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State Checker, Chess Tournaments Started At Waterbury Y. M. C. A.

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State Checker, Chess Tournaments Started At Waterbury Y. M. C. A.

Waterbury, April 4.—(AP)—State checker and chess tournaments started here at the central Y. M. C. A. Saturday forenoon had not been completed tonight and the play-off in both contests was adjourned to later dates. The contests are sponsored by the state associations in both games.

Only four men survived the play tonight in checkers, class A. They were Isath Spector of New Haven, Edward Clark of Bridgeport; H. Stromquist of New Britain and N. Stevenson of New Britain. In Class B the finals were reached, with Charles Coe of New Haven and J. Connelli of New Britain the survivors.

The checker play-off date was fixed for Decoration Day in this city.

In chess, Dr. Arthur Powers, Dr. H. A. Stevenson and Charles Pasternack, all of Hartford, were leading when play closed. Lawrence Lewis and Nathan Cornell of this city, remain in the running, but with lesser scores. The play off will be held a week from tonight either in Hartford or New Britain.

State checker, chess tournaments started at Waterbury Y. M. C. A. (1931, Apr 05).

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Ten Clubs Enter Conn. Chess League
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Ten Clubs Enter Conn. Chess League

Plans are progressing rapidly for an interesting program for the Connecticut Chess League for the coming season. While there were only seven clubs in the league last season, ten have been entered and Port Chester may also enter.

The following officers have been elected for the 1932-33 season: Dr. C. J. Kilburn, Collinsville Club, president; F. C. Beach, Bridgeport Club, secretary and treasurer; M. Loeser, Yale University Club, tournament director.

The following clubs have entered: Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, Collinsville, Deep River, Stamford, New Britain, New Haven, Yale University and Bristol.

The Connecticut League is now a member of the American Chess Federation, in good standing, thus bringing each member of the local league in to the principal chess association of the country.

The league invites all interested chess players to join the local organization, by writing the president or the secretary.

Inter-club matches will be played, to determine the championship team; finals to determine the Connecticut champion, and matches are being arranged between the local league and the Providence chess club and teams from Massachusetts and New York state. Also an evening of simultaneous play with some prominent master.

A committee, composed of F. C. Beach, F. Hunter of New Britain and Dr. C. J. Kilbourn, has been appointed, to arrange for the opening of the league matches and arrange the schedules, and this committee urges all Connecticut players wishing to join to send in their applications soon, as playing will begin early in October.

This is the third season of the league, and so, much interest has been shown in chess in the state that the committee is desirous of entering new clubs, thus furthering the interest in the royal game. Hartford won the team championship last season and Charles H. Pasternack, of Hartford holds the state championship.

New Britain Chessmen Beat Travelers Team

The Hartford Courant (1923-1990); Oct 28, 1933; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Hartford Courant pg. 14

New Britain Chessmen Beat Travelers Team

The Travelers chess team was defeated 7 to 3 by the New Britain Chess Club last evening. Last season the Travelers team won and now both teams are looking forward to a play off.

New Britain Chess Club.

J. Gwynn	1½
N. Stephenson	1
H. Dow	0
W. Brulling	1
W. Crowell	1
W. Schmidt	½
A. R. Spiecer	1
Dr. V. Mandlitz	1
H. Aszkenasy	0
G. Hamlin	1
Total	7
Travelers Chess Club.	
W. L. Poffenberger	4½
E. Protheroe	0
Geo. E. Avery	1
Armandus Magnus	0
A. E. Bronson	0
W. A. Hough	½
J. Roebuck	0
H. E. MacKern	0
S. F. Nelson	1
W. A. Morris	0
Total	3

Travelers Chess Team Beats New Britain

The Hartford Courant (1923-1990); Mar 30, 1933; ProQuest pg. 4

Travelers Chess Team Beats New Britain

The Travelers Club defeated the New Britain Chess and Checkers Club in a chess tournament played at the Travelers Club Wednesday night by a score of nine and one-half to two and one-half. William H. Brulling and Nathan G. Stephenson were the only two winners for the defeated team, defeating Walter E. Poffenberger and Frank Downing respectively, while Simon F. Nelson of Travelers and John L. Schenck of New Britain played a draw.

Results of the other games: Dorance C. Bronson, Travelers, defeated Samuel M. Shore; Frederick P. Fisher, Travelers, defeated William Crowell; Edward Protheroe, Travelers, defeated William Schmidt; Lyle Rescott, Travelers, defeated Clarence W. Hart; George E. Avery, Travelers, defeated Harold Billcliffe; Jack Roebuck, Travelers, defeated George Hamlin, Jr.; Warren Hough, Travelers, defeated William Grybowski; Harold E. MacKern, Travelers, defeated Carey H. Bush; Wendell Morris, Travelers, defeated Hjalmar Abrahamson.

New Britain chessmen beat Travelers team. (1933, Oct 28). *The Hartford Courant (1923-1990)* Retrieved from Access to ProQuest databases provided by the Connecticut State Library - ProQuest

Travelers chess team beats New Britain. (1933, Mar 30). *The Hartford Courant (1923-1990)* Retrieved from Access to ProQuest databases provided by the Connecticut State Library - ProQuest

RESOLUTIONS OF REGRET: New Britain Chess Club Mourns Death of a Champion
THE NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB

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RESOLUTIONS OF REGRET

**New Britain Chess Club Mourns
Death of a Champion**

To the Editor of The Courant:—

In tribute to the memory of Charles Pasternack, the New Britain Chess Club recently adopted the following resolution. If you have the space will you kindly reprint it in the Forum?

It is resolved that: Chess in Connecticut has lost its best player in the recent death of Charles Pasternack. Winning the Connecticut State title twice in succession and being the foremost player at the time of his death were only a few of his many chess accomplishments. When World's Champion, Dr. Alekhine visited Bridgeport a year and a half ago, Mr. Pasternack played him to a draw. When Mr. Kashdan, considered by many to be America's foremost player, visited Collinsville a year ago Mr. Pasternack defeated him in less than twenty moves.

He constantly won while playing top board for the Hartford chess team. Chess players both old and young admired him. No chess gathering in Connecticut was complete without him. The New Britain Chess Club mourns with those he left after him. Our respects to the memory of the man who exemplified the best there is in chess.

THE NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB,
New Britain, Feb. 4, 1934.

New Britain Chess Champion Gets Cup

Special

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**New Britain Chess
Champion Gets Cup**

Bristol. April 8.—(Special.)—Joseph Glynn of New Britain was presented a cup by Arthur G. Powers of West Hartford, president of the Connecticut Chess League, at the convention of the league here Sunday for naming the New Britain champion.

Historical Newspapers: Hartford Courant

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Conn. Chess League and Club Notes

By A. R. SPICACCI

The surprise of the week in the Connecticut chess circles was the defeat of Joseph Glynn by Raymond Mathewson for the top position on the New Britain Chess Club ladder. Glynn, who holds the title of city champion has held first position in the club since its inception. Mathewson, on the other hand, won the honor of having the highest percentage of games won for New Britain in the inter-city matches the past season. These two leading players of the Hardware City fought over the chess board very closely and it was not until late in the night that Mathewson emerged victor by a score of two to one.

The championship play of the Bridgeport Chess Club members is now in progress. Here, too, a surprise was in store when the secretary of the Connecticut Chess League, Fred C. Beach, defeated last year's club champion, Austin McGregor. Although McGregor won the first game, Beach with the white pieces won the second after the brilliant sacrifice of a Knight on the fifth move. This defeat materially reduces McGregor's chances of winning the class "A" tournament.

Echoes From World Championship.

With due respect to Bogoljubow as a tournament player, the final result of his match with Dr. A. Alekhine for the world's championship was wholly in accord with the general expectation of the chess world. Although he has courage, and at times he had Alekhine worried, Bogoljubow was out of his class with the present title holder. At the outset the challenger showed he could not depend on himself at critical stages of a game. There were lapses and there were times when the time clock called on Bogoljubow to make decisions which cost him the game.

The match was started at Baden-Baden on April 1 and, after making rounds of various German resorts, wound up in Berlin on June 14. The match resulted in favor of Alekhine by a score of 8 to 3 with 13 draws.

Conn. Chess League And Club Notes

By A. R. SPICACCL.

The New Britain Chess Club not only has grown rapidly in the last few years but has also developed many strong players. One of these enthusiasts, William H. Crowell, Jr., belongs to coming generation of chess experts of Connecticut. While he is still in his teens and just graduated from High School, he has given the much older and more experienced players quite a little worry over the chess board. Whether he is won or lost, his games give indication of very good analytical prowess. We append herewith two of the games, one of which he won from one of the leading experts of Connecticut, Arthur T. Powers of Hartford, while the other he lost to Carl Wehde of Springfield.

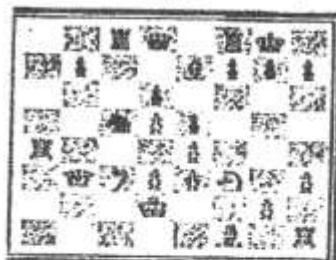
The Sicilian Defence.

WHITE BLACK.

Arthur G. Powers Wm. H. Crowell, Jr.

1. P-K4	P-QH4
2. P-QB4	KL-QB3
3. K1-KB3	P-K4
4. Q-KB3	K1-B3
5. K1-B3	Q-KB3
6. P-R3	Centes
7. P-Q3	P-Q3
8. B-R3	B-R3
9. K1-Q3	K1-R3
10. P-QKt4	PxP
11. PxP	BxR
12. BxP	KtxP
13. KtxP	Kt-B3
14. Q-K13	Kt-K3
15. B-K3	R-B
16. R-R4	Kt-B7 ch.
17. Kt-Q2	KtxB
18. PxKt	Kt-B4

CROWELL,
Black



White

POWERS

Position after 18.—Kt-B4

19. Q-R3	Kt-KR
20. CxRt	R-B
21. Q-K13	Q-R4 ch.
22. K-K2	Q-R7 ch.
23. QxQ	BxQ ch.
24. K-K3	B-G
25. B-K2	R-R8 ch.
26. B-Q	R-R4 ch.
27. K-K2	R-QB
28. K-K3	R-B8
29. B-K2	RxR
30. KtxR	R-Kt4
31. Kt-B3	R-B6
32. P-Q4	P-Kt6
33. B-B4	P-B3
34. PxP	PxP
35. Kt-K2	R-QKt8
36. Kt-K15	P-Kt8
37. Kt-B3	P-Kt7
38. Kt-Q2	BxR
39. KxB	R-Q8 ch.

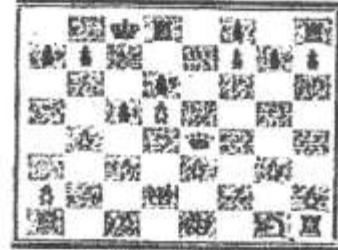
Resigns

The French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
Wm. H. Crowell	Carl Wehde,
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-QB4	P-QB4
3. K1-KB3	K1-QB3
4. P-QB	P-QB
5. PxP	Kt-K4
6. Q-K3	Q-K3
7. B-K2	P-K3
8. Kt-Q3	K1-KB3
9. P-QB4	B-B4
10. Q-Q	K1(KB3)-K15
11. B-K2	K1-Q8 ch.
12. PxP	KtxB
13. Q-K3	Q-K3
14. Kt-B3	Q-K5 ch.
15. Q-B2	GxKt
17. Q-Q2	Castles
18. P-QKt4	Q-K5 ch.
19. P-K3	Q-K5

WEHDE

Black



White

CROWELL

Position after 19.—Q-K5

20. Kt-B3	QxR
21. Kt-B3	Q-K5
22. R-B4	Q-K4
23. R-QB	B-K2
24. Q-Q2	Kt-B4
25. B-K4	Q-K4
26. PxP	FxP
27. RxfP ch.	K-Kt
28. R-Kt8	Q-Q2
29. KR-QKt4	BxP
30. RxfP ch.	QxR
31. Rxe6 ch.	KxR
32. Q-Kt5 ch.	K-Kt3
33. R-Kt8 ch.	K-Kt1
34. P-QKt4	R-KtC ch.
35. K-K3	R-K4
36. P-Q6	R-K3

Resigns

All the local clubs in the State are making preparations for the coming chess season, which starts in September. The New Britain Chess Club which has been active throughout the summer, is now arranging for the County Championship. At least eight entries are expected in this interesting tournament.

The New York State Chess Tournament still continues to attract a nation-wide interest. Kupchik continues to be the favorite to win this highly competitive tournament, but it is really too early to make any prediction.

Conn. Chess League And Club Notes

Spicacci, A. R.

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Conn. Chess League And Club Notes

By A. R. SPICACCI

Chess activities in Connecticut are now in full bloom. The inter-city matches are being played every other week in both the northern and southern sections of the League. Hartford and New Britain are conducting city tournaments. Please comment and suggestions sent to us on this chess column, it seems that in no other period has there been more interest in the Royal Game.

Hartford Chess Club.

With its victory over Collinsville by a score of 4½ to ½, the Hartford Chess Club has made an encouraging start in the inter-city matches. With over 30 entries in the city tournament, the club was forced to divide the players into three classes. The following is the standing of the leading players up to last week:

Class I. Won Lost

Bertil Clarcus	2	1
W. L. Polfenberger	2	1
A. G. Powers	5½	3½
H. Bjorkman	3½	2½
I. Bursicin	3½	2½

Class II, Group A. Won Lost

W. A. Hough	5	1
Ed. Verillo	6	2
George Avery	5	3
George Mylchreat	2½	2½

Class II, Group B. Won Lost

A. Rossoff	5	0
L. W. Brand	4	0
W. S. Jones	5½	½
George Englehardt	4½	1½

New Britain Chess Club.

Last week the New Britain Chess Club played the Deep River Chess Club and won its first match by a score of 3 to 2. The following was the line-up:

New Britain Pts.	Deep River Pts.
R. Mathewson .0	E. Waterous ..1
N. Stephenson ..1	J. Huzurka ..0
J. Glynn ..1	H. Johnson ..0
W. Crowell, Jr. ..1	J. Masters ..0
A. Fox ..0	R. Johnson ..1

3 2

William Burling is still leading in the New Britain City Tournament. The following is the standing of the first five players:

Won Lost
William Burling
J. Glynn
W. Crowell
R. Mathewson
N. Stephenson

Next week New Britain will play Collinsville and Hartford will play Deep River.

The following interesting game was played between Glynn and Johnson in the inter-city matches.

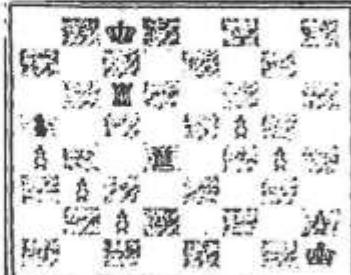
The notes were made by Glynn himself.

GLYNN	JOHNSON
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt1-KB3	Kt1-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Kt1-B3
5. Kt1-QB3	P-Q4
6. B-QK15	B-Q2
7. KtxKt	PxKt
8. B-K2	P-K4
9. Castles	R-K2
10. P-KN4	Castles
11. P-QK13	P-K3
Preparing for P-Q4	
12. R-H3	P-QR4
13. P-QR4	R-R
14. B-R3	Q-R2
15. Q-Q2	Kt-K15
16. BxKt	BxR
17. P-B5	P-B3
18. QR-B	B-R4
19. R-K3	R-R2
20. R-K13	K-R
21. KR-B3	KR-Q
22. B-B	P-Q4
23. PxP	R-K5

en because of the Rook check.

30. B-K15	R-Q5
31. R-K7	R-B2
32. RxP	P-B4
33. B-K3	R-B3
34. DxB	PxB
35. RxP	Resigns.

JOHNSON
Black



White
GLYNN
Final position.



White
GLYNN

Position after 15. B-K15

24. RxP	KxR
25. Q-H6 ch.
Not R-K13, on account of B-K13 giving back the piece with a better game for Black.	
26.	K-R
27. QxP ch.	K-Kt
28. B-R6 ch.	K-K
29. R-Kt 7	BxKt
To leave a fly square for the King.	
30. RxRP	Q-K13 ch.
Necessary.	
31. K-R	K-Q2
32. RxB ch.	K-B
33. R-Kt 5	RxP
As good as any. Black threatens mate.	
34. Q-K6 ch.	K-Kt
35. Q-K8 ch.	Q-Q
36. QxQ ch.	RxQ
37. BxR	K-B
38. P-KK14	P-K5

The White Bishop can not be taken.

39. Rxf7*	RXP
Of course forced.	
40. Kt—K4	KtxP
41. R—B4	R—Q8 sq.
42. K—B5 sq.	K—Q3
43. K—C3	K—Q3
44. R—B3	K—Q3
45. R—B3	K—Q3
46. R—Q3	KtxP
47. KtxP	Kt—B4, ch.
48. R—B3	P—R6, ch.
49. R—B3	P—R6, ch.
50. R—B4	P—R4
51. Kt—K3, ch.	K—R5
52. R—B4 sq.	K—B5
53. KtxP	Kt—Q8
54. Kt—K3	P—R6
55. P—R6	P—R6, the better move.
56. Kt—B2, ch.	K—B6
57. KtxP	K—Kt7

Black wins easily if KtxP is played here.

58. P—R4

59. Kt—B4

60. K—R5

61. K—B4

62. K—Q8

63. KtxP

64. Kt—K8

65. P—R6

66. Kt—B7

67. KtxP

BURLING

Black

Conn. Chess League And Club Notes

The column this week is written by William H. Crowell, Jr., substituting for R. G. Powers, the regular chess columnist.

At this time we wish to present a game played between W. Burling and R. G. Powers in the 1934 New Britain Championship Tournament. The opening is the Queen's Gambit Accepted and the annotations are by Powers, who is a member of the New Britain Chess Club.

White Black
 BURLING BILTCRIPPE

1. P—Q4 Kt—Kb3

2. P—QB4 P—Q4

3. Kt—Qb3 P—Qb3

The strongest continuation here is P—PxP. Then KtxP, 4. P—K4 and White has the preferable position.

4. Kt—K3 P—Qb3

If Black had played P—K3 on his first move instead of Kt—Kb3 it would be advisable to take the pawn just now.

5. P—K3 P—QR4 should come first.

6. P—QR4 P—Kt4

7. Kt—QKt sq. P—QR4

8. BxP

As is seen here in the Queen's Gambit, it is usually quite easy to recover the pawn.

9. Q—B3 B—R3

10. QxB P—Q4

11. Q—B2 P—K3

12. Q—Q2 P—B4

13. P—K4 About the only safe move.

14. P—QKt3 Q—Kt2

15. KtxP B—B4

16. K—K5 O—O

17. Kt—Q2 P—B4

18. P—K5 Preparing for the advance of the King's Bishop's pawn.

19. Q—Kt sq. R—B sq.

20. Q—K4 Kt—Kt sq.

21. P—R4 KtxP, ch.

22. Kt—R sq. Kt—B3, ch.

23. Kt—R sq. Kt—B3, ch.

24. Kt—R sq. Kt—B7, ch.

25. Kt—R sq. Kt—B7, ch.

26. Kt—R sq. Kt—B7, ch.

27. Kt—R sq. Kt—B7, ch.

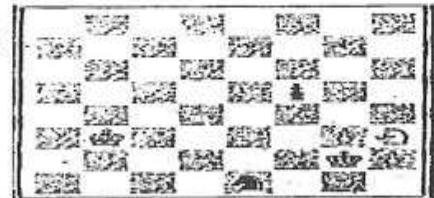
28. Kt—R sq. Kt—B7

The Bishop is all right where it gets White into trouble by moving.

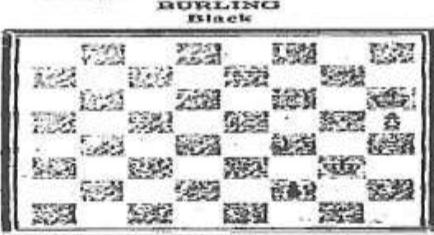
29. Kt—B7, ch.

Black BURLING

Position after 28. ... Kt—B7, ch.
 29. RxKt Forced. If 29. Kt—Kt sq. then QxP and wins.
 30. BxKt P—R6
 The best move that White can make.
 31. Q—Kt2 ch. P—K4
 32. QxKt RxKt
 This exchange is just about forced. It still leaves Black with the winning game.
 33. PxP P—K4
 34. Q—B1, ch. P—K4
 35. Kt—K3 sq. R—B sq.
 36. KtxQ R—B sq.
 37. R—B7 R—B3
 38. R—B5, ch. K—B5
 A very bad move. Although White has not much at his disposal, Kt—Q8 is much better.



White BILTCRIPPE
 Position after 37. K—Kt7
 38. Kt—Kt sq. ?
 The text move of course loses. Here is passed up an easy draw by 38. Kt—B4, ch. K—B5, 39. Kt—R6 with Kt—Kt7 and KtxP to follow.
 39. P—R4 KtxP
 40. Kt—Q6 A much easier win for Black is Kt—B6. 40. Kt—B6, K—Kt7, 41. Kt—R6 with KtxP to follow.
 41. Kt—Q5 K—Q6
 42. Kt—Q4 Kt—B2
 43. Kt—Q5 KtxP
 44. Kt—B6 K—R3
 45. Kt—B5 P—B6
 46. Kt—K6 P—B7
 47. KtxP Resigns



White BILTCRIPPE
 Final Position
 Hartford Chess Club.

By virtue of a victory in the City Tournament last week, I. Burstein advanced to the first place. Below following is the present standing of the leading players in Class I.

Won Lost

1. Burstein 5 2

2. Bjorkman 5 3

3. G. Powers 7 1 4 1/2

4. Clermont 2

The team of the Hartford Chess Club overwhelmingly defeated the Deep River Chess Club in an inter-

club league match last week by the score of 5 to 0. The results were as follows:

Hartford Deep River

I. Burstein 0 J. Johnson

A. G. Powers 0 A. Pearson

I. Burstein 0 A. Johnson

I. Bjorkman 0 J. Mathewson

N. Neale 0 J. Mathewson

New Britain Chess Club.

W. Burling still remains in first

place in the present City Champion-

ship Tournament. The results of

the tournament games to date are as follows: G. Powers defeated Stephen-

son. Fox drew with Mathewson.

Glynn defeated Fox and Crowell de-

feated Glynn. Here is the stand-

ing of the leading players: Won Lost

1. Burling 7 0

2. Glynn 5 2

3. G. Powers 3 1 3 1/2

The next league match for the

New Britain team is with the Hart-

ford Chess Club. The match is

scheduled to be played in Hartford

during the first week of January.

Last year the two teams met twice,

but each team was able to win on

its home ground, so two close con-

tests are looked forward to this year.