

## CHESS PLAYER WALBRODT DEAD.

He Was Born in 1872 and Was "Discovered" by Buz in 1890.

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—Walbrodt, the well-known chess player, is dead.

Carl August Walbrodt was born of German parents in Amsterdam in 1872. His youth was passed at Koepenick, a small town near Berlin. Very early in life he received his first instruction in chess, his father being his teacher.

Walbrodt's chess-playing abilities were first recognized in 1890, by R. Buz, who was at that time a Director of the Manhattan Chess Club. Buz met Walbrodt in a Berlin café, and the latter won three games, conceding his opponent a knight in each. Buz learned that his young opponent was a stranger to the chess clubs of the German capital, so he introduced him at the Berlin Chess Society. Schallopp, the great German expert, was present, and a series of games was at once proposed between him and Buz's "find." The younger player won two and drew one game. His success from that time was marvelous, until, in 1894, he encountered Tarrasch, who defeated him decisively.

Walbrodt entered the tournament at Dresden in 1892. Opposed to men of such brilliancy as Albin, Blackburne, Tarrasch, Marco, Bardeleben, and Mieses, he went through the tournament without losing a game. His score was four wins and twelve draws.

It has been held that if Walbrodt could have been induced to study the theory of the game, he would have been better enabled to hold his own against any master. Next to Tarrasch he was regarded as probably the strongest contemporary German exponent of the game.

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