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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS WINS INTERCOLLEGIATE

The University of Texas took top honors in the Southwest Intercollegiate Tournament held April 25-26 at the Memorial Student Center of Texas A & M. One 5-round Swiss was played, from which both team and individual scores were extracted.

Second was Texas A & M, followed by Rice, the Texas "B" team, Oklahoma University, the A & M "B", and North Texas State. Twenty-four players participated. The top ten were Stephen Jones and Henry Davis (Texas); Morris Steen (A&M); John Hardy, Jr. (Texas); D. Ballard (Okla.); Beverly Bush, Jr. (Texas "B"); Gary Simms, B. G. Dudley, and Joseph Watson (A&M); and Robert Radar (Rice). The tournament was ably directed by Capt. B. G. Dudley of A & M.

The Space City Open was held June 13-14 at Houston, but no information was sent for publication in Texas Knights.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest Open will be held Sept-5-7 at the Granada Hotel in San Antonio. 7-Round Swiss. Register 9:30 to 12 noon. Advance registrations: Write W. N. Wells, 2711 Briarfield. Entry fee \$10, plus membership in USCF (\$5) and TCA (\$3), or \$7 for combined dues. Guaranteed first prize, \$150. Trophies and cash prizes, as entries permit, for first, second, and third; first and second for Class A, B, C, D, and first and second Unrated. Trophy for Lady Champion. Book and merchandise prizes through 25th (or more). Each winner, in order, selects book, chess set, etc., he prefers. Tournament Director: George Koltanowski.

Brief meeting of Board of Directors--the Officers and Regional Chairmen--11:00 a.m. Saturday to discuss "How can we best promote chess 1964-65?" Regular TCA business meeting 6-7 p.m. Saturday to elect officers, consider bids for future tournaments, and other items.

Don't forget the Panhandle-Permian Basin Open August 29-30, Lincoln Hotel, Odessa, Texas, as announced in previous issue. Register 8-9:30 a.m. in the Caverroom. 5-Round Swiss. Entry fee \$5, plus TCA and USCF membership. Cash prizes for first three places; trophy for first and second. Chess book for best Unrated and Junior, under 19. Qualifying tournament for Region I for Texas Candidates tournament, to be held with Texas Open at Denton at a date to be announced. Address inquiries to Don Naylor, 404 N. Washington, Odessa, Texas. Rates at Hotel Lincoln: \$6-9 for singles; \$7-9 double bed, \$9-12 twin beds.

The 1964 Brazos Open will be held September 26-27 at the Memorial Student Center, Texas A & M, College Station, Texas. 5-Round Swiss. Entry fee \$5, plus USCF-TCA membership. First prize \$50 guaranteed; other cash prizes as entry fees permit. Trophy to winner and class winners. Register by 9 a.m. Saturday; 3 rounds Saturday, 2 Sunday. Send inquiries and advance registrations to B. D. Dudley, 1013 E. 23rd, Bryan, Texas.

USCF DIRECTORS FOR TEXAS APPOINTED

Upon request of Marshall Rohland, USCF Secretary, the TCA President appointed the following to be Directors in the United States Chess Federation for the ensuing year: B. G. Dudley of Bryan; Park Bishop of El Paso; Dr. R. S. Underwood of Lubbock; W. N. Wells of San Antonio; Robert Brieger of Houston; C. Fred Tears of Dallas; J. P. Slaughter of Harlingen; and Bill Wheeler of Corpus Christi. These will serve in addition to Kenneth Smith of Dallas, who is a USCF Regional Vice-President.

WITH THE CHESS CLUBS

Joel Sappenfield says the recently formed Denton Chess Friends is growing rapidly. On 15 July, the club held its first speed championship at the Holiday Inn under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce. Finishing, in order, were Tibor Rekey, Joel Sappenfield, Tom Buckley, and Gary Peyton, the first two with scores of 4½, the next two with 4. The club is bidding for the Texas Candidates and Texas Open, as noted above.

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TEXAS KNIGHTS needs news! Many thanks for the contributions to this issue. What tournaments do you plan? ARE YOU TEACHING CHESS TO YOUNGSTERS? Next issue to be mailed on or just before 15 November. Send news of your club by October 25. If you hold a tournament, please be sure that someone sends us the results. We received none on the Valley Open, the Space City Open, and perhaps others.

In San Antonio, the City Championship was played July 18-19 at the Bluebonnet Hotel. The winner, with 4 points, was Thomas Snow, a 17-year old high school senior, whose rating was Class B! Also with 4 points, in order, were Blake W. Stevens, Jr., and Rod Hatton. Jim Cuomo, with 3½, was fourth, and was winner of the Unrated Trophy. With 3 points was Homer H. Hyde, winner of the Class B Trophy; H. M. Weiner, an expert; John Dunning, second in Class B; and Eddie Caruthers, winner of Class C Trophy. W. N. Wells scored 2½. With 2 points was Gary Caruso, second in Class C; and Boyce Mar-ting, Pete Prates, J. W. Gamblin, W. Frentzel, and Jose Simonet. J. R. Mark, Donald Croft, and Charles Winkle scored 1. The tournament was ably directed by the amiable Leo Warsaw.

CORRECTION

Due to a clerical oversight, we regret to advise that Robert M. Crites was not the first one to become a Life Member of the Texas Chess Association. Rather, it was Park Bishop of El Paso who became the first Life Member on August 8, 1960. However, Robert Crites was the second, and was the first one in 1964, and the youngest Life Member. Our sincere apologies go to both of these fine gentlemen.

HOROWITZ TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK ON CHESS OPENINGS

I. A. Horowitz, editor and publisher of Chess Review, has announced that his new book, Chess Openings--Theory and Practice, will be published about 1 November. The work will be almost twice the length of MCO (Modern Chess Openings), 9th edition, 1957. Attractive features will be: Latest lines from recent events; readable size type; notes on same page with the move referring thereto; and hundreds of complete illustrative games. Each opening will be prefaced by a theoretical discussion, followed by Idea Variations, Practical and Supplementary Variations, and illustrative games. Pre-publication price, \$10.00; afterwards, \$12.50. All pre-publication copies will be autographed. Advance remittance not necessary--just a firm order. Publisher: Simon & Schuster.

ARE SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN CHESS PLAYERS UNDERRATED?

In the opinion of Kenneth R. Smith of Dallas, who, with Stephen Jones of Austin are Texas' only rated Masters, players of the South and Southwest are underrated. This is not the fault of the USCF or its rating system, Smith hastens to add, but the fact that so few of our strong players "go north to pick up those juicy rating points" in the stronger tournaments. Ken just returned from the 1964 Buckeye Open at Toledo, Ohio, where he tied for second. Winner was Mike Valvo. Ken achieved a draw with Valvo and Robert Byrne, an International Grandmaster!, and raised his national rating by some 30 points. Other Texas players who he feels should be rated as Masters are: Eric Bone, William A. Bills, Henry Davis, Robert Potter, Blake W. Stevens, Jr., and John Bob Payne. From Louisiana, Ken names Adrian L. McAuley, Richard Schultz, Steve Buining, and Jude Acers; Florida: Ned Hardy and Robert Ludloe; Alabama: Milan Momio. Among these Ken concedes that Potter, Ludloe, Stevens, Acers, and Payne "just need to be a bit more consistent" to achieve a Master rating. Well, how about it, fellows? Let's go north next year and!?!

GAMES FROM RECENT EVENTS

The following Catalan System was played in the last round of the San Antonio City Championship between Blake Stevens (White) and Rod Hatton (Black). A thriller throughout, both players made brilliant moves of master caliber. Perhaps the most outstanding feature is the way Stevens "pulled the game out of the fire" with a resourcefulness reminiscent of Samuel Reshevsky! Notes are by Blake Stevens.

WHITE: Stevens

BLACK: Hatton

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| 1. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-KN3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | B-B4 |
| 4. B-N2 | ... |

Better is 4. N-R4

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| ... | Q-Q2 |
| 5. O-O | P-KB3! |

Enterprising--stops N-K5, and prepares ... P-K4 after ... O-O-O.

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| 6. R-K1 | ... |
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White wishes to play 7. N-R4 and P-K4, but may have to precede all this with P-QB3.

... P-KN4!?

Shades of Torre and Breyer! Black shortcircuits White's plan, while attacking at the same time!

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| 7. P-QB4!? | ... |
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Simpler 7. P-QB3 with QN-Q2 and P-K4 to follow. If Black continues with ... P-KR4-5, we arrive at center action versus wing and king action, with most interesting play.

P-K3!

If 7. ... PxP, 8. P-K4, with realistic chances for the pawn. The text move maintains the pawn and develops.

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| 8. PxP | ... |
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Better is 8. N-QB3, O-O-O (8. ... N-N5? 9. P-K4!) 9. B-K3, followed by a pawn assault against the Black King, and if ... QPxBP, White will not worry about the pawn minus. Still, with the text move, White hopes to keep Black busy (at some risk) and to bolster his diminishing initiative.

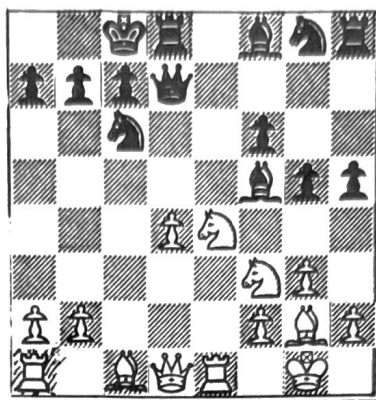
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| 9. P-K4! | PxP |
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| 10. N-QB3 | O-O-O |
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If 10.... B-N5, the P-sacrifice takes another form: 11. P-QR3, BxN; (11. ... B-R4, 12. P-QN4, B-QN3. 13. P-Q5 and 14. NxKP) 12. PxP, B-N3. 13. N-Q2, P-B4. 14. N-N3! followed by N-B5 and P-KB3.

11. QNxP P-KR4



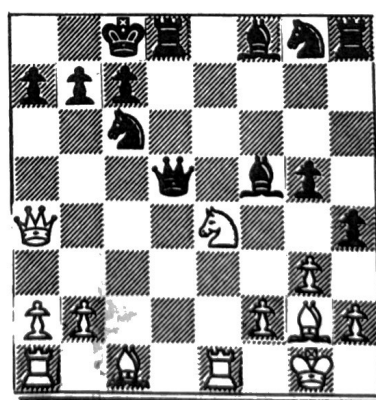
altogether different: 11. ... P-N5. 12. N-R4 NxP. 13. B-K3 with tactical threats and better development; White's Q-side attack begins to flower due to ... O-O-O by Black. However, Black could set sail on either of these two courses with prospects of a safe though adventurous voyage.

12. Q-R4! P-KR5! (Avoiding an unbelievable and strange variation: 12. ... P-N5 13. N-R4 QxP 14. N-Q6ch!! Now, subject to capture four different ways, nevertheless the piece will be regained by 15. KBxN!; e.g., 14. ... BxN, 15. BxN QxQ 16. BxQ. In this line Black has a pawn plus, but his K-side pawns are fixed and his Q-side pawns are targets; in addition, White has a lead in development. Black's text move is consistent with his 5th and 6th.)

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| 13. P-Q5! | |
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Good and perhaps safer was 13. N-B5, BxN 14. PxP. Black's attack should be relatively harmless, while White's gathers momentum by P-QN4-N5.

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| 14. N(3)xNP! | PxN |
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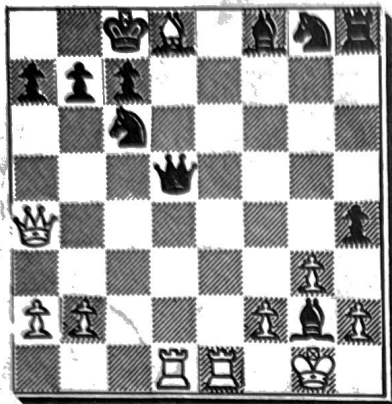
15. BxP? ... White gets cold feet and as a result gets these appendages thrust squarely in the fire. The planned variation was 15. N-B3! Now 15. ... Q-R4 is met by 16. BxN! (echo theme) with winning chances. If 15. ... Q-Q5 16. BxN PxP. 17. Q-R6ch, followed by 18. B-K3 wins. If 15.... Q-Q3 (or Q2) 16. BxKNP! with such threats as BxR or QR-Q1 and/or B-B4 and/or coupled with BxN and QxRP, etc. Black's difficulties

would be plentiful. On 15. N-B3! best appears to be 15.... Q-B2. 16. BxP KN-K2. 17 BxRP P-QR3!(vital) and it is nip and tuck. But even in this line White would not likely regret his sacrifice.

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| 15. | BxN! (Otherwise White can steer into the N-B3 line). |
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| 16. BxR | BxB |
| 17. QR-Q1 | ... (See position diagram on page 4.) |

.... KxB!! If instead, 17. ... Q-B6 18. BxRP (a wonderful in-between move) followed by R-K3 and KxB. In this variation, Black's two N's do not equal White's R plus two pawns.



18. RxQch BxR

A miracle! The B lives after its sojourn to N7. Now the four minor pieces vs. Q and P gives Black a winning advantage and shows that 15. N-B3! was best for White.

19. Q-Q1 N-B3? (Also tricky would have been 19. R-Q1, QN-K2, best, oddly enough. 20. Q-N5, P-B3. Better here would be 19... KN-K2).

20. P-KN4! (Not the tempting 20. R-K6, Pxp! etc.)

.... P-R6?

Black outsmarts himself; he wishes to prevent P-KR3 and tempts White to try 21. P-N5 R-N1 22. P-B4 P-Bch 23. K-B1, K-B1! and Black wins.

21. R-K6 B-K2 (If 21. ... B-Q3, 22. RxN R-K1 23. RxBch, PxB, 24. P-B4 N-K2 25. P-B5 with winning chances.)

22. RxN BxR 27. P-B4 K-N2
23. QxBch K-K2 28. K-B2 R-KB1
24. P-N5 B-Q5 29. P-B5 R-B2
25. Q-K4ch K-B2 30. K-N3 B-Q5
26. K-B1! BxNP 31. Q-R4!

(The alternative was KxRP followed by a pawn storming. The text is more tricky and achieves the same thing: Black must give his Bishop for two pawns.)

.... RxP

32. Q-R6ch K-B2

33. P-N6ch K-K1

(Safest. Both 33. ... K-N1 and 33. ... K-B3 lose a Rook.)

34. P-N7 BxP 38. Q-R8ch K-Q2
35. QxB N-K2 39. P-KR4 RxP
36. KxP P-B4 40. P-R5 R-R5ch
37. K-N4 R-B7 (Pointless. Black should stay behind White's RP on general principles. If Black can sacrifice the N for the RP, he has excellent drawing chances. The position now favors White.)

41. K-N5 R-R3?
42. P-R6 R-N3ch
43. K-R5 R-QB3?

Losing the threat completely. 43. ... R-N8 still makes a fight of it. [Rooks belong behind pawns, usually, whether in defense or offense.--Editor.]

44. Q-QN8!

And now White achieves his goal, as Black must give up at least a Rook for the pawn. Black resigned on move 65. Rod Hatton's concepts (2. ... N-QB3, 5. ... P-KB3, 6. P-KN4, 11. ... P-KR4, and 17. ... KxB!) turned the game into a fantastically interesting struggle. [After the exchanges beginning with 17. ... KxB!, players who were gathered around felt that White was hopelessly lost. But then Stevens demonstrated the "resourcefulness of a Reshevsky." Though neither player was consistent, each made moves of grandmaster caliber, thus supporting the comments of Ken Smith on page 2.--And, by the way, how many of us would decline 31. KxRP?--Ed.]

Here's a lively game won by Morris Steen against Jim Cuomo in the Southwest Intercollegiate:

WHITE: Steen BLACK: Cuomo

1. P-Q4 N-KB3 7. B-Q3 O-O 13. N-B4 Q-Q1
2. P-QB4 P-K3 8. O-O P-B4 14. Q-K2 P-QR3
3. N-KB3 B-N5ch 9. R-B1 BPxP 15. P-KB4 P-QN4
4. B-Q2 BxB 10. NxP N-B4 16. N-K5 N-Q2
5. QNxP P-Q4 11. B-N1 Q-QN3 17. N(5)-B6 Q-N3
6. P-K3 QN-Q2 12. Pxp NxP 18. P-K4 N-B2
19. P-K5 B-N2?
20. BxPch! K-R1*
21. Q-R5 Resigns.**

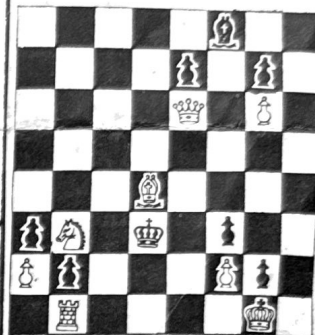
* On 19. ... K-B 20. Q-R5ch K-N1
21. N-K7 mate. ** On 21. ... R-K
22. B-N6 is.ch. K-N1 23. Q-R7ch
K-B1 24. Q-R8 mate!

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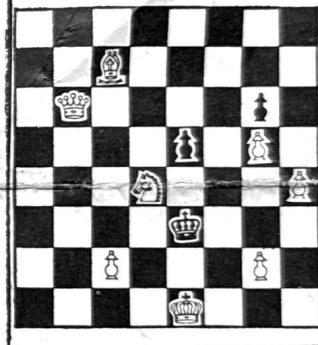
CHESS PROBLEMS

Here are two problems (White to move and mate in two) submitted by George Koltanowski:

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No. 2



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