

CHESS

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CHESS MAGAZINES IN U.S. RECOMMENDED

We are frequently asked by our readers to recommend one or more chess magazines. They are interested in a variety of chess material that cannot be offered in this space.

There are a number of excellent periodicals published in the United States, of which three have a national circulation. Following are some details.

Chess Life

Chess Life is the official organ of the United States Chess Federation. The latter is the major American chess organization with over 11,000 members. About 1,500 of these are California residents.

Subscription to Chess Life is one of the benefits of membership in the federation. The dues are \$10 a year, except for juniors under 21, who pay \$5. Lower rates are available for longer terms.

Those who want the magazine without membership in USCF can obtain it for \$6.50 per year. The address is 80 E. 11th St., New York, N.Y. 10003.

Articles by grandmasters are featured in every issue, along with many games and news reports. In the February issue Pal Benko writes on "Abstract Art and the Benko System," and William Lombardy reports on the Peach State Open in Atlanta which he won.

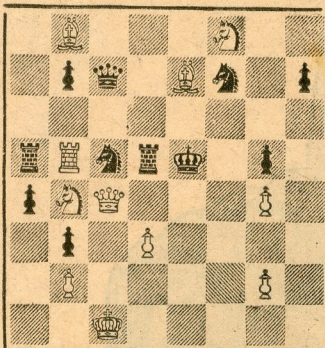
Robert Byrne annotates a game under the heading "Wolf in Sheep's Clothing," the wolf in this case being Bent Larsen of Denmark.

Lighter fare is offered in several departments, such as "Woodpushers' Scrapbook" by Fred M. Wren and "From the Editor's File" by Burt Hochberg.

Chess Review

Chess Review was founded in 1933 by this editor and I. A. Horowitz. Now in its 35th year, with Horowitz still at the helm, it is considered by many as the highest quality chess magazine published to-

April 2, 1967
TIMES PROBLEM 3859
By H. Laue
BLACK 11



WHITE 11

White mates in two.

The variations are all based on the half-pin. The three selfblocks are most interesting.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3858: N-Q7 Threat, 2 B-N3; if K-B5, 2 N-B4; if K-K5, 2 KNxPch; if N-B7, 2 B-N5ch; if P-K4, 2 QxRch.

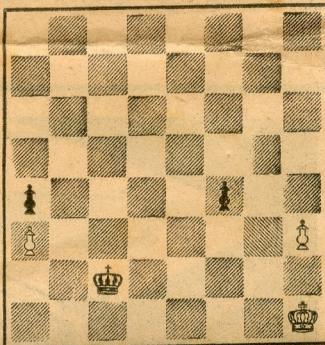
NOT SO SIMPLE ENDING

King and pawn endings generally have a simple appearance, but this can be deceptive. Simplest of all should be the case of a pawn which can advance to queen before the opponent can do likewise.

If an opposing pawn can get to the seventh rank, however, there are many drawing positions. One move can often make the difference between a win and a draw. It may take foresight and planning to gain that move.

The following ending, composed by Jens Enevoldsen of Denmark, is an interesting illustration.

BLACK



day.

The subscription price of Chess Review is \$7.50 for one year, \$14 for two years and \$18.50 for three years. The address is 134 W. 72nd St., New York, N.Y. 10023.

The titles of some of the articles in the current March issue will give an idea of the great variety of content. Chess Quiz, Book of the Month, Game of the Month (a regular series by Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia), Solitaire Chess, The Finishing Touch (also a regular series by Walter Korn).

Games are annotated in depth, by Hans Kmoch and others. Many pictures and cartoons are always of interest. An active Postal Chess organization is run by Jack Battell.

Chess Correspondent

Chess Correspondent is a specialized periodical run by and for correspondence chess players. It is the official organ of the Correspondence Chess League of America.

Membership in the league, which includes the magazine, is \$6 a year. The magazine by itself is \$3.50 a year. The address is 816 So. Cecelia St., Sioux City, Ia. 51106.

The magazine has interesting articles on openings, which can be analyzed by correspondence play more thoroughly than any other way. Games, reports, and lists of ratings of members appear in each issue.

VISALIA TOURNAMENT

Dale Baker of Bakersfield scored a perfect 6-0 to win the first prize trophy at the Visalia Amateur Open Tournament held at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia.

D. Littrell of Long Beach was the second prize winner with 5½-½. The prize for the best junior player was taken by John Davidian of Sun Valley.

A number of prizes were awarded to best performers in various rating categories. B. Oakes led the Class A group with 4½-1½. A. Stobbe did exceptionally well to head the Class B players with 5-1.

Other winners were: Class C—Jay Wilson, 4-2; Class D—T. Morris, 4-2, and Unrated—J. Aquino, 4-2.

This was the third annual event at Visalia, organized by Chris Fotias and directed by Dr. T. Bullockus.

WHITE

WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

White starts with 1 K-N2. If instead, 1 P-R4, K-Q7; 2 K-N2, K-K7, and Black wins, as his pawn will promote first. This kind of thing happens all too often with inexperienced players, who fail to note their opponent's threats.

Black now starts to count. If 1 K-N7; 2 P-R4, KxP; 3 P-R5, K-N7; 4 P-R6, P-R6; 5 P-R7, P-R7; 6 P-R8(Q)ch. The check does it. White has a queen, Black only a threat to queen.

In this particular position White can force the win. He must first approach the black king, as follows: 6 K-N8; 7 Q-N8ch, K-B7; 8 Q-B7ch, K-N7; 9 Q-N6ch, K-B7; 10 Q-B5ch, K-N7; 11 Q-N4ch, K-B7; 12 Q-R3, K-N8; 13 Q-N3ch, K-R8.

Black had no choice if he was to protect his rook pawn. Mate now follows. 14 Q-B2, P-B6ch; 15 K-B1, P-B7; 16 Q-B1 mate.

Suppose, however, that Black did not have the bishop pawn. Then 14 Q-B2 would have been stalemate. The game would then be drawn, since White would have to release the king, and either continue checking or allow the black pawn to queen.

We now have a clue to Black's best defensive play in the diagram. The reply after 1 K-N2 is P-B6ch! If White captures, the position as above will occur. Instead, White counters with 2 K-B2!

Each side now proceeds as before. 2 K-N7; 3 P-R4, KxP; 4 P-R5, K-N7; 5 P-R6, P-R6; 6 P-R7, P-R7; 7 P-R8(Q)ch. Again White approaches until 14 Q-N3ch, K-R8.

As indicated, if the bishop pawn were off the board, the game would be drawn. Can White take advantage of its presence? Yes, he can gain the one move needed to get his king nearer the action.

Here is the finale. 15 K-K3! P-B7; 16 Q-N5, P-B8(Q); 17 QxQch, K-N7; 18 Q-B2ch, K-N8; 19 K-Q3! Now if P-R8(Q); 20 Q-B2 mate.

A couple of points are worth mentioning. If White starts with 1 K-N1 (instead of N2) Black can draw by K-Q6! 2 K-B2, K-K5. With best play, the king side pawns will be exchanged, White will win the rook pawn, but the black king will get in front for a routine draw.

After 1 K-N2, however, if K-Q6, White wins by 2 K-B3, K-Q5; 3 KxP, K-Q4; 4 K-B5. The passed pawn cannot be stopped.

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NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Szabo	Ree	Szabo	Ree
Hungary	Holland	Hungary	Holland
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	11-Q-K2	P-QB4
2-P-QB4	P-K3	12-P-Q5	Q-R5
3-N-QB3	B-N5	13-O-O	N-Q3
4-P-K3	O-O	14-P-K5	KNxP
5-P-QR3	BxNch	15-PxP	QPxP
6-PxB	P-QN3	16-N-K4	P-R3
7-N-K2	N-B3	17-P-N3	Q-K2
8-N-N3	B-R3	18-N-B6ch	K-R
9-P-K4	N-K	19-Q-K4	P-N3
10-B-Q3	N-R4	20-Q-R4	Resigns

YUGOSLAV CHAMPIONSHIP

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Velimirovich	Sofrevski	Velimirovich	Sofrevski
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	13-RPxN	N-Q2
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	14-N-B5!	PxN
3-P-Q4	PxP	15-N-Q5	Q-Q
4-NxP	P-K3	16-PxP	O-O
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	17-P-B6	PxP
6-B-K3	N-B3	18-B-Q4	N-K4
7-B-QB4	B-K2	19-PxP	BxP
8-Q-K2	P-QR3	20-KR-Nch	B-N2
9-O-O-O	Q-B2	21-BxN	PxB
10-B-N3	N-QR4	22-QxKp	P-B3
11-P-N4	P-QN4	23-N-K7ch	K-B2
12-P-N5	NxBch	24-Q-R5ch	Resigns