

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

The University of California chess experts, captioned by their champion, Henry Gross, were victorious in the match Saturday evening, December 8, against the second team of Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, led by George Goehler. Score: U. of C., 7½, M. I. 4½. Table gives individual results. U. of C. played white on odd numbered boards:

Bd.	U. OF C.	M. I. C. C.
1	Vedensky1	Powell0
2	Gross1	Legler0
3	Christenson . . .1	Goehler0
4	Allen0	Dr. A. Epsteen. . .1
5	Paul0	Van Hoven1
6	Carmany½	Silvius½
7	Lowenthal0	Monticello1
8	Belmont1	Olshausen0
9	Traum1	Schaller0
10	Lauderdale0	Sheldon1
11	Samaniego1	Kneass0
12	Hendricks1	Byron0
Total7½		Total4½

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GAME NO. 138

Alexander Alekhine's "best game," as given to Marshall in his recently published "Chess Masterpieces," reviewed in this column a couple of weeks back, was one against Reti at Baden-Baden, 1925, where Alekhine took first prize. Annotating this game for the American Chess Bulletin, C. S. Howell, the New York expert, wrote: "That amateur who fails to study it, or studying it, learns naught. would do well to give up chess." It will be noticed that a repetition of moves occur 17, 18, 19. Reti declined the draw, believing he had the superior position.

IRREGULAR

Reti	Alekhine	Reti	Alekhine
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-KS3	P-K4	22 RQB	P-R5
2 S-KB3	P-K5	23 P-R4	PxP
3 S-Q4	P-Q4	24 RPxP	Q-B2
4 P-Q3	PxP	25 P-S5	RPxP
5 QxP	S-KB3	26 PxP	R-K6!
6 B-S2	B-S5ch	27 S-B3	PxP
7 B-Q2	BxBch	28 QxP	S-B6
8 SxB	Castles	29 QxP	QxQ
9 P-QB4	S-R3	30 SxQ	SxPch
10 PxP	S-QS5	31 K-R2	S-K5
11 Q-B4	QSxQP	32 R-B4	SxBP
12 QS-S3	P-B3	33 B-S2	B-K3
13 Castles	R-K	34 R(B4)-B2	S-S5ch
14 KR-Q	B-S5	35 K-R3	S-K4dis ch
15 R-Q2	Q-B	36 K-R2	RxS
16 S-QB5	B-R6	37 RxS	S-S5ch
17 B-B3	B-S5	38 K-R3	S-K6dis ch
18 B-S2	B-R6	39 K-R2	SxR
19 B-B3	B-S5	40 BxR	S-Q5
20 B-R	P-KR4	41 Resigns(a)	
21 P-S4	P-R3		

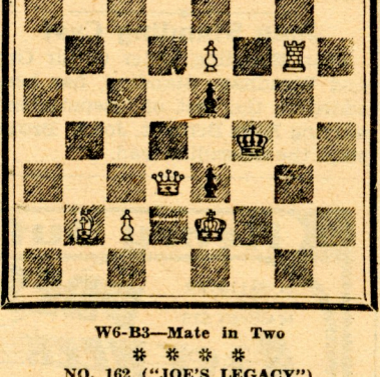
(a) For if 41 R-B2, then SxBch, followed by B-Q4, winning a piece. If Alekhine saw all this when he played 26 . . . R-K6, well, he deserves to be the world's champion!

PROBLEMS

A. J. F.

NO. 161

Z. Abranyi (Vienna)



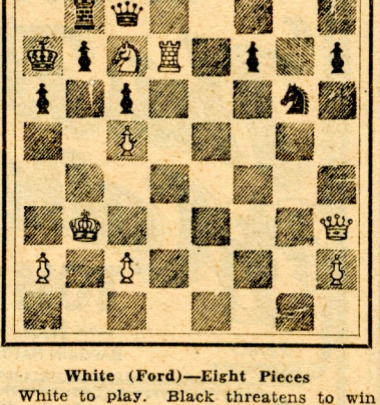
W6-B3—Mate in Two

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NO. 162 ("JOE'S LEGACY")

In reconstructing the following position and rescuing it from the oblivion which has obliterated many a gem of the chess-board, Wallace E. Neville, author of "Chess" Humanics," etc., remarks: "End game positions of actual play are more helpful and instructive than Problems, because mate in the average problem is allied to ingenious creations and arrangements never likely to occur, often extravagantly fanciful and wholly factitious." The position is from a game won by the late Joe Ford, whose pet phrase, after every won game, however fortuitous, was: "All forced!"

Black (X)—Nine Pieces



White (Ford)—Eight Pieces

White to play. Black threatens to win the rook by S-K4. How did "Joe" win? Solution to No. 159: Q-KS2. No. 160:

1 K-Q6	K-B6	5 P-S6	P-S6
2 KxP	K-S7	6 P-S7	P-S7
3 P-S4	KxP	7 P-S8ch and wins.	
4 P-S5	P-S5		

If White attempts the asymmetric try K-B6, Black plays K-Q6 and escapes with a draw, for White must allow the pawn to queen or bring about stalemate by its capture.

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