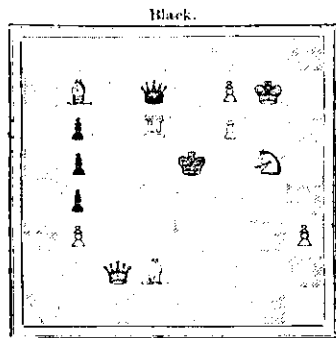


CHESS.

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Position No. 60.
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White to play and mate in two.
Forsyth Notation. 8. 1R1q1PK1.
1p1R1P2, 1p2k1K1, 1p1, 1P5P, 2Q14, 8.

Amusing End Play.

The following well-constructed game has an amusing finish:-

French Defence.	
White.	Black.
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. K-K1	K-K3
4. B-KK1	B-K2
5. P-K5	K-K1
6. BxB	QxB
7. K-K1	K-K3
8. P-Q1	P-Q1
9. P-G5	P-K1
10. P-K1	R-K1
11. QxR	Castles
12. PxP	QxP
13. P-Q1	P-K1
14. P-K4	R-K2
15. B-Q3	K-K1
16. K-K2	R-K1
17. Castles	PxP
18. PxP	P-Q1
19. Q-K	Q-Q (a)
20. P-K4	P-K1
21. P-K1	PxP
22. R-B	R-K5 (b)
23. R-K	P-K1
24. R-B	K-K1
25. K-K2	KxQ
26. KxQ	R-K7 ch (c)
27. K-K3	R-K7 ch
28. BxK (d)	Q-K6 ch
29. K-K4	P-Q5
30. R-B (e)	P-R4 ch
31. PxP e.p.	P-B4 ch
32. K-K1 (f)	QxR
33. K-Q5 (g)	Q-K7 ch
34. K-B	QxK1
35. KxP	RxB
36. P-R7ch	K-R
37. QxR	B-K ch

- And now Black announced mate in seven moves:-
38. K-B
 39. Q-R5
 40. K-K5
 41. KxR
 42. P-R3
 43. P-R3
- (a) A preliminary precaution, necessary in order to prevent Q-R4. From this point onwards the course of the game is of the very highest interest.
- (b) A fine move, the consequences of which are shown at a later stage.
- (c) Forcing the game by a magnificent combination.
- (d) Best; if 28. KxK1, Black wins easily by 28. Q-K6 ch.
- (e) White's defence is an excellent one, but he has an untenable position.
- (f) If 32. PxP e.p., then, of course, 32... P-K4 ch would follow.
- (g) White should have abandoned the game. In that case, however, an amusing finish would have been lost to the chess world.

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Secretaries of ladies' golf clubs are invited to forward official notices, handi-caps and alterations, results of competitions, and other matters of interest, to reach the publishing office not later than the Saturday prior to date of publication.

Auckland.

THE members of this club indulged in mixed foursomes (a form of golf which is not supposed to be taken very seriously) on Saturday last. The weather was perfect, and a large number of players took part, and there were quite a number of on-lookers. Some good cards were handed in, the best being that of Miss Ethna Pierce and D. Hay, gross score—90, 9, 81. Then came Miss Winnie Cotter and G. Hanna 83, and Miss Sybil Payton and H. Horton 83, Miss Jean Richmond and McCormick 85, Mrs. Edmunds and Cave 85, Miss McLean and H. Frater 87, Miss A. Carr and Greig 88; Miss Henderson and Nathan 88, Miss Duthie and Dargaville 91, Miss Bloombfield and Towle 93, Miss L. Gorrie and Lawrence 93, Miss Hesketh and Allen 94, Miss Coutts and P. Upton 94, Miss Thorpe and McFarland 94, Miss Myra Reid and Guy Pierce 95, Miss Draper and Gilliland 97, Miss Martin and Lambert 100, Miss Leys and S. Upton 101, Mrs Bruce and Maxwell-Scott 105, Miss Cooke and Bruce 107, Mrs E. Russell and Carr 108.

Wellington.

THE RANFURLY CUP.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Wellington Golf Club's competition for the Ranfurly Cup (men's foursomes) was played to-day, under beautiful weather conditions. G. E. Johnson and C. J. Nathan won with the excellent score of 2 up. The following were the next best cards handed in:—C. Elgar and P. A. Keshell 1 up; G. Thorne-George and T. S. Weston 1 up; L. C. Hales and C. Gore 2 down; A. S. Biss and H. G. H. Rawson 2 down; A. S. Biss and H. G. Didsbury 3 down; A. E. Whyte and W. E. Fussell 3 down; M. Ross and C. M. Turrell 3 down; W. Higginson and E. L. Chaffey 4 down; J. Marchbanks and George Johnson 5 down; R. Wynn Kirkby and A. Young 5 down.

MIRAMAU.

The semi-finals of the Miramar Golf Club's championship resulted in B. L. Taylor beating F. E. Mills and R. L. D. Kidston beating F. Stevenson one up on the eighteenth green. This leaves Kidston and Taylor to fight out the championship next Saturday.

Hamilton.

A very enjoyable golf match was played on Wednesday last between the Hamilton and Cambridge Clubs on the local links. The following are the de-

NOTES.

The late Robert Kock, the great bacteriologist, was a keen chess player, and used to beguile the time when in Central Africa with the royal game. Once, on a voyage there on a Hamburg-American liner, he organised a tourney among the officers and passengers, and won the first prize.

It is stated that the Government of Cuba are willing to give a prize of 2,000 dollars for a match for the world's championship between Dr. Lasker and J. R. Capablanca.

At the Auckland Chess Club, in the handicap tournament, Ray is leading with two wins, having defeated Grierson and Davies, receiving Knight and move from them. In the Level Tourney O'Loughlin is leading, being closely followed by Ewon and Grierson.

Solution to Position No. 60.

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tails of the games, the Hamilton players being mentioned first in each case:—Mrs Douglas lost to Miss Willis; Miss Swarbrick lost to Miss Landon; Miss Wilkinson lost to Miss Ferguson; Miss Primrose lost to Miss Brookes; Mrs Peerless and Miss Taylor, all square. Gentlemen: Gillies beat Howden, Bond lost to Nicol, Swarbrick and Wells all square, Mahoney and Banks all square, Edgcomb beat Roberts, Shand beat McBride, McLeod lost to Wilkinson, Cavanagh lost to Muir.

Cambridge.

A large brake load of Cambridge golfers and their friends journeyed to Hamilton on Wednesday to play a return match with Hamilton, Cambridge won by 7 points to 3. The details of the play are as follows, Cambridge players being mentioned first in each instance:—Miss K. Willis defeated Mrs Douglas, 5 up and 4 to play; Miss Landon defeated Miss Wilkinson, 5 up and 3 to play; Miss Ferguson defeated Miss Primrose, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss Brooks defeated Miss Swarbrick, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss B. Taylor and Miss Peerless, all square.

Men.—A. H. Nicoll defeated C. F. Bond, 2 up and 1 to play; Dr. Howden lost to H. T. Gillies, 4 up and 3 to play; M. Wells and F. Swarbrick, all square; J. Banks and C. Mahoney, all square; R. J. Roberts lost to H. Edgcombe, 5 up and 4 to play; C. W. McBride lost to A. G. Shand, 5 up and 3 to play; R. Muir defeated Cavanagh, 7 up and 5 to play.

The Vice-President (Mr W. R. C. Walker) presented a trophy to the player who returned the three best cards in the season's monthly medal competitions. This was won by Mr A. H. Nicoll, whose three best cards totalled 294, Mr M. Wells being second with a score of 311.

The ladies' September monthly medal was won by Miss K. Willis, with a gross score of 111—14—07.

The men's September monthly medal competition was won by M. Wells with a gross score of 90—10—74.

Rotorua.

The match of the season was played between P. Sherriff and J. McFarlane in the championship series.

The score of 86 put on by Percy Sherriff (42 and 44) and McFarlane's 89 (43 and 46) were both splendid rounds. That two such fine and consistent performances should come off in one match shows again that our younger players are coming into form fast. Many members are now putting on scores under 50, and the whole tone of the play is improving.

The B division of golfers were expected to play a qualifying round on Saturday, but only two handed in scores, Mr. Crowther (109) and Mr. Redward (108). The rest of the competitors will play on Wednesday.

In the Ladies' Monthly Medal Competition the scores handed in were as follows:—Mrs. Kusliss, gross 57, handicap 12, net 45; Mrs. Urquhart, 67—20—47; Mrs. Grove, 56—8—48; Mrs. Crowther, 63—15—48; Miss Landon, 75—20—55; Miss Phillips, 76—20—56; Mrs. Dyson, 71—14—57; Mrs. Bennett, 78—20—58; Mrs. Hill, 84—20—64.

Stratford.

The men's last medal round for the season resulted as follows:—F. W. Wake, 98—14—84; J. R. Stamford, 86—scratch—80; J. H. Thompson, 98—6—92; S. Spence, 96—2—93; H. H. Betts, 106—13—93; Dr. Menzies, 106—12—94; A. C. Jones, 101—7—94; P. P. Uniacke, 90—2—97; P. Jackson, 112—14—98; O. Vaughan, 116—16—100; N. Black, 106—4—102; W. Remell, 132—22—110.

The ladies' last medal match round resulted as follows:—

A Section (18 holes).—Miss Fussell, 119—5—114; Mrs Robinson, 128—6—122; Mrs C. Raikes, 129—5—124.

B. Section (12 holes).—Mrs Hogg, 83—20—63; Mrs Anderson, 104—20—84;

Mrs Copping, 123—28—95; Miss Anderson, 115—20—95.

A match between the Stratford and New Plymouth ladies teams was played on Saturday, the weather being very showery and unpleasant. The local club won by 4 to 2. The scores were as follows, Stratford players being mentioned first:—Miss F. Orbell, 1, v. Miss Stephenson, 0; Miss Orbell, 1, v. Mrs Reid, 0; Miss Fussell, 1, v. Mrs Grinson, 0; Mrs Raikes, 0, v. Mrs Arnold Jones, 1; Mrs Robinson, 1, v. Miss Bewley, 0; Mrs Johnston, 0, v. Miss Hall, 1; Mrs Menzies, 1, v. Miss Kirkby, 0.

The following are the totals of the players who have qualified (from four rounds) for the aggregate (medal play) of the Stratford Club:—Mr F. P. Uniacke, 364; Dr. Menzies, 367; F. N. Fussell, 368; S. Spence, 369; H. L. Betts, 369; N. Black, 375; J. H. Thompson, 380; O. Vaughan, 397.

Poverty Bay.

The final of the Poverty Bay Golf Championship was played off on the local links on Saturday week, when, in spite of a most unpleasant nor-westerly gale, a most exciting game was played, ending in Mr G. M. Dodgshun carrying off the honours from Mr Pare Keiha, an old champion, by 1 up. The game was most even and exciting, a large number of golfers following throughout the 36 holes.

In a putting, driving, and approaching contest, Miss E. Barker won the driving and putting, and Miss F. Davies the approaching shot.

Nelson.

The last match of the golf season was a four-ball bogey handicap, played on the Tahuna Links on Saturday week. The four best scores handed in were:—Messrs. Wood and Johnston, 4 down; Messrs Hair and Richmond, 6 down; Messrs Brown and Jackson, 6 down; Messrs Herd and McCabe, 7 down.

Shots That Linger in the Memory.

One may play round after round on the links, and though each game will be full of interest—for herein lies the fascination of golf—and may even reach that standard of excellence that one has set up for oneself as an ideal, there may be nothing in any of them that calls for the exercise of memory. But every now and again something of super-excellence occurs that will harm our hearts to remember in those far-off days. Nature compels even the plus six man to lay aside his clubs till such time as he may play a more superior game in a Better Land. This "something" it is that makes golf the queen of games she is. However dead one's play may be in after days, the thoughts go back to that heroic shot that won a hole which had already been lost, in the midst of missed drives and fozzled approaches one reflects that what has happened once may happen again, and at any moment. And so you take fresh heart and address your ball—in hope.

One such shot occurs to me. It was during the final of the cup competition which was the principal event in the particular club to which I refer. All through the morning round I had played execrable golf, so that at lunch-time I was four down, and with my equipment playing as he had rarely played before there seemed but little probability that I would be able to make up the leeway in the afternoon. But the conversation of friends at lunch served me to renewed efforts, so that as we went to the first tee I felt more confident. In consequence I played a bit above my form. We were all square at the eleventh, and then began a neck-and-neck struggle. Hole after hole we halved in or under bogey till we reached the thirty-fifth. Now, this hole was my pet abomination. Though only two hundred yards long, it was up hill, and with the prevailing wind dead against the ball a very full drive was required to reach the green, which was heavily bunkered.

In fear and trepidation I addressed my ball—with the inevitable result. With that horrible sound that tells of a bad slice the ball skidded off the heel of my club a bare fifty yards at an obtuse angle to the line of the hole. Then my adversary drove a long, clean shot that landed him hole-high to the right of the green. When I reached my ball I found it lying in an unexpectedly good lie in the rough, but between the hole and me yawned a savage bunker. In an agony of deprecation I called for my mid iron and played a long low shot off the right foot. The