives as better, 12 . . . R-K1; 13 N x B ch, Q x N; 14 B-N5, P-R3 with a tenable position.

13. P x B P-Q4  
14. P-KN4!

The evil effects of 9 . . . P x P are now shown up. Black's surrender of the centre has left White a free hand on the King's side.

14. . . . P-R3  
15. P-KB4 R-K1  
16. Q-N2 Q-N3  
17. N-Q2 QR-Q1  
18. P-N5 N-R2  
19. N-B3 P-Q5  
20. P-B6 B-B1  
21. N-K5!

Threatening 22 P-N6, BP x P 23 P-B7 ch.

21. . . . N x NP  
22. P x N R x N  
23. P-N6! P-Q6

If 23 . . . P x BP; 24 B-B4 followed by 25 P x BP ch and 26 Q-N6 ch.

24. P x P ch K-R2  
25. B x P ch R x B  
26. P x P P-B5 dis. ch.  
27. K-R1 B x P  
28. Q x B ch

And mates in six more moves.

### SHAKE U

The margins of the 1945 and 1946 matches, the complacency of the U.S. Chess resting on the laurels of the International Team's win at Folkestone, 1935, and Stockholm, 1937, out of the match between the Manhattan Chess Club, New York, and the Jockey Club, La Jolla, California, was a dash of ice in the States' chess. The Yankees lined up when they sent to Moscow for the Argentine would be represented by the Jockey Club. World Champion Samy Reshevsky, U.S.A.'s only win in the manner. Notes by R. G.

Game No. 137

RETI-CATALAN S

S. Reshevsky G. S.

1. N-KB3  
2. P-KN3  
3. B-N2  
4. P-Q4  
5. Castles  
6. P-B4

Having got rid of the knight commences.

6. . . .

Giving no ground in the end if you can get away

7. QP x P

8. Q-B2

9. N-R3

10. Q x BP

11. N x Q

A good alternative is

12. N(B4)-K5!

13. N x N

14. N-Q3

One is reminded of a riddle

between the words symmetry.

The only true

moving moves is that

of a game is the player's

instinct.

15. B-N5!

White still has the initiative

of the move

and—perhaps exaggerate

16. . . .

17. . . . P-B3; 16 B

alternative, as it limits

the square Bishop and

is a strong pivot square for

18. QR-B1

P



N—QB3  
P—QR3  
N—B3  
P—QN4

B—K2  
7 P—QR4, R—  
ative.

Castles  
P—Q3  
Schlechter's 8  
—Q3.

P x P?  
to retain the  
e's Q4 by 9 . . . .  
R—Q1, then 10  
P x P, P—Q4!

N—QR4  
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P—R3  
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QR—Q1  
N—R2  
P—Q5  
B—B1

22 P—N6, BP x P  
N x NP  
R x N  
P—Q6

P x BP; 24 B—B4  
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ch K—R2  
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B x P

B ch  
in six more moves.

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## SHAKE UP!

The margins of the Soviet Union's victories over the U.S.A. in the 1945 and 1946 matches shook the complacency of North American Chess resting on laurels from the International Teams' Tourneys held at Folkestone, 1933, Warsaw, 1935, and Stockholm, 1937. The result of the match between the Manhattan Chess Club, New York, and the Jockey Club, La Plata, Argentina, was a dash of icy cold water to States' chess. The score—6½ to 3½. The Yankees lined up six of the ten they sent to Moscow in '46 and Argentina would be proud to be represented by the Jockey Club's team. World Championship candidate, Sammy Reshevsky, scored U.S.A.'s only win in the following manner. Notes by R. G. Wade.

### Game No. 138

#### RETI—CATALAN SYSTEM

S. Reshevsky G. Stahlberg  
1. N—KB3 P—Q4  
2. P—KN3 N—KB3  
3. B—N2 P—KN3  
4. P—Q4 B—N2  
5. Castles Castles  
6. P—B4

Having got rid of the Kings, the contest commences.

6. . . . . P—B4!  
Giving no ground in the centre—good if you can get away with it.

7. QP x P  
If 7 BP x P, BP x P.

7. . . . . P x P'  
8. Q—B2 Q—Q4  
9. N—R3 Q x P  
10. Q x BP Q x Q  
11. N x Q N—B3

A good alternative is 11 . . . , B—K3.

12. N(B4)—K5! N x N  
13. N x N N—K1  
14. N—Q3 N—Q3

One is reminded of a relation between the words symmetry and cemetery. The only trouble with copying moves is that the winner of a game is the player who mates FIRST.

15. E—N5!  
White still has the initiative. The advantage of the move shows itself—perhaps exaggerated.

15. . . . . R—K1  
15 . . . . , P—B3; 16 B—K3 is no alternative, as it limits Black's dark square Bishop and makes Q5 a strong pivot square for White.

16. QR—B1 P—KR3

17. B—K3 B—B4  
18. R—B7  
The invasion of the seventh rank could not be prevented.

18. . . . . B x N  
19. P x B QR—B1  
If 19 . . . , B x P; 20 B x P, N x B; 21 R x N, B—B3; 22 B x P makes White a passed Pawn up.

20. KR—B1 R x R  
Best try is giving White the two Bishops by 20 . . . , B x P; 21 R x R, R x R; 22 R x R ch, N x R; 23 B x P, N—N3.

21. R x R B x P  
22. B(N2) x P B—B3  
23. B—B6 R—N1  
24. B x QRP

The remainder of the game is taken up with exploiting the passed Pawn and keeping Black's pieces under control—here a matter of technique.

24. . . . . R—QN8 ch  
25. K—N2 R—QR8  
26. P—QR4 N—B4  
27. B—N6 B—Q5  
28. P—R5 B—B6  
29. R—R7 N—Q5  
30. B—K4 N—N6  
31. P—R6

Omnipotent Pawn!  
31. . . . . B—Q5  
32. B x B N x B  
33. R—Q7 P—B4  
34. B—Q5 ch Resigns.

## CORNERED!

The following game, played in the Otago Club's Championship, is a good example of the King side attacks likely to spring from the Colle System, an opening, by the way, that Otago players seem to be fond of. Here White conducts the attack with vigour and ends up with a nice combination. Notes by H. A. McGilvary.

### Game No. 139

#### COLLE SYSTEM

H. A. McGilvary A. J. McDermott  
1. P—Q4 P—Q4  
2. N—KB3 P—K3  
3. P—K3 N—KB3  
4. B—Q3 B—K2

A better system of development against the Colle System is to fianchetto this Bishop, following up with QN—Q2, P—B4 and Castles. Black is then playing the Catalan System with colours reversed and obtains a very satisfactory game. In addition, the King's fianchetto prevents any possibility of a Bishop sacrifice on Black's R2.

5. QN—Q2 QN—Q2  
6. Castles Castles  
7. Q—K2 P—B4  
8. P—B3 P—B5

This tends to relieve the tension in the centre and renders White's centre Pawns somewhat immobile, therefore adding force to White's P—K4 when played.

9. B—B2 R—K1  
10. P—K4 N—B1  
11. N—K5 Q—B2  
12. P—B4 N(B3)—Q2  
13. QN—B3 N x N  
14. BP x N P—QN4  
15. B—Q2 B—N2  
16. R—B2 QR—Q1  
17. P x P P x P  
18. QR—KB1 B—B1  
19. B—B4 B—K3  
20. N—N5

Having completed his development, White assails Black's cramped King's side.

20. . . . . B x N  
21. B x B R—Q2  
22. Q—B3 P—KR3  
23. B—K3 N—N3  
24. Q—R5 K—R2  
25. R—B6! R—KR1

If 25 . . . . P x R; 26 Q x P ch, K—N1; 27 P x P etc.

26. R x B

The Rook offers himself again! If . . . . P x R; 27 Q x N ch, K—N1; 28 Q—K8 mate. But White's game is gone anyway.

26. . . . . Q—B1  
27. B x N ch P x B  
28. Q x P ch K—N1  
29. R—K8 ch Resigns

## WOT! NO HAT?

It's a funny thing, but whenever R. O. Scott wore his hat when playing, he obtained a win. In the penultimate round he was playing George Trundle, minus his hat, and coincidence or not, he got into a rather sticky position. Coming back in the afternoon after the adjournment, complete with headgear, he managed to retrieve the position and force his opponent to resign. It just goes to show, doesn't it?

### SOLUTION TO BONDAREVSKY v. KOTOV

1. . . . . P—B5 ch  
2. N x P Q—B7 ch  
3. K—Q3 Q x B ch!  
4. K x Q B—B4 ch  
5. K—Q3 N x N mate



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**Bulletins.**—Provided we receive the same support in the future as we have enjoyed in the past, we have every intention of continuing these publications of special award games. Bulletin No. 4 is now in course of preparation and should be on issue much earlier this year.

**Inter-Island Match.**—The No. 2 match which commenced in 1946 is now terminated. All score sheets to be sent in without delay to Mr. J. H. Boyd, of Grey Street, Hamilton. Unfinished games will be adjudicated.

**"Best Game," "Brilliancy" and "Best Recovery" entries.**—From the present series of games in Trophy Tournaments and Handicap Tourney, 35 entries have been received to date, viz., "Best Games": Champ. 2, T.T.I.B.5, T.T.I.C. 3, T.T.2.3, T.T.3.I, T.T.4.3, T.5.0, H.T. class 1 2 3 4, H.T. class 4 5 6.2. Brilliancy (open) 4, and for Best Recovery (open) 7.

May I remind members that two games may be nominated in each class, fee 6d. per entry. So that these competitions may be worth while an appeal is made for more entries in the various classes.

**Chess Material.**—The following may be obtained from me: Cardboard Chess Folder Sets, 1/ each, 5/- 1/2 doz., 10/- dozen, post free. Cardboard Diagram Forms, 2/- for 25, post free. Extra Score Sheets: 7d. per dozen, post free. "Chess Made Easy": eight copies left at 1/1 each, post free. Bulletin No. 3; 7 copies left, at 1/9 each, post free.

**Conclusion.**—I take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the willing co-operation of members and for the many letters of encouragement.

Your sincerely,

SPENCER-SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

## TROPHY TOURNEYS

Second Progress Report to February 1st, 1948

### CHAMPIONSHIP

**PARK** beat Mintoft, Smith, drew Cunningham. **LYNCH** beat Newich, Smith. **CUNNINGHAM** drew Tibbits. **BROOM** beat Mintoft. **GRANT** beat Campbell, Brocm, Park.

**CLASS 1.B.**—**COLE** beat Jones, Le Petit, Dick, Atkinson. **BYRNE** beat Jones, Dick **FULTON** drew Jones. **LE PETIT** beat Boyd, drew Jones. **ATKINSON** beat Fletcher. **ROBERTSON** beat Atkinson. **JONES** beat Dick.

**CLASS 1.C.**—**SMITH** beat Miss Hollis. **HOOPER** beat Ratliff, Toye, drew King. **FISHER** beat Miller, drew Smith. **MILLER** beat Toye. **TOYE** beat Miss Hollis. **RATLIFF** beat Oakley. **SEVERINSEN** beat Gilvary. **McGILVARY** beat Ratliff, Goffin, Oakley, Miss Hollis. **MISS HOLLIS** beat Oakley, drew McDrew Fisher.

**CLASS 2.**—**GANT** beat Keam, drew Jones. **JONES** beat Eades. **KEAM** beat Eades, Easterbrook, Wright. **WRIGHT** beat Easterbrook. **McKENZIE** beat Eades, drew Jones.

**CLASS 3.**—**SIMS** beat Miss Collinson. **STACK** beat Miss Wilkinson and Muir. **MUIR** beat Frost.

**CLASS 4.**—**JOHNSON** beat Hardiman, Morris, McCombie. **BAILEY** beat Hardiman. **McCOMBIE** drew Hignett. **HARDIMAN** beat Dick. **JONES** beat McCombie, Morris, Johnston. **MORRIS** beat Smith, Bailey. **HIGNETT** beat Remetis, Dick.

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**CLASS 5.**—**FENWICK** beat White. **VINCENT** beat Meikle, Chrisp, Fenwick. **WHITE** beat Chrisp, Meehan. **WELFORD** beat Fenwick. **MEEHAN** beat Welford. **NEILSON** beat Vincent, Fenwick. **CHRISP** beat Fenwick, Meehan, Welford.

## HANDICAP TOURNEY

Progress Report to January 24th, 1948

**J. MORRIS** beat Mrs. Walker, 1, McKenzie 1, Aires 2, Gant 1. **H. JEFFRIES** beat Ratliff 1, Muir 1, Hammond 2, Woodfield 2, Oakley 1½. **JACKSON** beat Wing 1, Chrisp 2, Meikle 2, Hardiman 2, Harrison-Wilkie 2, drew with O'Malley 1. **MEIKLE** beat Chrisp 1. **McKENZIE** beat Jessett 2, Oakley 1, R. Severinsen, 1, Morris 1, Frost 1. **NEILSON** beat Dick 1, Calnan 1, Wing 2. **HENDERSON** beat Mrs. Cook 1, and Sutherland 2. **DICK** beat Welford 1, Neilson 1. **GANT** beat Morris 1, Stack 1, Bailey 1, Mrs. Walker 1. **WING** beat McKay 1. **HAMMOND** beat Mitchell 1½, Muir 1, McAdam 1½, drew with Woodfield 2, Fulton 1, Oakley 2, Traves 2. **F. L. COLLINS** beat Mrs. Cook 1. **MRS. COOK** beat Sutherland 2, Henderson 1, McKay 1, Remetis 1. **CHRISP** beat Welford 1, Harrison-Wilkie 1. **GILBERD** beat Woodfield 1. **MUIR** beat Gilberd 2, Hammond 1, Remetis 1. **GRAHAM** beat Welford 2. **MISS COLLINSON** beat Dick 2. **J. W. COLLINS** beat A. G. Jones 1½, Hardiman 1. **FROST** beat Graham 2. **MAHONEY** beat Dick 1. **DICKIE** beat Jessett 2. **WOODFIELD** beat Ratliff 1. **G. H. HIGNETT** beat Stack 1. **FENWICK** beat Rogers 1. **HARRISON-WILKIE** beat Graham 1, Meikle 2, **TRAVES** beat Mitchell 1, Mrs. Walker 2, H. Jeffries 2, Dickie 2, Banks 2, McKenzie 2. **JESSETT** beat Welford 1, F. L. Collins 1. **CALNAN** beat Griffiths 2, Remetis 2, Wallace 2, Neilson 1, Dick 2, A. W. Jeffries 2, Welford 2, A. Smith 1. **RATLIFF** beat Stack 1. **WELFORD** beat O'Malley 2, Wallace 1, Sutherland 2, Jessett 1, Meikle 1, Fenwick 1, Chrisp 1. **REMETIS** beat Chrisp 1, G. O. Jones 2. **OAKLEY** beat G. H. Hignett 1, McKenzie 1, Remetis 1, Hardiman 2. **MITCHELL** beat Morris 1½, Fulton 1, Hignett 1, Oakley 2. **McKAY** beat Bailey 2, A. W. Jeffries 1, Meikle 1, drew with Mrs. Cook 1. **STACK** beat Woodfield 2, Rogers 2, Ratliff 1, Hignett 1, Gant 1. **BAILEY** beat Chrisp 1, Wallace 1, Jessett 2, drew with Gant 1. **BANKS** beat Jessett 2, O'Malley 2, Mrs. Walker 1, Remetis 1. **FULTON** beat Mitchell 1, Morris 2, Hammond 1. **WALLACE** beat Dick 1. **R. SEVERINSEN** beat Jessett 2, Morris 1. **MRS. WALKER** beat Chrisp 1, Gant 1. **A. W. JEFFRIES** beat McKay 1, Wing 1, Welford 1. **McADAM** beat Stack 1. **A. G. JONES** beat Hardiman 2, Jackson 1. **YOUNG** beat Oakley 1. **A. L. FLETCHER** beat Fulton 2. **DUGGAN** beat J. W. Collins 1.

## PROMOTIONS AND RELEGATIONS

J. A. Jackson . . . . from Grade 5 to Grade 4  
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F. W. Jessett . . . . from Grade 4 to Grade 5  
R. T. Woodfield . . from Grade 3 to Grade 4

**NOTE.**—The following players will carry all of their present games on to the new season:

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