

S. F. Chess Players Hard to Beat

Champion Meets Stiff Opposition

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Alexander Alekhine, then world champion, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco. Playing 44 opponents, Dr. Alekhine lost eight games and drew eight.

Some time later, when asked what city in the United States had given him the most trouble on his tour, Dr. Alekhine replied, "San Francisco."

Loses Four Games

Last Saturday evening, visiting master Samuel Reshevsky had a very bad time playing 33 opponents at the Golden Gate Chess Club. Reshevsky had given several exhibitions in California without losing a game, and was not very happy over the results at Golden Gate.

Reshevsky lost four games to Dr. Louis Bloch, Henry Gross, Wade Hendricks and F. Rosenthal, and yielded draws to Robert Currie, Russell Freeman, Professor Ralph Hultgren, Neilen Hultgren and Guthrie McClain.

Reshevsky was extremely lucky not to lose three more games.

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Correct Solutions

We received 11 correct solutions to the three-mover by S. Clausen, and one partially correct solution.

The main line is: 1. R-QR2, R-R1; 2. QxR, K-B8; 3. Q-R1 mate.

Successful solvers were: Paul Bercovici, Ray Bragg, Melvin De Boer, F. L. Humphrey, Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, all of San Francisco; B. D. Box, San Anselmo; Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa; R. H. Rogers, Redwood City; S. A. Ungemach, USS, Norton Sound; C. A. Van Patten, San Carlos; Keith Wentz, Alameda.

Key-Move Found

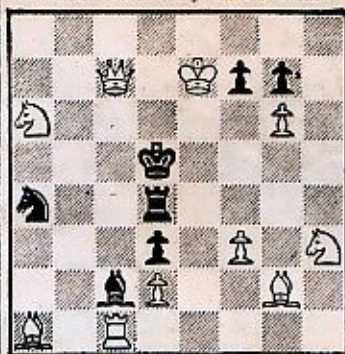
Roger M. Snook of San Francisco found the key-move, but incorrectly claimed that several other Rook moves led to mates in three.

Task No. 30 proved to be very difficult. Many of our readers commented on their trouble in finding the key-move. Several of our best solvers said they spent "hours" on the problem.

The composer of the problem, Alberto Mari, was one of the greatest composers Italy has produced. He died last August 27, at the age of 61.

Task No. 30 was one of Mari's

TASK No. 32—By P. F. Blake



White Mates in Two Moves
Value 4 points
Answer to Task No. 31: K-Kt8

most famous problems, first published in 1927.

Lt. James F. Law of Hamilton AFB asks us to explain chess notation in this column or in a letter.

We must regretfully decline to do so. Considerations of time and space make such explanation impossible. We suggest that Lt. Low buy any one of many text-books on chess which will provide him with this information.

Tournament Set

We are informed that the Hollywood Chess Group will sponsor the second Pan-American Chess Congress International Open Tournament to be played at the Hollywood Athletic Club, 6525 Sunset Blvd., from July 10 to July 24.

This event is open to all chess players, whether affiliated with any chess organization or not. United States Chess Federation ratings will be used to place participants in the proper tournament group.

A variety of other events is promised. Total prizes will amount to \$3,700 for the masters' tournament, with a minimum of \$1,000 for first prize.

Entry fee is \$15. Write to Hollywood Chess Group, 108 North Formosa-av, Los Angeles 36.

John P. Looney, secretary of the Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach, Cal., advises us that the United States Junior Championship tournament will

Four Games Lost To Local Players

be held in Long Beach from June 29 to July 9.

The following game was played in the Reshevsky exhibition at the Golden Gate Chess Club. F. Rosenthal of San Francisco defeats the master with a sharp and incisive attack. A beautifully played game!

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White—S. Reshevsky
Black—F. Rosenthal

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
 3. B-Kt 5 P-QR3
 4. B-R4 Kt-B3
 5. Castles B-K2
 6. R-K1 P-QKt4
 7. B-Kt3 P-Q3
 8. P-B3 Castles
 9. P-KR3 Kt-QR4
 10. B-B2 P-B4
 11. P-Q4 Q-B2
 12. QKt-Q2 B-Q2
 13. PxKP PxP
 14. Kt-B1 QR-Q1
 15. Q-K2 B-K3
 16. Kt-K3 Kt B3
 17. Kt-R2 P-Kt3
 18. Kt(R2)-Kt4 Q-B1
 19. KtxKtch BxKt
 20. P-QR4 P-B5
 21. PxP PxP
 22. Q-B3 B-Kt2
 23. Kt-Q5 BxKt
 24. PxB Kt-K2
 25. R-Q1 P-B4
 26. B-Kt5 B-B3
 27. B-R6 P-K5
 28. Q-K3 KtxP
 29. RxKt RxR
 30. BxR KxB
 31. P-B3 PxP
 32. QxP Q-B4ch
 33. K-R1 R-K4!
 34. P-KKt4? R-K6
 35. Q-Kt7 Q-Q3
 36. Q-Kt2 R-Kt6
 37. Q-R8ch K-Kt2
 38. Q-R7ch K-R3
 39. Q-B2 Q-Q4ch
 40. K-R2 B-K4
- Resigns

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