

"To calculate is not to analyze. A chessplayer, for example, does the one, without effort at the other. It follows that the game of chess, in its effects upon mental character, is greatly misunderstood....

"The higher powers of the reflective intellect are more, and more usefully, tasked by the unostentatious game of draughts than by all the elaborate frivolity of chess. In the latter, where the pieces have different and bizarre actions, with various and variable values, what is only complex is mistaken (a not unnatural error) for what is profound.

"The attention is here called powerfully into play. If it flag for an instant, an oversight is committed, resulting in injury or defeat. The possible moves being not only manifold but involute, the changes of such oversights are multiplied; and in nine cases out of ten, it is the more concentrative rather than the more acute player who conquers."

Edgar Allan Poe,
Murders in the Rue Morgue, 1841

"Any keen chessplayer knows that these opinions just don't make sense--it is safe to say that they have puzzled more than rankled.

"I must have read the words ten or twenty times before the truth came to me in a flash of insight--the sort that occurs rarely but when it does, fills you with a delicious certainty. Poe was a beginner at chess whose whole attention was engrossed in avoiding mistakes. He still had to concentrate on remembering the moves of the men.

"Like a schoolgirl at the piano, anguishedly engaged in not playing the wrong note.

"Or, to take a literary analogy, he was not even the youth who likes a penny dreadful but balks at Poe's own Eulalie. He was still learning his letters, laboriously telling an 'a' from a 'b,' a 'b' from a 'c.'

"To appreciate this fully, please read the whole passage again carefully. Don't you agree?

"We could only prove this by a process for which no layman could spare the time; by examining every biographical relic of Poe's life for mention of chess. I confidently predict that no evidence would be forthcoming that, when he penned these lines, he had played ten serious games of chess in his life."

B. H. Wood,
Birmingham Post, 1949

"...learning machines have taught themselves the best moves in a game of checkers and are now unbeatable. Other machines, which have been taught chess but which have not been given any strategy on how to play, have learned the game so well they are formidable foes for tournament players. After enough trial and

error games, they too will become unbeatable."

Ronald Kotulak,
Chicago Tribune, December 22, 1965

Chargers Take Lead as Knights and Bishops Draw. The Western Electric Chargers moved into undisputed possession of first place by beating the Gambiteers $7\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ while the Argonne Knights and Bishops fought to a 4-4 tie. The Knights dropped to third place by forfeiting their fifth round match to Motorola. The Western Electric Gambiteers edged Illinois Bell $4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$ to move into sixth place. Hall-Roto moved up to seventh by downing Stewart-Warner/Sunbeam by the same score, $4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$. Current standings:

Place	Team	Match Points	Game Points
1	WE Chargers	5-0	35
2	ANL Bishops	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	$18\frac{1}{2}$
3	ANL Knights	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	22
4	ANL Pawns	2-1	$11\frac{1}{2}$
5	Motorola	$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$20\frac{1}{2}$
6	WE Gambiteers	2-3	13
7	Hall-Roto	$1\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$
8-9	Goss Printing	1-3	15
8-9	Illinois Bell	1-3	$12\frac{1}{2}$
10	Stewart-Warner/Sunbeam	0-4	$10\frac{1}{2}$

ANL BISHOPS	4	ANL KNIGHTS	4	WE GAMBITEERS	$4\frac{1}{2}$	ILLINOIS BELL	$3\frac{1}{2}$
A. Sandrin	1	S. Mihailovich	0	H. Serdoz	0	W. Perez	1
T. DeParry	0	J. Jackson	1	L. Schriner	1	R. Lauth	0
V. Krohn	W 0	D. Kucera	1	R. Rook	1	K. Wollenberg	0
R. Fabijonas	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Scherer	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Shriner	0	W. Lundeen	1
B. Wilip	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. Puchala	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Gniedek	0	R. Doody	1
L. Shirkey	1	E. Ryan	0	V. Stamm	1	D. Green	0
J. Froehlich	1	R. Cotterill	0	R. Mczockie	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Motzko	$\frac{1}{2}$
K. Kellogg	0	M. Doyama	1	K. Dobr	1F	Forfeit	OF
HALL-ROTO	$4\frac{1}{2}$	SW/S	$3\frac{1}{2}$	WE CHARGERS	$7\frac{1}{2}$	WE GAMBITEERS	$\frac{1}{2}$
D. Dolan	1	F. Tomecek	0	J. Warren	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Serdoz	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. Kolodziej	1	H. Williamson	0	J. Sullivan	1	L. Schriner	0
W. Beeskow	1	A. Baumler	0	W. Elliott	1	K. Dobr	0
G. Miletic	0	V. Kuzelis	1	D. Kumro	1	V. Stamm	0
C. Powers	0	E. Skopas	1	K. Dopheide	1	R. Gniedek	0
R. Schofield	0	A. Kulak	1	E. Puto	1	J. Traeger	0
R. Carlgren	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Lux	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Wettersten	1	R. Mozockie	0
J. D'Allesandro	1	R. Zollinger	0	T. Azzarello	1	A. Schiller	0

Business Meeting Postponed. Since the business meeting scheduled for January 18 would have been very poorly attended it was cancelled at the last minute. The meeting has been re-scheduled for March 1 at 6:30 P. M. at the Hawthorne Savings and Loan, 4800 W. 24th Place (corner of Cicero Ave.), Cicero, Illinois.

A committee of Nik Goncharoff and Jim Sullivan was appointed to make arrangements for our annual banquet. Dick Wilson will select the trophies to be awarded this year.

Byrne Exhibition. International Grandmaster Robert Byrne won 44 games and allowed four draws in a simultaneous exhibition at the Evanston YMCA on January 21. Winton Fulk, Jim Malles, Larry Manter and Dave Sillars drew their games.

Greater Chicago Open. The 1966 Greater Chicago Open will be held on successive week-ends March 12-13, 19-20 at Gompers Park, 4224 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60630. This is an eight-round Swiss with games played at 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. each day. Registration deadline is 10 A.M. March 12.

Advanced registration (at a \$1 discount) accepted by mail before March 12 at Mr. Peter Wolf, 6427 N. Damen Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60645.

Entry fee: \$14 to USCF members (others, \$5 additional for USCF membership)
\$ 9 to juniors

Prize fund: Over \$1000 in all classes as usual.
Sponsored by the Chicago Chess Foundation. Bring sets and clocks if possible.

Verber wins Gompers Club Championship. USCF Master Richard Verber scored a convincing 9-1 against a strong field to win the annual Gompers Park Chess Club Championship. Vasa Kostic put the sole dent in the new champion's score. Average USCF rating in the 11-player event was 2101!

Bingle and Schloemer Lead Problem Solving Contest. Jim Bingle of Argonne and Jerry Schloemer of Motorola took the lead in the problem solving contest by correctly solving Problem No. 8.

No. 7, which was taken from Chess Review, January, 1937, baffled all solvers. Ten solutions were received and nine of them were the incorrect move 1 N-Q2! Everyone overlooked the defense 1...B-Q4! Correct is:

1 N-R5, Threat; Q-B5ch
1...R-K4; 2 K-R7
1...RxB; 2 QxPch
1...P-Q3; 2 Q-N8ch
1...N-B6; 2 QxNch

No. 8 was a very interesting problem taken from Chess Review, June, 1950. We quote the solution:

White begins with

1 N-N4!

Queen moves such as 1 Q-N3 or 1 Q-R4 just fail to work, as a little examination will show. White's threat is now 2 N-Q5 and 3 N-B7 mate.

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P-B7

Now Black replies to 2 N-Q5 with 2...P-B8(Q)ch 3 N-B7ch, QxNch.

2 Q-QB1!

If 2...PxQ(Q) or 2...P-N8(Q), 3 N-Q5 and 4 N-B7 mate.

2 P-N8(B)

A clever stalemate try! White has only two more moves left.

3 N-Q3! PxN
4 Q-R1 mate"

Many solvers thought that 1 N-Q8 or 1 N-K7 worked equally well but overlooked 2...P-N8(B) which results in stalemate in these variations.

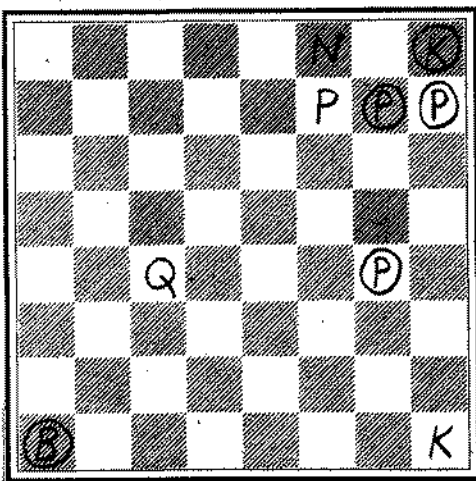
Problems 9 and 10. NOTE NEW DEPARTMENT NUMBER. Send solutions to James E. Warren, Dept. 3412, Western Electric Co., Hawthorne Station, Chicago, Illinois 60623. SOLUTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 4.

PROBLEM NO. 9

Sam Loyd

Leipziger Illustrierte Zeitung,
October 23, 1869

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WHITE

White to move and mate in three

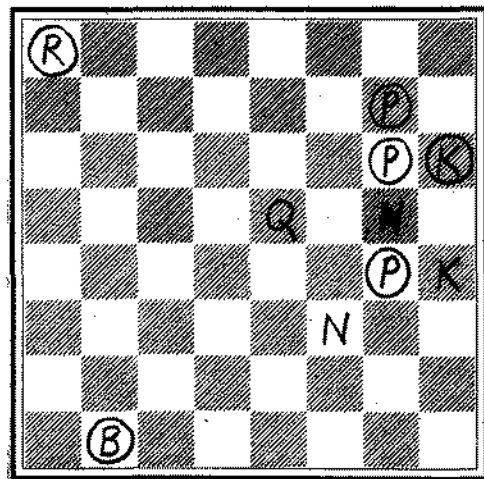
White: K at KR1
Q at QB4
N at KB8
P at KB7

PROBLEM NO. 10

Sam Loyd

Saturday Courier,
June 9, 1855

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WHITE

White to move and mate in three

White: K at KR4
Q at K5
N at KB3, KN5

Black: K at KR1
 B at QR8
 P at KN2, KN5, KR2

black: K at KR3
 R at QR1
 B at QN8
 P at KN2, KN3, KN5

Members' Games. Bill Perez of Illinois Bell won the following game from Herman Serdoz of the Western Electric Gambiteers in their January match.

White	Black	13 N-Q2	P-QB4	31 K-R1	P-N5
		14 P-N3	Q-B2	32 Q-K1	N/3-K4
Herman Serdoz	Bill Perez	15 N-KB3	P-KR3	33 B-KN2	P-N6
		16 N-R4	P-N4	34 PXP	NXPch
	King's Fianchetto	17 N-KB3	P-B4	35 K-N1	N/6-R4
		18 N-Q2	P-KB5	36 R-Q2	R-B3
1 P-KN3	P-K4	19 P-KB3	PXP	37 Q-R4	R-N3
2 B-N2	N-KB3	20 NXP	N-N3	38 K-K2	K-N4
3 N-QB3	P-Q4	21 N-B4	N-Q2	39 B-N2	N-N6
4 P-QR3	N-B3	22 N-KR5	N-B5	40 K-N1	N/6-K7ch
5 P-K3	B-K3	23 NxB	KxN	41 RxN	NxRch
6 N/1-K2	P-KN3	24 Q-Q2	P-N4	42 K-B2	N-B5
7 O-O	B-N2	25 N-N2	P-B5	43 R-KN1	Q-QN5
8 N-R4	N-Q2	26 NXP	PXP	44 K-B1	QxB
9 N/4-B3	N-N3	27 PXP	BXP	45 Q-K1	QxBP
10 P-Q3	O-O	28 NxB	QxN	46 B-R1	Q-QBch
11 P-K4	P-Q5	29 R-B2	N-B3	47 K-B2	N-R6 mate
12 N-N1	N-K2	30 B-B1	Q-K3		

U. S. Championship Games. From George Koltanowski's chess column, Chicago Sun Times, January 6, 1966:

"Addison's second-round win over Evans created a sensation among the watchers and is already in contention for the brilliancy prize. The game follows."

White	Black	8 Q-K2	PXP	21 Q-K5	B-K1
		9 BXP	B-Q3	22 R-KB3	R-Q2
William Addison	Larry Evans	10 R-Q1	Q-K2	23 N-N4	K-R2
		11 P-K4	P-K4	24 R-B6	Q-B1
	Slav Defense	12 P-Q5	PXP	25 NXPch	PxR
		13 NXP	NxN	26 N-B6ch	K-N2
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	14 BxN	N-B3	27 Q-B5	QR-Q1
2 P-QB4	P-K3	15 B-N5	P-KR3	28 R-Q3	Q-R1
3 N-QB3	P-QB3	16 BxN	QxB	29 R-N3ch	K-B1
4 P-K3	N-KB3	17 P-KR3	R-N1	30 N-R7ch	K-K2
5 N-KB3	QN-Q2	18 QR-B1	R-Q1	31 R-N8	QxN
6 B-Q3	B-N5	19 R-B3	B-Q2	32 QxQ	Resigns
7 O-O	O-O	20 N-R2	Q-K2		

From Frederick R. Chevalier's chess column in the Christian Science Monitor, January 10, 1966:

"In Bobby Fischer's 1963 championship sweep, 11-0, his most impressive victory was against Robert Byrne. In the 1965 championship, when the two met in the 8th round, Fischer was leading the field by a point and a half.

Undaunted, Byrne invited difficult complications on his 10th move. Would he then lose his KB? By his 12th move, B-Q3, he, with Black, had a won game. A most creditable performance."

White	Black	9	Q-Kch	B-K2	23	N-B3	P-QB3
		10	NxP	O-O	24	N-NO	BxB
Robert Fischer	Robert Byrne	11	B-K2	B-KN5	25	NxN	PxN
		12	NxN	B-Q3	26	RxB	R-K7
French Defense		13	P-KR3	BxB	27	R-N1	Q-B7
		14	N-Q4	BxR	28	R-B1	QxNP
1 P-K4	P-K3	15	QxB	KR-K1	29	R-N1	QxBP
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	16	N/2-B3	P-QR3	30	RxP	RxRP
3 N-Q2	N-QB3	17	B-N5	Q-N3	31	K-R2	P-KR3
4 P-QB3	P-K4	18	R-Q1	R-K5	32	Q-QN1	RxP
5 PxQP	QxP	19	B-K3	N-Q4	33	Q-B5	QxN
6 KN-B3	PxP	20	B-B1	QR-K1	34	QxQ	KxQ
7 B-B4	Q-KR4	21	N-Q2	R/5-K2	35	PxR	R-Q1
8 O-O	N-B3	22	N-B4	B-B5	36	R-NO	P-Q5
						Resigns	

Jim Warren, Chairman
Chicago Industrial Chess League