

CHESS

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In 1896 Sir George Newnes of London donated the magnificent prize known as the Newnes Trophy for annual competition between Great Britain and the United States, to become the permanent possession of teams winning three consecutive victories. After a dozen matches, during which, at one time, the Americans needed but one drawn game to win match and trophy, it was finally won by Great Britain, and lost forever to the then famous Brooklyn Chess Club, who sponsored the matches for America.

Exactly thirty years after the inception of the Newnes Trophy matches, Samuel Insull of Chicago donated a similar prize for play under the same conditions, except that any American city may challenge and obtain permanent possession by three successive victories. In November, 1926, Chicago lost to the City of London Chess Club, 4 to 2. Last November New York lost by the same score. Now comes the chess players of Washington, D. C., who will play a six-board match by cable on November 18, 1928. Norman T. Whitaker, National Chess Federation champion, will head the Washington players, while the London Chess League will manage the match abroad.

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The Greater Oakland Chess Club, recently organized and which meets Monday evenings at the residence of Henry R. Cox, 2324 Eighty-seventh avenue, invites those interested to join.

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Plans are being competed for an interstate correspondence chess match between New Jersey and California, under the direction of the Correspondence Chess League of North America. Northern California chess players wishing to take part may secure details from Miss Clara E. Cameron, 367 Locust street, Pomona, Cal., field secretary of the above organization in this State.

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GAME No. 101

Dr. S. G. Tartakower, international master, has just published a book on the modern openings. He declares the English (or Sicilian for White: 1 P-QB4) to be the strongest opening move on the chessboard. If this is true, it has taken a long while to find this "best of all possible moves." A search through several tournament books, from Hastings, 1895, on down to New York, 1924, develops the fact that in the former, out of 260 games, it was adopted only once, by James Mason. At New York, this best opening was also used but once—by Tartakower himself against Dr. Lasker, printed in this column as Game No. 85, on February 5, 1928. It appears that in the St. Petersburg, 1909, tournament Tartakower was the sole player to use this debut—and that against Dr. Lasker, who made the same reply as fifteen years later at New York, i. e., P-K4. After the seventh move of that game, printed below, Dr. Lasker made the following note: "Black is already sufficiently developed and prepared to take possession of the center by P-Q4 and support it by R-K. For this reason the Sicilian Opening for White, as introduced by Anderssen, appears to be inferior." A comparison of the two games will show, however that Tartakower's later treatment of the opening is more in accord with "modern" ideas.

ENGLISH—St. Petersburg, 1909

Tartakower White	Dr. Lasker Black	Tartakower White	Dr. Lasker Black
1 P-QB4	P-K4	29 BxB	RxB
2 S-QB3	S-KB3	30 Q-K4	Q-Q2
3 P-KS3	B-K2	31 R-R2	R-K
4 B-S2	Castles	32 Q-S2	P-QS3
5 S-B3	P-Q3	33 R-B2	R-Q
6 Castles	QS-Q2	34 Q-K4	P-QS4
7 P-Q3	P-B3	35 P-B4	R-K
8 S-K	S-S3	36 Q-B3	Q-K3
9 P-K4	P-Q4	37 B-B2	R-Q2
10 BPxP	PxP	38 K-S2	Q-S6
11 PxP	KSxP	39 Q-B6	R(K)-Q
12 SxS	SxS	40 Q-QB3	Q-Q4ch
13 P-Q4	PxP	41 K-S	Q-K5
14 QxP	B-K3	42 Q-S3	P-S4!(a)
15 S-B2	B-B3	43 Q-R2	PxP
16 Q-K4	Q-R4	44 R-K2	Q-S3
17 S-Q4	BxS	45 Q-B2	K-R2
18 QxB	KR-Q	46 Q-B3	R-KS
19 B-S5	R-Q2	47 K-R	Q-R4
20 P-QR3	S-S3	48 R-Q2	PxP
21 Q-KR4	S-B5	49 BxP	RxB
22 P-QS4	Q-S3	50 Q-QB6	S-K4
23 KR-K	P-KR3	51 Q-K4	K-S
24 B-K7	Q-B2	52 R(Q2)	R-S4
25 B-B5	S-K4	-KB2	
26 B-K3	S-Q6	53 R-B2	R-Q8
27 KR-Q	B-S6	54 Resigns	
28 R-KB	B-Q4		

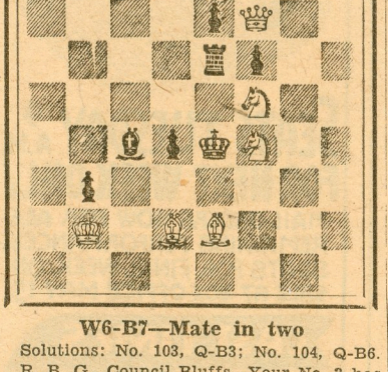
(a) Decisive. If 43 PxP, S-K4, followed by R-Q8.

PROBLEMS

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