

# 1955 - 1959

1955 - 1956

The meeting of the New Britain Chess Club was called to order at 9:30 P.M. by President Edmund Roman.

After reports elections of officers for the new year was held with the following results:

President - Edmund Roman  
Vice President - Jan Kondrowski  
Sec. Treas. - Robert Corr  
Team Captain - Arkadij Sturdin  
Tournament Director - Eric Wiener  
Press. Rep. - Atty William Dworski  
Oct. 1956 - Robert Corr, Sec. Treas.

<u>Stradins score</u>		<u>by board</u>		<u>Conn. Team Champs.</u>	
Stradins	$\frac{1}{2}$	Wisowsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	New Haven	B
"	1	Weil	0	Hartford	B
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	Wolk	$\frac{1}{2}$	Univ. of Conn.	A
"	1	Kimson	0	Bristol	A
"	1	Plock	0	Yale	A
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	Friedental	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bridgewater	A
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. Platz	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hartford	A
"	1	King	0	New London	A
"	1	Bolton	0	New Haven	A
"	1	Wertheim	0	Yale	B
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Best score for 1956 by board 1

This game is played Apr. 12, 1956 in New Haven  
in the Conn. Team Champ.

White: A. Stordins Black: Jamel Bolton Conn. Champ.

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|-------------|--------|----------------|----------|
| 1 - P-Q4    | P-K3   | 21 - P-R4      | N-B2     |
| 2 - P-QB4   | P-QB3  | 22 - N-B4      | K-N2     |
| 3 - P-K4    | P-Q4   | 23 - PXP       | PXP      |
| 4 - BPXP    | KXP    | * 24 - R-R6!!! | KXR      |
| 5 - P-K5    | B-B4   | 25 - N-K6ch.   | K-R2     |
| 6 - N-QB3   | B-N5   | 26 - NKN       | R-R7     |
| 7 - P-QR3   | BKN    | 27 - B-Q2!     | R-B6     |
| 8 - PxB     | N-K2   | 28 - NXP5      | R-KR6    |
| 9 - B-Q3    | Q-R4   | 29 - N-B6ch.   | K-N2     |
| 10 - N-K2   | O-O    | 30 - RXP!      | R-KR8ch. |
| 11 - BxB    | NxB    | 31 - K-K2      | R-R7ch.  |
| 12 - Q-Q3   | P-KN3? | 32 - K-B3      | KXRxB    |
| 13 - P-KN4! | N-N2   | 33 - RXPch.    | K-B1     |
| 14 - P-KB4  | P-B3   | 34 - BKNch.    | K-B2     |
| 15 - P-KR4! | PXP    | 35 - R-N7ch.   | K-K3     |
| 16 - BPXP   | Q-N4   | 36 - K-B4!     | R-B7ch.  |
| 17 - QxQ    | PxQ    | 37 - K-N5!     | R-R6     |
| 18 - P-R5   | N-K3!  | 38 - P-N6ch.   | K-K2     |
| 19 - PXP    | PXP    |                |          |
| 20 - R-QN1  | P-R3   |                |          |

the Conn. Champ  
game up.

A brilliant play.  
D. Platz

# CONNECTICUT CHESS

By G. E. AVERY

## Hartford Chess Club Closed until Sept. 7.

You will note from the caption that official activities of the Hartford Chess Club will be dormant until Sept. 7. There is no reason why unofficial games and matches may not be arranged between individuals who wish to play in spite of the heat. In fact, one or two of these have already been played.

### State Meeting

A special meeting of the Connecticut State Chess Assn. was held last night at the YMCA in Middletown. This was called by President Isaiah Spector, but we haven't heard as to what is on the agenda. There is some talk of inviting the New England Assn. to have its 1957 New England Championship Tournament in Hartford. This year the Tournament will be held in Providence.

### Chess Club Ladder

As you may know, the Hartford Chess Club maintains a ladder to keep the relative strength of the players. This varies from week to week, as challenges are made which change the standing. As we close the season, the standing of the players: Dr. Platz, Weil, Lane, Edelbaum, Clareus, Kochman, Rapuano, Raymond, Lerman, Klavins, Mitchell, Putsche, Hickey, Clapsis, Stacy, Felix, Avery, Liaukminas, Smith, Powell, Perez Sr., LeBlanc, Fridberg, Nestor, Granoff, Liebman, Perez Jr., Ninno, Gifford, Cacchiola, Mace, Thoms.

### Game Selection

This game is submitted by U.S. Master, Dr. Joseph Platz, with these comments: "When, on June 10, 1956, our Connecticut team went all the way up to Boston and beat a powerful Massachusetts team on their home grounds by 15-12, the result might have come as a sur-

prise to many, but not to the members of the Connecticut team.

What counts more than the numerical success, however, is the quality of chess played. The following game illustrates this point; it was played in a team match New Britain vs. New Haven on April 12th. The winner is A. Strazdins, a quiet, modest young man, whose combinations are unusually deep. The loser is J. Bolton, twice winner of the New England championship." Notes are by Dr. Platz.

<b>Strazdins</b> white	<b>Bolton</b> black
1 P-Q4	P-K3
2 P-QB4	P-QB3
3 P-K4	P-Q4
4 BPxP	KPxP
5 P-K5	B-KB4
6 N-QB3	B-QN5
7 P-QR3	BxN ch

To give up a Bishop against a Knight so early in the game is questionable, besides the move strengthens the white center.

8 PxB	N-K2
9 B-Q3	Q-R4

There the Queen is out of action entirely. Better was Q-Q2.

10 N-K2	0-0
11 BxB	NxB
12 Q-Q3	P-KN3

On general principle it is better not to retreat unless one is forced to, but here N-K2 would have been preferable. The text move weakens the King position.

13 P-KN4	N-N2
14 P-KB4	P-B3
15 P-KR4	PxP
16 BPxP	Q-N4
17 QxQ	PxQ
18 P-R5	N-K3
19 PxP	PxP
20 R-QN1	P-R3
21 P-R4	N-B2
22 N-B4	K-N2
23 PxP	PxP
24 R-R6	

This quiet elegant Rook sacrifice is characteristic of Strazdin's style. The best defense would have been to decline it, although white always has the best of it i.e. 24 R-R6, R-R3; 25 P-N5, R-KR1; 26 P-K6, RxR; 27 PxR ch, K-R2; 28

P-K7, N-B3; 29 NxQP, N-K1; 30 RxP and wins.

24 . . .	KxR
25 N-K6 ch	K-R2
26 NxN	

If, instead, 26 NxR ch., K-N2, the Knight will not get home.

27 B-Q2	R-R7
	R-B6

White's last move prevented black from doubling his Rooks by R(1)-B7.

28 NxQP	R-KR6
29 N-B6 ch	K-N2
30 RxP	R-KR8 ch
31 K-K2	R-R7 ch
32 K-B3	KRxB
33 RxP ch	K-B1

Forced, because if 33 . . . K-R3; 34 R-R7 ch., K-N4; 35 N-K4 mate.

34 RxN ch	K-B2
35 R-N7 ch	K-K3
36 K-B4	R-B7 ch
37 K-N5	R-R6
38 R-N6 ch	K-K2
39 KxP	R-KR7
40 P-N5	R-KN7
41 P-K6	R-R4
42 P-Q5	R-KR7
43 N-N8 ch	K-Q1
44 P-Q6	resigns

### Problems

Completion of last week's problem:

QxN(R6) ch	KxQ
N-K6 dis. ch	K-R4
B-K2 ch	K-R5
R-B4 ch	NxR
P-N3 ch	K-R6

NxN mate

In this game, played in Naples in 1914, from this situation, Dr. Tarrasch mated in four moves. What was his key move?



## MOVE TO GEN. HALLER POST

1956 - 1957

The meeting of the New Britain Chess Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Edmund Roman. After reports elections of officers for the 1956/1957 season was held with the following results:

President	-	Robert Corr
Vice President	-	Edward Nowakowski
Sec. Treas.	-	Jan Kondrowski
Team Captain	-	Arkadij's Strojinski
Tournament Director	-	Jan Kondrowski
Press Rep.	-	Eric Wiener
Sept. 1956	-	Jan Kondrowski Sec. Treas.

1957 - 1958

The meeting of the New Britain Chess Club was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Robert Corr. After reports elections of officers for the 1957-1958 season was held with the following results:

President	-	Jan Leska
Vice President	-	Atty William Dzwonki
Sec. Treas.	-	Robert Corr
Team Captain	-	Jan Kondrowski
Tournament Director	-	Arkadij's Strojinski
Press Rep.	-	Chuter Sawicki

## Leading Chess Players of Two States to Move

The Connecticut - Massachusetts chess match will take place at Gen. Haller Post Hall Sunday at 1 p. m. when between 40 and 50 match games will get underway.

Connecticut will pit its top-ranked players, plus the best from each club in the state, against the competition from the Bay State.

The New Britain Chess Club, host to the players, will have available Akadijs Strazdins, one of the leading players in New England; Edmund Roman, John Cendrowski, Albert Goldstein and Frank Kozakiewicz.

If Massachusetts sends a student division, New Britain will be represented by the Connecticut class B champion, Lucien Kraszewski, a Central Junior High School pupil.

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1958 - 1959

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President - Atty William V. Dworski

Vice President - Vincent Kezna

Sec. ~~From~~ - Stephen Astoria

Treasurer - Jan Cendrowski

Tournament Director - Arkadijs Strazdins

Class A Director - Robert Corr

Class B Director - Edward Nowakowski

Sept 10, 1958, Stephen Astoria, Sec.

Sep. 10 - 1958



ATTY. WILLIAM DWORSKI  
New President

#### New Britain Chess Club Elects Officers

Atty. William V. Dworski has been elected president of the New Britain Chess Club for the 1958-59 season.

Vincent Kezna is vice president; Stephen Astoria, secretary; Jan Cendrowski, treasurer and tournament director; Arkadis Strazdins, Class A director, and Robert Corr, Class B director.

Club meetings will be held Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Gen. Haller Post building and are open to all chess players.

Strazdins made a good showing in the state and New England tournaments; 2nd in Conn. and third in New England. In that year he was lost in a game! Stephen Astoria drew with champion Strazdins.

	New Britain	New London	Nov. 2, 1958 in N.Y.
1 -	Strazdins 1	King	0
2 -	Kozakiewicz 1	Dz. O'Brien	0
3 -	Le Clerc 0	R. Morgan	1
4 -	<u>Jankowski 1</u>	V. Christensen	0
	3		1

1959 - 1960

The meeting called to order at 8:15 P. M. by President Atty William V. Dworski. After reports elections of officers for the 1959-1960 season was held with the following results;

President - Robert Corr  
 Vice President - Jan Kondrowski  
 Sec. Treas. - Stephen Astoria  
 Team Captain - Arkadij's Strazdins  
 Pres. Rep. - Atty William Dworski  
 Class A team capt. Jan Kondrowski  
 Class B team capt. Robert Corr

It was decided to enter a team in the team tournament of the Conn. Chess League A and B class.