THIS VICTORY IS NOTABLE

Landing of Western League Teams at Denver and Colorado Springs.

BRINGING IN AN UNTRIED QUANTITY

Distance from Other Points Renders Denver Not So Desirable as it Would Otherwise Be—What Might Have Been.

Without doubt the most notable base ball victory won during the warfare of the last winter was that which landed Western league teams at Denver and Colorado Springs. The Bee has no desire to disparage either of these towns, but can not fully endorse the selection. Only on the grounds of expediency can the new circuit be defended at all. Mr. Packard of Denver absolutely refused to listen to propositions to purchase his franchise, and Hulen would not hear of any offer to transfer his to Sioux City. As a consequence the Western league lost an opportunity to land Indianapolis and Louisville and has to put up with Colorado Springs, an untried quantity, where Sunday games are not allowed, in lieu of Sioux City, which is probably the most loyal base ball town in the world. Denver is ours because Mr. Tebeau had a good chance to unload his franchise there on Mr. Packard at the time the Kansas City franchise was awarded to "White Wings," and Colorado Springs comes in because it is absolutely necessary to have a near-by town to support Denver. There is no question as to Denver's desirability as a member of the circuit, the only objection being the distance from the other points. The people of Denver are good base ball patrons, and will quite likely assist Mr. Packard in making his venture profitable, even at the added cost of nearly double the guaranty per game required from the other teams. Whether Colorado Springs will be able to bear up under the load is not so well assured. It is not a large population center to begin with, its residents are not of the class who patronize base ball to any great extent, and its summer tourist population is made up largely of people who are doing the mountains on limited excursion tickets, and who get enough of base ball at home and will prefer in the main to gaze on the glories of Pike's peak and the Garden of the Gods rather than to watch the hired men of Mr. Hulen or whoever runs the team chase each other and the visiting team around the sandy diamond. Sunday games will be transferred up the road towards Cripple Creek, to a point where sufficient flat ground can be found on which to lay a diamond, and here the game will be pulled off before as many as wish to pay the railroad fare in addition to the charge at the gates. This arrangement may pan out, but it doesn't look good on the surface.

In the meantime Indianapolis and Louisville are given an opportunity to join the Interstate league, which is being formed. Good luck to them. We would have liked it had they been able to break into the Western, but they couldn't under the circumstances. Watkins is paying the penalty for waiting too long to see what Ban Johnson intended to do, when it was apparent that Johnson intended all along to throw him down. Had Indianapolis and Louisville come to the front with their offers at the December meeting the Western league would now contain their names and there wouldn't be any worry about the circuit holding together.

Still, it is a good thing to stick to the motto of last year: "Don't knock; boost." Denver and Colorado Springs are with us and the managers of those teams promise to give good ball. They have given very satisfactory guaranties of their intention to stick the season through, and there is only one thing left for the fans to do, and that is to get out and root as hard as ever. Roast the umpire all you like, but don't roast the home team nor the towns that make up the circuit.

Papa Bill Rourke has gone east with a lasso and a lot of salt, and expects to return with a whole flock of base ball players. He hasn't abandoned the line-up of his team as recently given out by him, but he thinks he knows where there is a covey of snowball eaters, and he doesn't propose to take any chances on some other magnate flushing the bunch until he gets a crack at it. Rourke was as mysterious as a clairvoyant when last seen in Omaha, and when Bill gets to acting that way he is preparing to spring something on us. All we can do is to wait—simply wait.

Magnate Chase sprung his little schedule when White Wings Tebeau wasn't looking and the astute Kansas City magnate emitted a roar that reminds one of the good old days when he was holding down first base on Brother Patsy's celebrated hoodlum team. Tebeau says the schedule doesn't go, because Magnate Chase has hogged all the Sunday games and all the holiday games, and has otherwise done things that he shouldn't have done. While Chase's schedule may not be official, it is a little difficult to see just where it is to be improved upon in the matter of fairness, so far as Sunday games and holiday games are concerned. According to the published figures, the season is to open on May 3 and close on September 23. This space of time includes twenty-one Sundays, and they are divided as follows:

Club.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Tot.
Kansas City	3	2	2	2	2	11
Omaha	1	4	1	2	3	11
Des Moines	1	3	2	1	3	10
St. Joseph	3	..	3	3	2	11
Denver	3	2	1	3	1	10
Colorado Springs	3	2	1	2	1	10
Minneapolis	1	3	3	..	3	10
St. Paul	1	2	3	1	4	11

Three holidays are to be divided among the teams. It's a cinch that four towns get two holiday games and four only get one. Here is how Mr. Chase divided them: Kansas City, July 4; Omaha, May 30; Des Moines, September 2; St. Joseph, July 4 and September 2; Denver, July 4 and September 2; Colorado Springs, July 4; Minneapolis, May 30; St. Paul, May 30 and September 2. It may be that Mr. Tebeau can figure out a more equitable division of what he calls the "plums" than Mr. Chase has offered, but he's got to show us. At any rate, Mr. Chase hasn't gone out of his way to favor Des Moines, while Mr. Tebeau's scream seems to have been born of the fact that he didn't get all he wanted for Kansas City. There are some other features of the schedule, though, which are open to objection, and serious objection.

Omaha gets a fair share of Sunday games, both at home and abroad, and also has two Decoration day games on the home grounds. The season opens as follows: Minneapolis at Omaha, St. Paul at Des Moines, St. Joseph at Denver and Kansas City at Colorado Springs. This arrangement ought to give Tebeau a nice little start for the pennant, for he will have the thrown-together Hulen team for his first three games and the patched-up Packard outfit for his next. This ought to put White Wings into his first home series, which opens on the 9th of May against Des Moines, with six wins to his credit. St. Paul follows Minneapolis at Omaha, and then the Rourkes will go to St. Joseph for three with Byron McKibben's outfit, and then to Kansas City, where they have three with Tebeau's new team. From Kansas City Omaha goes to Denver and then to Colorado Springs, jumping from there to Minneapolis and St. Paul in turn, and getting home for a pair of games with Des Moines on the 30th. Three games at Des Moines follow, and then the Rourkes will be allowed to remain at home for a while to meet Denver, Colorado Springs, St. Joseph, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Kansas City in turn. Thus Omaha will have nine games on the home grounds during the first month of playing and eighteen away. This will give the boys a chance to get used to the road early. In the meantime Kansas City gets eighteen games on the home grounds during the first month, all in a bunch, coming after the six easy ones in Colorado, and will not strike a hard team away from home until going to St. Joseph for the Decoration day games. If this arrangement doesn't give foxy Tebeau a winning lead for the pennant he'll never get it.

Des Moines gets six games at home and twenty-four abroad during the opening month; Minneapolis and St. Paul get the same as Omaha, nine at home and eighteen abroad. Colorado Springs and Denver each has eighteen games at home and nine abroad during that month. St. Joseph, the home of the president, will play six games abroad and twenty-four at home during the first month. This ought to put the McKibben team pretty well up to second place, if there is anything in the home ground theory.

Of course, during the season each team will be required, or rather expected, to play an equal number of games at home and abroad, but there is nothing like getting a good start. Tebeau ought to have at least twenty wins out of twenty-seven tries to his credit when he gets to St. Joseph for his first hard game, barring the probability of getting rained out of a few.

About the only announcement of the week from the National or American league camps of more than passing interest was that Wallace and Heidrick proposed to tote fair with DeHaas Robison and will be found playing base ball in St. Louis during the coming season. These players were announced as being on the staff of several of the American league teams, but wisely decided to stick by their contracts and set a good example. The efforts of the magnates on the several sides of the fight to induce players to desert from one league to the other have not been illustriously successful so far, and indicate better than any action the Players' association could have taken the intention of the average ball player to be honest and respect contractual obligations, even though they do exist only under the disputed reserve clause. The ball player who will remain honest with his manager and his team mates will lose nothing in the long run, even if he does fall a little shy on promised salary for a season. A couple of notoriously bad examples of a lack of regard for obligations in this respect are afforded in the cases of Joe McGinnity, who deserted Brooklyn for Baltimore, and Dick Padden, who deserted Comiskey's Chicago team for St. Louis. Last year McGinnity was the hero of the National league, and at the close of the season his companions on the Brooklyn team presented him with the big loving cup won in the post-season series with Pittsburg. When Joe looks into that shining silver mug in the future he will see something to remind him of an action he should not have taken. Padden's case is not quite so flagrant, but it is bad enough. Neither of these men could complain of ill-treatment, for they were the heroes of the champion teams of the two leagues. It is such actions as theirs that have made the magnates insist on the reserve rule.

"Big Chief" Zimmer decided he could no longer stand for the abuse he was getting from the players, whose interests he was trying to serve, and jumped the game. He had no sinecure as president of the Players' association, but he did succeed in getting practically all the men asked for from the National league, and substantial recognition from the American, and in return got only abuse. It was this ingratitude that drove him out of ball and into business. Fighting battles for other people isn't remunerative, as a rule, no matter in what line the fighter is engaged.

Somebody's pipe is still smouldering. Out from one of the many Chicago hop joints floats the story that Milwaukee and Cleveland are to be abandoned by the American league and the teams located in St. Louis and Cincinnati. This is about the warmest that has come from the laundry in several weeks and plainly indicates that a new ball of dope ought to be cooked or a new stem furnished for the pipe of some artist.

TO SHOOT IN NEW YORK

Six Omaha Marksmen Will Participate in the Coming Great American Handicap.

The Omaha shooters who leave Thursday for New York to take part in the Great American handicap will consist of W. D. Townsend, J. F. Beard, R. R. Kimball, George Loomis and "Dick" Linderman. Frank Parmelee is already in New York. The Omaha contingent expects to return with a large part of the prizes, although the rule of the handicap will be high guns win; that is, where persons are tied for first money the purses, equal in number to the persons in first place, will be combined and the sum divided between the winners. Charge for all birds will be made in addition to the entrance fee. The principal event will be shot off on April 3 and 4, being the twenty-five bird handicap, $25 entrance, birds extra, rise from twenty-five to thirty-three yards. The Omaha men, with the possible exception of Parmelee, expect to have a place under thirty yards and have been practicing on shorter distances. At the last West Will Townsend decided to give up his special load for this occasion, and in the contest will use the conventional charge. The members of the Omaha Gun club expect "Dick" Kimball to make a good record at the tournament on account of the form in which he shot at Hot Springs in the winter. He, Townsend and Parmelee are looked upon as the men who are almost sure to bring back money, while the chances for all of them are bright.

This week W. D. Townsend challenged J. E. McElreevy of Nebraska City to enter a contest for the "Dickey Bird cup," now held by McElreevy. The challenge was sent through the W. S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing company of Kansas City, which established the prize. According to the rules the holder of the cup can specify the time and place for the contest, the time to be within thirty days from the date of issuing the challenge. The contest is to be for 100 Dickey bird targets at thirty yards rise, unknown angles. It will probably take place in Omaha sometime this week.

There will be a meeting of all of the gun clubs of southeastern Iowa at Ottumwa April 25, at the time of the tournament of the Ottumwa Gun club. The meeting is called for the purpose of organizing a district association, which will consider the game laws and prepare for association tournaments.

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Tennis tournaments will be held from time to time. Outdoor goals for basket ball will be fitted up on the track in front of the grandstand.

Unusual interest is being taken in track and field athletics this year. A team will be sent to Lake Geneva to compete for national championships in individual events and the central section team championship. Entries are open to all association members and the members of the team will be selected from those making the best records between now and the time set for the contest.

Friday evening there will be an indoor contest, open to High school students, as well as association men. It will consist of the following: Putting a twelve-pound shot, 100-yard dash, half-mile race against time, running high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, and standing broad jump. Entries may be made with T. B. Barnes and will close at 12 o'clock, March 28.

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BOWLING CONTEST CLOSES

Clarksons Win Three Straights and End at Head of Class.

CONTEST IS A NECK AND NECK RACE

Movement Under Way for a Spring Tournament Which Promises to Be of Much Interest—Bowling Notes.

Clubs.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Clarksons	42	36	6	.857
Omahas	42	27	15	.642
Gate Citys	42	25	17	.590
St. Charles	42	22	20	.523
Sterlings	42	20	22	.476
Peerless Cabinets	42	15	27	.357
Krug Parks	42	12	30	.285
Nationals	42	11	31	.261

The tournament of the Omaha Bowling league closed with the contest between the Clarksons and the Omahas Thursday night, the Clarksons winning three straight and ending the season at the head of the class with thirty-six games to their credit out of the forty-two games played.

Much interest centered in the games played by the Gate City and the St. Charles teams to settle the fight for third place in the league. The Clarksons earned their place on the upper shelf some time ago and the Omahas had a cinch on second place, but at the beginning of the week the St. Charles and Gate City teams were tied, each having won twenty-two out of thirty-nine games.

It was a neck and neck contest, but the Gate Citys managed to pull out three games and landed the third prize of $15. The Krug Parks and Peerless Cabinets were also tied for sixth place at the beginning of the week. The Peerless Cabinets landed three victories and shoved the Krug Parks down into seventh place.

A movement is on foot to hold a spring tournament, and it is likely that at least six of the eight teams in the old league will play during the spring months. The interest in bowling does not seem to diminish with the approach of warm weather. The Gate Citys and St. Charles have already been matched for a series of fifteen games and the Omahas and Clarksons will bowl fifteen games.

Another tournament is assured for next season and there is much discussion as to the membership of the various teams which will enter the race. There will probably be no change in the champions of the present season, the Clarksons. It is likely that the membership of the Omahas will undergo a slight change and considerable new blood will probably be infused into the teams which pigtailed in the tournament which just closed.

The Omaha Nationals and the Krug Park teams will play three games of tenpins at the Gate City alleys the evening of March 27.

A series of fifteen games of tenpins between the Gate City and St. Charles teams will begin this week at the Gate City alleys.

The Western and White Knights will play at Clark's alleys Tuesday evening.

Thursday evening the Green Rivers and the Nationals will play at Clark's alleys.

The high score for 16-year-old players, 218, was made at the Gate City alleys by Charles Axford.

The Green Rivers and the Drexel Shoe Company teams will play at Clark's Tuesday evening.

Dave Rubin's score of 266 is still high for the monthly prize at Clark's alley.

Union Pacific lodge of the Royal Arcanum defeated Omaha and South Omaha lodges of that order at Ainepitis Thursday evening. Three games were played at Lentz & Williams' alleys and the Union Pacifics scored 59, as against a score of 53 by each of the other teams.

The scores running 200 or better at the various alleys for the last week were as follows:

Gate City—Bert Christie, 217, 206, 200, 202, 204; Guy Furay, 233; Charles Seaman, 200, 203, 206, 220, 214, 202; Fred Krug, 201; H. E. Mahaffey, 200; R. Ayer, 213; W. B. McDowell, 208, 208, 266; C. B. Stuht, 204; D. J. O'Brien, 200, 209; William Bowman, 200, 204; Harry Neale, 202, 203, 205, 223; M. Cunningham, 211; Earl Sterricker, 200; W. S. Sheldon, 200; Charles Bonham, 217; Albert Krug, 205; Ed Burgess, 208; Grover Smith, 210, 206, 203; George Lavidge, 203.

Clark's—E. A. Seibert, 216; Dave Rubin, 217, 210, 200; Ed Doe, 210; R. A. Kolls, 218, 210, 202, 259, 203; W. A. Bowman, 211; W. W. Inches, 205, 223, 207, 205; F. Conrad, 226; King Denman, 227, 204, 223; Davison, 221; Ben Lancaster, 237, 212; W. H. Wigman, 216; Wood Hartley, 206, 200, 203; Frank Mahoney, 212, 210; W. C. Brunke, 204, 203; J. C. Kaufmann, 204, 200; Charles Zarp, 232; R. A. Magney, 214; Harry Yost, 201, 208; W. F. Clarkson, 214, 204; W. H. Emery, 206; J. C. Sheldon, 232; G. H. Lavidge, 217; Ed Whitehorn, 200; "Plummer" Read, 234; Bert Fowler, 226.

Lentz & Williams—G. Smith, 231, 214; Henry Rix, 212; S. A. Yoder, 206; Nat Field, 219; B. H. Meile, 212; G. F. Harrison, 210; W. J. Greedon, 235, 200; Louis Janowski, 202; Roy Gillespie, 244; Bill Ambruster, 203; P. Nielsen, 210, 236; Joseph Weeks, 202; Beselin, 214; L. Weymuller, 201; W. Wigman, 213, 214; E. E. Sterriker, 214; C. F. Cole, 203.

TOO BRIGHT FOR SHOOTING

Ducks and Geese Abound in Nebraska, but the Sun Has Shone Too Much for Shooters.

Since the storm the weather has been too bright for duck shooting. The Omaha sportsmen who have been hunting along the Platte have bagged but few birds, yet they say that there are more ducks and geese in Nebraska than for many years.

At Manawa there have been several days of good shooting and hunters are meeting with fair success along the Missouri river bottoms in the vicinity of Lake Calhoun and Cut Off lake. From Lake Quinnebaugh come reports of good shooting. John Petty and Fred Goodrich are still shooting in the vicinity of Tekamah and they were joined late last week by Charles Waterman and J. E. Merriam.

Dr. Charles W. Downs is hunting near Columbus. M. L. Learned and Victor B. Caldwell joined the crowd of Omaha men who are shooting along the Platte near Clarks. Herman Metz and several other hunters are at De Soto.

Most of the ducks which have been seen in Nebraska so far this season are pintails. In the vicinity of Clarks few mallards have appeared, but the pintails are seen by the thousand.

BOUT AT WASHINGTON HALL

Scalls and Coleman Will Meet in a Wrestling Bout Thursday Night.

Scott Scalls of Grand Island and Frank Coleman of Omaha will engage in a wrestling match at Washington hall the night of March 28. The match will be catch-as-catch-can style, best two out of three. Scalls weighs 210 pounds and stands 6 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet. Coleman weighs 48 pounds less and is 5 feet 11½ inches tall. The two men have never met before and are matched for $250 a side.

Coleman defeated Farmer Burns in a handicap match several years ago and Scalls will come to Omaha with a dozen Nebraska scalps hanging to his belt. He has defeated all the local talent in the vicinity and is confident that Coleman is a trifle light to cope with a 210-pounder.

SERIES OF CHESS PROBLEMS

Number of Interesting Experiments for Devotees of the Game of Checks and Pawns.

The following games were played at Lincoln between Pillsbury and the members of the Lincoln Chess club:

RUY LOPEZ.

White. Pillsbury.	Black. W. E. Hardy and Fred Cornell.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—B-Kt 5.	3—Kt-B 3.
4—O-O.	4—Kt x P.
5—P-Q 4.	5—B-K 2 (a).
6—Q-K 2.	6—Kt-Q 3.
7—B x Kt.	7—Kt P x B.
8—P x P.	8—Kt-Kt 2.
9—Kt-Q B 3.	9—O-O.
10—R-K.	10—P-Q 4 (b).
11—P x P (p).	11—B x P.
12—Q-Q B 4.	12—Kt-Q B 4.
13—B-K Kt 5.	13—Q-Q 2.
14—Q R-Q.	14—Q-B 4.
15—B-K 7.	15—B-Q R 3.
16—Q-K R 4.	16—B x B.
17—Q x B.	17—Kt-K 3.
18—Kt-K 4.	18—Kt-B 5.
19—Q x Q B P.	19—Kt-K 7 4.
20—R x Kt.	20—B x R.
21—Kt-Kt 3.	21—Q x Q B P.
22—R-K.	22—B x Kt.
23—P x B.	23—Q x Kt P.
24—Q x Q B P.	24—Q x R P.
25—Kt-B 5.	25—Q-Q 7.
26—Q-K 4.	26—P-K R 3.
27—Q-K 5.	27—Q-K Kt 4 (ch).
28—K-R.	28—K R-K.
29—Kt-K 7 x.	29—K-R.
30—Q-K 4.	30—Q x Kt (c).
Resigns.	

(a) Of late years the analysts have spent much time condemning this move; yet it makes as good a showing in ordinary play as the 5. Kt-Q 3 reply.

(b) R-K is often played here. The text makes an open field in short order.

(c) A clear cut win. Of course, Q x Q, R x Q, R x R, wins the exchange, but R-R and advance of the Q R P will finally bring about a wip on the K side.

VIENNA.

White. Pillsbury.	Black. Ray White and E. W. Day.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-Q B 3.	2—Kt-K B 3.
3—P-K Kt 3.	3—Kt-B 3.
4—B-Kt 2.	4—B-B 4.
5—P-Q 3.	5—P-K R 3.
6—K Kt-K 2.	6—P-Q 3.
7—O-O.	7—B-K 3 (a).
8—P-K R 3.	8—Q-R.
9—K-R 2.	9—Kt-R 2.
10—Kt-R 4.	10—B-Kt 3.
11—Kt x B.	11—R P x Kt.
12—P-K B 4.	12—P-K B 4.
13—K P x P.	13—B x P.
14—P-K Kt 4.	14—B-Q 2.
15—Kt-Kt 3.	15—O-O.
16—Kt-Kt 3.	16—Kt-B 3.
17—B x Kt.	17—B x B.
18—P x P.	18—P x P.
19—Q-K 2.	19—Q-Q.
20—Q x P 7 (b).	20—Kt x P (ch).
21—P x Kt.	21—R x R.
22—Kt x R.	22—Q-R 5 (ch).
23—K-Kt.	23—Q-R 8 (ch).
24—K-B 2.	24—Q-Kt 7 (ch).
25—K-K.	25—R-K.
26—Q x R (ch).	26—B x R.
27—B-K 3.	27—Q x B P.
Resigns.	

(a) Threatening Q-B and B-R 6.

(b) Nibbling at the bait. When the move Q-Q was called, Pillsbury asked: "Did you say 'queen to queen's square' or 'queen to king's square?'" He was assured that Q-Q was correct. Pillsy is so fond of "pinching queens" that one rather enjoys seeing the tables turned on him.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE.

White. Pillsbury.	Black. W. B. Griswold, C. Q. DeFrance and Ralph Whited.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—P-Q B 3.
3—B-B 4.	3—Kt-B 3 (a).
4—P-Q 4 (b).	4—P-Q 4 (c).
5—K P x P.	5—K-Kt x P.
6—P x P.	6—B-K 3.
7—O-O.	7—B-K 2.
8—Q-K 2 (d).	8—Kt-Kt 3.
9—B x B.	9—P x B.
10—Kt-B 3.	10—O-O.
11—B-K 3.	11—Q-K.
12—B x Kt.	12—R P x B.
13—Q-B 4.	13—Q-Kt 3.
14—Q-K 4.	14—R-B 4.
15—Kt-K 2.	15—Q-B 2.
16—Kt-Kt 3.	16—R-B 5.
17—Q-K 2.	17—P-R 4.
18—P-K R 3.	18—P-R 5.
19—Kt-K 4.	19—Q R-K B.
20—K Kt-Kt 5.	20—B x Kt.
21—Kt x B.	21—Q-Kt 3.
22—Kt x P (e).	22—Q x Kt.
23—Q R-K.	23—K R-B 4.
24—Q-Kt 4.	24—P-K Kt 4.
25—P-K B 4.	25—Q-B 5.
Drawn (f).	Drawn (a).

(a) To avoid the Ginoco Piano; but Pillsbury, with his next move, by transposition brings about a variation of that opening.

(b) White might continue, Kt-Kt 5 here, bringing the "Fegatello" (fried liver) of the early Italian writers. Castles is sometimes played.

(c) This is getting out of the "books" with a vengeance! Black loses a pawn instanter.

(d) Threatening 9...R-K, winning the Kt.

(e) Making the most of it!

(f) The hour was late and Black was glad to escape with a draw, which Pillsbury suggested. We are unable to see how White could continue and even escape with a draw. Will our players try their hands at analysis of the position?

Simultaneous.

RUY LOPEZ.

White. John L. Clark.	Black. Pillsbury.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—B-Kt 5.	3—Kt-B 3.
4—O-O.	4—Kt x P.
5—P-Q 4.	5—Kt-Q 3.
6—B-R 4.	6—P x P.
7—P-B 3.	7—B-K 2.
8—P x P.	8—P-Q Kt 4.
9—P-Q 5.	9—Kt-R 4.
10—B-B 2.	10—O-O.
11—B-K B 4.	11—Q Kt-B 5.
12—Q-Q 4.	12—B-B 3.
13—B-K 5.	13—Kt x B.
14—Kt x Kt.	14—B x Kt.
15—Q x B.	15—R-K.
16—Q-K B 4.	16—B-Kt 2.
17—Kt-B 3.	17—Q-B 3.
18—Q x Q.	18—P x Q.
19—B-Kt 3.	19—P-Q R 4.
20—P-Q R 3.	20—P-Kt 5.
21—P x P.	21—P x P.
22—R x R.	22—B x R.
23—Kt-R 2.	23—R x K 7.
24—Kt-B.	24—R x P.
25—P-B 3.	25—Kt-B 4.
26—R-K.	26—K-B.
27—B-R 4.	27—B x P.
28—B x P.	28—Kt-Q 3.
29—R-Q.	29—B-K 2.
30—Kt-Q 3.	30—R-K 7.
31—K-B.	31—R-K 6.
32—B x B.	32—P x B.
33—Kt-P.	33—Kt-B 4.
34—R-Q B.	Drawn (a).

(a) A good example of the correct attack and defense in this form of the Lopez; nothing startling on either side—just a plain draw.

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