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Many chessplayers must have been startled by the announcement in the Press that Rodney Phillips had been made a New Zealand Master. Chances are that their secondary reaction was one of silent congratulation to Rodney, followed in some cases at least after sober consideration, by bewilderment at the manner of it.

It isn't so very long since Council adopted the practice of creating Masters. We think it a very good thing for chess in New Zealand. But our recollection is that the original intention behind the idea, at least so far as it was suggested and supported by the clubs, was that it should afford recognition of outstanding class consistently maintained over the years.

Now nobody would deny that Rodney is a class player. His record makes it self-evident. Many people however, will feel dubious as to whether that record, brilliant as it is, is as yet sufficient basis for the honour which has been bestowed upon him. We say this not in any denigration of Rodney's present quality, but rather out of a jealous

concern for a title which, if it is to have any status or meaning, must be attended by the most rigid qualifications.

Whether it is now written into the rules or not, it was originally proposed that one minimum qualification for Mastership was the winning of three New Zealand championships. To date, Rodney has won one and a half. We don't doubt that he has it in him to annex many more. We find it hard to believe, however, that any great hardship would have been done by waiting a few years longer before awarding him an honour as yet accorded to only four other players in this country.

It was a good stroke of publicity, of course. Whether it was worth the apparent breach of general principle involved is another matter. Many players must feel that the Council's action was premature at least - rather like awarding a title in anticipation.

Congratulations, Rodney, anyway.

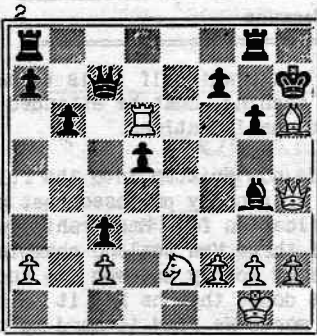
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Only six completed the course, others probably did not consider it worth while sending in their solutions to the last set, as the winner Mr E.G.A.Frost was so far in front.

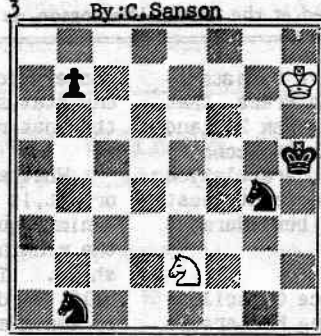
We had hoped that there would have been sufficient entries to have provided a trophy, 12 only entered and of course at 1/- per entry, a trophy could not be purchased. We do consider however, that something tangible should be given the winner, so, thanks to the generosity of Mr C. Sanson of England, the winner will receive a book prize, to the value of £1.

We are also indebted to Mr Sanson for his pleasing end-game studies, that have made this Quizz so interesting, also to all the other competitors for their support and the many useful suggestions they have submitted.

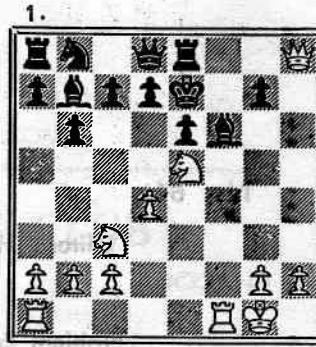
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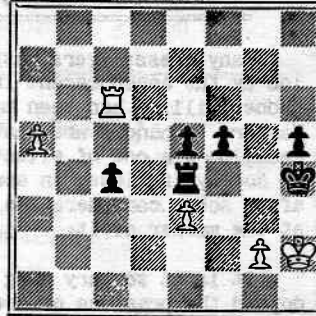
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SOME GAMES SELECTED FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP

An interesting Sicilian of the problems fact popular defence. C.W. Taylor (White)

Taylor

- 1 P - K4
- 2 N - K3
- 3 P - Q4
- 4 N x P
- 5 N - Q4

It is not as easy as Richter Attack. (5)

White should now play advantage. If 6...N

8 B - QB4, or 6...Q

6 B - K3

7 B - K2

8 Q - O

9 N - N3

A deviation from the can lead to the cc

Attack(after 10 P-B

12 NxN, BxB; 13 QxB. The line chosen by B

treatment.

10 P - B4

11 P - Q4

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12 P - B5

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have played 12 P - K the centre after the

excellent attacking Black King. The mov

important square e5

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13 N - Q2

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SOME GAMES SELECTED BY THE GAMES EDITOR FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP RESERVE.

(All notes by J.D.Steele, Games Editor)

An interesting Sicilian illustrating some of the problems facing each side in this popular defence.
C.W.Taylor (White) v E.G.A.Frost (Black).

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|-----------|---------|
| Taylor | Frost |
| 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 - KN3 |

It is not as easy as this to avoid the Richter Attack. (5...P - Q3; 6 B - KN5). White should now play: 6 N x N, with great advantage. If 6...NfxN; 7 P - K5, N - N1; 8 B - QB4, or 6...QP x N; 7 Q x Qch, KxQ; 8 B - QB4, K - K1; 9 P - K5.

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|----------|---------|
| 6 B - K3 | B - N2 |
| 7 B - K2 | O - O |
| 8 O - O | O - Q3 |
| 9 N - N3 | P - QR3 |

A deviation from the "Book" 9...B-K3 which can lead to the controversial Stockholm Attack (after 10 P-B4, N-QR4; 11 P-B5, B-B5; 12 NxN, BxB; 13 QxB, QxN; 14 P-KN4!). The line chosen by Black needs very exact treatment.

- | | |
|------------|---------|
| 10 P - B4 | P - QN4 |
| 11 P - QR3 | B - N2 |

Black's play seems straightforward and logical, but the question is - has he time for all this? The Sicilian is a very sharp defence, where slight errors can be most severely dealt with.

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|-----------|
| 12 P - B5 |
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Black's last three moves have ignored the problems of the centre, so White should now have played 12 P - KN4 with a won grip on the centre after the following P - N5, and excellent attacking chances against the Black King. The move played concedes the important square e5 to the black pieces.

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|-----------|--------|
| 12 | N - K4 |
| 13 N - Q2 | P - Q4 |

As so often in the Sicilian, if Black can play this move with impunity, his opening problems are over. The initiative now passes

to Black.

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| 14 B - Q4 | Q - Q3 |
| 15 BP x P | |

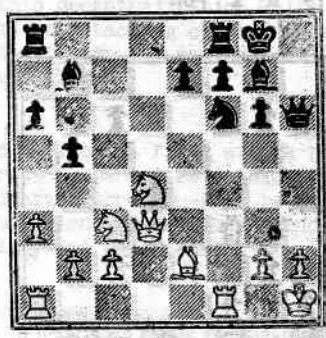
This simplification is in Black's favour.

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| 15 | RP x P |
| 16 P x P | B x P |
| 17 B x N | Q x B |
| 18 N - B3 | Q - K6ch |
| 19 K - R1 | B - N2 |

In this open position, the two bishops become most powerful.

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|------------|--------|
| 20 Q - Q3 | Q - R3 |
| 21 N - Q4? | |

A blunder which loses a piece, but White's game was very difficult.



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|------------|---------|
| 21 | QR - Q1 |
| 22 QR - Q1 | N - R4 |
| 23 B x N | R x N |
| 24 Q - N3 | Q x B |
| 25 P - R3 | B - K4 |

The two bishops combine effectively to finish the game.

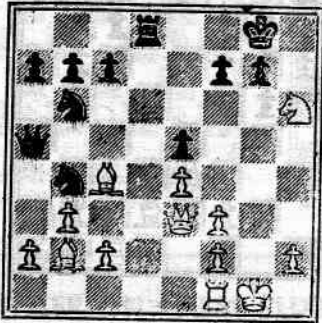
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| 26 Q - K3 | R - KN5 |
| 27 R - B2 | R - N6 |
| 28 Q - K2 | R x Pch |
| 29 Resigns. | |

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Championship Reserve continued:

A well played opening between K.R. Austin and R.J.Woodford with an amusing finish.

	AUSTIN	WOODFORD
1	P - K4	P - K4
2	N - KB3	P - Q3
3	P - Q4	N - Q2
4	P x P	P x P
5	N - QB3	B - Q3
6	B - QB4	P - KR3
7	P - QN3	N - N3
8	Q - Q3	N - K2
9	B - N2	O - O
10	R - Q1	N - B3
11	O - O	N - N5
12	Q - Q2	B - N5
13	N - QN5	Q - K2
14	N x B	B x N
15	N - B5	Q - B4
16	P x B	QR - Q1
17	Q - K3	R - R4
18	R x R	R x R
19	N x Pch	



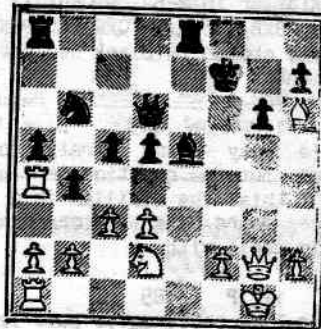
19	.....	K - R2
20	N x P	N x BP
21	Q - B3	Q x Q
22	B x Q	R - K1
23	N x P	P - B4
24	B - Q3	N - R6
25	K - R1	R - K3
26	R - KN1	N - B1
27	N - B7	R - QB3
28	R x P mate.	

In Round 1 E.V.Cuff v K.M.Okey, Okey made a determined effort to get a rook - and got it!

	CUFF	OKEY
1	P - K4	P - QB4
2	N - KB3	P - KN3
3	B - B4	B - N2
4	O - O	N - KB3
5	R - K1	N - B3
6	P - B3	N x P
7	B x Pch	K x B
8	R x N	P - Q4
9	R - B4ch?	

Back home was safer.

9	.....	B - B4
10	P - KN4	P - K4!
The chase starts.		
11	R - R4	P - QN4
12	R - R6	N - N1
13	R - R3	B x P
14	N x Pch!	B x N
15	Q x B	Q - Q3
16	Q - N2	N - Q2
17	P - Q3	P - QR4
18	B - R6	KR - K1
19	N - Q2	P - N5
20	R - R4	



20	.....	N - N3
21	N - B3	N x R
22	N - N5ch	K - N1
23	Q - B3	R - R2
24	P - R4	B - B5
25	N - B7??	R x N
26	Resigns	

Got it!

Championship Reserve

A well-conducted attack by B3 would have m...
Poole(White) v Petru...

POOLE

1	P - Q
2	P - Q
3	N - Q
4	P - K
5	B - Q
6	N - K
7	P - Q
8	P x B
9	O - B
10	Q - O
11	P - K
12	B - B
13	QR - Q
14	B - Q
15	P - KN
16	N - R
17	N - N
18	N x R



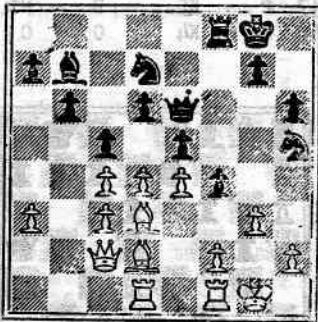
19	R - N1
20	K - R1
21	R - N1
22	B - KB1
23	Resigns

The game between...
in the Championship...
ample of attack and...
B.Douglas(White) v E.

Championship Reserve continued:

A well-conducted attack by Petre, but 19::
 P - B3 would have made his task harder.
 Poole(White) v Petre(Black)

	FOOLE	PETRE
1	P - Q4	N - KB3
2	P - QB4	P - K3
3	N - QB3	B - N5
4	P - K3	P - QB4
5	B - Q3	O - O
6	N - KB3	P - QN3
7	P - QR3	B x N
8	P x B	B - N2
9	Q - B2	P - Q3
10	O - O	QN - Q2
11	P - K4	P - KR3
12	B - B4	Q - K2
13	QR - Q1	P - K4
14	B - Q2	N - R4
15	P - KN3	P - KB4
16	N - R4	P - B5
17	N - N6	Q - K3
18	N x R	R x N



19	R - N17	P - B6
20	K - R1	Q - R6
21	R - N1	N - B3
22	B - KB1	N - N5!
23	Resigns	

The game between winner and runner-up
 in the Championship Reserve and a good ex-
 ample of attack and defence in the R/Lopez
 B.Douglas(White) v B.H.P.Marsick(Black)

	DOUGLAS	MARSICK
1	P - K4	P - K4
2	N - KB3	N - QB3
3	B - N5	P - QR3
4	B - R4	N - B3
5	O - O	B - K2
6	R - K1	P - QN4
7	B - N3	O - O
8	P - QR4	

A change from the usual 8 P - B3, but not
 necessarily an improvement.

8	.....	B - N2
9	P - Q3	P - N5
10	P - B3	P - QR4
11	QN - Q2	R - K1
12	N - B1	P - KR3
13	N - K3	P - Q3
14	N - B5	B - KB1!

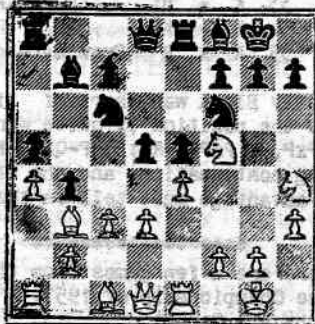
The Black KB is very well placed for de-
 fence here.

15 N/3 - R4

There is little positional justification
 for this decentralisation. White does have
 excellent attacking chances on the K-side,
 but the better way was by P-KR3, K-R2, R-QN1
 P-KN4 etc.

15 P - Q4

Sound strategy. A flank attack being met by
 a thrust in the centre. (Alexander the Great
 would have approved--this being one of the
 few occasions where chess and military-
 strategy are analogous.



16	P x P	N x P
17	Q - N4	K - R2

(T/over)

Douglas v Marsick continued:

18 B x N

It seems a pity to weaken the attack by exchanging off the Lopez bishop, even though White did not want to see his Queen chivvied about by...N-B3; Q-N3, N-R4; but 18: B-B2 seems a more purposeful continuation.

18 Q x B
19 R - K3 P - N3
20 R - N3

The concentration of white pieces on the K-side looks menacing, but Black defends coolly.

20 Q - K3
21 B x P?

Over-bold - Black's defensive position is too strong to be broken up by sacrifices.

21 B x B
22 N x B K x N
23 Q - N5ch K - R2
24 R - R3 K - N2
25 N - B5ch

White wins the Queen, but the cost is too great.

25 Q x N
26 Q - R6ch K - B3
27 R - B3 Q x R
28 P x Q R - R1
29 Q - K3 R - R4!

Black's counter - attack comes promptly.

30 R - K1 QR - R1
31 P - B4 R x P
32 P x Pch K - K3
33 K - B1 R - R8ch
34 K - K2 R x Rch
35 K x R Draw agreed.

Presumably Black was short of time here, because the position is quite won for him. 35..., PxP, 36 PxP, R-R4; 37 P-Q4, N-K2 appears a strong continuation, and the black material advantage must tell in the end.

Here are a few games from the Correspondence Championship of 1957.

(Notes by R.A.Court)
R.A.Court(White) v A.N.Hignett(Black)
Court Hignett
1 P - Q4 P - Q4
2 P - QB4 P - QB3

COURT HIGNETT

3 N - QB3 N - KB3
4 N - B3 P - K3
5 P x P N x P

The first sign of timewasting tendencies BP x P is best.

6 P - K4 - N x N
7 P x N - Q - R4?
8 B - Q2 - N - Q2
9 B - Q3 - N - N3?
10 O - O - N - R5

How crazy can you get!

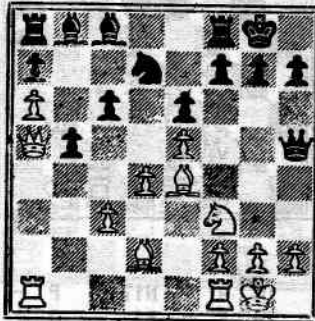
11 Q - N3 - N - N3!
12 P - QR4

An excellent way to capitalise.

12 Q - KR4
13 P - R5 - N - Q2
14 P - R6! - P - QN3
15 Q - R4 - P - QN4

Better was N - N1!!

16 Q - R5 B - Q3?
17 P - K5 B - N1
18 B - K4 O - O



19 B x QBP - N x P
20 P x N Resigns

A good example for the inexperienced, of the dangers of not developing with the utmost speed.

The second game, his opponent R.A.Court OKEY

1 P - K4
2 N - KB3
3 B - N5
P - QR3 first gives B

4 P - Q4
5 N - B3
6 N x P
7 N x N
8 B - QB4
9 Q - K2

Leaving the way open castles King side.

10 B - Q2
11 O - O - O
But he dosen't, and ri no attacking chances.

11
12 P - KR3
13 P - KN3
14 P - KR4
15 P - R5

White's thrust is gone for his.

16 Q - Q3
17 P - B3
18 N x P?!

After 18 PxP Black would This move creates comp in Black's favour.

18
19 B - B3!
Black does not want to great a cost in posit RxB; 21 N-B5, PxB; 22

20 Q - Q2
B - B4 only draws and a piece.

21 B x Bch
In reply to 21 B-K2 or prepared R x P.

21
Of course QxB; 22 B-K2 best but Black was gre more out of the pawn

22 KR - K1!

The second game, where K.Okey outplays his opponent R.A.Court. (Notes by R.Court)

OKEY		COURT	
1	P - K4	P	- K4
2	N - KB3	N	- QB3
3	B - N5	P	- Q3

P - QR3 first gives Black more scope.

4	P - Q4	B	- Q2
5	N - B3	P	x QP
6	N x P	P	- KN3
7	N x N	P	x N
8	B - QB4	B	- N2
9	Q - K2	N	- R3

Leaving the way open for Q - R5 when White castles King side.

10	B - Q2	O	- O
11	O - O - O		

But he dosen't, and rightly so as Black has no attacking chances on the Queen side.

11	.....	Q	- R5
12	P - KR3	QR	- K1
13	P - KN3	Q	- Q1
14	P - KR4	K	- R1
15	P - R5	P	- N4

White's thrust is gone, now Black is ready for his.

16	Q - Q3	P	- KB4
17	P - B3	P	x P
18	N x P?		

After 18 PxP Black would have the advantage This move creates complications seemingly in Black's favour.

18	.....	P	- Q4
19	B - B3!	Q	- K2

Black does not want to win a piece at too great a cost in position as by R-K2, 20 BxB RxB; 21 N-B5, PxB; 22 Q-B3!

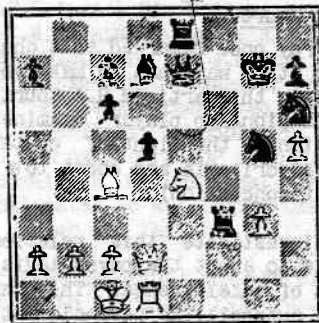
20	Q - Q2	R	x P
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B - B4 only draws and B - B1 does not win a piece.

21 B x Bch
In reply to 21 B-K2 or NxNP Black had prepared R x P.

21 K x B??
Of course QxB; 22 B-K2, R-B4; 23 N-B3, was best but Black was greedily trying to get more out of the pawn fork.

22 KR - K1!



An unpleasant surprise. Black expected 22 Q-Q4ch, K-N1; 23 B-K2 or N-B5; N - B4!

22 R - B4
Still thinking he can get more.

23	Q - Q4ch	R	- K4
24	N - B5		

Another surprise for Black who thought this lost as he had worked out the actual continuation.

24	.....	B	- N5
25	N - Q3	Q	- B3
26	R x R	R	x R
27	N x R	B	x R
28	K x B	N	- B4

The move Black relied on. He thought 28: Q - B3 was forced when P x B should win.

29 P - R6ch!! A stunning shock
Black resigns.

AROUND THE CLUBS

DOMINION ROAD C.C.

Held their annual meeting on 25 March and the following officers were elected: President T.H. Phillips, vice-president G. Stringer, secretary B. Menzies, Asst; secretary B.E. Howard, treasurer Miss P.S. Cross, Asst treasurer J. Young, club captain B. Douglas, Asst club captain A.C. Rolland, club coach O. Sarapu, publicity officer O. Lichtwark. Due to lack of space and its late arrival, the annual report will have to be held over until next issue.

C H E S S S K I L L A N D I N T E L L I G E N C E

By R.A. Court.

(Purdy once remarked that chess helps you in no other way than to make you better at chess. In this article R.A. Court a well-known championship player examines this proposition in the light of certain psychological criteria and comes to a somewhat different conclusion).

To investigate this relationship we will have to adopt the psychologist's definition of intelligence. This cannot be put in a nutshell; the psychologist defines seven different mental abilities and combines them with mental speed and persistence. This is the general picture:-

- a) VERBAL ABILITY, the power to understand what is said or written.
- b) VERBAL FLUENCY, skill in manipulating letters and words in different ways.
- c) NUMERICAL ABILITY
- d) SPATIAL ABILITY, the power to visualise objects in different positions in space (A right hand is a right hand no matter what angle it is seen from)
- e) MEMORY
- f) PERCEPTUAL ABILITY, the power to recognise or pick out certain things when they are mixed up with a lot of other things
- g) INDUCTIVE REASONING. (logical thinking)

APPLICATION TO CHESS

The idea is that if you are good at these things and can do them at a good speed with a certain amount of persistence, you are endowed with considerable intelligence. Now we must select which of these qualities and to what extent, are used by Botvinnik, Smyslov, Keres, etc., in playing the game of chess.

The first two, verbal ability and fluency, are out. Words can be used to upset opponents, but this is hardly skill.

Numerical ability has little or no use in the game, except the counting of material.

Spatial ability, on the other hand means a lot in chess. By it a player can visualise the squares to which all the pieces can move, where they will be able to move after that and how they are and will be related to each other. This is "sight of the board"; it has a major part in calculating lines of play.

Memory, of course is necessary in a master. When calculating variations one must remember where the pieces go, in order to judge the resulting position. Possible side-lines must also be noted so that they can be checked after the mainline has been judged. The better a player's memory the further he can analyse lines and deeper becomes his play.

Inductive reasoning is also vital. Botvinnik is called a logical player. He must have this faculty well developed. It is used both in tactical play and strategic planning. It enables the master to see precisely why a certain move is better than another - he can get to the heart of the matter.

SPEED AND PERSISTENCE

A high degree of intelligence requires the quality of persistence. One must be able to concentrate on a problem long enough to solve it. But to persist too long is bad, for time is limited and there are other problems to solve. This brings us to the final quality to round off intelligence.

SPEED, the man who solves a problem in two minutes is more intelligent than he who takes two hours, (in chess a new problem is set at each move, and time is limited.) A master must be persistent but he must also be quick. The better the balance between these two qualities the better the player, other things being equal. Reshevsky is an example of tendency to imbalance in the direction of persistence; Capablanca probably erred on the side of quickness.

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Chess skill and intelligence continued:CONCLUSIONS

Now, having completed our survey, we can reach some conclusions.

We have eliminated three abilities of intelligence from chess skill and it will be noted that these are the least basic of the seven components. Words and numbers are creations of man, while the other qualities are naturally inherent. Here are the conclusions.

1) Highly intelligent people make the best chess players.

2) Good chess players are of high intelligence. (If a person improves just one of his component mental abilities by training he will gain a bit of overall intelligence.) Practice is the way to improve abilities. Chess is practice for intellectual abilities; therefore, chess improves the overall intelligence—an important point.

4) Improvement of intelligence by other means will improve the ability to play chess. (This is the corollary of 3)

5) As speed is an element of intelligence, crossboard chess requires more intelligence than correspondence chess.

It seems, in short, that chess ability does provide a good measure of natural intelligence, though the available evidence might not be enough to convince the psychologist. (R.A.C.)

AROUND THE CLUBS

WELLINGTON C.C.: Honoured the long and excellent service rendered by former national champion and New Zealand master A.W. Gyles by electing him Patron at the annual meeting. Mr Gyles is now living in retirement in Levin. Previously the club's patron was the late Mr A.T. Craven.

Other officers elected were: President, Mr H.J. Fuller; vice-presidents: the Mayor (Mr F.J. Kitts), the Deputy Prime Minister

AROUND THE CLUBS continued:

(Hon C.F. Skinner), Sir William Appleton, and Messrs E.R. Toop, S. Faulkner, R.A. Godtschalk J.L. Hardy, W.J. Emery and J.D. Steele; secretary, Mr Godtschalk; treasurer, Mr Emery, auditor, Mr Steele; committee, Messrs A.B. Miller, M. Ponimoni, R. Woodford, A. Summers and E.G.A. Frost; director of play, Mr Frost match committee, Messrs Frost, Frankel and Hardy; delegates to Wellington Chess League Messrs Miller and Taylor.

N.T. Fletcher (10½) won the club championship, with Z. Frankel (9) runner-up and L. Kurta (7½) third. A.B. Miller and R.A. Godtschalk (9 each) tied in the Senior B.

The annual meeting decided that efforts should be made to hold play under match conditions every club night, and in addition to the club championship a grading tournament is under way. The grading tourney operates in exactly the same manner as a ladder, except that players do not challenge but are paired under the direction of the D.O.P. on nights set aside for grading tourney play.

A summer Swiss gambit tourney resulted in a four way tie, H.J. Fuller, A. Summers, A.B. Miller and G. Nysse each scoring 4 - 2.

Since the annual meeting in mid-March, the club has gained an average of better than one new member each club night, and the enthusiasm engendered by the new policy is being boosted by the issue of a monthly cyclostyled bulletin. (E.G.A.F.)

CONGRESS 1957 - 1958

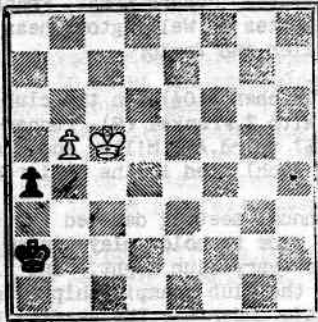
We are given to understand that the venue for Congress 1958 - 59 will be in Hamilton. Dates have not been finally fixed, but no doubt it will start on December 27th. It will probably finish Monday 5th January.

CORRECTION LAST ISSUE

We regret that the name of Mr D. Goble was left out of the chart of the Championship Reserve. Mr Goble came 15th. Ed.

AN INTERESTING END - GAME. (Frankel v O'Callahan)

Several observant readers have picked up an error by the Games Editor in the last issue where he said that O'Callahan could have drawn in the diagrammed position.



by playing:

- 50 P - R6
- 51 P - N6 K - R8
- 52 P - N7 P - R7
- 53 P - N8=Q Stalemate.

Of course, there is no need for White to keep advancing the pawn. White wins by 53 K - B4!

When the position is a book win, since White can always force a position like this: With Black to move:-

White King on Q4, Queen on Q2.
Black King on Q8, Pawn on R7.

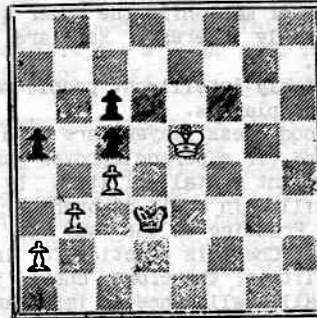
Now after... P - R8=Q; White plays K - N3! winning.

Full marks to Messrs Frankel (who had worked it out over the board), Rasa; K.M. Steele and Dr Allerhand for picking up this and black mark for the Games Editor.

However, the ending IS only a draw, but O'Callahan missed it a little earlier. In the diagrammed position (2nd diagram) move: 45 (with Black to play)

He played 45... K-B6 and lost, but 45... P - R5. (pointed out by Mr Feneridis) would have drawn. For if 46 K - Q6, P - R6! and

the black RP queens one move before the white BP; and 46 P x P is obviously useless. So the Games Editor cancels half his black mark for correctly judging the ending after 37... P - B4ch was only a draw after all!



After White's 45th.

(J.D.Steele)
Games Editor.

AROUND THE CLUBS

WELLINGTON CHESS LEAGUE:

The annual meeting of the League was held on the 30th of April and the following officers were elected:- Patron: Mr A.W.Gyles, President S.Dartnall; Director of Play: E.V.Cuff, hon secretary Z.Frankel; hon treasurer J.L.Hardy, hon auditor T.W.Ross, hon solicitor L.Kurta committee:- Messrs H.F.Pobar (Chairman), J Taylor, A.S.Jenkins, M.Ponimoni, J.Howe, P Cockroft and Rev A.B.Miller.

It was reported that the League's tournaments for 1957-58 had resulted as follows:- A grade individual: Z.Frankel and E.Young 1st equal, with a play-off to be held. B grade A.B.Miller 1st; R.A.Godtschalk 2. B grade teams: Wellington 1; University 2 C grade teams: Rongotai College 1; Hutt valley High School 2. The Queen's Birthday Tournament was won by Z.Frankel 5 1/2, 1st; R.M.O'Callahan 5, 2nd.

Dear Sir,

It was with chessplayers noted that was made a N.Z. Master nothing but admiration skill and wish him the great chess career.

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Dear Sir,

It was with much interest that chessplayers noted that Rodney Phillips, was made a N.Z. Master. Personally, I have nothing but admiration for Rodney's chess skill and wish him the best of luck for a great chess career.

However, I cannot agree with this action by the N.Z. Association. If I remember rightly a short time ago, it was laid down that a player should win the N.Z. title three times, but in this case an exception seems to have been made. I suggest that the matter should have been referred to all Leagues, and affiliated clubs for their approval. Not only that, but we should have awaited the result of the Australian championships to see how Rodney fared in tougher competition.

And while I am writing I would like to take this opportunity to support the views of a recent correspondent who protested against the inclusion of the Auckland League entering for the Bledisloe Cup competition. I agree that this League should have no problem winning the trophy year after year and the result will do nothing but harm to chess interests. It's a different matter for Leagues such as Waikato, HB&EC, Poverty Bay etc., to enter as this increases interest and bands together a number of very small clubs. Chess as a game is struggling hard to increase membership and indeed to maintain its position, and any move detracting from progress is to be deplored.

Yours etc.,
WOODSHIFTER.

Dear Sir,

In the discussions in your column of the possible use of the "Swiss System" for the championships, an important point has so far not been mentioned. Presumably nobody wants to alter the present arrangement of playing about eleven rounds. The Swiss System is designed for the case in which the number of players is large in comparison with the number of rounds that can be played and in that case it has great merit. The

number of players that can be accommodated in an eleven round Swiss is about 1,000. If the number is very much less the Swiss system of pairing cannot be strictly applied in the later rounds and the tournament becomes a horrible hybrid between a Swiss and an all-play-all. This, in fact, happens, now in the Championship Reserve. It is unlikely that it affects the few top players but there is a considerable element of luck in the middle placings. The winners are found in the middle rounds, in the later rounds the results of many of the games are foregone conclusions.

Under present conditions nobody of near championship standard can be kept out of the Championship tournament for more than one year. The winner of the Reserves has the right to play in the Championship the following year and in some years the second and third get a chance as well.

It is fallacious to argue that an enlarged championship run as a Swiss would give lower grade players better practice. The extra players admitted would waste the time of the champions and near-champions for the first few rounds and after that they would play much the same opponents as they play now in the Reserves.

I am, etc.,
Roy Gardner.

Dear Sir,

There seem to be three reasons why a Swiss System is desired for the New Zealand Championships.

- (1) To obviate selection difficulties.
- (2) To give many worthy players a chance
- (3) To give them grim experience against the best players and thus opportunity to improve.

Improvement to N.Z. Chess, that is the most important aspect.

According to Mr Lynch, the Swiss is simply not good enough - for the U.S.S.R. True, but then neither is selection. There the worthy have their chance in semi-finals

Correspondence continued:

etc, and stronger reputed players have failed on occasion to make the grade.

But the N.Z. situation is totally different from the U.S.S.R. We need improvement they have it. In my opinion all who have (or think they have) a show should be given a chance in the N.Z. title event.

In a Swiss the champion has to show his class. One incidental benefit of the system being that it inspires winning chess, draws being apt to be simply not good enough.

However, a word of warning. Everything depends on the Swiss being properly run, no anomalies and contentious points, or even injustices, must be permitted. The tourney must be organised systematically (as proposed by C.P. Belton) with no element of chance involved anywhere.

In the first place, for example, the draw should be seeded according to strength. For this purpose, a N.Z. ranking list as illustrated by O. Sarapu in 1954 is desirable.

Yours etc.,
R.A. Court.

(We have been toying with the idea of trying to get out a ranking list, and will give it some more consideration. Ed)

AFFILIATION FEES TO THE ASSOCIATION!

Voting results on the above motions make a pretty picture. 15 votes were for 1/- increase while 14 votes were for 2/-; yet the Association ask us now for 4/- per member on a democratic vote of 2 for and 5 against such a rise. Taranaki's 4 votes were for the 1/-; therefore they must have been against the 2/- making the voting then 14 to 16 against. The 1/- rise was 15/15 so where does their rise in fees come in. This rise in fees is apparently to pay the cost of two sets of rules - the last cost about £22 and we are now no further ahead as far as rules are concerned. I think a good few clubs will lose confidence in the Auckland Association and the Timaru Club will probably be the first to carry that confidence

into effect.

Yours etc.,
E.S. Raymond.

It is only fair to the Association to point out that it is NOT the Auckland Assn; but that they are the N.Z. Assn; further Timaru, had an opportunity to vote and failed to exercise it. These remits were circulated to all affiliates and the resultant vote is the vote of New Zealand. We understand that a rescinding motion has been lodged and it is possible that this matter will again be brought before affiliates. Ed.

ASSOCIATION DOINGS

CONGRESS PRIZE MONEY:

Championship: 1st £52.18.0*; 2nd £16.10.0
3rd £6.10.0.

*Includes £10 donation anonymously to be paid to the 1958/59 N.Z. Champion.

Championship Reserve: 1st 23.8.0
2nd £9.0.0.; 3rd £3.12.0

Second Class: 1st £11.14.0; 2nd £4.10.0
3rd £1.16.0

Entry fees totaled £89. Donations £53/16/6 and Canterbury Club subscribed £37/4/6. (Well done Canterbury)

Voting on remits: Affiliation fee increase
by 1/-: 15/15
by 2/-: 14/12

Bledisloe Cup Fee: 15/5

Bledisloe Cup Schedule: 24/0

(We note in the voting that a body who can have no possible interest in the running of the Bledisloe Cup or in its costs voted - we consider that only those affiliates who are directly concerned should be allowed to vote on these type of remits)

New Remit: Submitted by Canterbury C.C.: -
"That the Association have power to debar any player from future tournaments for such time as they think fit in the event of a player defaulting without adequate reason, or otherwise being guilty of misconduct".

Donations are now being called for the 1958 Schoolboys Championship.

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Reshevsky's tournament few, but he still ran dozen players in the opening game, the second of the master can be way he weakens the White King's wing, and the a breach has been achieved (Score by courtesy Magazine).

	BISGUIER
1	P - K4
2	N - KB3
3	P - Q4
4	N x P
5	N - QB3
6	B - K3
7	P - B3
8	B - QB4
9	B - N3
10	Q - Q2

White plans careful by a majestic attack Black, however has other

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Impeding both B - KR6

11	P - QR4
12	N - R2
13	P - B3
14	N x P
15	O - 0
16	KR - Q1
17	Q - KB2
18	P - N4?

This aims at weakening position, but the weak the White position is is, however, difficult White to make progress

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19 P x P
A promising pawn sacrifice
20 P x Pch

RESHEVSKY STILL TOPS! IN U.S.A.

Reshevsky, recognised for twenty years as the best player in the U.S.A. further confirmed his position by beating Bisguier (holder of the American title since 1954) in a ten-game match recently by 6 - 4.

Reshevsky's tournament appearances are few, but he still ranks in the top half-dozen players in the world. In the following game, the second of the match, the touch of the master can be seen in the inststant way he weakens the White position on the King's wing, and the rapid demolition once a breach has been achieved.

(Score by courtesy of the British Chess Magazine).

	BISGUIER	RESHEVSKY
1	P - K4	P - QB4
2	N - KB3	P - Q3
3	P - Q4	P x P
4	N x P	N - KB3
5	N - QB3	P - KN3
6	B - K3	B - N2
7	P - B3	P - QR3
8	B - QB4	P - QN4
9	B - N3	B - N2
10	Q - Q2	

White plans careful development followed by a majestic attack on the Black King. Black, however has other ideas.

10 P - KR4!

Impeding both B - KR6 and P - KN4

11	P - QR4	P - N5
12	N - R2	P - R4
13	P - B3	P x P
14	N x P	N - R3
15	O - O	O - O
16	KR - Q1	K - R2
17	Q - KB2	N - Q2
18	P - N4?	

This aims at weakening the Black King's position, but the weakness it creates in the White position is the more serious. It is, however, difficult to find a way for White to make progress.

18 N(3) - B4
19 P x P N x B!

A promising pawn sacrifice.

20 P x Pch P x P

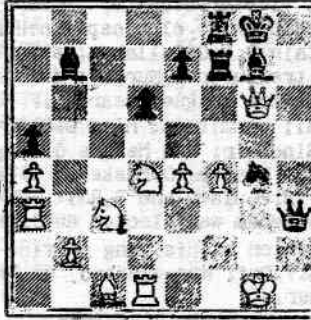
21	N x N	N - K4
22	N - Q4	Q - Q2
23	Q - R4ch	K - N1
24	Q - N3	R - B2
25	B - B1	QR - KB1

The Black pieces are now perfectly placed fro the final assault.

26 P - B4

Creates new weaknesses, but what else is there to do?

26	.....	N - N5!
27	P - R3	N - B3
28	Q x P	Q x RP
29	R - R3	N - N5!



30 Resigns.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

25 players competed in the North Island Championship, held in New Plymouth from 12 May to 17 May.

New Plymouth turned on a week of sunshine and as hosts the New Plymouth tournament committee left nothing to be desired. Lack of space debars full details which will be in the next issue. Following names are the prize winners:-

R.J. Phillips 7 pts equal 1st with O. Sarapu 7 pts; Dr. W. Reindler 3rd 5½ pts; J.E. Howe, R.P. Court, B.H.P. Marsick, R.E. Baeyertz, D.I. Lynch and A. Wassilief 5 pts equal 4th. Name are in Sonneborn-Berger order.

A R O U N D T H E C L U B S

CIVIC C.C.

The Civic Chess Club's most important event of the year had been the completion of the incorporation of the club, it was stated at the annual meeting.

The financial position was sound, although there had been a loss on the year.

Winners of the club's individual competitions were: A grade: Z. Frankel; B. grade: J. Howe; C. grade: B. Poulsen and J. Riley, a tie. J. Parker was awarded the trophy for the most improved player.

Officers and committee elected were:- Patroness, Mrs J. I. Goldsmith; president, Mr. T. W. Ross; vice-presidents, Messrs D. Goble and Dr J. H. Darwin; club captain: H. F. Pobar; vice-captain: R. M. O'Callahan; secretary: L. H. Cohen; treasurer G. Murphy; delegates to the Wellington League: Messrs H. F. Pobar and M. Ponimoni; committee: Miss C. Donovan and Mrs A. J. Sinclair; and Messrs G. Campbell; Z. Frankel; I. Hastie; D. Maskell; J. Parker; M. Ponimoni; B. Poulsen and B. Rait.

Mr G. Cunningham was elected auditor. In recognition of his long service to the club Mr E. V. Cuff was elected an honorary life member.

AUCKLAND C.C. Held its 74th annual general meeting on the 24th of March and the following officers were elected:-

Patron: Mr C. G. Lennard; president: F. Vincent; vice-presidents: Messrs J. N. Leith and R. E. Baeyertz; secretary: T. Bollee; treasurer: G. Moss-Mason; Director of Play: F. Vincent; committee: Mrs E. L. Short; A. H. Douglas; R. C. Purcell; G. West; J. B. Kay; auditor: D. Richards. Mr J. Moir, an esteemed member of the club for many years was elected a life member.

Winners of the club's competitions were: Club championship: R. J. Sutton 1st; M. Velekic 2nd. Championship Reserve: E. R. Wright 1st; W. Miller 2nd. Summer Cup: J. M. Leith 1st; G. Challenger 2nd. Sealed Handicap: C. Geldard 1st; H. Finke 2nd

(J. B. K.)

ASHBURTON C.C. Membership 8; nevertheless manages to get in quite a considerable amount of chess. They meet every week in one another's house; thereby saving rent, though if the club grows they will have to look about for a room.

They have initiated a chess club in the local Technical High School, starting off with 6 boys and 6 girls. Members of the A.C.C. attended the school on occasions to give instruction. During the winter months the Club played the school giving their opponents a Queen handicap, the school however was too good for them and won easily.

Matches were played against Lincoln; Canterbury; Timaru and Oamaru during the year; whilst last year Oamaru and Otago C. clubs played all the Canterbury clubs at Timaru during a week-end.

Dr N. E. H. Fulton who has reported on their activities, has been trying to get a Canterbury Chess League started and has hopes that it eventuate shortly.

HUTT VALLEY C.C. Held their 28th Annual General Meeting on 25 March, and the following officers were elected:-

President - Mr C. Swift.
President - elect - Mr R. S. Kent.
Secretary - Mr R. J. Cockcroft.
Treasurer - Mr F. E. Hansford.
Management committee: Messrs R. Abercrombie, J. Dempsey, J. Fisher, J. Kelly and A. Grant.
Match committee: Messrs J. Dempsey, J. Fisher and R. Abercrombie.

Club tourneys for 1957 were won by:-
Club championship - R. S. Kent; (Gieson Cup)
Intermediate: R. J. Cockcroft; (Wilson Cup)
Wood Cup Handicap: - J. Howe;
Bakewell Rook - W. O' Shaughnessy.

H. V. C. C. meet every Tuesday night in the Lawn Tennis Pavillion, Mitchell Park.

QUIZZ SECTION

SOLUTIONS: No 13. R

No 14: N - N6!, R x R
N x Rch; K - B2; N

No 15: Q x Nch, K x

E. G. A. Frost*
Dr. N. E. H. Fulton
F. Hirst
A. T. Scott
R. Chapman
C. Huygens
* = Winner.

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QUIZZ SECTION CONTINUED

SOLUTIONS: No 13. R - KR5, R x R;
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 R x R.
 No 14: N - N6!, R x R; N - B8ch, K - N1;
 N x Rch; K - B2; N x R winning a piece.
 No 15: Q x Nch, K x Q; B - K5mate.

E.G.A.Frost*	47	12	59
Dr.N.E.H.Fulton	35	12	47
F.Hirst	30	12	42
A.T.Scott	30	12	42
R.Chapman	29	12	41
C.Huygens	14	12	26

*=winner.

The following did not send in solutions:-
 Dr Gardner 21; G. Severinsen 16; Dr Filmer 14
 G. Murphy and C. Thevenard 8.

This set is the start of a new series, - so we hope that we will receive more entrants than in the last series. Entrants are required to send in 1/- together with their Name and Address NO LATER than 30 June. To: The Editor, N.Z. Chessplayer, 2 Waripori St, WELLINGTON S1.

PROBLEMS COMMENT continued from bottom of next column:

The set in this issue is the last for the season, and solutions must be in my hands no later than 30 June.

Mr F.Hirst co-winner with Dr Fulton of the trophy will therefore hold the trophy until this series is complete.

PROBLEM EDITOR

H.Hewitt,

88 Kenmure Road, DUNEDIN.

PROBLEM SECTION

SOLUTIONS

No 73: R - K1; No 74: R - K3; No 75: B - N3.
 No 76: Q - QN3; No 77: N - K5; No 78: K - N3.

Variations No 77: (1): 1 N - K5, R x N;
 2 R - K4ch, P x P; 3 P - B4 mate.
 (2): 1 N - K5, R - any; P-K8, P-K3 or P-R4;
 2 R x BPch, K x R; 3 R - R5 mate.
 (3): 1 N - K5, N - Q2; 2 N x N, any; R - B5
 or R x BP mate.
 (4): 1 N - K5, N - B3; 2 N x N, R - K5; P x R
 (5): 1 N - K5, N - B3; 2 N x N, P - B5; R - R5
 (6): 1 N - K5, N - B3; 2 N x N, Any; P - QB4.
 POSSIBLE: 19.

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N.E.H.Fulton	67	19	86
F.A.Hirst	67	19	86
G.S.Meakin	65	19	84
A.T.Scott	63	18	81
N.A.Palmer	56	18	74
A.R.Crews	52	18	70
R.F.Montague	61	--	61
A.L.Fletcher	43	--	43
T.C.C.Scott	26	17	43
C.Huygens	34	6	40
J.Bailey	32	--	32
G.Severinsen	32	--	32
H.L.Abbott	22	--	22
J.J.Marlow	8	--	8
R.G.Hall	3	4	7
Mrs Spens-Black*	4	3	7
G.H.Saville	4	--	4

*We welcome a new solver.

COMMENT

Due to matters beyond our control we are unable to make comment on the solutions as has been the usual practice.(next column)

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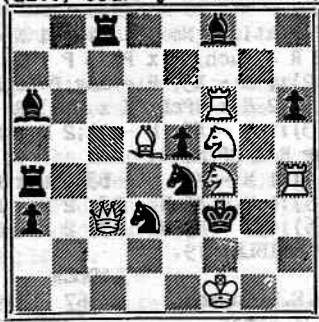
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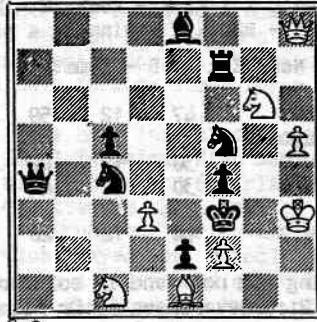
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7v10 Mate in two

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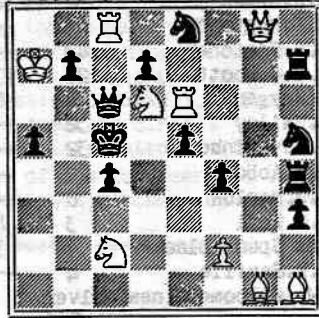
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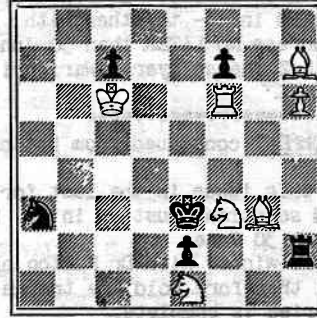
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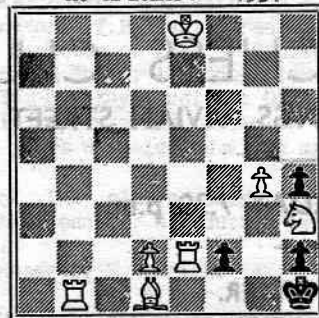
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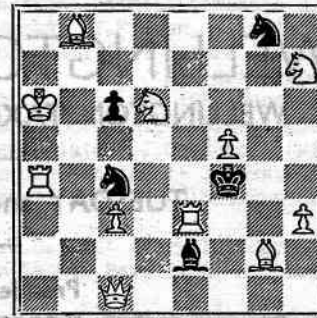
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