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THE NEW RULES

READERS who think that the publication in this issue of the proposed rules for the New Zealand Chess Association is an unwarrantable intrusion on the space usually available for something more interesting, should remember that the administration of organised chess in this country is in the hands of an Association that can do a vast amount of good or harm to the game, according to the channel into which its efforts are directed—or misdirected. The rules under which it will operate are therefore of the utmost importance, equally as important as those of the very game itself. The conduct of championship tournaments is especially important, because it is to these events we look to attract public attention and increase the game's adherents. Under these circumstances it will be expected that this magazine will have something to say and perhaps a little constructive criticism to offer.

First, it is well for us to have a proper understanding of the necessity for these amendments, and indeed the necessity for any sort of rules at all. Those under discussion are the tournament rules, not the actual constitution of the Association, and they are framed for the purpose of protecting the interests of all the members, regulating official procedure, the conduct of the players and the game, and to advance the game itself. Anything which unnecessarily restricts any member or group of members or places a limit upon the activities of future members can have no legitimate place in a well framed set of rules. If amendments are necessary now—and they are—it is only because present-day members are restricted by the shortsighted policy adopted by those who were originally responsible for the present rules. Will today's administrators have that charge levelled against them in 25 years' time?

An examination of chapter III. of the proposed rules leads us to the conclusion that rule 1 comes into the category of shortsighted restriction of future members and should be entirely deleted. Surely we can have no justification in enforcing our present-day ideas upon the next century of players, who will change with the times and resent being hampered by out-of-date methods, however good they appear in our day. The rule as it stands entirely bars the introduction of any new way of conducting the annual Congress and puts a stopper on progress completely. The matter dealt with in the rule should be decided at each annual meeting and be applicable to that year alone.

Rule 5, clause (a), envisages the idea that Wellington will always be the chess headquarters. That may not be so. The word "Wellington" should be struck out and the words "the town which for the time being is the headquarters of the Association" substituted.

Rule 6, clause (a): We understand that the last sentence was to be struck out. It certainly is out of date and we don't think it is wanted by the clubs. The whole rule should, like rule 1, be decided by each annual meeting.

Rule 8: In clause (a) "Wellington" should be treated as we suggest for rule 5. In line with our comments on rule 1, we think clause (c) should be amended by striking out the words "provided that with these further admissions the total number of competitors does not exceed twelve."

Rule 10: Clause (a) should be deleted. Our remarks concerning rule 1 apply here, too. Provision is made elsewhere for up to sixteen players, but clause (b) of this rule states "nor shall any tourney exceed eleven rounds"! The inference is obvious. The thin end of the wedge for the Swiss system! The three last lines of clause (b) after the words "the following Sunday" should be struck out.

Rule 11, clause (d), is covered by the Laws of Chess, and is therefore totally unnecessary.

Rule 16, "Appeal," assumes a complete knowledge of the Laws of Chess on the part of the player. It appears to us that in fairness to the player the time allowed for appeal should be extended. Notice of appeal could be waived if the appeal was lodged, say, one hour after the conclusion of the game.

If, as in rules 20 and 21, provision is to be made for the use of the Sonneborn system and the Sieger system, both should be adequately defined in the appropriate place. Otherwise, who is to decide what they mean?

The foregoing criticism is not intended to be merely critical, nor do we wish to throw cold water on the efforts of the rules revision committee, which has actually done a good job. We offer these suggestions in the hope that they will be discussed by club executives and that more players will take an active interest in organisation and administration. A word of warning here: We received these rules only a few days before these lines were written and would have preferred a longer period in which to study them. If the various clubs are in a similar position not enough time may be given to their consideration. Owing to the scattered nature of the Association's membership it might be unwise to rush on to finality too quickly, thereby

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AROUND THE N.Z. CLUBS

HAMILTON "TAIL" WAGS v. CAMBRIDGE

Hamilton Chess Club visited Cambridge on July 18 for a 12-board match. Taking the first eight boards, Hamilton was down 3-5, but the team's "tail" saved the day by winning at the last four boards, making it 7-5 to Hamilton. Score details (Hamilton names first): F. Hirst 1, v. H. Hooker 0; A. Scott $\frac{1}{2}$, v. G. Vinall $\frac{1}{2}$; E. Avery $\frac{1}{2}$, v. M. Wells $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Boyd 0, v. H. Wood 1; G. Boyes 0, v. L. Buckingham 1; F. Brewer 1, v. J. Collins 0; J. Bamford 0, v. C. Morris 1; N. Palmer 0, v. John Newcombe 1; V. Burton 1, v. R. Stuart 0; Higgin 1, v. G. Browne 0; A. Crookenden 1, v. J. Mitchell 0; J. Raynes 1, v. J. F. McClellan 0. The Cambridge club has made a lot of progress in the last year or two, and the same can be said of the South Auckland district in general.

OTAGO

At present Selwyn Webb is leading in the Otago C.C. championship with 12 points, but the issue is still hard to forecast, both the Langs and W. G. Stenhouse having good scores proportionately to the number of games played. The total number of games to be played by each contestant is 18 and present scores are: W. Lang (holder) $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, W. G. Stenhouse $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, J. F. Lang 6-1, A. J. McDermott $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, R. W. Lungley $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, R. E. Williamson 3-12, H. A. McGilvary $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$, R. Watt $9\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$, S. J. Webb 12-4, A. Ward 1-12. Intermediate (14 games to play): R. J. Glass $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, J. K. L. Webling 8-3, Ahern 3-3, R. Paris 2-3, J. A. Jackson 3-6, A. C. Twose $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, J. J. Marlow 4-4, J. Lawson 1-4. Junior (16 to play): A. C. Hall $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. Gardner 7-0, B. C. Cusack $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, V. Hay 10-6, L. Wheeler 0-12, J. C. McAnsh $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, L. Abbott $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$, J. McEwan 12-0, A. Westgate 1-9.

CANTERBURY

The Canterbury club visited the Teachers' Training College, where it lost a match to the students by three points. The club is looking forward to visits from Ashburton and the Gambit club. A Swiss system gambit tourney is on the schedule for this month. Delight is expressed by members over the club's defeat of Otago in the Bledisloe Cup.

PALMERSTON NORTH

The Palmerston North club's recent championship started off in a too-ambitious manner and had to be reorganised on account of so many defaults. The 1947-8 champion, F. W. Gatley, had to defend his title against T. Lepviikmann, R. H. Christensen and L. Burton in a double-round contest, from which Tom Lepviikmann emerged an unbeaten winner. R. H. Christensen was runner-up. The intermediate grade was more evenly contested among eight players, Leo Sim and V. Arlidge tying for first place. H. Eagle had a convincing victory in the junior section. During the season Mr. R. B. Schulze, assisted by Mr. Richards, organised a chess group among the day scholars at the Technical School, the club presenting a book prize for the winner of the school tournament. The

Palmerston club is interesting itself in the formation of a Chess League among the clubs in the central districts of the North Island and hopes to clarify the position when Wellington plays the Rest of the Province in September. The dinner which forms an essential part of this function is said to be probably the largest social gathering of chess players held in New Zealand.

The club is indebted to the Y.M.C.A. for the use of its lounge, where play takes place every Wednesday evening. Visitors are always welcome.

AUCKLAND

The Auckland club championship has twelve competitors and leading scores so far are C. P. Belton 5-1, A. W. H. Breakey 5-1, R. W. Parr $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, J. A. C. Barnes 4-2, G. Sale 4-3. The championship reserve tournament also has twelve competitors. Leaders are F. A. Haight 9-0, G. L. Calnan 8-1, I. Crawford 6-2, Mrs. J. L. Sayer 5-3. The club has organised a championship tournament for Auckland schoolboys under 18 years, to be held at the clubrooms beginning on Monday, August 22. Fourteen entries have been received and a keen contest is expected.

WHANGAREI

The Whangarei Chess Club finished its championship tournament on July 18. It was played in five Swiss system rounds. It was a well-played tournament, with 16 players entered. The results speak well for the Swiss system, as the strongest players either won or finished near the top. J. Parkinson has held the championship title for some years and won again this year by half a point. 19-year-old K. Kimber securing second place. This youngster has chances of becoming a top ranking player at the rate he is going. Final results were: J. Parkinson $4\frac{1}{2}$, K. Kimber 4, F. Cooper and J. Stewart $3\frac{1}{2}$, K. Haslett, N. Wright, J. Milnes, P. Crawford all 3, W. Rae, E. Wright, W. Davis, P. Boyt all $2\frac{1}{2}$, R. Kehoe and L. Keyte $1\frac{1}{2}$, R. K. Maxwell and D. Joynt 1. The final and deciding game will be found elsewhere in this issue.

COAL STRIKE

It is pleasing to note that our contemporary "Chess World" has not been compelled to forego publication on account of the New South Wales industrial hold-up. We understand that in spite of the lack of warmth most of Sydney's business places remain open. Many are cold but few are closin'.

THE NEW RULES—Continued

courting the possibility of further amendments in a very short space of time. Finally, we appeal to clubs to give these rules a thorough going over, so that revision will not be necessary for some years to come.

We have not yet seen chapter I. (constitution) and we understand that chapter IV., dealing with inter-club, inter-league and district matches, is now in the process of revision.

REMUERA

The Remuera club is at present engaged in a nine-board match by air mail with the Gary Chess Club, in Indiana, U.S.A. This may lead to other events of a like nature in the near future.

LEVIN AND DISTRICT CHESS CLUB

The Levin and District Chess Club is now well under way with 20 members. President, S. McMinn, Bath Street, Levin; secretary, B. Nairn, 149 Queenwood Road, Levin; captain, R. T. Woodfield, c/o Horowhenua College, Levin. The club is to affiliate with the N.Z.C.A. During a recent visit from three Palmerston North C.C. members, F. Gatley (president), G. Beere (secretary) and T. Lepviikmann, the last-named played a simul against the eight strongest Levin players. He drew with R. T. Woodfield and beat the others. Levin expects to start a beginners' class in response to local interest.

NEWCOMERS PROVE STRONG AT CHESS

Chess players from Wellington, Palmerston North and Pahiatua met a team from among the Europeans who arrived in New Zealand by the Dundalk Bay in a match at the Pahiatua rehabilitation centre on July 18. The new arrivals, after a hard series of games, were beaten by 19½ points to 16½. Two games were played by each member of the teams. The detailed results were (local players mentioned first):—

First Game.—T. Lepviikmann 1, R. Rasa 0; A. W. Gyles 1, E. Serenas 0; N. T. Fletcher 1, V. Gerdvilis 0; R. Kent 1, R. Dreiberger 0; J. Griggs 1, V. Bliccaus 0; W. F. O'Shaughnessy 1, Simkus 0; O. Thomson ½, J. Drga ½; J. W. Ross 1, K. Spinka 0; R. Allen 0, E. Steciuremko 1; J. Butcher 0, A. Knedler 1; W. Anderson 0, A. Butkus 1; W. Mills 1, A. Silkalns 0; F. Gatley 0, D. Stepaniuk 1; W. Rhodes 0, F. Jerasus 1; Mrs. J. I. Goldsmith 0, Truut 1; C. Oldridge 0, Pruss 1; W. D. Watkins 0, Straumetis 1; J. T. Beere 1, A. Adamas 0.

Second Game.—Gyles 1, Rasa 0; Lepviikmann 1, Serenas 0; Kent 0, Gerdvilis 1; Fletcher 1, Dreiberger 0; O'Shaughnessy 1, Bliccaus 0; Griggs 0, Simkus 1; Ross 0, Drga 1; Thomson 1, Spinka 0; Butcher 0, Steciuremko 1; Allen 1, Knedler 0; Minogue 0, Butkus 1; Anderson 0, Silkalns 1; Rhodes 1, Stepaniuk 0; Gatley 0, Jerasus 1; Oldridge 1, Truut 0; Mrs. Goldsmith 0, Pruss 1; Beere 1, Straumetis 0; Watkins 1, Adamas 0.

D. C. Manson's Canterbury Title

Special Correspondent: W. E. MOORE

The Canterbury title has been won by D. C. Manson, with a score of 6½—3½. David Manson is a student at Canterbury College. He is 17 years old, well over six feet tall and the rest of him in proportion. We are told that he wrestles (though not at the chess club). He speaks softly and rarely, and has the art—comforting to his victims—of looking pleasantly surprised when he wins. The Canterbury club is pleased with its new champion. In his games his opponents usually make the good moves; at least, the moves that catch the analyst's eye. But somehow, when the crisis comes, Manson usually has a piece or two handy to deal with it, and emerges a pawn to the good. What he has, he holds. Scots blood, perhaps? In fact, it is quite a wrench for him when he has two passed pawns to sacrifice one so as to queen the other!

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Sam Hollander, the Canterbury Chess Club's genial president, won the intermediate. Some time ago he retired to Akaroa for eight years. The story is that he took with him an early edition of "M.C.O." and spent his days and nights in consultation with the shades of Anderssen and Morphy, also Allgaier, Kieseritzky and other devotees of the gambit. Consequently his opponents now meet unusual problems in the openings.

The junior was won by J. Bracken. Competition was even closer here than in the senior, only two points separating first and fourth.

Final points in the three events were:—

Senior.—D. C. Manson 6½, L. J. Darwin 6, L. Moorhouse 5½, J. H. Woolley and W. E. Moore 4½, E. Dalton 3.

Intermediate.—S. Hollander 12, Rev. N. Friberg 9½, E. J. Denys 8, A. J. Golding 7½, D. J. White 6½, F. Newsome 5, Miss A. Wellard-King 4, D. Manson 3½.

Junior.—J. Bracken 9, B. Hayes 8½, C. Hagar 8, R. O'Callaghan 7½, G. Gant 7, T. R. Best 2, G. Easterbrook 0.

Here is Manson's last game in the championship. Before this game Manson and Moorhouse each had 5½ points, while Darwin had 6 points and no more to play. Consequently the winner became the champion.

Game No. 219—SLAV DEFENCE

D. C. Manson L. T. Moorhouse

1 P—Q 4, N—KB 3; 2 P—QB 4, P—B 3; 3 N—QB 3, P—Q 4; 4 P—K 3, B—B 4; 5 B—Q 3, B x B; 6 Q x B, P—K 3; 7 N—B 3, Q N—Q 2; 8 Castles, B—Q 3; 9 R—K 1, P x P; 10 Q x B P, Castles; 11 P—K 4, P—K 4; 12 B—N 5, R—K 1; 13 P—Q 5, Q R—B 1; 14 Q—Q 3, P—KR 3; 15 B—R 4, N—B 1; 16 QR—Q 1, P—B 4; 17 N—Q 2, N—N 3; 18 B—N 3, N—R 4; 19 N—B 4, P—R 3; 20 P—QR 4, Q—B 2; 21 P—KR 3, N/3—B 5; 22 Q—B 3, R—B 1; 23 B x N, N x B; 24 K—R 2, P—B 4; 25 P—KN 3, N—N 3; 26 P x P, N—R 5!; 27 Q—K 4, N x P; 28 K—N 2, QR—K 1; 29 N x B, Q x N; 30 Q—QB 4, K—R 1; 31 N—K 4, Q—KN 3; 32 N x P, R—B 1; 33 P—R 5, P—K 5; 34 R—K 2, Q—Q 3; 35 P—QN 4, N x P; 36 P x N, R—B 6; 37 K—R 1, Q x NP; 38 R—KR 2, Q—R 4; 39 Q x KP, Q—B 3; 40 Q—K 2, R—B 1; 41 Q—KN 2, Q—B 4; 42 R—KN 1, R—B 2; 43 P—Q 6, Q—R 4; 44 P—Q 7, Q—Q 4; 45 P—R 4! (the decisive manoeuvre), K—N 1; 46 P—R 5, K—R 1; 47 R—R 4, K—R 2; 48 Q—N 6 ch!, K—N 1; 49 Q—K 4!, Q x Q; 50 P—Q 8 (Q) ch, Resigns. [A smooth display. We think more will be heard of the winner. If our correspondent is correct about Manson's "having and holding" propensities, then it must have given White a nasty twinge to jettison his original Queen on move 49.—Ed.]

SULTAN KHAN—MYSTERY MAN

Our cover this month shows Sultan Khan, Indian chess genius, one of the most extraordinary figures the game has known. He was a total stranger to any book on chess, it was said, but on a visit to England about 1929 he drew 2—2 in a friendly match with the South African master Seigheim and beat Capablanca in the only game they played. He played some remarkable games in European chess tournaments about this time and won the British Empire Championship. Then—Sultan Khan disappeared and has never since been heard of!

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Special Correspondent: A. G. JONES

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| 1 L. Cole (Morrinsville)—W2, L4, W5, W6, W8, W16 | 5 |
| 2 A. Scott (Hamilton)—L1, W4, W5, W9, W11, W12 | 5 |
| 3 S. Bjerring (Waihi)—L4, D9, W12, W14, W17, W18 | 4½ |
| 4 J. Hopkins (Morrinsville)—W1, L2, W3, W12, W19, L20 | 4 |
| 5 E. Wooderson (Matamata)—L1, L2, W6, W7, W8, W21 | 4 |
| 6 F. Hirst (Hamilton)—L1, L5, W7, W9, W19, W20 | 4 |
| 7 W. Crean (Waihi)—L5, L6, W12, W13, W17, W18 | 4 |
| 8 S. Sullivan (Waihi)—L1, L5, W11, W15, W18, W22 | 4 |
| 9 B. Bjerring (Waihi)—L2, D3, L6, W13, W14, W20 | 3½ |
| 10 J. M. Bamford (Hamilton)—L12, L15, W16, L18, W19, W22 | 3 |
| 11 J. McGill (Morrinsville)—L2, L8, L12, W15, W19, W21 | 3 |
| 12 I. Hammond (Thames)—L2, L3, L7, W10, W11, W17 | 3 |
| 13 M. I. Wells (Cambridge)—L7, L9, D14, W15, W16, L19 | 2½ |
| 14 J. Stuart (Cambridge)—L3, L9, D13, L17, W20, W22 | 2½ |
| 15 H. P. English (Thames)—L8, W10, L11, L13, W17, D22 | 2½ |
| 16 A. Woolford (Morrinsville)—L1, L4, L10, L13, W21, W22 | 2 |
| 17 B. Neureuter (Morrinsville)—L3, L7, L12, W14, L15, W18 | 2 |
| 18 J. Newcombe (Cambridge)—L3, L7, L8, W10, L17, W21 | 2 |
| 19 J. Hall (Thames)—L4, L6, L10, L11, W13, W20 | 2 |
| 20 N. Palmer (Hamilton)—W4, L6, L9, L14, D21, L19 | 1½ |
| 21 W. Fink (Hamilton)—L5, L11, L16, L18, D20, W22 | 1½ |
| 22 V. Burton (Hamilton)—L8, L10, L14, D15, L16, L21 | ½ |

Cole and Scott elected to hold the title jointly.

The South Auckland Provincial Chess League's second annual championship was held in the art



L. Cole

—Photo by A. G. Jones

room of the Hamilton High School during the King's Birthday week-end. Players from Matamata, Thames, Cambridge, Waihi, Morrinsville and Hamilton took part. Unfortunately Paeroa and Roto-

rua, which sent representatives last year, were unable to send any this year, but to compensate for this, two clubs which had not been represented before, Thames and Matamata, both sent players.

The 1948 champion, E. Avery, of Hamilton, had to withdraw at the last minute, as he found himself forced to work during the week-end. His inclusion would have made a strong tournament even stronger. However, despite the absence of Avery and such strong players as H. Jeffries (Paeroa) and E. F. Tibbitts (Rotorua), the tournament was, if anything, stronger than last year.

The director of play was A. G. Jones, of Ngaruawahia. The tournament was concluded in six Swiss system rounds.

The Play

In the first round the top eleven players were matched against the bottom eleven, and no upsets were expected, but J. Hopkins, of Morrinsville, lost to N. Palmer, of Hamilton, and M. I. Wells, of Cambridge, second in the 1948 event, lost to W. Crean, of Waihi.

In the second round the two Bjerring brothers were matched, and a far from perfect but highly amusing and exciting game ended in a draw.

In the third round L. Cole (Morrinsville) beat A. T. Scott (Hamilton). This left Cole and F. Hirst (Hamilton) in the lead with three points each. These two

met in the fourth round and Cole emerged the victor.

Cole now had four points out of four and met his club mate Hopkins in the fifth round. In a very close game, with both players attempting to promote a pawn, Cole overlooked a threat to his



A. Scott

—Photo by A. G. Jones

Bishop and lost it when there was only a few minutes of the session left. This left four players each with four points, with only one round of the tournament left. They were Scott, Cole, Hopkins and E. Wooderson, a young player of great promise from Matamata.

Cole and Wooderson entered an end game with honours even. However, Cole's greater experience and superior end game play gave him the win.

Against Scott, Hopkins obtained an excellent winning position, but through indecisive play eventually lost a Rook—and Scott and Cole were declared co-holders of the trophy.

Tournament Notes

The Waihi team emerged with colours flying. All their four representatives gained higher than half the possible score and one was only a half point behind the winners.

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Most games were either very one-sided or else fluctuated noticeably as first one player and then the other made a mistake. There were no brilliancies and no flawless games. Most of the openings were of uncertain parentage, and about the only classification which could be applied to any was that they were either King's side or Queen's side.

Very few players seemed willing to part with material won for positional advantage.

Too many players tried to "finish him off in the middle game" with a checkmate. Too many players declined to resign under absolutely hopeless conditions. A fighting spirit under adverse circumstances is an excellent thing, but K and Q v. K . . . ! !

It seemed that some players were keen to be "in at the death," even if it was their own.

Middle game tactics were good on the whole and a number of players proved themselves highly resourceful on defence. On the whole, the end game was weak, especially among the lower half. Too many players simply drifted into an end game in which any advantage they had was frittered away by useless moves.

The whole tournament was played with the utmost friendliness and good sportsmanship.

GAMES FROM THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUCKLAND

From the current Auckland C.C. championship. White sets out on a deliberate swindle, which has some positional justification, but which also relies on the opponent obliging with a major error. This duly occurs, but White spoils it by "obliging" with another draw after the win. Notes by the loser.

Game No. 220

FRENCH DEFENCE

Winawer's Variation

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| A. L. Fletcher | R. W. Park |
| 1 P-K 4 | P-K 3 |
| 2 P-Q 4 | P-Q 4 |
| 3 N-QB 3 | B-N 5 |
| 4 P-K 5 | P-Q B 4 |
| 5 B-Q 2 | N-QB 3 |
| 6 N-N 5 | B x B ch |
| 7 Q x B | P x P |

Better here is . . . N x P, with a better pawn ahead (if N-Q6 ch in reply) than in the game. White could not then have avoided 8 N x

The Auckland-Waikato football match took place on Monday afternoon. It was surprising the number of games that finished just before the match started.

N, etc., with an even game. After 7 . . . P x P White decides to let the QP go in a quest for complications.

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| 8 P-K B 4 | K N-K 2 |
| 9 N-Q 6 ch | K-B 1 |
| 10 N-B 3 | Q-N 3 |
| 11 Castles | B-Q 2 |
| 12 B-Q 3 | |

Allowing the eventual exchange of this Bishop for the opposing QN, because he couldn't find anything better.

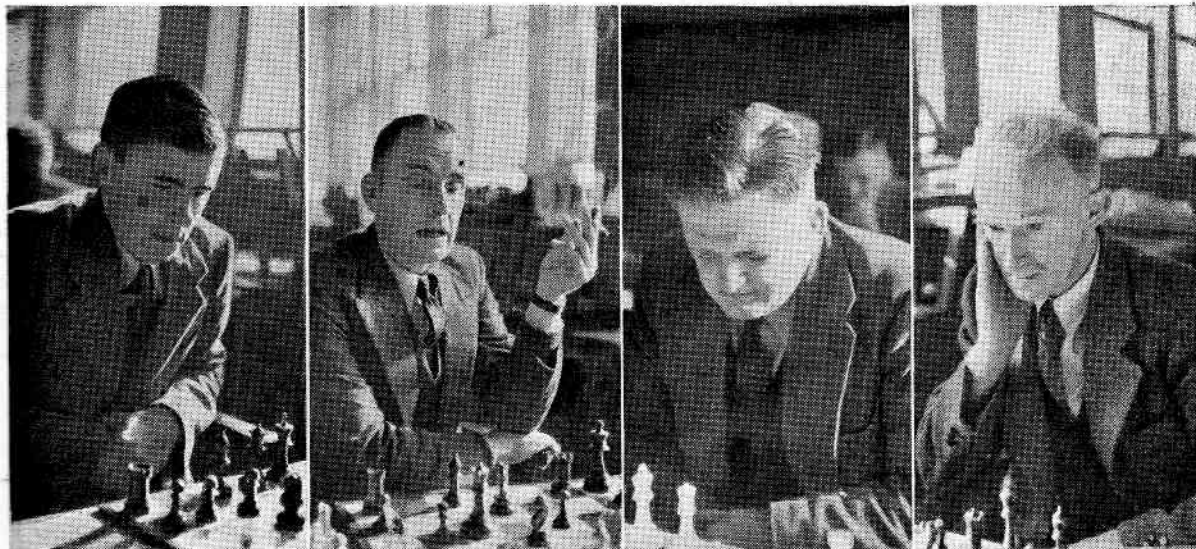
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| 12 | N-N 5 |
| 13 K-N 1 | N-B 1 |

Forcing White's hand. Clearly 14 N x N would be handing Black the game on a platter.

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| 14 N x B P | N x B |
| 15 Q x N | K x N |
| 16 N-N 5 ch | K-N 1 |
| 17 P-K N 4 | N-K 2 |
| 18 P-K R 4 | N-N 3 |
| 19 P-B 5 | N x K P |
| 20 Q-K 2 | N-B 5 |
| 21 P-N 3 | N-K 6 |
| 22 P x P | B x P |
| 23 R x P ! ? | |

White figures that as Black's KR is a "passenger" he can give up a Rook and still have a game.

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|--------------|---------|
| 23 | Q x R |
| 24 N x B | Q-K 5 |
| 25 R-R 3 | Q x N ? |



SOME OF THE PLAYERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SOUTH AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP.
From left: E. Wooderson, I. Hammond, M. I. Wells, B. Bjerring.

—Photo by A. G. Jones

Black wins easily by 25 N x N P, forcing simplification. Something like this "blue" was what White was bargaining for.

26 R x N Q-QB3
27 R-K6 Q-B1
28 P-N5 Q-B1
29 Q-K5

This and his 28th are preparatory to an eventual R-K7, threatening Q-K6 ch. If 29 R-K7, Q-B4. Note how Black's KR is a positive hindrance—with it his prospects are bad, without it he is in no danger.

29 R-Q1

Black can only sit tight. White's winning attempt needs one more preparatory move, but instead, poor fellow, he gets in a mental fog.

30 R-K7?

A pity! One move too soon. The only move was 30 P-R5!, whereupon a win for White is probable against anything. Try it out.

30 P-KR4

The only move, which 30 P-R5! would have stopped. If in reply 31 P-N6, then 31 Q-B8 ch; 32 K-N2, Q-B3. Seeing this, White is so upset that he misses a draw by perpetual check!

31 Q-K6 ch K-R2

32 P-N6 ch?

And bang goes the draw: 32 Q-R6 ch, K-N1; 33 Q-K6 ch. This is inexcusable.

32 K-R3
33 R-KB7 Q-K1
34 Q-B5 Q-K8 ch
35 K-N2 Q x P
36 Resigns

Still, Black didn't move his KR!

WHANGAREI

Game No. 221

CENTRE COUNTER

J. Stewart J. Parkinson

1 P-K4 P-Q4
2 P x P Q x P
3 N-QB3 Q-Q1
4 N-B3 N-QB3
5 P-Q4 P-K3
6 B-QB4 N-B3
7 B-B4 B-Q3
8 N-K5 R-QN1?
9 N-N5 N-QR4
10 Q-Q2 N x B
11 N x N B x B
12 Q x B N-Q4
13 N/5-Q6 ch! P x N
14 N x P ch K-Q2
15 Q-N3 R-R1

16 N x B P Q-B1
17 N x R Q x N
18 Castles (K) P-QN3
19 P-QB4 N-B3
20 P-B5 B-N2
21 Q-Q6 ch K-K1
22 Q-R-K1 B-Q4
23 R x P ch B x R
24 Q x B ch K-Q1
25 Q-Q6 ch K-B1
26 Q-B6 ch

White unfortunately missed a win here with 26 P x P. If 26 P x P; 27 Q-B6 ch, K-N1; 28 Q x P ch, K-B1; 29 R-B1 ch, K-Q2; 30 R-B7 ch, etc. If 26 Q-Q1; 27 Q-B6 ch, followed by P-N7. If 26 N-K1; 27 R-B1 ch, K-N2; 28 Q-B6 ch, K-N1; 29 P-N7, 26 K-N2 loses to 27 Q-B7 ch, K-R3; 28 P-N7, etc. (A.L.F.)

26 K-N1
27 Q-Q6 ch K-B1
28 Q-B6 ch K-N1
29 Q-Q6 ch Drawn

A near thing for the champion.

OTAGO

Game No. 222

BIRD'S OPENING

R. E. Williamson H. A. McGilvary

1 P-KB4 P-Q4
2 N-KB3 P-QB4
3 P-K3 P-KN3
4 N-B3 B-N2
5 P-Q3 N-KB3
6 B-K2 Castles
7 Castles N-B3
8 B-Q2 P-Q5
9 P x P P x P
10 N-K4 Q-N3
11 N x N ch P x N
12 Q-B1 B-K3
13 N-R4 P-B4
14 P-KR3 B-B3
15 B-K1 N-K2
16 P-KN4 N-Q4
17 P x P P x P
18 N-N2 K-R1
19 B-B2 Q-B2
20 K-R1 R-N1
21 Q-Q2 R x N
22 K x R N x P ch
23 K-N1 N x P ch
24 Resigns

CANTERBURY

Canterbury's L. J. Darwin disdains the mauling tactics of the tiger, which devours its prey piece by piece. His totem is the boa constrictor: he wraps his victim in careful coils, crushes his bones, and swallows him whole. Witness this game from the Canterbury C.C. championship this year. Notes by W. E. Moore.

Game No. 223

BIRD'S OPENING

L. J. Darwin L. Moorhouse

1 P-KB4 P-Q4
2 N-KB3 P-K3

Unnecessary and shuts in the Queen's Bishop. In the light of what follows, this almost seems to be the losing move.

3 P-K3 N-KB3
4 P-QN3 QN-Q2
5 B-N2 B-B4
6 N-B3 Castles
7 B-K2 P-B3
8 Castles Q-B2
9 Q-K1 R-K1

Black could have played 9 Q x P—perhaps.

10 N-K5 P-Q5

If 10 N x N?; 11 P x N, Q x P; 12 N-R4. But the text move is not as good as it looks.

11 N-R4 P x P
12 N x B N x N (B4)

If 12 P x P; 13 Q-B2 wins a piece.

13 P x P N-Q4
14 R-B3 P-B3
15 N-Q3 N-K5
16 N-B2 N-Q3
17 P-B4 N-K2

The Knights dance while the evils tighten. Good moves for Black are hard to find.

18 B-Q3 P-QB4
19 R-N3 N/2-B4
20 R-R3 P-K4
21 P x P P x P
22 N-K4 N-R3
23 R-R5 N (Q3)-B2
24 Q-N3 K-R1
25 N-N5 P-KN3
26 N x N ch N x N
27 B x N P Resigns

CANTERBURY

S. Hollander, the club president, punishes Black's lack of development in this game, played in the Canterbury C.C. intermediate championship.

Game No. 224

VIENNA GAME

S. Hollander D. J. White

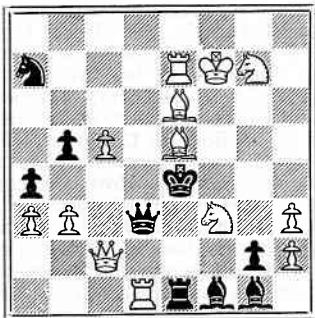
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 N-QB3 N-KB3
3 P-B4 P-Q4
4 KP x P N x P
5 P x P B-QB4
6 P-Q4 N x N?
7 P x N B-N3
8 N-B3 Castles
9 B-Q3 P-KB4

- 10 Castles
- 11 N—N 5
- 12 B—B 4 ch
- 13 N—B 7 ch
- 14 B x R
- 15 Q—R 5
- 16 B—N 3
- 17 Q—K 8 ch
- 18 B—N 8 ch
- 19 B—B 7 ch
- 20 Q—N 8 mate

- N—B 3
- P—KR 3 ?
- K—R 1
- R x N
- N x K P
- Q—B 3
- N—N 5 ? ?
- K—R 2
- K—R 1
- K—R 2

Solution Wanted

"Here is a problem from some English newspaper. I wonder if you could spare the time or whatever to solve or have it solved for me? I have puzzled over it for hours." This plaintive note was received from a reader who can't sleep because when he counts sheep they turn into Knights and jump sideways. As our time is limited, perhaps some reader will oblige. White to move and mate in three:—



- **SHORT STORY . . .**
 "Check!"
 "Heck!!"
 Wreck.
- **Moral:** Never overlook 'em.

New Zealand Personalities . . . WILLIAM LANG, OTAGO

WILLIAM LANG, the present Otago champion, was born 41 years ago in Dunedin. Learning the moves at the early age of 10, he quickly improved through watching his father and uncle play, and with their guidance he acquired a sound grasp of the game. He was to continue the association of the name Lang with Otago chess—an association already of 50 years. His father and uncle, cousin (J. F. Lang) and nephew (J. J. Lang) have been or still are associated with the Otago Chess Club.

Bill Lang's chess had a thin time while he was engaged in his legal studies, but after obtaining his degree he made up for lost time. He joined the Otago club in 1932 and won the junior championship the following season. He won the club championship in 1934, 1935 and 1937. The Army claimed his attention from 1940 to 1945, and during this time he did what he could for the game among his companions.

Back in civilian life, Lang has scored uniformly well in club events. In 1946 he figured in a triple tie for the club championship, eventually being third. In 1947 he finished second in the same event, and last season won it for the fourth time. This climb to the top again, taking three seasons, shows how his game had suffered through his absence on military service.

In telegraphic matches he has played for Otago 17 times for the

first-class result of eight wins and nine draws.

Bill made two Congress appearances, both in Dunedin, 1937 and 1947-8, gaining eighth place each time.



As president in 1936 and as a coach for beginners' classes Bill has done good work for his club. His professional activities now preclude his taking a more active part in club affairs.

Any list of the foremost chess players of New Zealand would contain the name of William Lang.

The Chimp's a Champ at Chess



← **ABENA THE CHIMP**, latest arrival at the London Zoo monkey house, is not such a lowbrow as he looks. In fact, he hasn't yet lost a game to his keeper. Perhaps this is because although he likes to go by the book, the book goes by the board when a bit of monkey business is necessary! Abena first appeared on our cover last June, where he was shown preparing to play a book opening. Here, having studied the book, he appears to be anticipating a quick win. Keeper George Smith makes his move, but Abena's reply will have to wait until our next issue.

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N.Z. ASSOCIATION'S AMENDED RULES

FOLLOWING is the draft of chapters II. and III. of the New Zealand Chess Association's amended rules, as revised by the rules revision committee. As these are of interest to all chess players as well as to members of affiliated clubs, they are published here for review and criticism. It is not proposed to open up a free-for-all in these pages, so any suggestions should be made to the club of which the critic is a member.

Chapters II. and III. deal entirely with competitions, and much work and thought has been given to them by the committee. They still have to be adopted or amended by the clubs, and will be considered at the next meeting of the council of the association, to be held in September.

CHAPTER II.—LAWS OF PLAY

i. (a) Games shall be played according to the Code of Laws of the Federation Internationale des Echecs, subject to such additions, exceptions or amendments as may appear from time to time in the rules of the Association. This law shall apply to all games played in any tournament or match conducted, sponsored or recognised by the Association, and to all games played under the conduct of or organised or recognised by any constituent, except in so far as such constituent may have varied the same.

(b) The Annexe to the Code of Laws of the Federation Internationale des Echecs shall be read with the following additions:—

Article (i) add "For the purposes of this Article adjourned games shall not be deemed to be in progress."

Article (ii) add "No analysis of a game shall be allowed anywhere while that game is unfinished, except during an adjournment. No player shall leave the tournament rooms while it is his turn to move, except in case of illness or by permission of the director of play."

Article (vi) add, after the words "... placed on that square," the following: "The first square the man comes to rest on, even if only momentarily, shall be the square whereon the move must be completed, if this constitutes a legal move."

(c) Rule 19 of the Code of Laws of the Federation Internationale des Echecs shall be read with the following additions: Clause (iii) add "or refuses to conform with any of the articles numbered (iii), (iv), (vi) or (ix) of the Annexe to this Code of Laws."

Add the following clause:—

"(vi) who commits any breach of any of the Articles numbered (i), (ii) or (v) of the Annexe to this Code of Laws."

CHAPTER III.

ANNUAL CONGRESS TOURNAMENTS

1. **ANNUAL CONTESTS:** There shall be held in each year, if practicable, a tournament to decide the individual chess championship of New Zealand, to be known as the Annual Championship Tournament. There shall also be held at the same time and place subsidiary tournaments to be known respectively as the Major Open Tourney, First Class and/or Second Class Tourneys, and, if required, New Zealand Ladies' Championship Tourney and such other contests as the Council considers desirable.

The number of competitors in the Annual Championship Tournament and in each of the above-mentioned tourneys and contests shall be limited to twelve, provided that if the Council or the Tournament Committee think fit, the number of competitors in tourneys and contests other than the Annual Championship Tournament and the Major Open Tourney may be increased but shall not exceed sixteen. One entry only may be accepted from Australia and one from any other overseas country. The respective winners of the Annual Championship Tournament and the Major Open Tourney shall have the right of competing in the Annual Championship Tournament for the following year. The winners of the subsidiary competitions shall have the right of competing in the next higher competition at the following Congress. For the purposes of this clause in the event of a tie the person entitled to compete as aforesaid shall be selected in default of playing off as specified in rule 20 (c) of this chapter, by applying the Sonneborn system, and if the application of such system still results in a tie and if the parties concerned are unable to agree, then the matter shall be settled by drawing lots.

2. **THE CHAMPION:** The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the Annual Championship Tournament shall be styled Chess Champion of New Zealand until the close of the next following Annual Championship Tournament. (A New Zealand player is one either born in New Zealand or who has resided in New Zealand for six clear calendar months immediately preceding the opening day of the Congress.)

3. **FURTHER ADMISSION OF OVERSEAS PLAYERS:** Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing rules 1 and 2, the Council may in any year declare that the Annual Championship Tournament for that year shall be open to other than New Zealand players and that a specified number of entries (exceeding one each) may for that year be accepted from Australia and other overseas countries, and in such case for that Annual Championship Tournament the foregoing rules 1 and 2 shall

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be read together with and subject to such declaration.

4. PLACE OF MEETING: Except in special circumstances, the tournament shall be held in one or other of the two main Islands alternately.

5. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: (a) For every Tournament there shall be a Tournament Committee which shall be appointed by the constituents of the town where the tournament is held, except that when the tournament is held in Wellington the Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the Council. (b) The Tournament Committee shall make regulations for the conduct of Tournaments; impose and enforce penalties for breaches of the rules and regulations; appoint umpires; and make all such financial, social and other arrangements and do all such other things as may be necessary or desirable for the conduct of the Tournaments; provided always that any regulations so made by the Tournament Committee and any penalties so imposed or enforced shall not be in contravention of the Laws of Play (as defined in Chapter II.) or the Rules of the Association.

6. ENTRANTS: (a) A constituent may nominate for the various Tournaments entrants who are, in the opinion of the council, bona fide members of the nominating constituent. The fee for each such entry shall be as follows: Championship, £1; Major Open, 10/-; all other subsidiary Tournaments, 5/-. A constituent may in any year nominate entrants as above free of charge up to the value of its subscription for that year to the Association. (b) The fee for other entrants shall be as follows: Championship, £2, subject to a refund of £1 if the entrant scores 50% of the possible points; Major Open, 10/-; all other subsidiary Tournaments, 5/-.

7. CONDITIONS OF ENTERING: (a) Notice of intention to compete in the Championship Tournament, the Major Open Tourney and other subsidiary Tourneys shall be sent by the nominating constituent or by the entrant to the Secretary of the Association so as to reach him not later than November 15th for the Championship and December 1st for the other Tourneys, or such other dates as may be fixed by the Council. The notice must be accompanied by the entrance fee (if any due), together with such evidence of his playing strength as the entrant or nominating constituent can supply. (b) Except in the case of the Annual Championship Tournament, the Tournament Committee or the Selection Board may at their discretion accept entries at the rates defined in rule 6 of this chapter at any time up to the first play in such Tournaments, but not so as to exceed the limitations imposed under rule 1 of this chapter.

8. SELECTION BOARD: (a) A Selection Board for the Tournament shall be appointed by the Council at its quarterly meeting held in the September prior to the Tournament. The Selection Board shall consist of three members or such other member as the Council may in any case think desirable. The Council shall, whenever practicable and convenient, appoint to the Selection Board one or more members from places other than Wellington. No member of the Selection Board (except the winners of the previous year's Annual Championship Tournament and Major Open Tourney) shall be eligible to compete in any of the Tournaments for which the Selection Board was appointed for that year. (b) The Council shall immediately after the closing

date for entries deliver to the Selection Board a list of all valid entries together with the name and address of each entrant and also all available information as to his playing strength. The constituent or constituents of any centre may appoint a committee to inquire and advise as to the playing strength of all entrants from that centre, and any report received from such committee by the Secretary of the Association shall be delivered by him to the Selection Board, who shall take the same into consideration. (c) If the total number of the entrants for any competition exceeds eight, the Selection Board may at its discretion exclude any entrant whose playing strength is obviously too weak, but so that the number left is not less than eight. If after the elimination of any entries under this clause there be less than twelve entries, the Selection Board may consider and admit further entries from New Zealand or elsewhere, provided that with these further admissions the total number of competitors does not exceed twelve. Where the number of competitors has been increased under rule 1, the increased number shall be read instead of the number twelve of this sub-clause (c). (d) The Selection Board shall arrange the entrants for the Major Open and subsidiary Tournaments and either the Selection Board or the Tournament Committee may, after consultation with the entrants concerned, transfer any entry from one of such Tourneys to another, should such a course be necessary or expedient, provided that in the case of the Annual Championship Tournament and the Major Open Tourney no entrant who has been selected shall be transferred to another Tourney without his consent.

9. WITHDRAWALS: (a) Notice of withdrawal may be forwarded to the Tournament Committee either through the Secretary of the Association or through the Secretary of the constituents in the town where the Tournament is held, or direct to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall in each case decide whether or not the entrance fee (if any) shall be refunded. (b) The entrance fee of every entrant who withdraws after having commenced play shall be forfeited. (c) If any entrant is not present at the meeting of competitors in sub-clause (b) of rule 10 next following, the Tournament Committee may thereupon cancel his entry and fill his place with another competitor, unless an assurance has been received by the Tournament Committee of such entrant's intention to attend in time for the first round of the Tournament. (d) If a player plays less than half his games in any competition all his games in that competition, whether played or unplayed, shall be cancelled. In all other cases where a player fails to play a game and his opponent is present at the appointed time and is ready to play, the opponent shall be regarded as having won. If both players are in default the game shall be cancelled and no point shall be scored to either player.

10. ORDER OF PLAY: (a) Each competitor shall play one game against every other competitor; and in the case of a tie among prize winners, shall play again as provided by rule 20 of this chapter. (b) Each playing session shall be of four hours and the time limit 40 moves for two hours, 60 moves for three hours, etc. The decision concerning the playing of morning, afternoon or evening sessions

shall be determined by a majority vote of all competitors present at a meeting called by the Tournament Committee for that purpose prior to the commencement of play; but in no case shall more than eight rounds be played in one week (a week for the purposes of this rule being a week commencing at midnight on Sunday and expiring at midnight on the following Sunday), nor shall any Tourney exceed 11 rounds, nor shall more than three rounds be played on any two consecutive days. The Tournament Committee shall decide whether this rule applies to Tourneys of lower grading than the Major Open. (c) Games unplayed or unfinished during the times originally fixed for them shall be played or resumed at such times as the Tournament Committee shall direct.

11. DUTIES OF PLAYERS: (a) In every game each player shall keep, on an official score sheet provided for the purpose, a correct record in any recognised notation of the moves on each side, numbered in consecutive order. Where a player keeps his record in a notation other than the ordinary English notation he shall transcribe the same into the ordinary English notation at the conclusion of the game. (b) At the conclusion of every game each player shall compare his record with that of his opponent. If any discrepancy is found in the record of the players they shall together correct whichever is in error and make their records agree, and if they are unable to do so shall obtain the assistance of the umpire, and if still unable to do so the records shall be marked "Incorrect," but this shall not affect the validity of the game. (c) When satisfied that the records are correct, and that they agree with each other, both players shall sign an accurate legible copy of the correct score sheets and hand it to the umpire or other person appointed to receive it. (d) When a game is adjourned the player at the moment of adjournment must himself record his move in writing and place it in an envelope, which he must then seal. After affixing his signature across the back of the sealed envelope he shall immediately hand the envelope to the umpire. The player's clock shall not be stopped until the written record of the move is sealed. At the time of adjournment it shall be the duty of both players to make certain that a correct record of the position and time indicated as elapsed by each of the two clocks accompanies the sealed move.

12. PENALTIES: The Tournament Committee may at its discretion impose penalties for breaches of rules or regulations for which no penalty is provided. Any penalty so imposed shall be reported to the Council at the conclusion of the Tournament.

13. SCORING: The player who wins a game scores one point. In a drawn game each player scores half a point.

14. UMPIRES: An umpire's duty shall be:—To receive at each adjournment the score sheets and record of the sealed move, if any, in a closed envelope; to open such envelope in the presence of the player or players, if any, present at the time fixed for resumption of play, and to make the move in accordance with the sealed record; to start the clock of the player whose turn it is to play at the time appointed for beginning and resuming play; to provide for the keeping of time records; when necessary to correct the records of time; to check, on the score sheet, at every adjournment, the time expended by the players; to decide ques-

tions of law and fact, subject, as regards questions of law to appeal, as provided in rule 16 of this chapter; to see that the rules are observed by the players; and generally to assist the Tournament Committee as may be required. An umpire may delegate any of his duties, except the decision of questions of law or fact, to any person or persons other than the competitors in the Tournament.

15. STOPPING GAMES: Unless otherwise directed by the umpire, a game shall be stopped from the moment that any question is referred to him until the same is settled, and during such stoppage time shall not be recorded against either player.

16. APPEAL: A player who is dissatisfied with the decision of the umpire on a question of law may appeal to the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final. The appeal may be made only if the appellant gives notice of appeal immediately after the umpire's decision and before the appellant has made any move subsequent to such decision. The umpire's decision on any question of fact shall be final.

17. ABSENTEES: If both players in a game are one hour late in arriving after the time fixed for the commencement of the game, without leave of the Tournament Committee, the game shall be cancelled and neither player shall score in respect of it.

18. OFFICIAL RECORDS: The score sheets signed by the players as required by rule 11 of this chapter, shall be the official records of the game and shall be the property of the Association. Such records and any table of results shall be open, under such restrictions as the Council may direct, to representatives of newspapers and periodicals.

19. ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING RESULTS: No player may, without the sanction of the Tournament Committee, make any arrangements with any other player (except such as is provided for in the Laws of the Federation Internationale des Echecs or in the rules of the Association) which might affect the result of the game, or of the Tournament.

20. TIES AMONG PRIZE WINNERS: (a) In the case of a tie in the Annual Championship Tournament, involving first place, or the Championship, those who tie shall play one another again; and in the case of a second tie those who still tie for first place and/or for the Championship shall play each other again; and so on until one attains first place and/or the Championship. If it is the unanimous wish of all those who tie that the play-off should take place in some place other than the place where the Congress has been held, the Council may make all necessary arrangements for the play-off in such other place and may make and enforce rules for the conduct of such play-off. (b) In the case of a tie in the Annual Championship Tournament or in any subsidiary competition, the prize money shall be divided equally among those who tie. (c) In the event of a tie for first place in the subsidiary competitions, when the Tournament Committee is satisfied that the players are unable to play off, the Sonneborn system is to decide the winner, but this sub-clause shall not affect the division of the prize money under sub-clause 20 (b).

21. PRIZES: Ninety per cent of the prize money for each Tournament shall be distributed in accordance with the Sieger system, the balance (ten per cent) to be added to the first prize.

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Up to last season the Bledisloe Cup, emblematic of the club championship of New Zealand, was confined to the four major clubs—Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago. Last year Dominion Road took on the role of Samson against the Philistines, and, although the jawbone turned out to be a wishbone, they started something. This year Wanganui and Civic (Wellington) have added their weight to the contest. We believe the Bledisloe Cup was presented for competition between the major clubs of New Zealand (a major club being one with a membership of 40), the minor clubs competing for the Blackburne Cup, which was also confined to clubs outside the metropolitan areas. As Wanganui holds the Blackburne Cup it appears that the rules must have been altered, although we have no knowledge of such being done. It does not appear right to us that a club should be eligible for both contests, and the position should be cleared up before it gets out of hand. To have more strong clubs contesting the Bledisloe Cup is desirable, in our view, but clubs should make up their minds as to whether they are major or minor—they can't be both.

In the first round Dominion Road defeated Civic 11—9, Wellington scored from Wanganui 10½—9½, and for the first time since 1939 Canterbury beat Otago, 10½—9½. Auckland had the bye. In the second round Auckland defeated Dominion Road by 16 to 4. We have not yet received any news about the Wellington-Canterbury game.

FIRST ROUND

| Dominion Road | | Civic | |
|------------------------|----|--------------------|---|
| 1 A. W. Glen | ½ | N. T. Fletcher | ½ |
| 2 A. G. Rowland | 0 | J. Cusack | 1 |
| 3 E. F. Tibbitts | ½ | E. Fritz | ½ |
| 4 W. J. Tabb | ½ | T. J. Costello | ½ |
| 5 H. H. Douglas | ½ | G. Stacey | ½ |
| 6 D. E. Miller | ½ | E. V. Cuff | ½ |
| 7 T. Bell | 1 | A. Summers | 0 |
| 8 J. Bailey | ½ | R. Teece | ½ |
| 9 J. W. Simmonds | 0 | L. Lindekrans | 1 |
| 10 C. Utting | ½ | C. J. Collins | ½ |
| 11 A. Graham | 1 | E. H. Faulkner | 0 |
| 12 K. R. Vernon | ½ | W. Anderson | ½ |
| 13 A. D. Harris | 1 | H. Rhodes | 0 |
| 14 H. A. Mayhill | ½ | C. Roberts | ½ |
| 15 F. C. Fournier | 1 | C. P. Collins jun. | 0 |
| 16 R. V. Whittle | ½ | A. Johnstone | ½ |
| 17 A. Hill | 0 | Mrs. Goldsmith | 1 |
| 18 E. F. Moyle | 0 | J. Skedden | 1 |
| 19 Mrs. E. B. Paddison | 1 | O. Strom | 0 |
| 20 B. C. Menzies | 1 | R. Pilcher | 0 |
| | 11 | | 9 |

| Wellington | | Wanganui | |
|------------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 J. D. Steele | 1 | N. M. Cromarty | 0 |
| 2 K. Beyer | ½ | W. M. Stewart | ½ |
| 3 A. W. Gyles | 0 | H. P. Whitlock | 1 |
| 4 R. O. Scott | ½ | W. Reindler | ½ |
| 5 E. H. Severne | ½ | S. Smith | ½ |
| 6 N. Henderson | 0 | A. J. Ratliff | 1 |
| 7 A. de Vries | 0 | B. Goldsbury | 1 |
| 8 L. Gneiss | 1 | L. J. Kiley | 0 |
| 9 J. L. Hardy | ½ | P. Eades | ½ |
| 10 H. J. Fuller | ½ | A. D. Smith | ½ |
| 11 R. Godtschalk | 1 | K. Hounsell | 0 |

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 12 A. T. Craven | ½ | A. Williams | ½ |
| 13 O. Thomson | 1 | W. Turner | 0 |
| 14 D. Tibbetts | 1 | E. Beach | 0 |
| 15 E. A. Williamson | 1 | L. Burn | 0 |
| 16 W. Emery | 1 | F. L. Collins | 0 |
| 17 Dr. Merrington | ½ | N. R. Lyth | ½ |
| 18 J. I. Goldsmith | 0 | B. Lawless | 1 |

Wellington defaulted one game, but two games are omitted by our correspondent.

Canterbury

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 H. R. Abbott | 0 |
| 2 L. Moorhouse | ½ |
| 3 L. J. Darwin | 0 |
| 4 R. J. Colthart | 0 |
| 5 J. H. Woolley | ½ |
| 6 W. E. Moore | 1 |
| 7 G. Fisher | 1 |
| 8 D. Manson | 1 |
| 9 R. Lovell Smith | ½ |
| 10 E. Dalton | ½ |
| 11 L. J. Mitchell | 1 |
| 12 Mrs. Abbott | ½ |
| 13 Mrs. Golding | ½ |
| 14 C. D. Gray | 1 |
| 15 F. D. Vincent | 0 |
| 16 S. Hollander | 0 |
| 17 N. Friberg | 0 |
| 18 E. J. Denys | 1 |
| 19 A. J. Golding | ½ |
| 20 G. Parkyn | 1 |

Otago

| | |
|------------------|---|
| W. Lang | 1 |
| J. F. Lang | ½ |
| W. G. Stenhouse | 1 |
| S. J. Webb | 1 |
| R. W. Lungley | ½ |
| R. Watt | 0 |
| A. J. McDermott | 0 |
| H. A. McGilvary | 0 |
| R. McDermid | ½ |
| R. Williamson | ½ |
| J. K. L. Webling | 0 |
| A. C. Twose | ½ |
| C. Ahern | ½ |
| A. Ward | 0 |
| R. Paris | 1 |
| R. J. Glass | 1 |
| J. A. Jackson | 1 |
| J. J. Marlow | 0 |
| J. S. M. Lawson | ½ |
| J. F. McEwan | 0 |

10½

9½

SECOND ROUND

| Auckland | | Dominion Road | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 1 K. R. Gillmore | ½ | A. W. Glen | ½ |
| 2 C. P. Belton | 1 | E. F. Tibbitts | 0 |
| 3 A. L. Fletcher | 1 | A. H. Douglas | 0 |
| 4 R. E. Baeyertz | ½ | A. G. Rowland | ½ |
| 5 A. W. H. Breakey | ½ | W. J. Tabb | ½ |
| 6 H. D. Addis | ½ | H. H. Douglas | ½ |
| 7 G. E. Trundle | 1 | W. Lee | 0 |
| 8 W. Nicholls | 1 | D. E. Miller | 0 |
| 9 G. Sale | ½ | T. Bell | ½ |
| 10 J. A. C. Barnes | 1 | J. Bailey | 0 |
| 11 Miss A. R. Hollis | ½ | A. P. Graham | ½ |
| 12 R. W. Park | 1 | A. J. McNamara | 0 |
| 13 F. G. McSherry | 1 | K. Vernon | 0 |
| 14 F. A. Haight | 1 | J. W. Simmonds | 0 |
| 15 J. James | 1 | L. Tuttle | 0 |
| 16 G. L. Calnan | 1 | J. Auckram | 0 |
| 17 I. Crawford | ½ | A. D. Harris | ½ |
| 18 W. J. Luck | 1 | B. C. Menzies | 0 |
| 19 E. V. Stack | 1 | W. B. Catton | 0 |
| 20 G. J. King | ½ | Mrs. E. B. Paddison | ½ |

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| 2 N. Rossolimo (France) | ½ | - | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 6 |
| 3 G. Kieninger (Germany) | ½ | 0 | - | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 A. O'Kelly (Belgium) | 0 | 0 | ½ | - | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 5 P. Schmidt (Germany) | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | - | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 6 W. Niephaus (Germany) | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 7 L. Schmid (Germany) | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | - | ½ | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 8 R. G. Wade (New Zealand) | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | - | 0 | 4 |
| 9 B. H. Wood (England) | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 2½ |
| 10 Z. Wotkowski (D.P.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 0 | - | 2½ |

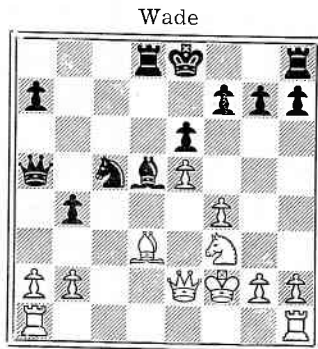
GERMANY'S first post-war international tournament took place at Heidelberg during the period from June 6 to 13 and attracted a strong entry, including the French champion, Rossolimo, fresh from his successes in England; Unzicker, the young German master; Kieninger, three times champion of that country, and O'Kelly, the Belgian champion. New Zealand's R. G. Wade played very good chess, but without much luck, obtaining draws with Unzicker, Kieninger, O'Kelly and Paul Schmidt, and notching a win over the redoubtable Rossolimo. He had a won game against Kieninger, but elected to give up the obvious continuation for some shadow which left only a draw. The reason was inexplicable—just one of those things. Then, in the last round, with an almost certain place among the prize winners, he lost in a completely won position against B. H. Wood. Apart from these two slips Wade's performance was excellent, and his New Zealand friends will see a vast improvement in his play when he returns. It will be noticed that the game against Wood was Wade's only loss, and readers will agree that it was an achievement to break more than even with the five top players. Lothar Schmid also missed the prize money by losing to the tail-ender Wotkowski in the last round. Here is Wade's game against Kieninger, with his own notes:—

Game No. 225

FRENCH DEFENCE

G. Kieninger R. G. Wade
 1 P-K4 P-K3
 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
 3 N-Q2 N-KB3

14 P x P B x P
 15 B x B N x B
 16 B-Q3 R-Q1
 17 Q-K2



Kieninger

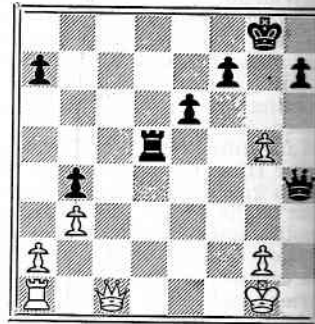
In a later round against Unzicker I played 3 P-QB4; 4 KP x P, Q x P; 5 KN-B3, P x P; 6 B-B4, Q-Q1; 7 Castles, N-QB3; 8 N-N3, N-B3; 9 QN x P, N x N; 10 N x N, and now, instead of the book continuation 10 P-QR3, I played 10 B-B4; 11 N-N5, P-QR3!, when Unzicker went away 12 N-B3, Q x Q; 13 R x Q, P-QN4, with a drawish game. Instead, 12 Q x Q ch, K x Q; 13 R-Q1 ch, K-K2; 14 N-B7, R-R2 leaves the white Knight badly placed.

4 P-K5 KN-Q2
 5 P-KB4 P-QB4
 6 P-B3 N-QB3
 7 QN-B3 Q-R4!
 8 K-B2 P-QN4
 9 B-K3 P-N5
 10 P-B4 B P x P
 11 N x P N x N
 12 B x N B-N2
 13 N-B3 B-B4

17 N x B ch
 18 Q x N B x N
 19 Q x B Castles
 20 KR-Q1 R x R
 21 Q x R R-Q1
 22 Q-QB1 Q-Q4
 23 P-QN3 Q-Q5 ch
 24 K-B1 P-N4!
 25 P x P Q x P
 26 K-N1 R-Q4

27 P-KR4 Q-Q5 ch
 28 K-R2 Q x P ch
 29 K-N1

Wade



Kieninger

Now the win is easy for any player but me, who must win brilliantly.

29 Q-Q5 ch
 30 K-R2 P-KR3??
 31 Q-B8 ch K-R2?
 32 R-KB1

Draw agreed

For instance, 32 Q-R5 ch
 33 K-N1, Q-R4; 34 Q-B8, R-Q8; 35 P-N6 ch.

BISHOPS

Following is Lothar Schmidt's win against Paul Schmidt, a game full of interesting combinative threats and surprises. This game was annotated especially for the N.Z. CHESSPLAYER by Lothar Schmid.

Game No. 226

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

Tchigorin Defence

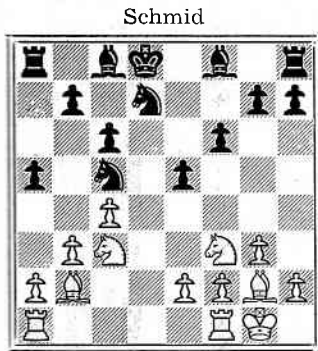
Paul Schmidt Lothar Schmidt

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
 2 P-QB4 P-Q3
 3 N-QB3 P-K4
 4 P x P P x P
 5 Q x Q ch K x Q
 6 N-B3 KN-Q2

(Queens off so early does not mean a draw. The game becomes more difficult to play because to evolve plans to post the minor pieces well and build up an attack calls for an effort. And without such plans a loss would be automatic.—R. G. Wade.)

7 P-QN3 P-KB3
 8 B-N2 P-B3

9 P-N3 P-QR4
 Better than 9 ... N-R3; 10 B-N2, with P-QN4-B5 in answer to N-B4, as in Najdorf-Boleslavsky, Groningen 1946, leaving Black cramped.
 10 B-N2 N-R3
 11 Castles (K) N/3-B4



Schmidt

Schmidt

Black has a strong central position to offset the inferior piece development. White cannot obtain commanding squares for his pieces.

12 Q-R-Q1 K-B2
 13 N-Q2

If 13 N-KR4, P-R5!; 14 P-QN4, P-R6 is a disruptive continuation.

13 ... B-K2
 14 P-QR3 R-Q1
 15 P-B4 P x P
 16 P x P N-B1
 17 P-B5 R-R3
 18 N/3-K4 R-N3
 19 R-N1 N/1-Q2

If 19 ... N x N; 20 N x N, R x P; 21 B-K5 ch wins the exchange.

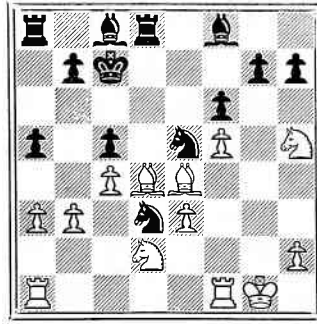
20 B-Q4 R-R3
 21 R-R1 R-QR1
 22 P-K3 N-Q6
 23 N-N3 N/2-K4
 24 N-R5

White has cleverly neutralised the centre squares in that I have had no chance until now to occupy them with my pieces.

24 ... B-B1

25 B-K4 P-B4

Schmidt



Schmidt

26 B x N ch
 26 B-QB3, P-R5.

26 ... N x B
 27 B-Q5 P-R5
 28 P-K4 N-B3
 29 R-B3 N-Q5
 30 R-R3 R-R3

If 30 ... P x P; 31 N x P, N-B7; 32 R-QB1 holds the position together.

31 P x P R x P

A better plan is 31 ... P-R3, with 32 ... P-KN3 as a follow-up.

32 K-B2 P-QN4
 33 R-KN1
 33 P x P, B x P!

33 ... P x P
 34 N x NP N x P
 35 N x N B x N
 36 R-KB3

36 P x B, R x B; and the better posting of Rooks and King give Black the advantage for the ending.

36 ... B-N3
 36 ... B x P?; 37 N x B, R x B; 38 N-B3 wins the exchange.

37 R x P B-N2
 37 ... P-B6; 38 N-B4 leads to a draw.

38 R-B6 ch
 38 R-B7 ch, R-Q2 gives a drawn position.

38 ... K-Q2

39 R-N1 R-Q5 ch
 40 K-N2 P-B6
 41 N-N3

An alternative is 41 R-N7 ch, K-K1; 42 R x B, P x B; 43 B-B6 ch, K-B1; 44 B x R, P x N—but neither player was striving to draw.

41 ... P-B7
 42 R-QB1

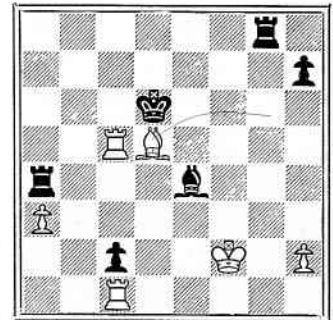
Surer was 42 N x P ch, B x N; 43 R-N7 ch, K-K1; 44 R x B, with a drawn ending.

42 ... R-KN1!
 43 N x P ch

43 K-R1, B-R4 threatens mate, while 43 K-B1, R-KB1 ch is incalculable over the board.

43 ... B x N
 44 R x B B x P ch
 45 K-B2 K-Q3!

Schmidt



Schmidt

46 R-B4?

Loses. Correct was 46 B x B, K x R; 47 R x P ch, K moves; 48 B x P and draws.

46 ... R x R
 47 B x R/4 R-QR1
 48 K-K3

48 B-N3, R x P; 49 B x P, R-R7 wins a piece, and Black's solitary pawn is sufficient to win.

48 ... K-K4
 49 K-Q2 R x P
 50 B-B1

The threat was R-R6.

50 ... K-Q5
 51 P-R4

White is almost in zugzwang, or movebound.

51 ... R-KB6
 52 R-R1 R-B7 ch
 53 K-K1 R-R7
 54 Resigns

There is nothing to stay the entry of the King to QN7.

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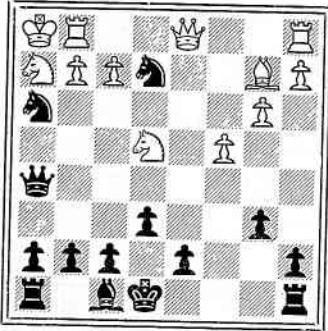
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Announce the Mate!

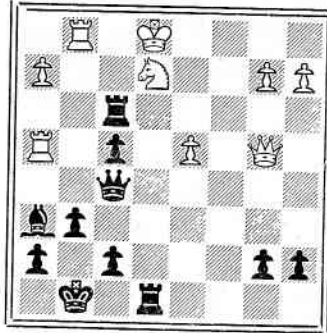
This page is designed to assist the inexperienced player in exercising his ability to recognize a mating position when it arises. The positions are all taken from actual games, and the correct moves will be found on page 59. Try to find the mate before looking at the answers.

NOTE that the reader plays from the bottom of the board in each case.

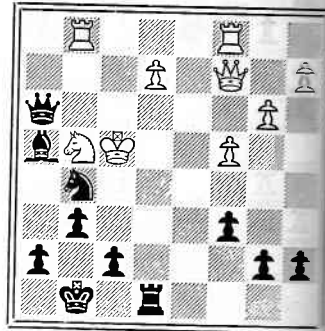
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Black
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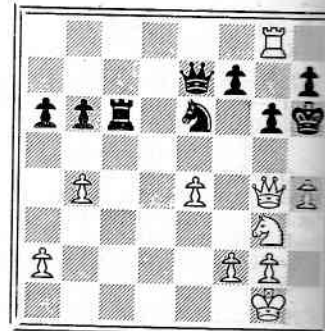
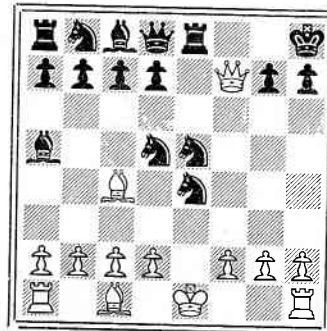
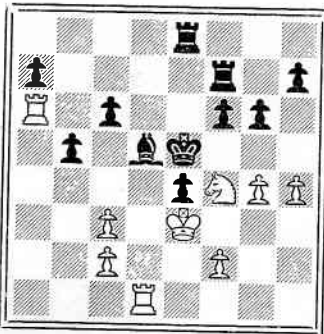
Black
2. Black mates in moves

Black
3. Black mates in moves

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Black

Black



White
4. White mates in moves

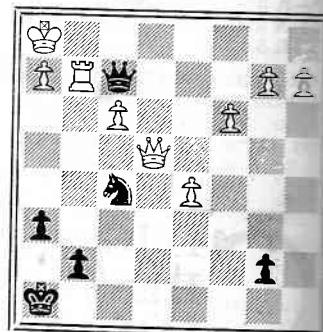
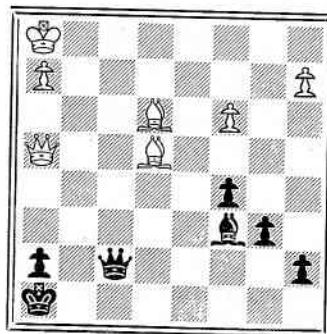
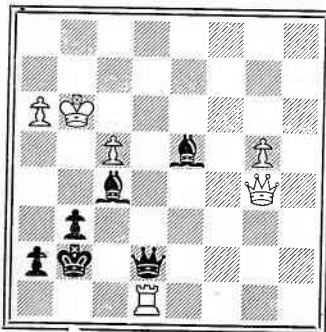
White
5. White mates in moves

White
6. White mates in moves

White

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Black
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8. Black mates in moves

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9. Black mates in moves

WORLD CHESS DIGEST

GERMANY

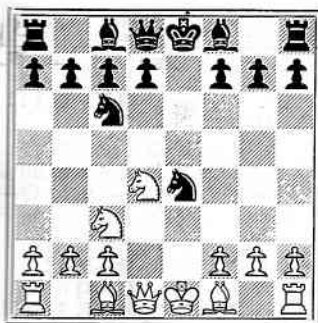
The 1949 championship was won by E. Bogoljubow, Soviet champion 1923, winner Moscow 1925 tourney, and distinguished by two ("hell for leather"—Purdy) World Championship matches with Alekhine in 1929 and 1934. In a 12-round Swiss tourney (36 players) he scored 10½, with Dr. Troger 9½, 20-year-old Lothar Schmid 8½, Kieninger 7½, Unzicker, Paul Schmidt, etc., 7. Here is Bogoljubow's only loss, to Lothar Schmid. Notes by R. G. Wade.

Game No. 227

SCOTCH GAME

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| E. Bogoljubow | L. Schmid |
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 N-B3 | N-B3 |
| 4 P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5 NxP | NxP! |

Schmid



Bogoljubow

A surprise move. If now 6 N x N (K4), Q-K2 (not 6 ... Q-R5; 7 B-Q3, N x N; 8 B-KN5, trapping the Queen); 7 P-KB3, P-Q4; 8 B-QN5, B-Q2; 9 O-O, P x N; 10 R-K1, N x N; 11 Q x N, O-O-O; 12 B x B ch, R x B; 13 Q x P gives an even ending.

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| 6 N x N/6 | N x N |
| 7 N x Q | N x Q |
| 8 N x BP | N x BP |
| 9 N x R | N x R |
| 10 B-Q3 | |

Good is 10 B-K3, followed by 11 B-Q3.

10 B-B4

Not 10 P-KN3; 11 N x P, P x N; 12 B x P ch, K-K2; 13 B-N5 ch, K-K3; 14 K-K2, N-N6 ch; 15 P x N, and White's passed pawn gives him a decided advantage.

| | |
|----------|------|
| 11 B x P | N-B7 |
| 12 B-B4 | |

If 12 P-KR3, P-Q4! gives the black Knight the best of flight squares.

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| 12 | P-Q3 |
| 13 B-N6 ch | |

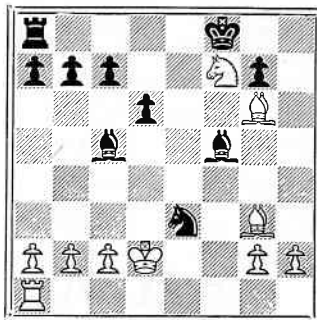
Now the net cannot be closed by 13 P-KR3, B-K3; 14 B-N3, N-R8!; 15 B-R4, B-Q4.

| | |
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| 13 | K-B1 |
| 14 B-N3? | |

White's main problem is to improve the position of his Knight, and this should be attended to immediately with 14 N-B7.

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| 14 | N-N5 |
| 15 N-B7 | N-K6! |
| 16 K-Q2 | B-B4! |

Schmid



Bogoljubow

As after 17 B x B, N x B; 18 N-N5, B-K6 ch wins the Knight, and 18 R-KB1, P-KN3 wins a pawn.

| | |
|------------|--------|
| 17 N-N5 | B x B |
| 18 N-K6 ch | K-K2 |
| 19 N x B | N x BP |
| 20 B-R4 ch | K-K1 |
| 21 N-K6 | K-Q2 |
| 22 N-B4 | N x R |
| 23 N x B | R-K1 |

Black has won the exchange, and the only question to answer is whether the black Knight can take further part in the game.

24 B-B2

If instead 24 N-B4, R-K5; 25 P-KN3, R-R5 and the Knight is gradually extracted.

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| 24 | N-B7! |
| 25 N-B4 | |

If 25 P-QR3, N-R8!

| | |
|--------------|------|
| 25 | N-N5 |
| 26 Resigns | |

LUZERNE 1948-49

This tournament was won by the young German master Unzicker. Here is his only loss, to his fellow countryman Samisch. Samisch has been noted for his excellent game planning for the last 20 years, but has not had first-class results because he gets into dreadful time trouble. Notes by R. G. Wade.

Game No. 228

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME Bogoljubow Variant

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| F. Samisch | W. Unzicker |
|------------|-------------|

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| 1 P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2 P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3 N-KB3 | B-N5 ch |
| 4 B-Q2 | Q-K2 |
| 5 P-KN3 | P-QN3 |
| 6 B-N2 | B-N2 |
| 7 Castles | B x B |
| 8 QN x B | Castles |
| 9 Q-B2 | P-Q3 |

Black's alternative was 9 P-QR4. In the absence of his dark square Bishop he chooses to place his pawns on dark squares.

| | |
|----------|-------|
| 10 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 11 KR-K1 | QN-Q2 |
| 12 QR-B1 | P-QR4 |

Desiring no nonsense in the form of P-QN4-QB5.

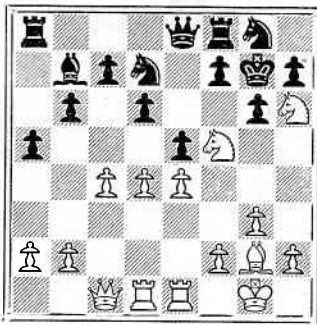
13 N-R4! N-K1

Not 13 P x P; 14 P-K5!, winning a piece; nor 13 P-N3; 14 P-B4, when P x either P is not available and White threatens, among other possibilities, 15 BP x P, P x P; 16 P-Q5, with a strong Queen's side pawn majority.

| | |
|------------|--------|
| 14 N-B5 | Q-Q1 |
| 15 N-B3 | N/1-B3 |
| 16 QR-Q1 | Q-K1 |
| 17 N/3-R4 | P-N3 |
| 18 N-R6 ch | K-N2 |

19 Q-B1 N-KN1
20 N/4-B5 ch!

Unzicker



Samisch

20 K-R1

20 P x N allows mate in three.

21 N x N R x N

Necessary, for if 21 K x N; 22 Q-R6!, P x N; 23 P x P, B x B; 24 P-B6, N x P; 25 Q-N5 ch, K-R1; 26 Q x N ch, K-N1; 27 K x B, with the winning position, because Black has to stop R-K4 and KN4.

22 N-K3 R-Q1
23 N-Q5 P-QB3

Never a move like 23 B x N; 24 BP x B, followed by R-K3-QB3, building up on Black's backward pawn.

24 N-B3 Q-K2
25 P-B4 P-B3
26 Q-Q2 N-N1

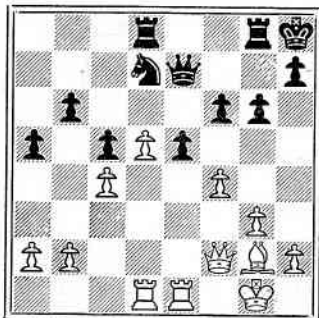
Samisch said that better was 26 P x QP; 27 Q x P, N-B4.

27 Q-KB2 P-QB4
28 P x BP QP x P

Natural but mistaken move. The right idea is to recapture with the NP and fight to place the black Knight on Q5.

29 N-Q5 B x N
30 KP x B N-Q2

Unzicker



Samisch

31 P-Q6!
Given time to play 31 Q-Q3 Black would be safe.

31 Q-N2
32 B-B6

With White's pieces better placed, Samisch desires to open up the position with BP x P, but does not want a strong black Knight on his K5.

32 KR-K1
33 B x N R x B
34 P x P P x P
35 Q-B3 R/1-Q1
36 Q-QB6 Q-B3
37 Q x NP R x P
38 R x R Q x R
39 Q x Q R x Q
40 R x P

Finally winning a pawn.

40 R-Q8 ch
41 K-B2 P-R5
42 P-N3 P x P
43 P x P R-Q6
44 R-K3 R-Q7 ch
45 R-K2 R-Q6
46 R-N2 K-N2
47 K-K2 R-QB6
48 K-Q2 R-B6
49 K-B2 K-B3
50 K-N1 K-K4
51 R-K2 ch K-Q5
52 K-B2 P-R4
53 R-Q2 ch K-K5
54 R-Q5 R-B7 ch
55 K-B3 R x P
56 R x BP R-R6
57 R-KN5 P-R5
58 R-N4 ch K-K4
59 R x RP R x P ch
60 K-N4 P-N4
61 R-R6 P-N5
62 P-B5 K-Q4
63 R-Q6 ch K-K4
64 R-Q1 R-KB6
65 P-B6 R-B1
66 K-B5 Resigns

YUGOSLAVIA

The 1949 championship was won by Trifunovic, half a point ahead of Gligoric and Pirc. Here is a game won by veteran analyst Vucovic from young master Puc.

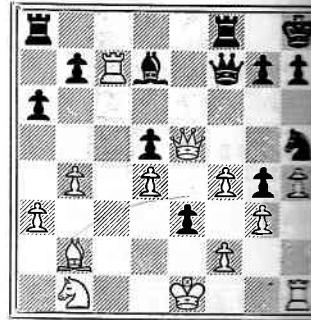
Game No. 229
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Semi-Slav Defence

| | |
|---------|---------|
| Puc | Vucovic |
| 1 P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2 P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3 N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4 P-K3 | P-B3 |
| 5 N-B3 | Q-N-Q2 |
| 6 B-K2 | |

More usual is 6 B-Q3.

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| 6 | B-Q3! |
| 7 Q-B2 | Castles |
| 8 P-QN3 | P-K4 |
| 9 BP x P | BP x P |
| 10 B-N2 | P-K5 |
| 11 N-Q2 | P-QR3 |
| 12 N-R4 | Q-K2 |
| 13 QR-B1 | N-K1! |
| 14 N-N1 | P-B4 |
| 15 P-N3 | N/1-B3 |
| 16 P-QR3 | K-R1 |
| 17 P-R4 | N-N5 |
| 18 B x N | P x B |
| 19 N/4-B3 | N-B3 |
| 20 P-N4 | B-K3 |
| 21 N-K2 | N-R4 |
| 22 N-B4 | B x N |
| 23 KP x B | P-K6! |
| 24 Q-B7 | B-Q2 |
| 25 Q-K5 | Q-B2 |
| 26 R-B7 | |

Vucovic



Puc

26 QR-K1!
27 Q-Q6

If 27 R x B, Q x R; 28 Q x K, P x P ch; 29 K x P, Q-K3; 30 Q-K5, Q-QB3; 31 R-QB1, Q-K4 and wins.

27 P x P ch
28 K x P Q-B4!
29 Q x B Q-Q6
30 Q x NP R-K7 ch
31 Resigns

TUSSELE

Auckland inter-club matches do not usually produce the district's best chess owing to rather short sessions, the absence of clocks, and perhaps a dash of the pique spirit! The following is one of the best we have seen this season.

Game No. 230
ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE
F. A. Haight J. A. Moir
(University) (Remuera)

| | |
|---------|-------|
| 1 P-K4 | N-KB3 |
| 2 N-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 3 P x P | N x P |

Q 3!
 castles
 K 4
 P x P
 K 5
 Q R 3
 K 2
 K 1!
 B 4
 /1-B 3
 R 1
 N 5
 x B
 B 3
 K 3
 R 4
 x N
 K 6!
 Q 2
 B 2

4 N x N ? Q x N
 5 N-B 3 P-K 4
 6 P-Q 3 B-Q 3
 7 P-Q N 3 Castles
 8 B-K 2

Preparations for castling are becoming urgent, as . . . P-K5 could be troublesome.

8 B-Q 2
 9 Castles B-B 3
 10 P-Q B 4 Q-K 3
 11 R-K 1 N-Q 2
 12 Q-B 2 P-K 5

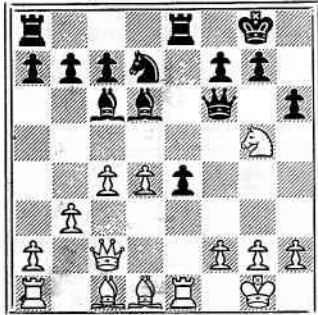
Leading to a fine and complicated position, but the move is of doubtful soundness.

13 B-Q 1 KR-K 1
 14 P-Q 4 Q-B 3
 15 N-N 5

Either B-N5 or B-N2 would be met by . . . P x N.

15 P-K R 3

Moir



Haight

16 N x B P

If 16 N x KP, Q-R5; 17 P-N3, R x N and wins. White by the text move shows a briskness that would have been better exhibited in some of his opening moves.

16 K x N
 17 P-Q 5 N-K 4

17 Q x R was all right. E.g., 18 B-N2, Q x P; 19 B-R5 ch, P-N3; 20 R-R1, Q x R ch; 21 B x Q, P x B; 22 P x B, P x P, when Black has far too much for the Queen.

18 R x P

If 18 P x B, N-B6 ch, with vast complications which appear to favour Black. White prefers to avoid them by first removing the KP, but in doing so gives Black the opportunity for some pretty forcing play.

18 N-Q 6!
 19 Q x N R x R
 20 Q x R R-K 1
 21 B-R 5 ch P-N 3
 22 B x P ch Q x B

23 Q x Q ch K x Q
 24 B x P!

Black overlooked this when he played 18 . . . N-Q6! White gets three pawns for his piece.

24 B x Q P
 25 B-K 3

Better 25 P x B, parting the two Bishops, with still a game.

25 B-B 3
 26 P-K R 3 K-B 4
 27 R-Q 1 R-K N 1
 28 P-N 4 ch K-K 5
 29 R-Q 4 ch

K-N2 was better here, but . . . R-KR1 would still win for Black.

29 K-B 6
 30 K-B 1 R-K R 1
 31 P-B 5 B-K 4
 32 R-Q 3

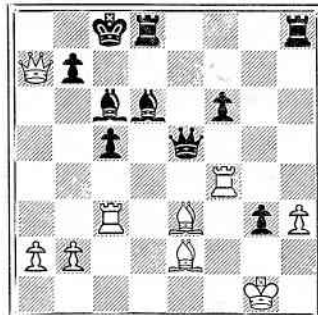
A blunder, but a harmless luxury in a lost position.

32 B-N 4
 33 Resigns

Would You Have Done It This Way?

Two endings from a tourney at Opatija (Yugoslavia) 1948.

Janosevic



Mestrovic

A survey of the position indicates that Black stands better; the possibility of . . . Q-Q4 is strong, but White holds up matters by control of his KB3. Janosevic resolved the problem by:

24 R-R 5!!
 25 B-B 3

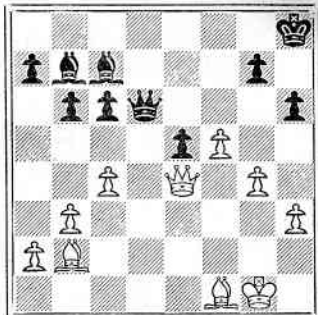
If 25 R x R, Q-Q4; 26 B-N4 ch, P-B4 wins, or 26 K-B1, Q-R8 ch; 27 B-N1, Q-N7 ch wins the Queen.

25 B-N 1
 26 Q x P

Or 26 Q-N6, B-B2; 27 Q-R7, R x R; 28 B x B, Q x B ch! mates in three.

26 Q x Q
 27 Resigns, as he loses a piece.

Kozomara



Kostich

Boris Kostich is an old friend of New Zealanders from his tour in 1924. In this position he is the victim of a fine combination that brings Black's pieces to life with a bang.

31 P-B 4!!
 32 Q x B P-K 5

Threatening mate, and if 33 K-B2, Q-N6 ch; 34 K-K2, Q-Q6 ch; 35 K-B2, B-N6 ch and mates in four.

33 B-K 2 Q-R 7 ch
 34 K-B 1 Q-R 8 ch
 35 K-B 2 P-K 6 ch!
 36 Resigns

Announce the Mate!

SOLUTIONS

No. 1--Black mates in 2 moves: 1 N x P ch; 2 N x N, N-N6 mate.

No. 2--Black mates in 4 moves: 1 R x N ch; 2 K x R, Q-Q6 ch; 3 K-K1, R-K6 ch; 4 K-B2, Q-K7 mate.

No. 3--Black mates in 2 moves: 1 Q-B6 ch; 2 P x Q, N-R6 mate.

No. 4--White mates in 3 moves: 1 R x B ch, P x R; 2 N-Q3 ch, P x N; 3 P-B4 mate.

No. 5--White mates in 4 moves: 1 Q-N8 ch, K x Q; 2 N-K7 ch, K-B1; 3 N-N6 ch, P x N; 4 N x P mate.

No. 6--White mates in 2 moves: 1 Q-R5 ch, P x Q; 2 N-B5 mate.

No. 7--Black mates in 3 moves: 1 Q-R5 ch; 2 K x Q, B-B7 ch; 3 K-N5, P-R3 mate.

No. 8--Black mates in 3 moves: 1 Q-B8 ch; 2 B-N1, Q-B6 ch; 3 B x Q, B x B mate.

No. 9--Black mates in 3 moves: 1 Q-B8 ch; 2 R-N1, N-N6 ch; 3 P x N, Q-R6 mate.



R-K 1!!

R: 28 Q x N, K3; 30 Q-QB1, Q-N4

x P ch B 4! Q 6 Q 7 ch!!

E matches do the district's rather short of clocks, and the picnic is one of this season.

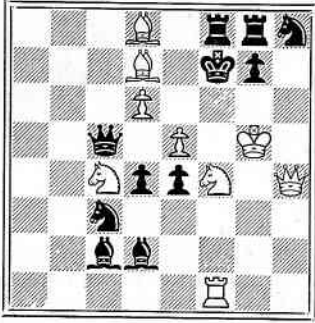
230 FENCE A. Moir (Remuera) K B 3 Q 4 x P

PROBLEM SECTION

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No. 55—P. Barron (Margate).
First publication.

Black, 11 men

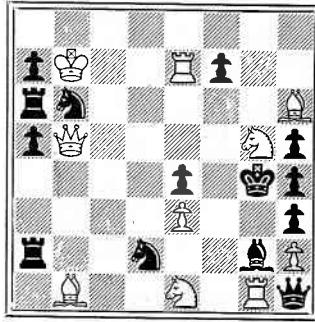


White, 9 men

White to move and mate in two

No. 56—C. Vaughan (Sheffield).
First publication.

Black, 14 men

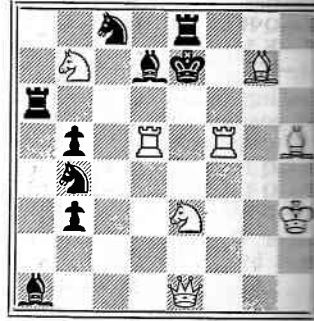


White, 10 men

White to move and mate in two

No. 57—B. J. da C. Andrade
(Essex). First publication.

Black, 9 men

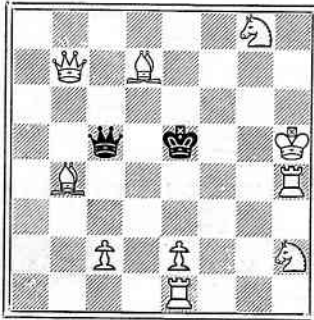


White, 8 men

White to move and mate in two

No. 58—E. M. Guest
(Christchurch).

Black, 2 men

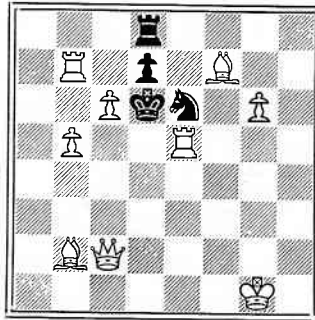


White, 10 men

White to move and mate in two

No. 59—Bruno Walter Sommer,
1923.

Black, 4 men

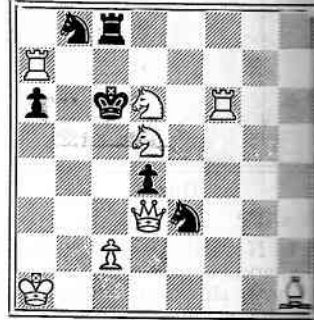


White, 9 men

White to move and mate in two

No. 60—G. Heathcote,
1916.

Black, 6 men

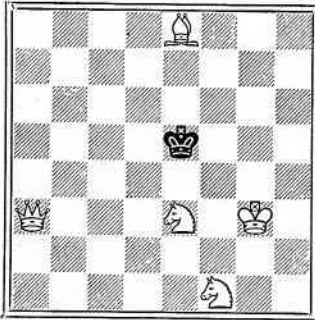


White, 8 men

White to move and mate in two

No. 61—E. A. LePetit
(Invercargill).

Black, 1 man

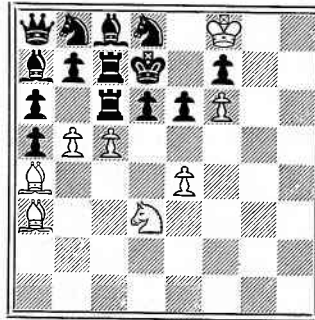


White, 5 men

White to move and mate in three

No. 62—P. G. Keeney, Cincinnati
Times, 1927, etc.

Black, 14 men

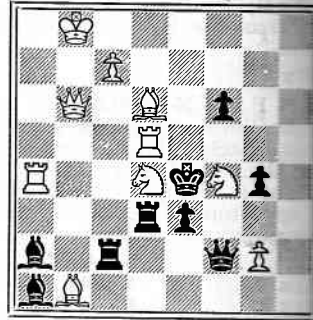


White, 8 men

White to move and mate in five

No. 63—Arnoldo Ellerman,
Handelsblad, 1917.

Black, 9 men



White, 10 men

White to move and mate in two

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

FINAL TROPHY AND HANDICAP SCORES

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Pts. |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| 1 D. I. Lynch | - | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 9 |
| 2 J. A. Cunningham . | ½ | - | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 7½ |
| 3 E. C. Cole | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 4 H. P. Whitlock | 1 | ½ | 0 | - | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6½ |
| 5 R. W. Lungley | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 6 N. M. Cromarty ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | - | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 7 E. J. Byrne | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 6 |
| 8 E. F. Tibbitts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | - | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 5½ |
| 9 E. R. Broom | ½ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 5½ |
| 10 S. Smith | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5 |
| 11 F. H. Grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 4 |
| 12 C. J. Taylor | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | - | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2½ |
| 13 K. C. Campbell | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1½ |

Campbell withdrew, penalty points 2½.
Taylor withdrew, penalty points 3.

CLASS 1 B

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Pts. |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| 1 T. G. Paterson | - | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 9½ |
| 2 G. Severinsen | 1 | - | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 3 W. E. Moore | 0 | 1 | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| 4 G. Mitchell | ½ | 0 | 1 | - | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 5 H. G. King | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | - | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 6 K. H. S. Allen | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 7 L. J. Kiley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | - | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5½ |
| 8 F. A. Mintoft | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 5½ |
| 9 W. H. Sloan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 10 R. W. Smith | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4½ |
| 11 Dr. N. E. H. Fulton | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | ½ | 4 |
| 12 E. A. LePetit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 13 W. H. Dick | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 3 |

Sonneborn placing: Severinsen 73.33%, Moore 72.33%, Mitchell 72%.

CLASS 1 C

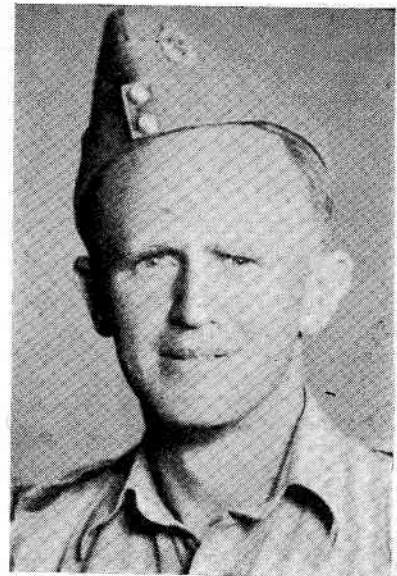
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Pts. |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|------|
| 1 T. H. Hooper | - | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 7½ |
| 2 H. J. Toye | 0 | - | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 7 |
| 3 Miss A. R. Hollis | ½ | ½ | - | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6½ |
| 4 H. A. McGilvary | ½ | ½ | 1 | - | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 5 W. A. Donald | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 6 |
| 6 A. J. Ratliff | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 4½ |
| 7 L. Watts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4½ |
| 8 Rev. E. R. Wright | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 1 | ½ | 4 |
| 9 J. D. McKenzie | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | - | 1 | 1 | 3½ |
| 10 L. A. Jones | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | ½ | 2 |
| 11 W. J. Kurney | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | - | 1½ |

Kurney withdrew, penalty points 1½.

Class 2.—F. Beamish, 9½; E. Stack, 8½; J. A. McDiarmid, 8; A. W. Sims, 7½; J. Adkins, 7; F. W. Beam, 6; L. E. Cook, 6; W. A. Pearse, 5; P. Eades, 4½; M. S. Littlewood, 4½; G. H. Hignett, 4; K. C. Guthrie, 3; J. Morris, 2. (Sims withdrew, pen. 2½.)

Class 3.—A. G. Jones, 9½; A. N. Hignett, 9; J. Yates, 7; B. C. Cusack, 6½; J. J. Orbell, 6½; J. W. Collins, 6; A. P. A. Mathieson, 5½; F. W. Jessett, 5½; Miss F. Collinson, 5½; H. W. Wilkins, 5; E. G. A. Frost, 4; Miss K. Wilkinson, 2½; L. W. Nabbs, 0. (Frost withdrew, penalty points 3; Nabbs withdrew, penalty points 2½.)

Once again the New Zealand Correspondence Championship has fallen to the popular Hastings player D. I. Lynch. This makes two on end for Dave, who just missed winning the over-the-board title at Wanganui last Christmas. He played well in the correspondence event to gain nine points out of a possible 12.



Lynch's success in the last two years has put him in the foremost class of New Zealand players and some good chess can be expected from him at Auckland next Christmas. The congratulations of the N.Z. CHESSPLAYER on his latest success will be only a drop in the bucket—we do not know of a more popular player.

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Class 4.—G. Pilkington, 9½; W. Neilson, 9; D. B. Duggan, 7½; W. C. McCombie, 7; L. W. Neale, 7; G. O. Jones, 6½; M. F. Robinson, 6½; A. D. Dickie, 5½; G. S. Smith, 5; N. C. Dick, 3½; T. A. Vincent, 3½; A. E. Hartnell, 3; J. F. McClellan, 2. (McClellan withdrew, penalty points 2½.)

Class 5.—T. R. Fenwick, 9½; Mrs. C. Forrest, 9½; J. C. Taylor, 9; P. H. Hardiman, 8; L. W. Mills, 6½; D. U. White, 6; E. W. Chrisp, 4; E. Stanley, 3½; P. J. Meehan, 3; V. L. Meikle, 3; T. Mitchell, 2; Miss J. Moncrieff, 2. Sonneborn placing: Fenwick 89.93%, Mrs. Forrest 89.26%.

HANDICAP SCORES

A. W. GYLES ADDS TO HIS LAURELS

The eight prize winners in the Handicap event were: A. W. Gyles, played 14, won 12, drew 2, lost 0—final average 5.97; W. Anderson, 14, 12, 0, 2—5.72; J. W. Ross, 12, 11, 0, 1—5.68; D. B. Duggan, 20, 14, 1, 5—5.6; C. M. Sloane, 14, 11, 3, 0—5.47; G. H. Gant, 14, 10, 3, 1—5.3; G. L. Calnan, 22, 15, 5, 2—5.3; Mrs. Sayers, 13, 8, 3, 2—5.2; L. W. Neale, 20, 13, 0, 7—5.2.

The remainder of the competitors, in order, were:

J. A. Jackson, final average 5.18; J. F. McEwan, 5.14; W. A. Donald, 5.13; R. Thorne, 5.07; M. O'Connell, 5.07; J. Byrne, 5.0; W. M. Walker, 4.97; B. H. P. Marsick, 4.93; G. Pilkington, 4.76; J. C. Taylor, 4.7; E. Hemingway, 4.68; W. J. Luck, 4.58; S. F. Banks, 4.52; G. S. Smith, 4.45; P. W. R. Jackson, 4.14; Dr. Johnston, 3.92; J. D. McKenzie, 3.9; L. J. Kiley, 3.87; Dr. Fulton, 3.86; N. S. Traves, 3.81; M. F. Robinson, 3.7; R. Teece, 3.65; L. A. Jones, 3.57; F. L. Collins, 3.5; Mrs. Walker, 3.48; J. Lee, 3.43; D. E. Miller, 3.39; A. D. Dickie, 3.39; A. Smith, 3.39; S. Severinsen, 3.2; L. Burn, 3.18; P. D. Taylor, 3.1; V. L. Meikle, 3.08; F. Cooper, 3.07; G. H. Dick, 3.01; T. Parsons, 2.95; I. L. McKay, 2.94; A. E. Hartnell, 2.87; N. J. Easterbrook, 2.76; R. Claydon, 2.7; E. Honore, 2.62; J. F. Wing, 2.6; J. W. Collins, 2.41; J.

E. Jeffs, 2.43; Mrs. Eades, 2.4; H. Jeffries, 2.38; E. Severinsen, 2.2; C. R. Wilks, 2.01; E. W. Chriss, 1.96; L. H. Young, 1.93; Rev. Wright, 1.88; T. Mitchell, 1.35; G. Mitchell, 1.0; E. E. Paull, 0.8.

The following, having completed fewer than eight games, did not qualify: H. H. Douglas, final average 6.33; R. Gilberd, 6.0; Mrs. Forrest, 6.0; Miss Wilkinson, 6.0; G. A. Toothill, 5.6; B. C. Cusack, 5.4; H. S. Watson, 5.0; E. H. Faulkner, 4.83; C. Robena, 4.74; J. Auckram, 4.52; Dr. Filmer, 4.25; P. E. King, 4.0; J. Sadleir, 3.6; G. O. Jones, 3.38; W. F. Rogers, 3.1; R. T. Woodfield, 3.0; J. Griffiths, 3.0; Miss Collinson, 2.66; H. G. Percival, 2.45; K. C. Gutera, 2.33; H. J. Claydon, 1.83; A. L. Goldfinch, 1.75; A. E. Hollander, 1.5; R. W. Park, 1.5; F. N. Day, 1.5; P. Simpson, 1.0; Harrison-Wilkie, 1.0; A. M. Blomfield, 0.95; G. W. Graham, 0.1; R. Davey, 0; A. L. Fletcher, 0; J. Dougherty, 0; E. R. Broom, 0; W. L. McIver, 0.

A good number of unfinished games are carried forward to the 1949-50 tourney.

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PROBLEM SECTION

SOLUTIONS FOR JUNE

- No. 46 (Guest): Q—N6.
- No. 47 (Guest): Q—N2.
- No. 48 (Wade): N/6—K4.
- No. 49 (Pleasants): R—K7.
- No. 50 (Sparke): K—Q1.
- No. 51 (Windle): N—N7.
- No. 52 (Havel): Q—QN8.
- No. 53 (Palkoska): Q—Q3.
- No. 54 (Scheel): Q—R7 (cooked by N—R6 ch, pointed out by E. A. LePetit, E. M. Guest and A. H. Taylor).

Correct solutions from W. S. King (all but No. 51), Dr. N. E. H. Fulton (all), E. M. Guest (all but No. 52), E. A. LePetit (all), A. H. Taylor (47, 49, 50, 51, 54), D. Jack (all).

For this issue solvers have for their attention three problems specially composed for the N.Z. CHESSPLAYER by three well-known English composers (Nos. 55, 56, 57). No. 61 (LePetit) is considered by the composer to be his magnum opus. No. 62, perhaps not an orthodox problem, was included for its humour.

Shortly after our last issue appeared your problem editor was called to the telephone. He was greeted, without preamble, double forte, with:

"That first problem of yours—it can't be done!!" [No. 46, E. M. Guest.—Ed.]

We quickly marshalled our forces for the defence.

"No?" we said, insinuatingly.

"NO!!!"

"We know better," we replied.

"What's the key, then?" (still a confident ff).

"Do you admit you are beaten?" we asked.

"So you won't tell me the key?"

Clearly, he thought he had us. Taking a deep breath, we said firmly, allegro con brio, "Queen to Knight six!"

"Queen to Knight six? Hold on, I've got the position here."

Pause, five seconds, and back he came with, "... pawn takes Queen!"

We were ready. "Pawn to Knight eight, becomes Bishop—mate!"

Pause, three seconds.

"Er—yes. Wait a minute."

Pause of 40 seconds, during which miscellaneous vocal noises, diminuendo, suggested Q—N6 was having a lot of success.

Back he came for the last time. It was the voice of a broken man. There was a world of pathos in his voice as, ppp, he quavered:

"Thank you ver-r-y much."

WANTED: A PROBLEM EDITOR

Mr. J. Adkins has finally felt obliged to relinquish his post as problem editor to this magazine. The editorial board much regrets

to part with him in this capacity. In the meantime Associate Editor A. L. Fletcher will handle the department, but we hope to secure the permanent services of a problemist to take control of the section. A problem editor need not be a local resident. Keenness is the main requirement. This is an opportunity for someone to have a pleasant and useful connection with New Zealand chess. Any volunteers?



TO CORRESPONDENTS

P. BARRON (Margate) — ~~For~~ thanks. Your howler about Petroff was duly appreciated; we can't recollect a better one.

C. VAUGHAN (Sheffield) — We are delighted to hear from you for this issue, and we ~~very~~ emulate our esteemed friend Oliver Twist.

B. J. da C. ANDRADE — Welcome to our pages. The problems you sent are of great assistance. We hope you like the magazine.

E. A. LePETIT — Thanks for ~~your~~. We were wondering at your silence. That cook is a mystery to us, too—but we should have spotted it.

DR. N. E. H. FULTON — You certainly did give them a "good go"! Let us hear from you again.

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