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## CHESS

**P**ERHAPS the most powerful single attraction of chess is that when a player begins a match game there is a chance, albeit a slight one, that he will produce a game which contains a gleam of art. The student, with the example of a great master in his mind, cherishes the hope that one day he may play the game that would not suffer by comparison with his model. It is true that very few ever succeed in producing the game touched with greatness, yet this aim is the spur behind the play of your real chess-lover.

The player who can point to a loss against an admitted superior as his finest game has learned something from chess as yet unrealised by the player who considers only won games as successes. In truth, a won game may be an absolute failure. If a player wins a game from an end game position in which he would have lost had the opponent known a point about Bishops of opposite colours, for example, what is there for the winner to be proud of? This is not **successful** chess, though the win is duly recorded.

A famous master has said that in chess, results count, ultimately. This is correct, but it does not mean that there is no point in anything but watching the scoreboard. The practical value of an approach to chess which begins with an admission of ignorance, or comparative ignorance, of the secret of fine play, consists in this: that when real successes come, as come they will, they will be to the account of not only an improved player but of a genuine lover of chess, a better man.

### A NEW ZEALAND CHAMPION SHINES

A. E. Nield, New Zealand champion at Wanganui 1949, won the Major Open at the recent British Championship Congress at Buxton. See also p. 89.

## New Zealand Chess Association

The question of conduct—particularly consultation—in telegraphic matches was raised on behalf of Auckland by its delegate, V. Cuff, at the September meeting of the N.Z.C.A. Council. Auckland's complaint concerned its match with Otago. The Council decided to refer the matter to Otago for comment.

The following events were decided on by the Council for the Christchurch Congress starting on December 26:—

Championship: 12 competitors, round robin.  
Major Open: Unlimited entries, Swiss system tourney on same lines as at Auckland last year.

First Class and Second Class: Round robin.

Women's Championship: Round robin.

Entries for the Championship close on November 15 and for the other events on December 1. Entries are to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, N.Z.C.A., Sports Centre, Wakefield Street, Wellington.

Requests for accommodation should be sent at once to S. Hollander, Warwick House, Christchurch.

An Auckland remit that all events at the Congress should be conducted on the Swiss system was deferred until next year.

## TELEGRAPH CHESS MATCHES

### SECOND ROUND BLEDISLOE CUP

Civic 12, beat Dominion Road 8.

#### AUCKLAND V. OTAGO

Auckland		Otago	
1. R. E. Baeyertz ..	1	v. W. Lang .....	0
2. C. P. Belton ....	0	v. J. F. Lang .....	0
3. A. L. Fletcher ..	0	v. S. J. Webb .....	0
4. H. D. Addis ....	0	v. W. G. Stenhouse ..	0
5. A. E. Turner ....	0	v. R. H. Rasa .....	0
6. G. Sale (capt.) ..	1/2	v. R. W. Lungley ...	0
7. F. A. Haight ....	1/2	v. R. Watt .....	0
8. R. W. Park ....	1/2	v. A. E. B. Ward ..	0
9. I. S. Crawford ..	1	v. R. McDermid .....	0
		(captain)	
10. A. H. Douglas ..	0	v. R. E. Williamson ..	0
11. Rev. C. G. Flood ..	0	v. J. K. L. Webbling ..	0
12. Dr. A. Henderson ..	1/2	v. R. J. Glass .....	0
13. G. L. Calnan ..	1	v. A. C. Twose .....	0
14. W. J. Luck ....	0	v. C. Ahern .....	0
15. A. G. Short ....	1	v. V. Hay .....	0
16. Mrs. E. L. Short ..	1	v. Dr. R. Gardner ..	0
17. J. C. McCrea ...	1/2	v. I. H. Penrose ...	0
18. D. B. Duggan ..	1/2	v. J. A. Jackson ...	0
19. Mrs. J. L. Sayers ..	1/2	v. J. J. Marlow ....	0
20. F. W. Keam ...	1/2	v. B. C. Cusack .....	0

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The final match for the Bledisloe Cup was due to be played between Otago and Civic on October 14.

### ON THE COVER

Appearing on the cover is Vera Menchik, women chess champion of the world until her death in London in the blitz. Miss Menchik spent the early part of her life in Russia. Later she became the wife of R. H. Stevenson, then secretary of the B.C.F. It is in Mrs. Stevenson's honour that the Stevenson Memorial tourney is held annually in England.

## NATION TWO SOUTH

1. I. Barker (West)
2. R. J. Glass (King's)
3. G. T. Adams (Otago)
4. B. R. C. Butt (Auckland)
5. J. Park (Timaru)
6. B. D. Richards (Rotorua)
7. E. Hift (Normal)
8. B. Kay (Gisborne)

Two South Island players, R. J. Glass (King's College, Dunedin) and I. Barker (High School, Christchurch) for first place in the National Schoolboy Chess held in Wellington.

Starting with a challenge by the Mayor of Wellington, William Appleton, the event was a grand success.

In round 2 Barker and Adams, leaving Butt and Hift, leaving Barker, and Park as joint leaders with two wins each.

Barker and Glass led a winning sequence at the end of round 5 they were leaders with 4 points each. They won their sixth round appropriately, meeting in a deciding game in the final. Playing well with the advantage fluctuating from side to side, but exchanges left each with three pawns, and agreed. This left each with 5 points.

Most of the organization was done by V. Cuff and J. Park, secretary and president of the Wellington Chess League. The director of play was assisted at some sessions by Severne and E. G. A.

On the Friday night, Allerhand played ten games, including the eight corners of the national event, in the Civic club. Dr. Allerhand, one of the games, with Adams, Barker, and G. Knight (College).

The trophy for the event is the F. J. Brooker Cup, donated by the late Mr. Brooker in recognition of the service he rendered.

# NATIONAL SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIP

## TWO SOUTH ISLANDERS SHARE TITLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. I. Barker (West H.S., Christchurch) . . . . .	-	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½
2. R. J. Glass (King's H.S., Dunedin) . . . . .	½	-	1	1	0	1	1	1	5½
3. G. T. Adams (Otago B.H.S., Dunedin) . . . . .	1	0	-	0	1	0	1	1	4
4. B. R. C. Butt (Auckland Grammar) . . . . .	0	0	1	-	1	1	0	1	4
5. J. Park (Timaru B.H.S.) . . . . .	0	1	0	0	-	0	½	1	2½
6. B. D. Richards (Rongotai Coll., Wgtn.) . . . . .	0	0	1	0	1	-	½	0	2½
7. E. Hift (Normal Intermediate, Auck.) . . . . .	0	0	0	1	½	½	-	0	2
8. B. Kay (Gisborne H.S.) . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	2

Two South Island competitors, R. J. Glass (King's High School, Dunedin) and I. Barker (West High School, Christchurch), tied for first place in the first National Schoolboy Championship, held in Wellington in September.

Starting with a civic reception by the Mayor of Wellington, Sir William Appleton, the tournament was a grand success.

In round 2 Barker lost to Adams, leaving Butt and Glass the leaders with two wins. In round 3 Glass fell to Park, and Butt to Hift, leaving Barker, Butt, Glass and Park as joint leaders with two wins each.

Barker and Glass then started on a winning sequence and at the end of round 5 they were clear leaders with 4 points each. They won their sixth round games and, appropriately, met in their deciding game in the final round. Playing well with the pressure on, the advantage fluctuated slightly from side to side, but a series of exchanges left each with a Rook and three pawns, and a draw was agreed. This left each player with 5½ points.

Most of the organisation was done by V. Cuff and J. L. Hardy, secretary and president of the Wellington Chess League, and the director of play was A. W. Gyles, assisted at some sessions by E. H. Severne and E. G. A. Frost.

On the Friday night Dr. P. Allerhand played ten schoolboys, including the eight competitors in the national event, in a simul at the Civic club. Dr. Allerhand won five of the games, and drew with Adams, Barker, Kay, Glass and G. Knight (Wellington College).

The trophy for the championship is the F. J. Brooker Memorial Cup, donated by the family of the late Mr. Brooker in recognition of the service he rendered to New

Zealand chess over a lengthy period. The cup was presented to the joint winners by the president of the New Zealand Chess Association, S. Hollander, of Christchurch, during the supper interval at the gathering at the Civic club.

### Inter-Island Match

The first inter-Island schoolboy chess match was played on the Saturday morning.

Scoring (North Island boys mentioned first): B. R. C. Butt 0, v. R. J. Glass 1; B. D. Richards 1, v. I. Barker 0; B. Kay ½, v. G. T. Adams ½; G. Knight 1, v. J. Park 0.



### Wellington Boys Tie

The Wellington Schoolboy Chess Championship was held the week before the national event, and after nine rounds of play on the Swiss system three players tied with 7 each. They were G. Knight (Wellington College), D. B. Richards (Rongotai) and B. Kay (Gisborne). Knight won both games in a triangular play-off, thus taking the title, while Kay beat Richards to be runner-up. However, Knight withdrew from the national event.

Scores of the 26 starters were: Knight, Kay, Richards, 7; O. Ball (St. Joseph's, Masterton), 6½; M. Beder (Rongotai), P. Ellis (Rongotai), 6; T. Henderson (Rongotai), M. A. Wiltshire (Wanganui), 5½; J. A. Bell (Wellington College), C. Blades (Rongotai), P. Preston-Thomas (Scots), B. Williams (Rongotai), 5; I. Austin (Rongotai), 4½; M. W. Craig (Wellington College), R. Heron (Rongotai), A. Inglis (Rongotai), D. McGregor (Rongotai), D. Powers (Rongotai), F. Wellwood (Rongotai), 4; P. Fitzgerald (Wellington Tech.), A. Kirkland (Wellington College), 3½; M. Heine (Rongotai), R. Ruben (Scots), 3; S. Beder

(Rongotai), Z. Kozera (Pahiatua), 2; R. M. Whitlock (Wellington College), 1.

In the Swiss tourney Kay lost to Ball and drew with Knight and Richards; Knight lost to Richards and drew with Ellis and Kay; and Richards lost to Ball and Kay. Ellis was one of the leaders with two rounds to go, but had to leave Wellington before the final round. Practically forced to rush his last two games, he lost both.

Rongotai has become a chess-minded college and provided 14 of the 26 entrants. Several of the lads are playing in their first season and some did well with 4 to 5 points.



### Auckland Tourney

At Auckland, three boys tied for first place. They were B. R. C. Butt, E. Hift and R. Collingwood, 5 points each. As only two boys were to go to Wellington, Collingwood withdrew in favour of Hift and Butt.

The tourney was a six-round Swiss, held on August 21, 22 and 23. The director of play was the enthusiastic D. B. Duggan, assisted by G. Sale and B. H. P. Marsick. On the evening of the final day C. P. Belton gave a simul against most of the boys, and Gilbert Sale presented the prizes. Full scores:

B. R. C. Butt (Auckland Grammar), 5; E. Hift (Normal Intermediate), 5; R. Collingwood (Henderson School), 5; G. Akerston (Northland College), 4; D. C. Hay (King's School), 4; C. Belton (Auckland Grammar), 4; C. Nairn (Seddon Memorial), 4; V. A. Rowland (Maungawhau), 4; J. W. Fowler (St. Peter's, Cambridge), 3½; A. Hart (Auckland Grammar), 3; I. G. Lackey (St. Peter's, Cambridge), 3; L. R. Goodall (Seddon Memorial), 3; M. N. Berry (University), 3; R. H. J. Grimshaw (King's School), 2; N. M. Browne (King's School), 2; A. D. Watts (Otahuhu College), 2; R. Chester (Auckland Grammar), 1½; K. Wilton (Auckland Grammar), 1; M. Hamilton (King's School), 1; G. Seber (Kowhai), 0; D. Clune (Mount Albert Grammar), 0; J. Ovens (Kowhai), 0; E. Thomas (Auckland Grammar), 0; F. M. Auburn (Auckland Grammar), 0.

# AROUND THE N.Z. CLUBS

## HUTT VALLEY

A Hutt Valley C.C. team regained the Giltrap Cup by a comfortable margin in a match against Upper Hutt. The match was played at Upper Hutt, which had won the trophy for the first time last year.

## WELLINGTON VISITS THE WAIRARAPA

Twenty-four Hutt Valley and Wellington chess players visited Masterton on Saturday, September 16, for a match which it is hoped will open a new era in Wairarapa chess history. The visit, organised by the Hutt Valley club, was to play a match against a combined Greytown-Masterton-Pahiatua team, and the event was entirely successful both from the social and serious chess points of view. Though the Wairarapa players found the opposition too hot—the score was 16½–5½ in favour of the visitors—the home team provided a good standard of opposition in games that were played under excellent conditions in the Masterton club's commodious rooms. (The Wairarapa players were reported to be depressed as earlier in the day their Rugby players had lost the Ranfurly Shield.) At top board A. W. Gyles played P. Kummer (Masterton), with Gyles winning an intricate end game. These two players first met in a match in 1906, when a Wellington team paid an Easter visit to the Wairarapa. The honours then went to the home side by 23½–22½. Meeting at board 11, Gyles and Kummer each won one game.

The visitors were welcomed by E. Heyder (Masterton) and R. J. Carruthers (Pahiatua), and W. F. O'Shaughnessy (Hutt Valley) expressed thanks for the invitation for the visit and for the hospitality extended. All the speakers expressed the hope that a match between the two centres should be played every year, perhaps to rival the Wellington—Rest of the Province fixture. The visit was organised by W. F. O'Shaughnessy and L. W. Ball, the latter being secretary of the Masterton C.C.

Results of the games were (H.V., Hutt Valley club; U.H., Upper Hutt; W., Wellington; M., Masterton; P., Pahiatua; G., Greytown):—P. Kummer (M) 0, v. A. W. Gyles (W) 1; L. Couch (P) 0, v. F. E. Hansford (HV) 1; S. Field (G) 0, v. R. S. Kent (HV) 1; G. Smith (M) 1, v. A. E. Hansford (HV) 0; A. J. Thompson (G) 0, v. L. W. Davey (HV) 1; R. J. Carruthers (P) 0, v. J. L. Hardy (W) 1; E. Heyder (M) 0, v. E. G. A. Frost (W) 1; C. Field (G) 0, v. S. Jennings (HV) 1; F. Sedcole (P) 0, v. W. F. O'Shaughnessy (HV) 1; O. Ball (M) 0, v. T. Jordan (UH) 1; A. Ward (G) 0, v. L. Brocklebank (UH) 1; K. Haas (P) 0, v. H. Taylor (UH) 1; A. Maidment (G) 1, v. A. Wright (HV) 0; J. Cox (P) ½, v. T. Vincent (HV) ½; \*R. H. Abercrombie (HV) 1, v. F. Craven (HV) 0; G. Thompson (G) 1, v. L. McDougall (HV) 0; L. Lindennovins (P) 0, v. A. Page (HV) 1; S. Steen (M) 0, v. D. Long (UH) 1; V. Gates (G) 0, v. C. Long (UH) 1; P. Berry (M) 0, v. L. Keyte (HV) 1; R. Rickells (G) 0, v. T. Sliimm (HV) 1; \*J. Gyles (W) 1, v. Simcock (UH) 0. \*Denotes played for Wairarapa.

## CANTERBURY

H. A. McGilvary, winner of the last Major Open, has been seriously ill in the Christchurch Public Hospital, Ward 2, for six weeks. This magazine and all his many friends wish him a speedy return to health.

The Canterbury club's spring tourney resulted:

Grade A.—W. E. Moore, beat Lovell-Smith, Manson, Dalton, Moorhouse, Broom, 5 points; E. Dalton, beat Moorhouse, Broom, Lovell-Smith, 3; D. Manson, beat Dalton, Moorhouse, drew Lovell-Smith, 2½; R. Lovell-Smith, beat Moorhouse, drew Manson, Broom, 2; E. R. Broom, beat Manson, drew Lovell-Smith, 1½; L. T. Moorhouse, beat Broom, 1.

Grade B.—Miss A. Wellard-King, beat Bracken 2, O'Callahan 1½, Sam Hollander, 4½ points; R. M. O'Callahan, beat Bracken 2, Hollander 1½, drew Miss King, 4; Sam Hollander, beat Bracken 2, Miss King, drew O'Callahan, 3½.

Grade C not finalised yet. G. H. Gant and N. L. Macbeth are leading with 4½, but I. Barker has 4 with one more game to play.

## ANNUAL AUCKLAND - WAIKATO MATCH

Over sixty people crowded the Auckland Chess Club's rooms on August 26 when the South Auckland Provincial Chess League sent up a team for the annual match against the Auckland Chess League. F. G. McSherry (president A.C.L.), W. J. Luck (A.C.L.) and J. W. Collins (president S.A.P.C.L.) made short speeches at the appropriate time. A happy afternoon was spent. The only thing amiss with these excellent functions is that players are so busy playing that there is little time for a pow-wow with visitors. The two leagues might consider making more of a day of this annual function by staging a dinner after (or lunch before) the match.

South Auckland was three men short, and three Aucklanders played as substitutes for the visitors at the three last-mentioned boards. The final score was Auckland 14½, South Auckland 12½ (not 15½—11½ as announced). Omitting the last three boards, where Auckland scored 2–1, the final score would be 12½–11½ to Auckland. Details (A.C.L. first): J. A. C. Barnes ½, v. A. T. Scott ½; A. E. Turner 0, v. H. L. Hooker 1; I. S. Crawford 1, v. E. Wooderson 0; A. L. Fletcher 1, v. M. I. Wells 0; J. Adkins 0, v. F. Hirst 1; A. G. Rowland 0, v. J. Hopkins 1; E. Menzies 1, v. J. Karlovsky 0; E. Hift 0, v. G. Vinal 1; B. Butt 1, v. B. Bjerring 0; W. J. Luck 1, v. L. J. Buckingham 0; C. A. Rose 1, v. H. Davies 0; Dr. Henderson 0, v. W. Crean 1; G. Hodge 1, v. J. Boyd 0; J. M. Browne 1, v. J. McGill 0; J. Finlay 1, v. G. Shaw 0; J. Edwards 0, v. R. K. Stuart 1; F. E. James 0, v. N. T. Palmer 1; A. McAlonan 0, v. W. McIvor 1; F. Glasson 1, v. F. Remetis 0; Wallbank 1, v. J. W. Collins 0; J. Davis ½, v. J. M. Bamford ½; C. Utting ½, v. B. Neureuter ½; J. Auckram 0, v. G. Rosser 1; Mrs. Hodge 0, v. F. Bjerring 1; J. C. McCrea 1, v. B. H. Clark 0; D. E. Miller 0, v. B. A. Mayhill 1; V. Rowland 1, v. S. Morris 0.

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## WELLINGTON

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**OTAGO**

The Otago club has created a special building fund with the ultimate object of owning its own premises. Part of the existing cash reserves is being committed to the new fund, the spending of any part of which requires a two-thirds majority vote at a special general meeting. It is hoped that, in addition to any special donations or legacies the fund may receive, it will be possible to strengthen it a little each year out of current revenue until such time as it is possible to make a further move towards acquiring a building.

Following what is now the established custom of the club, limited opening tournaments have been opened as soon as a good proportion of the championship tournament games are played. This year the openings chosen are the Two Knights Defence for senior and intermediate players, and Queen's Gambit Accepted for junior and intermediate players.

**AUCKLAND**

The Auckland C.C. championship (Swiss) has resulted in a win for Charles P. Belton, who bagged 9½ from 11 games. His play throughout was possibly his most consistent showing yet, and he deserved his first success in this event. Next were R. E. Baeyertz 8, I. S. Crawford 8½, A. L. Fletcher 7½, F. A. Haight 7, C. G. Flood 7. The competitors were divided into three sections and the placings in each section were: Top section—C. P. Belton 1, R. E. Baeyertz 2, A. L. Fletcher 3. Second: I. S. Crawford 1, C. G. Flood 2, D. B. Duggan (6½) 3. Third: G. R. Challener (6) 1, S. R. Morris (5½) 2, H. M. Bagnall (5) 3.

H. Oakley Browne, who died at Auckland on August 8, aged 68, will be missed greatly by chess players in Auckland. Joining the Auckland club in June, 1931, he was soon a member of the executive and held the office of president five times in the next ten years. He was president of the N.Z.C.A. in 1941-42. Most of Mr. Browne's executive work was done at a time when it was very hard to keep things going—finance was tough and membership much smaller than at present. The Auckland C.C. owes a very great deal to him for his good work during this period. Chess got welcome publicity through his activities as the club's official reporter. Mr. Browne's duties as Parliamentary reporter to the "Auckland Star" kept him out of local chess a good deal after about 1940, but as a donor and player he retained his interest in the game.

**WELLINGTON CHESS LEAGUE**

Play in the Wellington Chess League's individual championships has begun, with the following in—

- Champion of Champions: Dr. P. Allerhand, Dr. B. M. Cwilong, H. J. Fuller, A. W. Gyles, E. H. Severne, O. N. Thomson, E. A. Williamson, E. G. A. Frost (Wellington club), R. Teece, L. Lindekrans (Civic), R. O. Scott, E. J. Sharp (Working Men's).
- B Grade: A. Summers, R. Davy (Civic), F. Langdon, M. McCombie (Gas Co.), G. Taylor, W. J. Emery (Wellington), W. J. Fairburn, J. Froome (Working Men's).
- C Grade: O. Strom, J. Woolley (Civic), S. Gwlor, P. Churchfield (Hydro), V. Artemiev, R. Taylor (Wellington).

H. Rhodes (Civic) has been appointed honorary treasurer to the Wellington League, and E. G. A. Frost (Wellington club) is now the League's honorary reporter.

**MANGAKINO**

A new chess club was formed at Mangakino when players met at the home of L. J. Buckingham on August 22. Sixteen members were enrolled, including four recent Dutch arrivals. Officers are: President, L. J. Buckingham; secretary-treasurer, B. Christiansen; committee, K. Freundlich, J. Boomeret, B. Slight. The club will meet each Monday night. Most of the players lack experience, but club play will bring them along. The enthusiasm of L. J. Buckingham is responsible for the new club's existence.

**CAMBRIDGE - HAMILTON MATCH**

On August 7 Cambridge C.C. caused a mild stir by beating Hamilton C.C., at Cambridge, 4½—2½. This was Hamilton's first club match loss for some time. Scoring (Cambridge first): M. I. Wells ½, v. A. T. Scott ½; H. L. Hooker 1, v. F. Hirst 0; G. Vinall 0, v. J. Boyd 1; C. H. Morriss 1, v. N. T. Palmer 0; L. J. Buckingham ½, v. H. Davis ½; J. R. Newcombe ½, v. J. M. Bamford ½; R. K. Stuart 1, v. F. Brewer 0.

**OAMARU**

The Oamaru C.C. was host when a party from the Otago C.C. visited Oamaru on August 26. In the afternoon a seven-board match resulted thus (Oamaru first): K. R. Austin 0, v. J. F. Lang 1; J. I. McEwan 1, v. Dr. R. Gardner 0; P. J. Kempshed 0, v. R. McDermid 1; E. Bedford 0, v. J. J. Marlow 1; J. Kemp 0, v. G. D. Wright 1; R. Miller 1, v. I. H. Penrose 0; R. Craig 0, v. V. Hay 1. Total: Oamaru 2, Otago 5. In the evening 18 players took part in a lightning tournament conducted in a light-hearted spirit at 10 seconds a move. I. H. Penrose (Otago) won with 7½ points from a possible 8, and two Otago veterans, J. J. Marlow and G. D. Wright, shared second place with 7 each. Supper and speeches—which included some interesting reminiscences from J. J. Marlow of earlier visits to the Oamaru club—ended the proceedings, which were much enjoyed by all.

The Oamaru C.C. championship for 1950 has been won by K. R. Austin, 11—0. The probable runner-up is J. I. McEwan, 5½—2½. R. Miller scored 10—2 to win the handicap tournament, in which K. R. Austin, 8—3, may be second.

**DOMINION ROAD**

This year the Dominion Road C.C. club championship was conducted on a Swiss system, with the field of 27 divided into three sections. Championship honours went to 15-year-old Barry Menzies with 5½ points and a Sonneborn percentage of 93.51. Leading the intermediates was L. A. Haycock with 4½ (80.58). Haycock was third in the championship. Winner of the junior section was H. A. Mayhill with 4 (66.01). Second in this section was 16-year-old Terry Free, playing under the handicap of blindness and deafness. Top 12 placings: B. C. Menzies, 5½ (93.50); F. A. Foulds, 5 (86.91); L. A. Haycock, 4½ (80.58); A. G. Rowland, 4½ (70.54); A. W. Glen, 4 (68.86); A. P. Graham, 4 (67.67); H. A. Mayhill, 4 (66.01); and with 3½ points, H. H. Douglas (62.75), D. E. Miller (60.30), W. J. Tabb (58.71), J. Bailey (56.16) and T. Free (54.50).

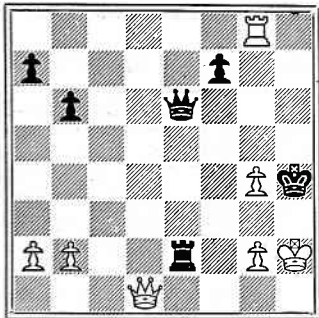
Dominion Road congratulates Civic (Wellington) on its win in a telegraphic match in the second round of the Bledisloe Cup contest on August 5. The games were slow, only two being finalised, and ten had to be sent for adjudication. Civic finally won 12—8.



# MOVE AND WIN

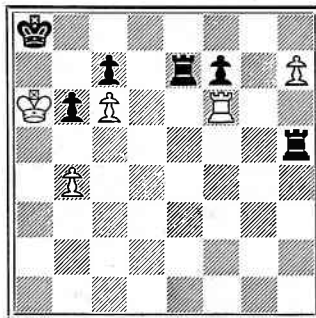
THIS PAGE is designed to assist the inexperienced player to learn to recognise a winning position when it arises (not necessarily a quick mate). Give the page your thorough attention before examining the answers. White plays UP the board always.

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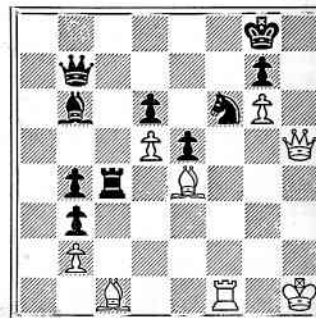
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The black King's position makes it easy for White to administer the coup-de-grace.



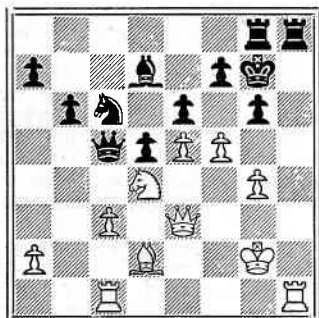
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With a Rook down, the best he can hope for is a draw.



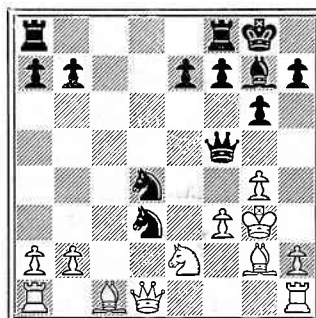
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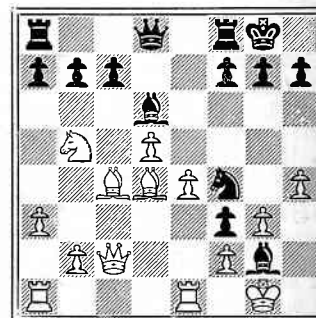
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White's pieces are all set for the knock-out blow.



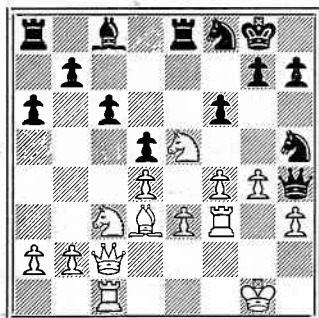
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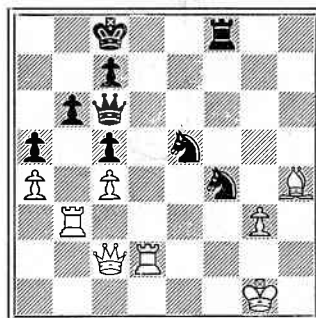
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Black's two Bishops are aggressively placed for the attack.



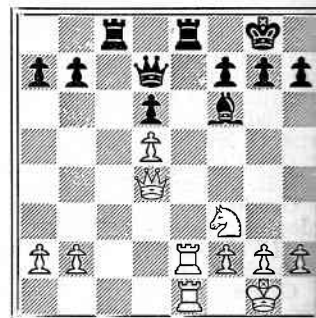
No. 7—White to move

If you can read the signs, no clue is necessary.



No. 8—Black to move

With the white King exposed, Black can bring all his pieces to bear quickly.



No. 9—White to move

White has a strong advantage in his doubled Rooks. How can he make it tell?

New Zealand

J. F.

JAMES F. LANG referred to in our last issue (Jim) is a member of the Otago chess club which has played Otago chess. His first junior championship club (1902-3) and John's name appeared a few years later. His cousin Bill (who was in this column in our last issue) both learned chess early, played together during their school



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## New Zealand Personalities . . .

### J. F. LANG, OF OTAGO

**J**AMES F. LANG (more usually referred to in chess circles as Jim) is a member of a family which has played a big part in Otago chess. His father was the first junior champion of the Otago club (1902-3) and his uncle John's name appears in the same list a few years later. Jim and his cousin Bill (who was featured in this column in our August 1949 issue) both learned the game early, played together a good deal during their school days, and still



man neck and neck, now always placed near the top of the Otago list. It is pleasing to be able to add that a James Lang III, though busy with other matters and not playing much club chess at present, is a strong junior player.

J. F. Lang joined the Otago club about 1931 and held the club championship in 1939, 1940 and 1946. He won the Premier Reserves section at the New Zealand Chess Congress of 1938 and has played in the New Zealand Championship in 1948 (fifth equal) and 1949. His one brief season of correspondence chess (1940-1) took him to second place in the championship grade. His latest and biggest success was the winning this year of the first South Island Open Championship. This was a popular and well-deserved win. Jim is an intrinsically very strong player who does not always do himself full justice in competitive play.

An accountant by profession, he has been secretary of the Otago club for the last five years. He has also conducted the chess column in the Dunedin "Evening Star" for some years, and is in many ways an assiduous though quiet worker for the good of the game. Add that he shuns the limelight and has a lively sense of fun, and you have a picture of J. F. Lang, who must be regarded as a prominent figure in contemporary New Zealand chess.

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## READERS' VIEWS

To the Editor

### THE SWISS SYSTEM

Sir,—Your suggestion that the Hawke's Bay-East Coast tournament could with advantage be played with all competitors in one Swiss does not agree with the almost unanimously expressed opinions of those taking part. Firstly, it would lessen the number of entrants. Junior players and players of average strength prefer to meet opponents of about their own class, and some of them would hesitate to enter a competition where they were outclassed and where it might appear presumptuous of them to enter. Secondly, it is right to demand a reasonable standard of play for aspirants to championship honours, for the event would otherwise lose standing. The one occasion that a Queen-odds player ought not to meet the strongest players in the district is in a championship, which in that eventuality would become farcical. The suggestion has even been put forward that if entries were to reach a much higher total, then separate junior and senior Swiss tournaments be run as well as the championship. I have always recognised the merits of the Swiss system, but am aware, too, of its defects, namely, the tremendous effect of the luck of the draw, and the often erroneous impression derived from its placing of the players other than the winner. While I join with you in congratulating S. Severinsen on his splendid achievement, I would point out that of the two possible Dannevirke entrants for the championship event, W. Dornbush was the club's first nominee. S. Severinsen has now shown added qualifications.

D. I. LYNCH

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## SYSTEM

selecting a winner who was the best player. The question as to whether in future tournaments two players who tie should be encouraged to play off will not be discussed, as one of the authors was directly involved. The authors would like to place on record the fine and conscientious work of the Director of Play and his assistant at the Auckland tournament in carrying out so well the spirit and letter of the New Zealand Chess Association rules submitted to them. The effect of the large number of competitors in this tourney on the tourneys lower down, and the degree to which these lower tournaments were weakened, is not considered by the authors a matter within their province and they have no comments to make on this aspect of the system.

(c) It is also felt by the authors that it is unnecessary to point out the improvement to relationships and friendliness between various clubs occasioned by meetings of club members at a national Congress.

### ● (2) The essential differences between this system and other types of tournament.

(a) The system used at a Dunedin Congress whereby five rounds were played under a Swiss system and the competitors graded from this in groups:

In Auckland after five rounds a player who finished third had the same score as a player who ultimately finished 19th! The winner had after five rounds the same score as the player who finished 14th. In the authors' opinion the system used at Dunedin is **not** recommendable as a means of classification. The authors would like to point out also that if there had been fewer rounds at Auckland the final result may have been affected, as players first and second would not have met all their immediate rivals.

(b) The system used by the Auckland Chess League:

(i) Under the Auckland League system there would be a smaller number of rounds (probably six or seven) played. The system used at Congress should prove equally satisfactory for dealing with a larger or lesser number of players until such time as the number of players at a New Zealand tournament exceeds, say, 40 or 45.

(ii) The conditions as to travelling, working time, etc., are entirely different in a local tournament from a national tournament, the period of the normal summer holiday fitting in well with eleven rounds. The authors strongly recommend that the longer tournament should be retained, as they feel it attracts a larger field from a distance.

(iii) Under the Auckland League system players are seeded. This may be necessary in a short tournament, and relatively easy where performance and form are known, but the remarks made under heading (a) apply here also. It could also be contended that, being a championship, with no consideration as to size of gates, and not being a knock-out, all players should be considered as equal before the tournament begins.

(iv) Under the Auckland League system for the purpose of the draw only all unfinished games are counted as wins to each player. Under the Congress rules the tournament committee had power for the purpose of the draw to adjudicate or otherwise deal with all unfinished games at its discretion. The

committee, finding its time fully occupied to make the draw, adjudicated all unfinished games as draws, as it was entitled to do. The authors believe that as the conditions of a national tournament dealing with adjourned games differ from those of a local tournament, the problem of hastening a resignation to obtain a subsequent better draw should not arise.

### ● (3) General recommendations to the Council.

The authors recommend:

(a) That future Major Open tournaments be conducted on similar lines to those operating at the Auckland Congress.

(b) That the rules of the tournament sent to the Auckland Congress committee be amended to read as follows: "For the purpose of the draw only, all unfinished games shall be treated as draws."

(c) The Association may or may not decide whether a tie for first place should be dissolved by a play-off.

(d) That if the New Zealand Chess Association should ever decide to depart from the present rules relating to the New Zealand Championship tournament, the system as used at the Auckland Major Open, 1949, would be a better system upon which to base a championship contended for by more than twelve entrants than any other system of which the authors are aware; but they would also recommend that if this system were ever used the field be restricted to 20 players selected by a selection board, as in the past, upon known performance and form. The reason for this last recommendation is that there is about the New Zealand Championship a certain aura that does not exist about the Major Open. It is the ambition of every New Zealand chess player to contend for New Zealand honours. Although it is unlikely that a selection committee should err when armed with more certain knowledge of performance and form of championship entrants, together with the smaller range of discrepancy in playing ability of those entrants than, for example, those at Auckland last Christmas in the Major Open, yet the possibility of an error in selection by a selection committee would be obviated for the reason that a player out of class would quickly drop to bottom place, for the system used at Auckland is self-selecting.

In conclusion, the authors wish to state that chess is progressing and that the number of players today must be immense compared with years ago, and is still increasing. In future years the time will come when there will be even more leisure hours, and the authors feel that by opening up the Major Open the New Zealand Chess Association is looking forward and not backward. The spirit of progress, which is as badly needed in chess as in other walks of life, is present.

(Signed) L. ESTERMAN  
N. T. FLETCHER  
J. L. HARDY

### ● BROADBENT AGAIN BRITISH CHAMPION

R. J. Broadbent won the British Championship (11-round Swiss) at Buxton. He was the 1948 British champion. Thirty-six competed. Leading scores: R. J. Broadbent, 8½—2½; E. Klein, 8—3; J. Penrose and P. S. Milner-Barry, 7½—3½; P. N. Wallis and C. H. O'D. Alexander, 7—4.

# BRONSTEIN WINS RIGHT FOR ATTEMPT ON WORLD TITLE

## "Superiority Manifest" Over Boleslavsky, Says Opocensky

D. Bronstein beat I. Boleslavsky 7½—6½ in a 14-game match played in Moscow from July 31 to August 27, thus making himself the challenger to meet Botvinnik for world honours next year.

Karel Opocensky's "Bulletin International des Informations Echiqueennes" has a full account of the match—and F. G. McSherry's knowledge of French proved equal to the task of translating it. At each session of the big match a thousand or more spectators were present. Opocensky says he considers Bronstein clearly showed his superiority over Boleslavsky in the course of the contest.

Play began at 5.30 p.m. on July 31. Time control was 40 moves in the first 2½ hours, thereafter 16 moves an hour. Soviet master Nicola Zubarev was umpire, and F.I.D.E. was represented by grand master Ragosin.

**First Game.**—Bronstein had the white men and Boleslavsky tried the Grunfeld Defence, which has had a long run of popularity in the U.S.S.R. Up to 17 moves the game proceeded as at Budapest, where a drawn game resulted, but in the meantime both players had given the position a lot of analysis and each considered the chances favourable to himself. How far either view was justified may be seen by a study of the game, given below.

**Second Game, August 1.**—This started on a surprising note. Bronstein, obviously expecting a Queen-side game, appeared non-plussed when his opponent played 1 P—K4. He took 18 minutes to decide on his move, finally playing Alekhine's Defence. Boleslavsky obtained a very strong pawn centre with his pieces advantageously placed, and Bronstein had his work cut out to defend adequately, but this he did to such purpose that Boleslavsky was forced to regroup his men, and the position became difficult for both sides. Draw agreed after the 30th move.

**Third Game, August 4.**—Bronstein opened with QP and this time Boleslavsky abandoned the Grunfeld in favour of the Nimzo-Indian. Boleslavsky seized the initiative by a break through in the centre, but his attack was well met. Draw agreed at 24th.

**Fourth Game, August 5.**—Again Boleslavsky played 1 P—K4, to follow with a Ruy Lopez, which Bronstein tried to complicate. Boleslavsky secured a slight positional superiority, a tough battle over the centre ensued, and

the game became very wild. Boleslavsky gave up a Rook for a minor piece in an attack on the King's wing, but the suave Bronstein was equal to the occasion. Drawn on the 36th move.

**Fifth Game, August 7.**—Nimzo-Indian Defence. Boleslavsky handled the black pieces well until he made a time-wasting Knight move and the initiative passed to Bronstein. The latter seemed to have the game well in hand at the adjournment, but was forced to concede a draw after 61 moves.

**Sixth Game, August 8.**—Ruy Lopez. This was a very fine game in which Bronstein selected an aggressive defence with the sacrifice of a centre pawn. Boleslavsky accepted the pawn without hesitation and Bronstein's King-side attack followed the usual line up to the 20th, where he sprang a new idea to reinforce the attack and obtained a very promising position. Boleslavsky was forced to return the pawn and exchange Queens to draw on the 26th.

**Seventh Game, August 11.**—Nimzo-Indian. Bronstein began this game with an unusual series of moves, an original development of the pieces. The game was very complicated up to the 13th move, and when Bronstein planted a N on a central square, Boleslavsky had extreme difficulty in finding squares for his men. Bronstein had a clear superiority at the adjournment and won a difficult Rook ending in 67 moves.

**Eighth Game, August 13.**—Ruy Lopez. Though Boleslavsky was vigorous against Bronstein's passive but sound defence, the game entered the final phase with chances even. In a most complicated position both used up a lot of time and were hard pressed to beat the clock. Bronstein's King was in a dangerous position, and when the game was resumed Boleslavsky played precisely to gain a well-merited win.

**Ninth Game, August 15.**—King's Indian Defence. Bronstein's plan of attack was original, but his opponent gained a slight pull. When Bronstein tried to liberate his game by forcing an exchange of Queens, Boleslavsky made a tactical error and only drew.

**Tenth Game, August 18.**—Boleslavsky got a small advantage and hung on tenaciously. Bronstein exchanged most of the pieces and the game reached a critical stage after 30 moves. Ten moves later the game was adjourned with a very slight advantage to Boleslavsky. Upon resumption Bronstein produced analysis to prove a draw, which was agreed upon seven moves later.

**Eleventh Game, August 20.**—King's Indian Defence. Boleslavsky (black) gained a small edge, but was not able to force a win during the session. After the adjournment he made a very fine move which opened up vicious threats to his adversary's King. Bronstein defended ingeniously, but could not stave off his opponent's masterly attack. The final position was beautiful, the black Queen and Rook penetrating the white ranks and a passed pawn deciding the issue. Bronstein gave in on the 65th move.

**Twelfth Game, August 22.**—French Defence. Bronstein sacrificed a pawn on the sixth move to get rapid development, but his opponent's defence was sound and the game was simplified by exchanges. With a central pawn advantage, Boleslavsky resisted the temptation to try for a risky win and took the perpetual.

**Thirteenth Game, August 25.**—King's Indian Defence. This game followed the same lines as the 11th, won by Boleslavsky. Both grand masters had given the line some analysis in the meantime and both probably saw some chance of victory in its complications. The sensations came mostly after the adjournment, when fine combinations were produced. The finish was unusual and exciting. Boleslavsky had two Queens to his opponent's one, and threatened to promote another pawn to make a third! With the black King in a weak position, Bronstein succeeded in creating strong mating threats which Boleslavsky managed to counter, but on the 55th move it became apparent that he could not avoid perpetual check.

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2 P—QB 4	N
3 N—QB 3	F
4 P x P	N
5 P—K 4	N
6 P x N	P
7 B—QB 4	B
8 N—K 2	C
9 Castles	P
10 P x P	N
11 B—K 3	

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13 B—Q 3	B
14 P—Q 5	

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15 Q x B	P

August 15.—King's Bronstein's plan original, but his had a slight pull. He tried to liberate by exchanging a pawn. Bronstein made a draw only drew.

August 18.—Boleslavsky had a small advantage and was eventually forced to exchange his Queen for two minor pieces. Bronstein resigned when his opponent had a big advantage after 30 moves.

Ten moves later adjourned with a advantage to Boleslavsky. The resumption Bronstein's analysis to prove a was agreed upon.

August 20.—Defence. Boleslavsky had a small edge. He tried to force a win. After the game, he made a very fine move.

He opened up viciously. His adversary's King was exposed. He defended ingeniously, but eventually he gave off his opponent's attack. The final move was beautiful, the black king penetrating the white's passed pawn. Bronstein gave up the game.

August 22.—Bronstein sacrificed the sixth move to develop, but his move was sound and was simplified by a central pawn sacrifice. Boleslavsky resisted to try for a risky perpetual.

August 25.—Defence. This game followed the same lines as the previous game. Both players had given the line of play. In the meantime and saw some chances. Its complications came mostly after the move. When fine combination produced. The usual and exciting game. Two Queens to his and threatened to capture a pawn to make a black King in a draw.

Bronstein sacrificed strong mating. Boleslavsky made a draw, but on the 30th move it was apparent that a perpetual check.

**Fourteenth Game, August 27.—**French Defence. Both players know the French inside-out, so something had to break if either was to win. The game followed traditional lines up to the eighth move, where Bronstein produced a new line that soon had Boleslavsky in trouble. He lost two pawns in quick succession without compensation and was eventually forced to exchange his Queen for two minor pieces. Bronstein resigned when his opponent had a big advantage after 30 moves.

The Czechoslovakian Government publication mentioned above, edited by Opocensky, comprises about seventeen foolscap pages closely typed on both sides. It is issued free monthly as a news service to the chess Press and gives a comprehensive coverage of chess doings everywhere. This is a reflection of the status accorded chess in Europe generally.



Here is the first game of the match. In view of the discussion on this game given above, it will be seen that the game has its humorous side. Notes by the Editor.

**Game No. 308**

**GRUNFELD DEFENCE**

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| †D. Bronstein | I. Boleslavsky |
| 1 P—Q 4       | N—KB 3         |
| 2 P—QB 4      | P—KN 3         |
| 3 N—QB 3      | P—Q 4          |
| 4 P x P       | N x P          |
| 5 P—K 4       | N x N          |
| 6 P x N       | P—QB 4         |
| 7 B—QB 4      | B—N 2          |
| 8 N—K 2       | Castles        |
| 9 Castles     | P x P          |
| 10 P x P      | N—B 3          |
| 11 B—K 3      |                |

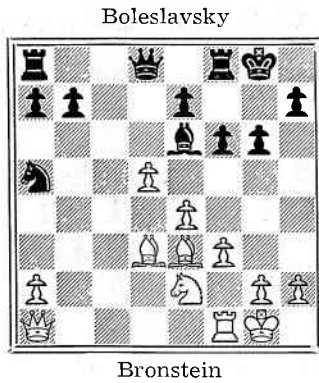
So far probably best play for both sides in this variation, which appears to be to White's advantage. Black's QB is his trouble: where?

11 . . . . . B—N 5  
Beginning a plan to occupy QB5 eventually.

12 P—B 3 N—R 4  
13 B—Q 3 B—K 3  
14 P—Q 5

Nipping Black's plan in the bud, and not as daring as it seems at first sight. White gets a pull now against anything.

14 . . . . . B x R  
15 Q x B P—B 3



The turning point in the game. The position after 15 . . . B—Q2; 16 B—R6, P—B3; 17 B x R, K x B may be a little to the advantage of White, but why did Black prefer the hectic . . . P—B3? This move is evidently open to the objection that White might find a way of protecting his KB with a move which produces some threat in addition. In a match of 14 games, Black might be willing to risk something in the first, but even so the text move looks too dangerous.

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| 16 B—R 6 ! | Q—N 3 ch |
| 17 K—R 1   | K R—Q 1  |
| 18 R—Q N 1 |          |

White, having tempted Black to expose his Queen to retain the exchange, proceeds to show how misplaced was any optimism Black had about the outcome of 15 . . . P—B3.

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| 18 . . . . . | Q—B 4 |
| 19 B—Q 2 !   | P—N 3 |

If 19 . . . B—B1 or B2; 20 R—N5.

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|-----------|-------|
| 20 B—N 4  | Q—B 2 |
| 21 R—QB 1 | Q—N 2 |
| 22 Q—N 1  |       |

White simultaneously menaces Knight and Bishop. Boleslavsky must have heard "angel voices" when White made his one-square move with the Queen.

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| 22 . . . . . | Q R—N 1  |
| 23 P x B     | N—B 3    |
| 24 B—B 3     | N—K 4    |
| 25 B—N 5     | Q R—B 1  |
| 26 B x N     | R x R ch |
| 27 Q x R     | P x B    |
| 28 B—Q 7     | Q—R 3    |
| 29 N—N 3     | Q x P    |
| 30 P—R 4     | R—KB 1   |
| 31 Q—N 5     | R—B 3    |

If 31 . . . Q—R6; 32 N—B5 would win, but 31 . . . R—B3 allows a neater killer.

32 Q x R Resigns

**LASKER THE LESSER**

Edward Lasker (no relative to his celebrated namesake), now in the sere and yellow leaf, but still vigorous, has produced at least one game that will be remembered for its clearcut beauty, London 1912. Ed. Lasker's notes from "Chess Pie," 1923.

**Game No. 309  
DUTCH DEFENCE**

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| †Ed. Lasker | Sir G. A. Thomas |
| 1 P—Q 4     | P—KB 4           |

This postpones the development of the men for one move, but sometimes it enables Black later on to plant his N on K5.

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| 2 N—KB 3 | P—K 3  |
| 3 N—B 3  | N—KB 3 |

3 . . . P—Q4 is worthy of consideration, as it would soon lead into a QP opening in which White cannot play P—QB4.

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| 4 B—N 5 | B—K 2  |
| 5 B x N | B x B  |
| 6 P—K 4 | P x P  |
| 7 N x P | P—QN 3 |

Black has to make this additional move with a pawn in order to develop his Q's wing. As a result, White is two moves ahead in the mobilisation of his army.

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| 8 B—Q 3  | B—N 2   |
| 9 N—K 5  | Castles |
| 10 Q—R 5 |         |

This looks very strong, but is perhaps premature. At any rate, the move embodies a number of vicious threats, one of which Black overlooks.

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| 10 . . . . . | Q—K 2 |
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With the intention to recapture with the pawn in case White plays N x B ch. The best move was probably . . . KB x N. If then P x B, Black gets the better of it through . . . R—B4. After the tenth move which Black actually chooses, White has an occasion for a brilliant finish.

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| 11 Q x P ch !!  | K x Q |
| 12 N x B dbl ch | K—R 3 |

If 12 . . . K—R1; 13 N—N6 mate.

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| 13 N/5—N 4 ch | K—N 4 |
| 14 P—R 4 ch   | K—B 5 |
| 15 P—N 3 ch   | K—B 6 |
| 16 B—K 2 ch   | K—N 7 |
| 17 R—R 2 ch   | K—N 8 |
| 18 K—Q 2 mate |       |

16 K—B1 or 16 O—O would have allowed 17 N—R2 mate (Alekhine and Bernstein), but the actual finish is more beautiful.

# ENGLAND

The first British University Championship, played at Cambridge in July, resulted in a win for the "second string" of the famous Penrose family, Oliver, brother of Jonathan. "The Chess Bulletin," London, gives this attractive game from the tournament, with accompanying notes.

## Game No. 310 SICILIAN DEFENCE

♠O. Penrose H. A. Samuels

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|---------|-------|
| 1 P-K4  | P-QB4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 P-Q4  | P x P |
| 4 N x P | N-B3  |
| 5 N-QB3 | P-Q3  |
| 6 B-K2  | P-KN3 |

The popular Dragon Variation, with which Black hopes to hold off White's King-side attack while he builds a counter-attack on the Queen-side, in which the fianchetto B will play a big part.

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| 7 Castles | B-N2    |
| 8 B-K3    | Castles |
| 9 N-N3    |         |

It is necessary to stop Black from playing ... P-Q4, for then he can always get adequate play.

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| 9 . . . . . | B-K3  |
| 10 P-B4     | N-QR4 |

The old line 10 ... Q-B1; with 11 P-KR3, R-Q1, is now frequently played to avoid the dangers of the line now taken by White.

- 11 P-B5

Seeking to storm the King's side, the quieter line 11 N x N, Q x N; 12 B-B3, B-B5 gives Black no real difficulty.

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| 11 . . . . . | B-B5 |
| 12 P-KN4     |      |

This occurred in the game Milner-Barry — Foltys, Buenos Aires 1939, but has not been so much played as the ordinary Stockholm Attack: 12 N x N, B x B; 13 Q x B, Q x N; 14 P-KN4, etc., to which 14 ... Q-N5 is a strong reply.

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| 12 . . . . . | P-Q4 |
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This turns out to be premature, 12 ... B x B; 13 Q x B, N x N; 14 RP x N, N-Q2 seems to be a better way of trying to take the sting out of White's attack.

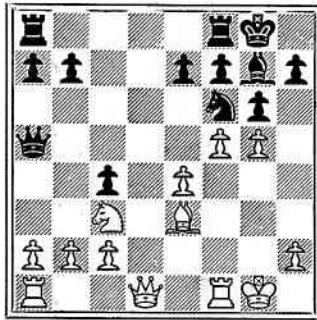
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| 13 N x N | Q x N? |
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Now White's attack becomes too hot. After 13 ... B x B; 14 Q x B, Q x N; 15 P-K5, N-K5; 16 B-

Q4, White would also have an advantage.

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| 14 B x B | P x B |
| 15 P-N5  |       |

Samuels



O. Penrose

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| 15 . . . . . | QR-Q1 |
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This helps the white Q to reach the King's side quickly. If 15 ... N-KR4; 16 N-Q5, B x P?; 17 N x P ch, K-N2; 18 B-Q4 ch, B x B; 19 Q x B ch, P-B3; 20 P x NP, RP x P; 21 P x P ch, with a fine attack.

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| 16 Q-B3  | N-Q2 |
| 17 N-Q5! |      |

With the nasty threat of P-B6, as well as N x P ch.

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| 17 . . . . . | B x P |
| 18 N x P ch  | K-R1  |
| 19 Q-R3!     |       |

Very strong, for the exchange is a small price for the attack which results if Black takes the R.

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| 19 . . . . . | N-K4 |
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To meet the threat of P x P, followed by N x P ch.

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| 20 QR-N1 | Q-R6 |
| 21 R-B4  |      |

Black fails to see the fiendish threat now facing him, but he is lost anyway.

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| 21 . . . . .  | B-Q5    |
| 22 Q x P ch!! | Resigns |

If 22 ... K x Q; 23 R-R4 ch, K-N2; 24 P-B6 mate.



## COUNTY CHESS

Middlesex won the English Counties Championship this year by beating Lancashire. Teams of 12 met at Manchester in June. An idea of the strength of the teams may be gained from the following game, played at board 8. The final position must be close to a world record for improbability. Score from "The Chess Bulletin," London. Notes by A. E. Turner.

## Game No. 311 SICILIAN DEFENCE

♠F. E. Brown F. Higginbottom

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| 1 P-K4  | P-QB4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 P-Q4  | P x P |
| 4 N x P | N-B3  |
| 5 N-QB3 | P-Q3  |
| 6 B-K2  |       |

The Richter Attack, 6 B-KN5, after being under a cloud for some time, has been strengthened recently, and is now a good alternative to the text.

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| 6 . . . . . | P-KN3   |
| 7 Castles   | B-N2    |
| 8 B-K3      | Castles |
| 9 N-N3      | B-K3    |

White's ninth is aimed at keeping Black cramped by avoiding exchanges and hindering ... P-Q4. In reply, an excellent alternative to the text is 9 ... P-QR4 (threat ... P-R5-R6); 10 P-QR4, N-QN5; and 11 ... P-Q4 cannot be prevented. White is about to launch a powerful assault against the black King, and, as usual, the only effective answer is a vigorous reaction in the centre. So Black must get in ... P-Q4, or suffocate.

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| 10 P-B4 | N-QR4 |
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White threatens 11 P-B5. Black can play to prevent it, or to draw its sting. The first plan requires 11 ... Q-B1 and 12 ... P-QR4 or ... R-Q1, an essentially sound line recently discussed at length in "Chess World" (May, p. 107).

The second plan is to meet 11 P-B5 by occupying QB5 and building up pressure against White's Q-side. But this involves a temporary neglect of the centre, and the present game shows how ineffective Black's counter-measures are apt to be against straightforward steamrolling by White.

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| 11 P-B5  | B-B5  |
| 12 P-N4! | B x B |

If this is necessary, Black's whole plan is suspect, for this tempo-losing exchange abandons the important square QB5, gives White a clear lead in development, and leaves Black no hope of effective counter-play to offset the K-side attack. Probably best is aggressive development by 11 ... R-B1; for if 13 B x P, B x B; 14 Q x B, N-B5 recovers the P (15 R-N1?, P-N3; and 16 ... Q-B2, winning the B).

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| 13 Q x B | N-B3? |
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This abject retreat condemns Black to completely passive defence—the most difficult task in

chess. Still 13 ... best. Now comes the

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| 14 P-N5  | N |
| 15 QR-Q1 | N |
| 16 P-KR4 | N |
| 17 B-Q4  | Q |

Of course P-B6 h... went at all costs. 17... was the only decent... would at least hav... White with a threa... also have maintain... the centre. But... eventual P-KR5 x... by occupation of the... black King's cramp... certainly reach a fa... The rest of the game... ably neat display... butchery by White;... helpless.

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| 18 P-B6  | P |
| 19 P x P | B |
| 20 B-K3  | B |
| 21 Q x B | N |
| 22 Q-B4  | P |
| 23 R-Q2  | Q |
| 24 N-Q5  | N |
| 25 R-N2  | K |
| 26 N-Q4  | Q |
| 27 N-B5! | N |

If 27 ... P x N; 2... or RP x R; 29 Q-N... next move.

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| 28 Q-N5    | R |
| 29 N/Q-K7  | R |
| 30 R-B4    | Q |
| 31 R/2 x N | R |

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 N-QB3  
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 N-B3  
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chess. Still 13 ... R-B1 was best. Now comes the big push.

14 P-N5 N-Q2  
 15 QR-Q1 N-N3  
 16 P-KR4 N-K4  
 17 B-Q4 Q-B2?

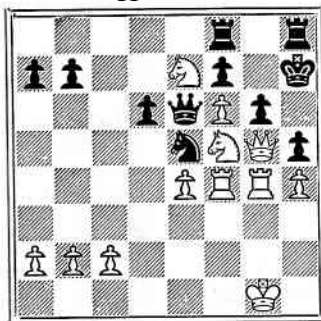
Of course P-B6 had to be prevented at all costs. 17 ... N/3-B5 was the only decent move, for it would at least have confronted White with a threat, and would also have maintained a toehold in the centre. But after White's eventual P-KR5 x NP, followed by occupation of the KR file, the black King's cramp would almost certainly reach a fatal intensity. The rest of the game is a remarkably neat display of scientific butchery by White; Black is quite helpless.

18 P-B6 P x P  
 19 P x P B-R3  
 20 B-K3 B x B ch  
 21 Q x B N-N5  
 22 Q-B4 P-KR4  
 23 R-Q2 N-B5  
 24 N-Q5 Q-Q2  
 25 R-N2 K-R2  
 26 N-Q4 QR-K1  
 27 N-B5! N/B-K4

If 27 ... P x N; 28 R x N!, BP or RP x R; 29 Q-N5, and mate next move.

28 Q-N5 R-KR1  
 29 N/Q-K7 R/K-KB1  
 30 R-B4 Q-K3  
 31 R/2 x N Resigns

Higginbottom



Brown

Mate at KR6 cannot be prevented. Certainly an extraordinary case of encirclement. Apart from the final position, the most striking thing about this game is that all Black's moves except his 17th looked reasonably plausible, and none of White's was brilliant or unexpected except his 27th. Of course, play as consistently accurate as White's is much harder to achieve than it

looks, but the game emphasises that in the Dragon Variant (6 ... P-KN3) White constantly finds good moves ready to hand, whereas Black must always balance precariously on a knife-edge between defensive lines that fatally cramp his game and over-aggressive ones that fatally loosen it.



**ANOTHER FIRST**

The year 1950 has seen at least two important new tournaments in England. One was the British Universities tourney; another was the first international boys' tournament, held at Birmingham. The latter event was won by B. Haggqvist, of Sweden, from a field of 20, including nine English juniors, in an 11-round Swiss. His score was 8½-2½. Haggqvist's game against the fifth prize-winner shows that neither player is lacking in courage or ideas—both essential to the development of a strong player. Notes by the Editor.

**Game No. 312**

**DUTCH DEFENCE**

†B. Haggqvist (Sweden) P. Harris (England)  
 1 P-Q4 P-KB4  
 2 P-QB4 P-K3  
 3 P-KN3 N-KB3  
 4 B-N2 B-K2  
 5 N-QB3 Castles

Castling here is a bit "sudden." 5 ... P-B3 and 6 ... P-Q4 is a better plan.

6 Q-N3 N-B3

6 ... P-B3 is necessary here more than ever, tactically because of the threat to the QNP, and strategically to contest control of Black's Q4, which square White has attacked four times already. This equal control of central squares is necessary to stop the opponent advancing with a wedge effect—virtually cutting the other game in half, which is nearly always fatal for the wedge, as thereby the wedger has more space for manoeuvring and consequently a wider choice of plans to follow. In the present game 6 ... N-B3 leads to the Knight's becoming marooned for most of the game.

7 P-Q5

The wedge (not a specially strong one).

7 ... N-QR4

8 Q-R4 P-B4  
 9 B-Q2 Q-N3  
 10 N-Q1 B-Q1

The Bishop joins the rescue party. All this has become necessary following Black's ill-advised Queen-side manoeuvres. True, White has yet to show how he can profit fully from Black's error.

11 N-R3 P x P  
 12 P x P P-Q3  
 13 Castles R-K1  
 14 N-B4 B-Q2  
 15 Q-B2 Q-R3  
 16 N-K3 N-K5  
 17 B-B1 P-KN3

In the last few moves Black has been doing a little pushing round on his own account, but his last move is weak. In order to make something of his pieces on the QR file he might have played 17 ... R-QB1. White would then have had to find something against the threatened advance of the hostile QNP and QBP.

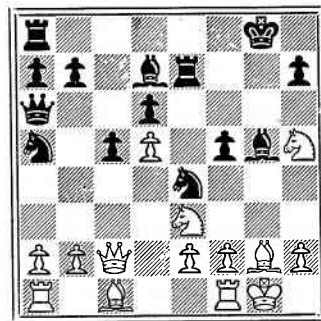
18 P-KN4

Taking advantage of Black's let-up to start some imaginative play.

18 ... B-KN4  
 19 P x P P x P  
 20 N-R5 R-K2

Doing away with the threat of the fork and preparing to double Rooks, but giving White the combinative chance he has been seeking.

Harris



Haggqvist

21 N x P! B x N  
 22 B x B N-KN6

White must have foreseen this when he played 21 N x P!

23 P-K4 N-K7 ch  
 24 K-R1 N-Q5  
 25 Q-B3 B-N3  
 26 B x R B x N

Black made a fine effort to avoid material loss, but White had the edge.

27 Q-N 3 ch      B-N 3  
 28 Q x P          P-N 3  
 29 P-B 4          N-B 5  
 30 Q-K B 6        N-K 6

Another strong bid by Black. However, White's next move is decisive.

31 P-B 5          Q-K 7  
 32 Q-N 5          Resigns

Black shows his class by resigning at exactly the right moment; an object lesson to some others. A creditable showing by both players. Black's play suggests he would have been very dangerous had he not taken the wrong path in the opening, while White's play was most competent.

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## Rhythm is the Thing !

A well-played winning game often (but not always: chess is too vast) has a tangible rhythm; the air of "inevitability," as some one has put it. Here, the point at which loss of rhythm occurred in what might have been a winning game by Black can clearly be seen. One inferior move; rhythm goes; the opponent takes over, if he is good enough. In this game, White is plenty good enough. But, typically, Black had to make a really bad move to clinch the loss. From Otago championship. Notes by the Editor.

### Game No. 313

#### FRENCH DEFENCE

‡S. J. Webb      J. F. Lang

1 P-K 4          P-K 3  
 2 P-Q 4          P-Q 4  
 3 P-K 5          P-Q B 4  
 4 P-Q B 3        N-Q B 3  
 5 N-B 3          Q-N 3  
 6 B-K 2          P x P  
 7 P x P          B-N 5 ch

An error, after which Black cannot continue with ... KN-K2 because of the retort P-QR3. This is where the rhythm of Black's development is broken. First should come development of the King's Knight via K2 to N3 or B4.

8 K-B 1          B-Q 2  
 9 P-Q R 3

Starting the Queen-side moving at Black's expense in time, thus exploiting Black's error on move 7.

9 . . . . .      B-K B 1  
 10 P-Q N 4      K N-K 2  
 11 N-B 3        N-B 4

This is getting nowhere. It is difficult to find any very con-

structive plan for Black. (Annotators nearly always say this when they haven't much idea what should be played.) However, since he must find squares for his King-side men, best seems 11 ... P-KR4 as a prelude to N-B4, followed by ... B-K2.

12 P-K N 4      N/4-K 2

For if ... KN x P; 13 N-QR4, when the Q must fly and the KN falls.

13 B-K B 4      N-N 3  
 14 B-N 3        P-K R 4

Better looks to be 14 ... B-K2, with the intention of playing ... P-B3 as soon as possible. If then 15 P-KN5, P-KR3. Black's game, as usual in the French, stands or falls by his success in undermining the white centre pawns. Also, a risky forward policy will often produce attacking chances, while it can lose no more than a certain defeat through strangulation.

15 P x P          R x P  
 16 P-K R 4

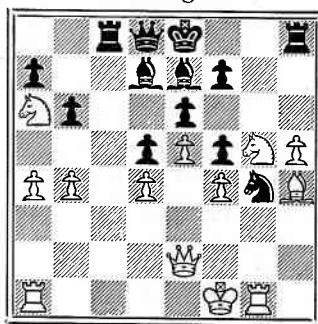
Threatening N-KN5 and P-R5 with cramping effect. Black goes quietly.

16 . . . . .      N/N-K 2  
 17 N-Q R 4      Q-Q 1  
 18 N-B 5        R-N 1  
 19 N-N 5        R-K R 1  
 20 B-R 5        P-K N 3  
 21 B-N 4

White's play has been excellent. He has used Black's slight mistakes to build up an all but complete dominance of the board.

21 . . . . .      N-B 4  
 22 B x N          N P x B  
 23 P-B 4          N-K 2  
 24 P-R 4          N-N 1  
 25 P-K R 5        N-R 3  
 26 B-R 4          B-K 2  
 27 Q-K 2          N-N 5  
 28 R-K N 1        P-N 3  
 29 N-R 6          Q R-B 1

Lang



Webb

30 R x N

This is apparently justified by the badly cramped state of Black's men, but there is no quick win in sight—yet.

30 . . . . .      P x R  
 31 Q x P          P-B 4 ?

A positive mistake, suggesting Black's morale has been shaken. 31 ... R-B5, threatening ... Q-B1, would have given White the task of showing his exchange sacrifice was sound. There is nothing in 32 N x P, etc.

32 P x P e.p.      B x B P  
 33 N x P          B x N  
 34 Q x B ch        Resigns

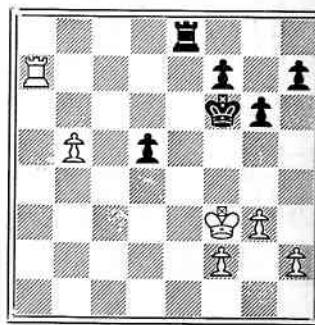
A sudden end to a most instructive encounter.

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## HASTINGS 1949-50

Could YOU win this with white? Szabo could.

L. Evans



L. Szabo

L. Szabo

34 R-R 2 !      R-Q N 1  
 35 R-N 2        K-K 4  
 36 K-N 3        P-Q 5 ch  
 37 K-Q 3        K-Q 4  
 38 P-N 6        R-N 2  
 39 R-N 5 ch     K-B 3  
 40 R-N 4        K-B 4  
 41 R-B 4 ch !    K-N 4

41 ... K x P; 42 R-N4 ch gives Black a lost pawn ending.

42 R-B 7        R x P  
 43 R x P        P-R 4  
 44 K x P        R-K 3  
 45 K-Q 5        R-K 7  
 46 P-R 4        R-Q 7 ch  
 47 K-K 5        K-B 4  
 48 K-B 6        R x P ch  
 49 K x P        R-K N 7  
 50 R-B 3        K-Q 4  
 51 K x P        K-K 5  
 52 R-R 3        K-B 4  
 53 P-N 4 ch     Resigns

## R. G. WADE

BAMBERG, Bavaria  
 Schmid, young  
 The match was  
 5 points each. But  
 games! Says Wade:  
 white in order to equ  
 game I am afraid th  
 scoring suggests ten  
 service," as it were

Here are two gam  
 match. Notes to bot

The third game:

Game No.

RUY LOPEZ

1 L. Schmid  
 2 P-K 4  
 3 N-K B 3  
 4 B-N 5

The Berlin Defen  
 often nowadays.

4 Castles  
 5 P-Q 4

In the fifth game I  
 N-Q3, and then ca  
 QP x B; 7 P x P, N-

ch, K x Q; 9 R-Q  
 10 P-QN3, B-K2

P-QB4; 12 N-B3,  
 N-Q5, B-Q1; 14 R-

instead of 14 ... P-

balanced position, I  
 14 ... B-N2, and w

res after 15 R-K1!  
 P-K6. If after

White follows the "b  
 N x B; 7 P-QR4, P

K6, then ... N/4-Q

6 R-K 1

After 6 Q-K2  
 some 6 ... N-Q3; 7

B: 8 P x P, N-B4; 9  
 B3; 10 N-Q4, N x 1

O-O; 12 B-R6, R-

B3, P-Q4, with an  
 (Gligoric — Trifunovi

1948).

6 . . . . .      N  
 7 P x P          N  
 8 P-Q R 4        N

Simpler was 8 ...  
 shed my opponer

ach himself and  
 estimated the probl

efence.

9 N x N          N  
 10 Q x N        C  
 11 B-B 4        P  
 12 N-Q 2        P

The white centre  
 cramping and must

13 N-B 3 !

N.Z. CHESSPLAYER



# R. G. WADE AND L. SCHMID DRAW MATCH WITH FIVE A PIECE

By Airmail from R. G. WADE

**B**AMBERG, Bavaria, was the scene of the match between Lothar Schmid, young German No. 3 star, and New Zealand's R. G. Wade. The match was played at the end of July. The result was a draw, 5 points each. But there were no draws. White won in the first eight games! Says Wade: "I found it nerve-wracking having to attack with white in order to equalise the score. When I broke the run in the ninth game I am afraid that I played the tenth game too contentedly." The scoring suggests tennis rather than chess: Wade "broke his opponent's service," as it were, in the ninth.

Here are two games from the match. Notes to both by Wade.

The third game:

Game No. 314

RUY LOPEZ

†L. Schmid	R. G. Wade
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-N5	B-N3

The Berlin Defence, not seen often nowadays.

4 Castles	N x P
5 P-Q4	B-K2

In the fifth game I played 5 ... N-Q3, and then came 6 B x N, QP x B; 7 P x P, N-B4; 8 Q x Q ch, K x Q; 9 R-Q1 ch, K-K1; 10 P-QN3, B-K2; 11 B-R3, P-QB4; 12 N-B3, P-QN3; 13 N-Q5, B-Q1; 14 R-Q2, and now instead of 14 ... P-KR4, with a balanced position, I played first 14 ... B-N2, and was in difficulties after 15 R-K1!, threatening P-K6. If after 5 ... N-Q3 White follows the "book" 6 P x P, N x B; 7 P-QR4, P-Q3; 8 P-K6, then ... N/4-Q5 equalises.

6 R-K1

After 6 Q-K2 would have come 6 ... N-Q3; 7 B x N, NP x B; 8 P x P, N-B4; 9 Q-K4, P-N3; 10 N-Q4, N x N; 11 Q x N, O-O; 12 B-R6, R-K1; 13 N-B3, P-Q4, with an equal game (Gligoric-Trifunovic, Budapest 1948).

6 ...	N-Q3
7 P x P	N x B
8 P-QR4	N/4-Q5

Simpler was 8 ... P-Q3, but I wished my opponent to overreach himself and I underestimated the problems of the defence.

9 N x N	N x N
10 Q x N	Castles
11 B-B4	P-QB3
12 N-Q2	P-B3!

The white centre pawn is too cramping and must be got rid of.

13 N-B3!

13 N-K4, P x P; 14 B x P allows P-Q4.

13 ...	P x P
14 B x P	B-B3
15 B x B	R x B
16 R-R3	

I expected 16 P-B4 and intended in reply 16 ... P-Q4!; 17 P x P, R-Q3; 18 R-Q1, R x P; 19 Q-B4, B-K3!! Somewhat better for White is 18 Q-K4.

16 ...	P-Q4
17 R/3-K3	B-B4
18 R-K7	B-K5

The crisis, the result of which will decide whether 8 ... N/4-Q5 is playable. As I mishandle the subsequent play, the game is not a decisive answer.

19 R x P	Q-QB1
20 R x P	R x R
21 Q x R	B x N?

Best counter-chance is 21 ... Q-N5; 22 P-R3.

22 P x B	P-R3
23 Q-K3	Q-R6
24 K-R1	R x P
25 Q-K6 ch	

I overlooked this simple breaking-down move.

25 ...	Q x Q
26 R x Q	R x P
27 R x B P	P-Q5
28 K-N1	R-Q7
29 P-N4	R-Q8 ch
30 K-B2	R-QR8
31 P-R5	R-QN8
32 P-R6	Resigns

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The fourth game:

Game No. 315

CARO-KANN DEFENCE

†R. G. Wade	L. Schmid
1 P-K4	P-QB3
2 P-Q4	P-Q4
3 N-QB3	P x P
4 N x P	N-Q2
5 B-QB4	KN-B3
6 N-N5	P-K3

Closing the Bishop's avenue.

7 Q-K2

Threatening 8 N x BP!

7 ...	N-N3
8 B-N3	Q x P?

Better 8 ... P-KR3; 9 N/5-B3, with a game for Black.

9 KN-B3	B-N5 ch
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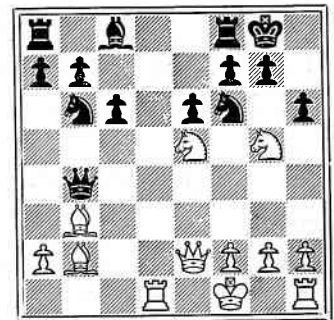
9 ... Q moves; 10 N-K5 wins the KBP.

10 P-B3	B x P ch
11 K-B1	Q-QN5
12 P x B	Q x P
13 B-N2	

Black has three pawns for his piece, but no prospect of weathering the middle game.

13 ...	Q-N5
14 N-K5	Castles
15 R-Q1	P-KR3

Schmid



Wade

16 P-KR4	P-QR4
17 B-B2!	

Coming round to Q3 if necessary in order to keep the Queens on—the Bishop interposes on the KB1-QR6 diagonal more effectively than the Rook.

17 ...	N-R5
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Loses quickly.

18 N-Q3	Q-N4
19 QB x N	P x B
20 N-K4	P-KB4
21 N-Q6	

Even better is 21 R-R3.

21 ...	Q-Q4
22 N x B	Resigns

Another piece is lost.

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We have another two games from this match for early use.

Wade records various simuls he has given in Europe, including a tandem with Dr. Standte at Eschweiler, Germany, in which the two scored 17-2, with six drawn games.

## Move & Win Solutions

No. 1—White solves the problem neatly with 1 Q—K1 ch!, R x Q; 2 P—N3 mate. Stahlberg—Becker, 1946.

No. 2—White makes the draw certain with 1 R—R6!, R x R; 2 P becomes Q ch, R x Q; 3 P—N5, and he is stalemated. Marshall—McClure.

No. 3—White played 1 Q—R7 ch, and Black resigned, because White wins the Queen or forces mate: 1 ... K—B1; 2 Q—R8 ch, K—K2; 3 Q x P ch, or 1 ... N x Q; 2 P x N ch, K—R1; 3 R—B8 mate. Michel—Trifunovic, Mar del Plata 1950.

No. 4—White shoots the works with 1 Q—R6 ch, R x Q; 2 B x R ch, K—R2; 3 B—B8 mate. Michel—Rosetto, Mar del Plata 1941.

No. 5—A better move for White was 1 N x N, for after 1 P x Q, Black played 1 ... N x P ch and announced mate in two: 2 K—N4, P—R4 ch; 3 K—R3, N—B7 mate. If 2 K—R3, then ... N—B7 mates at once. Potemkin—Alekhine, 1912.

No. 6—Black makes his Bishops tell by 1 ... Q x P!; 2 P x Q, N—R6 mate. Schroeder—Stahlberg, Santiago 1946.

No. 7—White wins with 1 B x P ch, N x B (1 ... K—R1; 2 N—B7 mate); 2 N—N6, trapping the Q. Rossolimo—Cukierman, Paris 1937.

No. 8—Black draws the white King into the net by 1 ... N—K7 ch; 2 R x N (2 K—R2, R—B7 ch; 3 K—R3, Q—R8 mate), R—B8 ch; 3 K x R (3 K—R2, R—R8 mate), Q—R8 ch; 4 K—B2, N—N5 mate. Bogoljubow—Monticelli, San Remo 1930.

No. 9—White chases the black Queen until she drops in her tracks. 1 Q—KN4, Q—N4; 2 Q—QB4, Q—Q2; 3 Q—B7!, Q—N4; 4 P—QR4, Q x RP; 5 R—K4, Q—N4; 6 Q x NP, Resigns. Adams—Torre, New Orleans 1924.

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### WHITE ROOK WAS BLACK

We regret an unfortunate error which crept into No. 3 of our last Move and Win section. The white Rook on f3 should have been black, a point that would be readily seen upon examining the solution. Some readers may have spent some time pondering over White's superiority in material. As our correspondent K. R. Austin says, White would have to commit a gross blunder not to win.

## PROBLEM SECTION

### AUGUST SOLUTIONS

- 109 (King): B—B2
- 110 (Pleasants): Q—R8
- 111 (Guest): N—B6
- 112 (Lindeberg): K—Q7
- 113 (Novejarque): N—Q5
- 114 (Karlstrom): Q—Q1
- 115 (Andrade): B—Q8
- 116 (Bull): R—R4
- 117 (Behring): R—QR5

Correct solutions from:

- Dr. N. E. H. Fulton—All.
- R. McDermid—All.
- L. Pleasants—All.
- W. S. King—All bar 116.
- T. G. Paterson—All bar 115.
- J. H. Woolley—All bar 115.
- E. M. Guest—All bar 114 and 115.
- K. R. Austin—109, 110, 111, 112, 117.
- F. C. Ewen—109, 111, 112, 114, 117.
- J. J. Marlow—109 - 114 inclusive.
- J. Sadleir—109, 111, 112, 113, 114.
- N. A. Palmer—109, 110, 111, 112.
- A. H. N. Taylor—111, 112, 114, 116.
- P. F. Clarke—109, 110.
- A. L. Goldfinch—111, 112.
- J. Sloan—111, 112.
- R. G. Hall—112.
- L. Wheeler—112.

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W. S. King: "Douglas Jack's No. 80 in December CHESS-PLAYER was in all respects a wonderful piece of work, and that composition will find a very high place among the problems of New Zealand authors."

L. Pleasants, referring to D. Jack, expressed regret at the death of an esteemed colleague.

J. J. Marlow says No. 113 (N—Q5) is cooked by R—B5. After searching for a while we came to the conclusion that R—B5 is a good try, but there is a move to beat it. Here, then, is a useful exercise for solvers below top class: In 113, what is the defence to the try R—B5? Send with next set of solutions.

A misunderstanding between us and E. M. Guest resulted in the use of an incorrect diagram; the key Knight should be at KR7 in No. 111. As it appeared, Q—B7 ch cooked nastily. But we don't feel this spoils the section; it gives solvers a chance to find both key and cook. Nobody performed this feat with No. 111, but plenty sent the cook as key.

B. J. da C. Andrade bagged a lot of scalps with his No. 115 (B—Q8).

Regarding this excellent problem, Dr. N. E. H. Fulton writes: "This one puzzled me for several days. The Bishop seemed superfluous. A very good try is B—B6. It is an interesting study to solvers to find out what move knocks out this try." B—B6 was the choice of most solvers. Dr. Fulton has hit the nail on the head. However, Andrade himself mentioned "the fiendish try B—B6" and ... B—R6! as the antidote. For the benefit of a good many solvers, we repeat (especially when the name Andrade appears!); don't take a problem too lightly; try to fault your own solution. K. R. Austin note: In 115 we figure if 1 ... R x B; 2 N—K8, etc., and if 1 ... others; 2 Q—K7, threatening N—B7 or Q—R4.

B. J. da C. Andrade mentions that his No. 98 (April) had been published previously in Europe or U.S.A., he isn't sure where, "without, however, the necessary WPg3." He would be pleased to know if any New Zealander can trace when and where this previous publication of No. 98 occurred.

Mr. Andrade has by this time more than earned promotion to the post of Hon. Godfather to the N.Z. CHESSPLAYER Problem Section. We have received from him still another very large batch of problems, including some of his own. This will be good news for a number of our solvers who from time to time have expressed their admiration for Mr. Andrade's compositions.

This month we submit a maiden effort, "for beginners only," by Dr. N. E. H. Fulton (Ashburton). L. Pleasants (Napier) is represented by the next two; and Auckland A. D. Harris appears with another 3-er. The other five were supplied by B. J. da C. Andrade. No. 124 should be successfully attempted by all solvers.

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### TO CORRESPONDENTS

R. T. WOODFIELD—Two really beautiful books received; you are a lucky man. They will be of much use. Thanks.

J. SLOAN—M.C.O., p. 127, col. 4. Evidently 19 Q—B3 is intended. The column from here looks misprinted.

A. H. N. TAYLOR—104 (June) 1 Q—QB1, P—KB5. 1 Q—KB1, N—B6 ch. We cannot find mate here. Where is the cook?



No. 118—Dr. N. E. H. Fulton. First problem—first



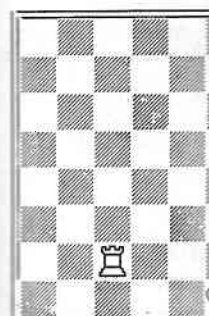
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No. 121—Edgar H. Harris. A.C.B., 1946



Mate in two (7)

No. 124—O. Wurzbacher



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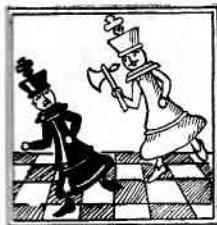
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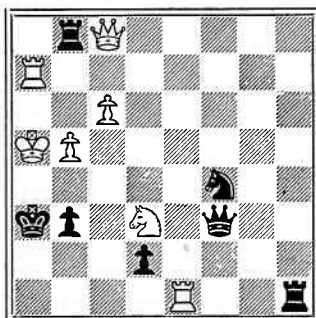
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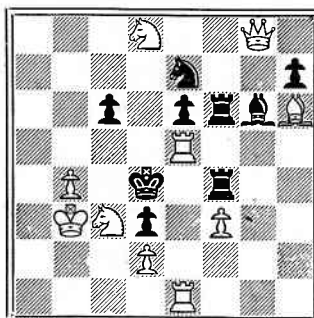
White plays UP the board in all diagrams

No. 118—Dr. N. E. H. Fulton.  
First problem—first publication.



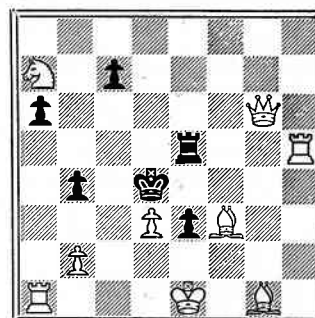
Mate in two (7 v. 7)

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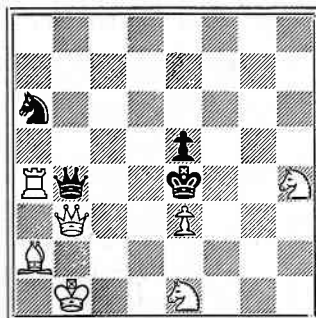
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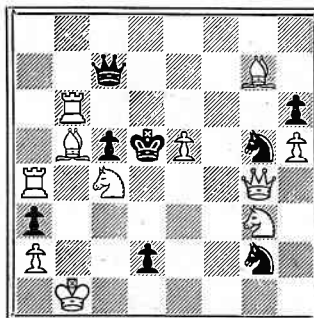
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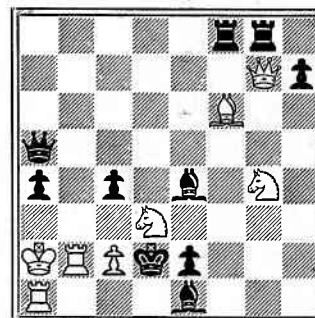
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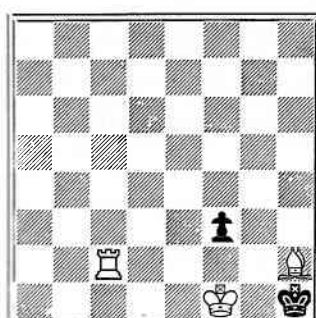
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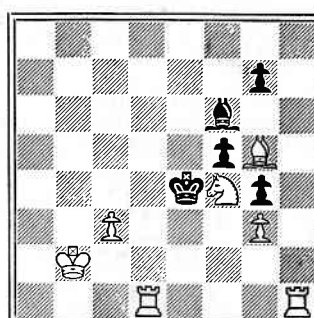
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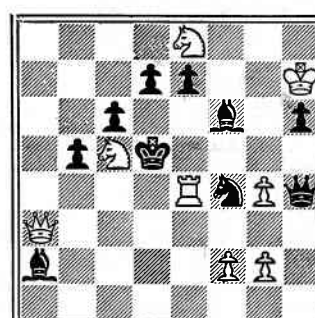
Mate in three (3 v. 2)

No. 125—A. D. Harris. 1st publtn.



Mate in three (7 v. 5)

No. 126—Josef Pospisil.



Mate in three (8 v. 10)

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## HANDICAP HONOURS TO MRS. SAYERS

The 1949-50 Handicap Tourney was won by Mrs. J. L. Sayers, of Auckland—played ten games and won the lot. Mrs. Sayers is a popular member of the Auckland Chess Club, which she joined as a novice only two or three years ago. Her improvement to this point has been very marked. Len Kiley, an older hand at the game, ran close with 14 wins and four draws from 20 games. All the prize-winners earned promotion to higher classes, their old and new grades being shown in parentheses.

The prize-winners were:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Avgc.	Bonus.	Final Avgc.
1. Mrs. J. L. Sayers (5-4)	10	10	0	0	55	5.5	0.4	5.9
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L. W. Mills, 1.82; P. H. Hardiman, 1.7; L. H. Young, 1.6; J. W. Collins, 1.6; Mrs. J. E. Clayton, 1.6; E. H. Faulkner, 1.55; C. Collins, 1.51; Miss P. Burn, 1.51; A. R. Smith, 0.96; K. C. Guthrie, 0.8; D. Blyth, 0.57; O. J. Ball, 0.2; J. H. R. McFarlane, 0.2.

The following did not qualify, completing fewer than eight games:—

F. C. Fournier, final average 7.0; B. S. Nairn, 6.0; J. B. Guthrie, 6.0; Mrs. S. Lovell, 5.25; A. J. McNamara, 4.4; A. W. Glen, 4.16; R. Godley, 4.0; R. G. Hall, 3.7; Miss F. Collinson, 3.5; G. E. Giltrap, 2.67; H. S. Watson, 1.83; Dr. R. Gardner, 1.75; Mrs. H. Reilly, 1.75; C. G. Cunningham, 1.4; N. R. Freeman, 1.2; R. I. Roberts, A. L. Goldfinch and R. Gilberd, 0.0.

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### PROGRESS REPORT TO 20/9/50

Pobar beat Burn, Hartnell 2.  
Mrs. Sayers beat Watson, Young.  
Haycraft beat Meredith, Nairn.  
Burn beat Pobar.  
Sadleir beat Mrs. Clayton.  
Dr. Gardner beat Nairn 2, Hartnell 2.  
Griffiths beat McKay.  
Parsons beat Mrs. Clayton 2, Wing 2.  
Fournier beat Chrisp, Roberts 2, Nairn, Cunningham 2.  
Meredith beat F. L. Collins, Haycraft, Hartnell, Hanham.  
Broom beat McIver, Marsick 2.  
Freeman beat Mrs. Clayton.  
Blomfield beat Cunningham, Mrs. Sayers, Miss Wilkinson, R. Taylor.  
J. S. W. Lomax beat J. W. Collins.  
McIver beat Broom.  
McEwan beat Williams.  
Hall beat Mrs. Lovell.  
Calnan beat Edwards.  
Mrs. Lovell beat Roberts 2, Hanham.  
Chrisp beat Cunningham.  
Watson beat Young.  
Muir beat Dick 2.  
Donald beat Traves, Esterman 1.  
Toothill beat Cunningham.  
McNamara beat Young, Hall.  
D. Manson beat J. W. Collins.  
Mrs. Haar beat Dick.  
J. W. Collins beat Mrs. Haar.  
Blyth beat Wing.  
Day beat Simpson 2.  
Esterman beat Marsick, Godley.  
J. Sloan beat Simpson, Mrs. Howlett, Mrs. Clayton.  
Davis beat Mrs. Mullineaux.  
Clarke beat Harrison-Wilkie.  
Holdsworth beat Blomfield.

## Correspondence

Detailed scoring  
Championship, 1949-50

1. N. M. Cromarty
  2. D. I. Lynch
  3. A. W. Gyles
  4. J. A. Cunningham
  5. G. Severinsen
  6. S. Smith
  7. T. G. Paterson
  8. E. F. Tibbitts
  9. E. C. Cole
  10. F. H. Grant
  11. E. R. Broom
  12. G. E. Trundle
- G. E. Trundle 10

## T.T.'s, 1950

### PROGRESS REPORT

#### Championship—

Broom beat Manson and Paterson.  
Park beat Tibbitts.  
Gyles beat Paterson.  
Hooper, drew M. Cunningham.  
Severinsen beat Paterson.  
Cunningham beat T. Manson beat Cunnin

#### T.T. 1B—

Denys beat Jones, Boyd beat Fulton, d Fulton beat Denys. Mitchell beat Watt. Jones beat Boyd. Sloan beat Smith. Mintoft beat Sloan, Mitchell.

#### T.T. 1C—

Hansford beat Ratliff. Adkins beat Luck. Luck beat Marsick,

#### T.T. 2—

Keam beat Edwards. G. H. Hignett beat drew Foulds. A. N. Hignett beat G. H. Hignett. R. Severinsen beat Keam. Jones beat G. H. H. Edwards drew Foulds. Douglas beat G. Browne, drew A.

#### T.T. 3—

Yates beat Neilson. Meredith beat Jessett. Orbell. Duggan beat Collins. Collins beat Woodfield. Jessett drew Orbell, Yates. Miss Collinson beat Woodfield beat Jess

# Correspondence Chess Championship of N.Z.

Detailed scoring in the New Zealand Correspondence Chess Championship, 1949-50, won by Cromarty, was as follows:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1. N. M. Cromarty	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	10½
2. D. I. Lynch	0	—	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
3. A. W. Gyles	0	0	—	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½
4. J. A. Cunningham	0	½	½	—	½	0	0	½	1	1	1	1	6
5. G. Severinsen	0	0	0	½	—	½	½	0	1	1	1	1	5½
6. S. Smith	0	0	0	1	½	—	½	½	0	1	1	1	5½
7. T. G. Paterson	0	0	0	1	0	½	—	1	1	½	1	1	5
8. E. F. Tibbitts	½	½	0	½	0	1	0	1*	—	0	1	1	5
9. E. C. Cole	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	—	1	1	3½
10. F. H. Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	—	1	1½
11. E. R. Broom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0
12. G. E. Trundle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0

G. E. Trundle lost all games by default.

\*Ajudicated.

## T.T.'s, 1950-51

### PROGRESS REPORT TO 20/9/50

#### Championship—

Broom beat Manson, Hooper and Paterson.

Park beat Tibbitts.

Gyles beat Paterson, Broom, Hooper, drew Manson and Cunningham.

Severinsen beat Paterson.

Cunningham beat Tibbitts.

Manson beat Cunningham.

#### T.T. 1B—

Denys beat Jones, Mintoft.

Boyd beat Fulton, drew Kiley.

Fulton beat Denys.

Mitchell beat Watt and Sloan.

Jones beat Boyd.

Sloan beat Smith.

Mintoft beat Sloan, drew with Mitchell.

#### T.T. 1C—

Hansford beat Ratliff, Adkins.

Adkins beat Luck.

Luck beat Marsick, Ross.

#### T.T. 2—

Keam beat Edwards, Eades.

G. H. Hignett beat Edwards, drew Foulds.

A. N. Hignett beat Edwards and G. H. Hignett.

E. Severinsen beat Edwards and Keam.

Jones beat G. H. Hignett.

Edwards drew Foulds.

Douglas beat G. H. Hignett, Browne, drew A. N. Hignett.

#### T.T. 3—

Yates beat Neilson.

Meredith beat Jessett, Neale and Orbell.

Duggan beat Collins.

Collins beat Woodfield.

Jessett drew Orbell, Wilkins and Yates.

Miss Collinson beat Jessett.

Woodfield beat Jessett.

#### T.T. 4—

Remetis beat Jones.

D. Manson beat Fenwick, Smith.

Williams beat Robinson, Jones.

Smith beat Hall.

#### T.T. 5—

Lomax beat King.

Wooderson beat Lomax and Hanham.

Taylor beat Lee and Findon.

Hanham beat Sewell.

Mrs. Sayers beat Hanham.

Teece beat Mills.

Lee beat Sewell.



Played in last year's T.T. 1B:

#### Game No. 316

#### DUTCH DEFENCE

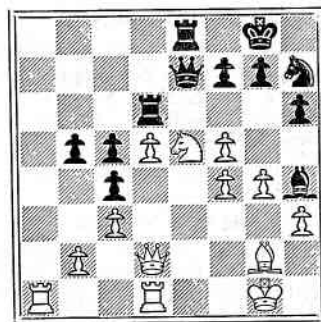
†G. Mitchell W. E. Moore

1 P—Q 4	P—KB 4
2 B—B 4	N—KB 3
3 N—KB 3	P—K 3
4 P—K 3	P—Q 3
5 B—Q 3	B—N 2
6 Castles	B—K 2
7 N—B 3	P—Q 4
8 N—QN 5	N—R 3
9 N—K 5	Castles
10 P—QR 3	P—B 4
11 P—B 4	P x B P
12 B x P	B—Q 4
13 B x B	Q x B
14 Q—R 4	Q—N 2
15 Q—B 4	N—Q 4
16 N—KB 3	N x B
17 P x N	Q—B 3
18 KR—K 1	R—B 3
19 N—N 5	R—N 3
20 R x P	R x R
21 N x R	K—R 1
22 P—Q 5	Q—Q 2
23 R—K 1	B—B 3
24 P—QN 3	R—QB 1
25 P—N 3	N—N 1
26 P—QR 4	P—QR 3
27 N/5—B 7	P—QR 4
28 N—R 8	Q—N 2
29 N/6—B 7	Resigns

# ARTISTRY

When A. W. Gyles met E. F. Tibbitts in the 1949-50 New Zealand Correspondence Championship he produced a really splendid finish. After Black's 28th move the position was:

Tibbitts



Gyles

†Gyles

Tibbitts

29 R—R 5

Q—N 2

30 R/1—R 1

This manoeuvre by White is obvious enough—but wait!

30 . . . . R—K 2

Black is apparently safe enough in relying on . . . N—B1 to meet R—R8 ch.

31 Q—K 3!

White has his plan prepared. The text move furthers that plan by getting the Queen on the necessary file with an incidental threat to the BP, which Black can hardly ignore. If 31 . . . P—B3; 32 Q x P is quite adequate.

31 . . . . Q—N 3

32 R—R 8 ch N—B 1

If 32 . . . R—Q1; 33 R x R ch, Q x R; 34 Q x P, and must win. Now White's big moment has arrived: everything is just right.

33 P—N 5! P x P

The black Bishop is shut off from his K2! If 33 . . . P—B3; same reply.

34 N—N 6!! Resigns!

Black bows to the inevitable. If 34 . . . R x Q, White mates in two. If 34 . . . R x N; 35 Q x R wins easily. If 34 . . . P x N; 35 Q x R, R—KB3; 36 R/1—R7, finis.

Notes based largely on comment by A. W. Gyles.

# WADE AT TRENCIANSKI-TEPLICE . . .

THE CONCLUSION of R. G. Wade's "serial" of his progress in the Trencianski-Teplice (Czechoslovakia) Reti Memorial Tourney held last year—the stiffest field yet faced by a New Zealand player. Previous instalments in Nos. 10, 11 and 14.

The Austrian champion was less in form than I was during the tourney, but did not go so absolutely to pieces in the later rounds as I did.

## Game No. 317

### DUTCH DEFENCE

J. Platt R. G. Wade  
1 P—Q 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K B 4; 3 P—K N 3, N—K B 3; 4 N—Q B 3, B—K 2; 5 B—N 2, Castles; 6 N—B 3,

A sharper plan is 6 Q—N 3, N—B 3; 7 P—Q 5.

6 . . . . P—Q 4; 7 N—K 5,

This is no way to obtain an advantage, as the resulting locked central pawns are disadvantageous equally to both players.

7 . . . . P—B 3; 8 Castles, Q N—Q 2; 9 P—B 4, N—K 5; 10 N x N,

10 B x N, B P x B.

10 . . . . Q P x N; 11 N x N, B x N; 12 Q—N 3, P—Q N 3; 13 B—K 3, R—B 3;

A risky proceeding committing me to a King-side attack.

14 Q R—Q 1,

Better K R—Q 1, followed by P—Q R 4, Q R—B 1 and P—B 5, leaving Black weakened Queen-side P's, the defence of which will keep some of Black's pieces out of the attack.

14 . . . . Q—B 2; 15 B—Q 2, R—R 3; 16 B—Q B 3, B—K 1; 17 P—K 3, B—R 4; 18 Q R—K 1?,

There can be no explanation for White's loss of time with his Rooks. Correct was 18 R—Q 2.

18 . . . . R—Q 1; 19 R—B 2, B—K N 5; 20 R—Q 2?,

This allows me to proceed with the attack immediately. White should keep his Rook on the K B file as Black has as yet no good square for his King when the King-side becomes open. I would have had to proceed slowly with R—R 4, P—K R 3, K—R 2 and P—K N 4, with Q—K 1 in some eventualities.

20 . . . . P—K N 4!; 21 P—Q 5, N P x P; 22 N P x P, P—B 4!;

Limiting the amount of open files to a minimum, as I do not want to use pieces just keeping

White's pieces out of my position.

23 B—K 5, Q—Q 2; 24 Q—B 3, R—N 3; 25 K—R 1, K—B 2; 26 P x P ch, Q x P; 27 R x R, B x R; 28 Q—Q 2, B—R 5; 29 R—Q B 1, R—N 1!; 30 P—K R 3, R—Q 1; 31 Q—Q B 2, B—R 4; 32 R—K N 1, B—B 3;

Eliminating White's counter play, always possible when your pieces are well posted.

33 B x B, Q x B; 34 B—B 1, B—Q 8?;

But here the win goes with the wind, as White gets counter chances along the KN file with his Queen and Rook, and my B is not a good one if tied down to defence. I spent three-quarters of an hour examining the position, including the move 34 . . . . Q—R 5, but failed to notice after 35 K—R 2 that Q—K 8 wins.

35 Q—B 2!, B—B 6 ch; 36 B—N 2, B—R 4; 37 B—B 1, B—B 6 ch; and repeated to draw.

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Against the champion of Bratislava, Jan Sefc, I obtained a better Rook and pawn ending, tried too hard to win—and lost.

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Sweden's grandmaster Gideon Stahlberg is a terrific player with the white pieces. His openings are well worn, but his handling of the middle game can be most elegant. On the 14th move as Black I made a slight strategical error that put me on the defensive, obtained a drawish position which received the approval of some of the other masters, and then had to watch Stahlberg's Knight wander leisurely over from the King-side to the Queen-side to pick up a vital pawn which my Knight could not manoeuvre to defend.

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In round 16 I played the opening a little too passively against Dr. Ujtelky's Sicilian, and when some tactical play misfired I was left with a hopeless ending with a pawn missing.

Julio Bolbochan is the most promising of Argentina's native-born masters, and my loss to him was no disgrace. I rather liked his snappy Queen "sacrifice" in answer to my sacrifice of a piece.

## Game No. 318

### FRENCH DEFENCE

†J. Bolbochan	R. G. Wade
1 P—Q 4	P—K 3
2 P—K 4	P—Q 4
3 N—Q 2	N—K B 3
4 P—K 5	K N—Q 2
5 B—Q 3	P—Q B 4
6 P—Q B 3	N—Q B 3
7 N—K 2	Q—N 3
8 N—B 3	P—B 3
9 K P x P	

9 N—B 4, P x Q P; 10 N x K P N/2 x P is rather complicated.

9 . . . . N/2 x P  
10 Castles B—Q 3

So far Purdy—Wade, Australia v. New Zealand 1948, and now 11 R—N 1, P—K 4 immediately.

11 P x P	B x P
12 N/2—Q 4!	Castles
13 N x N	P x N
14 Q—K 2	Q—B 2?

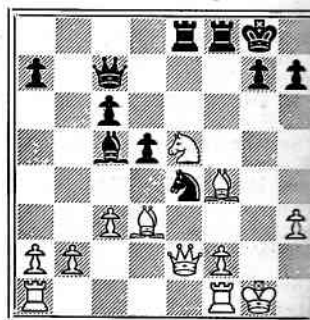
More to the point is 14 . . . . N—N 5; 15 B x P ch, K—R 1, with complications again.

15 P—K R 3! P—K 4!?

Not wishing to have a permanently imprisoned Bishop.

16 N x P	B x P
17 P x B	Q R—K 1
18 B—K B 4	N—K 5

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19 Q x N!! P x Q  
20 B—B 4 ch Resigns

A piece is lost.

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DEFENCE

R. G. Wade

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P—B 3

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B x P

QR—K 1

N—K 5

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