

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

November 12, 1922

The Forsberg-Ryder game from the recent match, Berkeley vs. Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, has been adjudicated a win for Professor Ryder by Stasch Mlotkowski of Los Angeles, to whom the position was sent. Tris makes the final result: Berkeley 4; M. I. C. C. 1. Alas, poor Yorick!

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Marshall and Lasker Match for U. S. Championship

Frank J. Marshall of New York city and Edward Lasker of Chicago have signed articles for a match of eighteen games for the chess championship of the United States. It has been thirteen years since Marshall gained the title by defeating Jackson W. Showalter of Kentucky. However, play will not begin until March 15, 1923, and only then provided certain details, such as raising a \$5000 purse, etc., are looked after. Just why such an amount is necessary for a match for the chess championship title of the United States it is hard to understand. It can hardly be to the welfare of the game to hedge the championship title about with such barriers and obstacles. Purses running into five and six figures may be legitimate in sports that appeal to multitudes, but chess is altogether different. It is not a gambling game, and its supporters are not, as a rule, conspicuous for wealth. It remains to be seen whether the purse of \$5000 will be raised and deposited by December 31, according to the terms of agreement.

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RZESCHEWSKI IN DURANCE VILE

Sammy Rzeschewski, the boy chess wizard, who also is said to have a remarkable voice, is in trouble. Sammy appeared on the stage in New York city during a benefit for orphans. He appeared without securing a permit from the authorities, and as a result was arrested. "With all the earnestness of the little man that he is," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "he went over the knotty legal problems in connection with his case, to the discussion of which he had plainly been an attentive listener. Although he has spoken fluent English for but a little over a year, the word 'exploitation' had no terrors for him. 'How could I be exploited,' he argued, 'when all I did was for the benefit of the orphans?' Frowning a wee bit, he continued: 'Chess is play for me, and singing can't hurt me. It was late, I know, but it wasn't my fault.'

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CORRESPONDENCE MATCH OFF

Evidently there is not sufficient enthusiasm in Los Angeles and its environs for a match by correspondence with chess players of the northern part of the State. So very reluctantly we are obliged to call the match off—for the present at least.

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Following are three games from the Berkeley vs. Mechanics Institute match, at boards 1, 2 and 3:

GAME NO. 125

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Greer	Fink	Greer	Fink
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	17—KR-S	S-S
2—P-QB4	P-K3	18—P-S4	P-S3
3—S-QB3	P-QB3	19—B-S5	S-B2
4—P-K3	P-KB4	20—P-KR4	K-S2
5—B-Q3	B-Q3	21—P-R5	B-Q2
6—P-KB4	Q-B3	22—B-R4	Q-B (a)
7—S-B3	QS-Q2	23—PxSP	KRPxP
8—Q-B2	S-R3	24—SfxRP	KPxP
9—P-KR3	Castle	25—RxpPch	KxR
10—R-Q2	Q-K2	26—Q-S2ch	K-R2
11—Castles(q)	P-QR3	27—R-B6	R-S
12—P-QB5	B-B2	28—R-Rch	S-R3
13—B-K	P-QS3	29—S-S5ch	RxS
14—B-R4	Q-K	30—QxR	Q-KB
15—P-QS4	P-R4	31—BxpPch	BxB
16—P-R3	P-QS4	32—QxBch	Resigns

(a) A better fight could be made here by 22½S-R square, as pointed out by Fink.

GAME NO. 126

IRREGULAR

Forsberg	Ryder	Forsberg	Ryder
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-Q4	S-KB3	31—Q-S5	S-B3
2—S-KB3	P-QB4	32—P-R4	B-K7
3—P-QB3	P-K3	33—Q-B4	B-S6
4—P-K3	S-R3	34—S-Q4	SxS
5—QS-Q2	P-Q4	35—PxS	B-B3
6—PxP	BxP	36—Q-B7	B-Q4
7—S-S3	B-Q3	37—P-KR5	P-KR3
8—B-Q3	P-K4	38—P-QS4	P-R3
9—B-K2	Castles	39—P-S5	BxP
10—Castles	Q-K2	40—PxP	B-K5
11—KS-Q2	R-K	41—P-B3	B-Q4
12—R-K	B-K3	42—K-R2	K-B
13—S-B	QR-Q	43—K-S3	K-K
14—Q-B2	Q-B2	44—Q-S6	P-Q2
15—B-Q2	S-K5	45—Q-R7	B-K3
16—QR-B	SxB		--B2

17—S(S3)xSR-QR	47—Q-R4	BxP	
18—Q-Q	Q-R4	48—Q-B2	B-B3
19—P-QR4	Q-Q	49—Q-S6ch	K-B
20—S-KS3	P-B4	50—Q-K4	R-K2
21—P-QB4	B-QS5	51—Q-KB4	B-B2
22—R-B	S-R4	52—Q-B5	R-K4
23—PxP	RxR	53—Q-B 8ch	B-K
24—QxR	QxP	54—P-S6	R-K2
25—S-B3	R-OB		Adjudicated win for black.
26—Q-S	P-K5		
27—R-Q (a)	PxS		
28—RxQ	PxB		
29—SxP	(K7) BxR		
30—QxP	R-Q		

(a) An error. Instead 27 S-S5, with a good game.

(a)—Rather 29 S-S5—Forsberg.

GAME NO. 127

ENGLISH

Branch	Clarke	Branch	Clarke
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-QB4	P-K3	12—Castles	SxB
2—S-KB3	S-KB3	13—PxS	S-Q4
3—S-B3	P-Q4	14—SxS	BPxS
4—P-Q4	P-B3	15—S-K5	B-Q2(a)
5—B-S5	QS-Q2	16—B-S6	PxB
6—P-K3	B-K2	17—QxpCh	K-Q
7—Q-B2	P-KR3	18—S-B7ch	K-B2
8—B-B4	Q-R4	19—KR-Bch	B-B3
9—B-Q3	PxP	20—QxKP	KR-K
10—BxP	S-S3	21—S-K5(b)	QR-B
11—B-Q3	QS-Q4	22—RxPch	Resigns

(a) A fatal error. Castles was good enough.

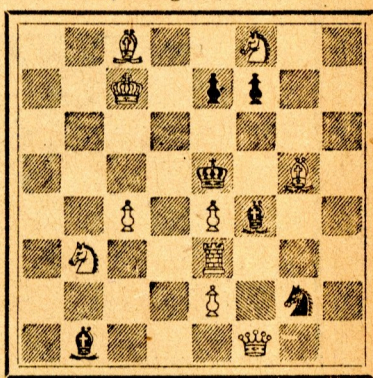
(b) Fine play. Branch was out after the king.

Problems

A. J. F.

PROBLEM NO. 140

Joint composition by A. G. Stubbs and B. Harley. An excellent problem with a surprising key.

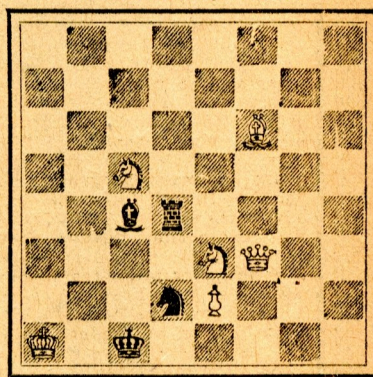


Mate in two moves.

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PROBLEM NO. 141

By E. Russell, Oakland



Mate in two moves.

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Solution to No. 139—King to king eight. Set mate Q-R8 after P-Q5, changing to S-B5.

Solvers list—E. Russell, Oakland (Your problem, published above had white bishop on QR6. No doubt, this was intended for KB6. Other position too light); R. B. Knocit; A. J. H., Palo Alto; E. Gordon; Represa (key move sufficient); C. J. Ferguson, city; J. H. S., San Mateo; John Ellis, Los Gatos.

BOY SCOUT NOTES

Troop 20 held a bird house contest at the troop headquarters in the Academy of Science building in Golden Gate Park. More than 100 houses were exhibited.

Troop 72 of San Bruno held a splash at Sutro Baths Friday evening, November 3.

The "Shorts Club" is now being formed in San Francisco. Every scout in this city who attends the next summer training camp will be expected to wear shorts.

Roy H. Wright, swimming instructor at Sutro Baths has been appointed merit badge examiner in swimming and life saving. He will pass scouts in these tests between the hours of 8 and 9 p. m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month during the winter and during the same hour on Mondays during the summer.