

Game No. 99.

The match for the championship of the world is at present the all-engrossing topic in the chess world. As the match continues, the interest among chess-players increases to the exclusion of almost every other subject connected with the pastime, the result being still a matter of conjecture; but, contrary to the prophecies of the quid nuncs at the East, Mr. Steinitz does not at present appear to have the matter entirely in his own hands. The record, to date of going to press, is as follows: Third game, played on 15th inst., Queen's gambit declined, opened by Dr. Zukertort, in which the doctor reversed the result of the first game with same opening by winning in forty-seven moves. Fourth game, played on 18th inst., Ruy Lopez Knight's game, opened by Mr. Steinitz and won by Dr. Zukertort. The fifth game, played on the 20th inst., Queen's Gambit declined, was won by Dr. Zukertort. According to agreement, the match is now adjourned to St. Louis, where it will be continued until three games are won.

We give our readers the first and second games of the match, the notes appended to both being by Captain Geo. H. Mackenzie.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Zukertort.	Steinitz.		
1—P Q4	1—P Q4	24—K K sq	24—Kt Kt5
2—P QB4	2—P QB3 (a)	25—B x Kt	25—B x B
3—P K3	3—B KB4	26—Kt K2	26—Q K2 (h)
4—Kt QB3	4—P K3	27—Kt KB4	27—R KR3 (i)
5—Kt KB3	5—Kt Q2	28—B QB3	28—P KKt4
6—P QR3	6—B Q3	29—Kt K2	29—R KB3
7—P B5	7—B B2	30—Q Kt2	30—R KB6 (j)
8—P QKt4	8—P K4 (b)	31—Kt KB sq	31—QR Kt sq (k)
9—B K2	9—Kt KB3	32—K Q2	32—P KB4
10—B Kt2	10—P K5	33—P QR5	33—P KB5
11—Kt Q2	11—P KR4 (c)	34—KR R sq	34—Q B2
12—P KR3	12—Kt KB sq	35—QR K sq (l)	35—P x P ch
13—P QR4	13—Kt KKt3	36—Kt x P	36—R B7
14—P QKt5 (d)	14—Kt R5	37—Q x R (m)	37—Q x Q
15—P Kt3	15—Kt Kt7 ch	38—Kt x B (n)	38—B B5 ch
16—K B sq	16—Kt x P ch (e)	39—K B2	39—P x Kt
17—P x Kt	17—B x KtP	40—B Q2	40—P K6
18—K Kt2	18—B B2	41—B QB sq	41—Q KKt7
19—Q KKt sq	19—R KR3 (f)	42—K B3	42—K Q2
20—K B sq	20—R KKt3	43—R R7 ch	43—K K3
21—Q KB2	21—Q Q2	44—R R6 ch	44—K KB4
22—KtP x P (g)	22—P x P	45—B x KP	45—B x B
23—KR Kt sq	23—B x P ch	46—R KB sq ch	46—B B5 (p)
		(o)	and White resigns.

(a) Generally considered inferior to P K3, but the line of play adopted by Mr. Steinitz in the present game would seem to show that it is no wise inferior to the orthodox reply of P K3.

(b) An excellent move, which either breaks up White's centre or permits Black to establish a formidable Pawn at K5.

(c) An unexpected *coup* to most of the spectators, and the beginning of a profound combination.

(d) White pursues his attack on the Queen's side, while Black masses his forces against the adverse King's entrenchments.

(e) A beautiful sacrifice which forces the game.

(f) The importance of Black's eleventh move is now very apparent. The Rook comes at once into action, threatening a fatal check at Kt3.

(g) Only a temporary diversion.

(h) Having in view the advance of the KRP.

(i) Decidedly better than the more obvious move of R KB3, which had many advocates among the lookers-on.

(j) A capital stroke of play, reducing White's most important piece to a state of masterly inactivity.

(k) B KR6 looks very strong, as it forces White's Q to KR sq. (He can not play Q x KtP on account of the reply, R x Kt ch.), but Mr. Steinitz sees he can wait, and seizes meanwhile the open file with his hitherto inactive Rook.

(l) The only move to save the loss of a piece, which was threatened by P x P ch and R KB7.

(m) If 37 Q KKt sq, then follows 37—QB6; 38 Kt x B, Q Q6 ch; 39 K B sq, R Kt3 and mate.

(n) Dr. Zukertort remarked afterward that he ought now to have played KR KB sq, attacking the adverse Queen.

(o) A plunge of despair.

(p) Of course, if Q x R, White wins the Queen by Kt Kt3 ch, etc.

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Game No. 100.
SCOTCH GAMBIT.

<i>White.</i> Steinitz.	<i>Black.</i> Zukertort.	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
1—P K4	1—P K4	24—R Q sq (h)	24—R Q4
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	25—B x R	25—Q x B
3—P Q4 (a)	3—P x P	26—Kt R5	26—Q K sq
4—Kt x P	4—Kt KB3 (b)	27—Kt KB4	27—R K4
5—Kt QB3	5—B QKt5	28—P KR4 (i)	28—P QB4
6—Kt x Kt	6—KtP x Kt	29—P KR5	29—R K5
7—B Q3	7—P Q4 (c)	30—P QB3	30—Q QKt sq
8—P x P	8—P x P	31—P KKT3	31—Q K4
9—Castles	9—Castles	32—Kt Kt6	32—Q Q3
10—B KKT5	10—P QB3	33—Kt B4	33—P Q6
11—Kt K2	11—B Q3	34—P QKt3	34—P QB5
12—Kt Kt3	12—P KR3	35—R QKt sq	35—K R2
13—B Q2	13—Kt Kt5 (d)	36—K R2	36—Q QKt3
14—B K2	14—Q KR5	37—K Kt sq	37—B Kt2
15—B x Kt	15—B x B	38—R Kt2	38—Q QB3
16—Q QB sq	16—B K7 (e)	39—P KB3	39—Q QB4 ch
17—R K sq	17—B QR3	40—Q KB2	40—R K8 ch
18—B QB3 (f)	18—P KB4	41—K R2 (k)	41—Q x Q ch
19—R K6 (g)	19—QR Q sq	42—R x Q	42—B x BP
20—Q Q2	20—P Q5	43—P KKT4 (l)	43—B K7
21—B QR5	21—R Q2	44—Kt Kt2	44—P Q7
22—R x B	22—R x R	45—Kt K3	45—P x QKtP
23—B QKt4	23—Q KB3	46—RP x P	46—B x KtP (m)

and White resigns.

(a) The first time, so far as we can recall Mr. Steinitz's published games, that he, in an important match game, as first player, adopts what is known as the "Scotch Gambit."

(b) A favorite defense of Dr. Zukertort, who in more than one of his match games with Blackburne played the text move in preference to the more popular 4 B QB4.

(c) B x Kt ch either on this or the preceding move would break up White's pawns on the Queen's side, but Black probably preferred retaining his two Bishops.

(d) This move, in our opinion, gives Dr. Zukertort an unmistakable advantage in position.

(e) Which, however, he throws away by this premature attack on the Rook. 16 KR K sq would have greatly cramped the action of the White pieces.

(f) With this capital move, White turns the tables on his opponent. He threatens 19 B x KtP, to avoid which Black must either play B B sq, Q Kt5, or make the text more P KB4.

(g) A formidable post for the Rook.

(h) White might now have taken KBP with Kt, but as the result would have been to leave the adversary with Bishop of an opposite color, which would probably lead to a draw, Mr. Steinitz, who is playing to win, prefers attacking the apparently weak centre Pawn.

(i) It is tolerably evident why White can not capture the QP should the Rook be captured.

(k) White, in trying to avoid the draw, has drifted into an untenable position, and must now lose the game.

(l) If R x B the Black Pawn marches on to Queen.

(m) The latter part of the game is admirably played by Dr. Zukertort.

Herr Ernest Falkbeer, a well-known chess-player, died recently at Vienna, after a few weeks' illness, aged sixty years. Herr Falkbeer resided in London from 1856 to 1864, and was a contributor to the leading chess periodicals for many years, notably the *Chess-Players' Chronicle* and *Chess-Players' Magazine*, he having published the latter from its beginning, in 1863, to its transfer to Herr Lowenthal, in 1864. He also translated into English Max Lange's "Sketch from the Chess World," which comprised all of Morphy's games played during his visit to Europe in 1858. Herr Falkbeer will be remembered by American readers as the author of the sketches which, after translation, were published in Brentano's *Chess Monthly*.

The present struggle for the chess championship has had the effect of bringing out from their retirement a number of the older players, who have for many years past taken little or no interest in active play. Our exchanges note the presence at the match of Mr. W. J. A. Fuller, the eminent lawyer, who was so instrumental in bringing Morphy before the public; Mr. Eugene Brenzinger, who will be remembered by many as a contributor of chess problems and articles to chess periodicals twenty years ago; Dr. J. P. Barnett, a problem composer and contributor to the old *American Chess Monthly*, and others whose names are familiar to those who are acquainted with the history of chess in this country.

The first number of the *Wanderer*, published in Milwaukee, Wis., has been received. This sprightly little monthly is made doubly interesting by its two pages devoted to the interests of chess. Our friend, K. D. Peterson, finds time enough to take charge of this department, in addition to that contained in the *Mirror of American Sports*, and, as is usual with all his undertakings, makes it a success. The present number contains, among other chess matter, three problems on diagrams and a cut of the champions at play, which needs to be seen to be appreciated. The subscription to the *Wanderer* is \$1 per year.

The *International Chess Magazine* for January has been received, and is a very welcome visitor. Its outward appearance has been improved by the addition of an illuminated cover, which gives the magazine a handsome appearance. The contents are up to the usual standard of excellence. Intending subscribers should address at once Mr. William Steinitz, Postoffice box 2937, New York city, in order to obtain the first number of the present volume. Subscription price, three dollars per annum.

The New York Chess Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, January 9, 1886, and elected the following officers: President, Samuel Lloyd; Vice-President, Dr. O. F. Jentz; Treasurer, A. Vorrath; Financial Secretary, C. Schubert; Recording Secretary, P. J. Dogle; Executive Committee, Herbert H. Walker, E. J. Kaltenback, S. Ellsworth, James Burkes, C. Angresius, and J. H. A. Fitch.

A new chess club was organized lately at Bergen Point, N. J., doubtless induced by the present decided interest in the noble pastime. Its principal officers are, President, L. L. Spring; Secretary, W. C. Alpers.

A chess column has been commenced in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Union*, under the editorial charge of Capt. Geo. H. Mackenzie. Who says there is not a boom in chess?
