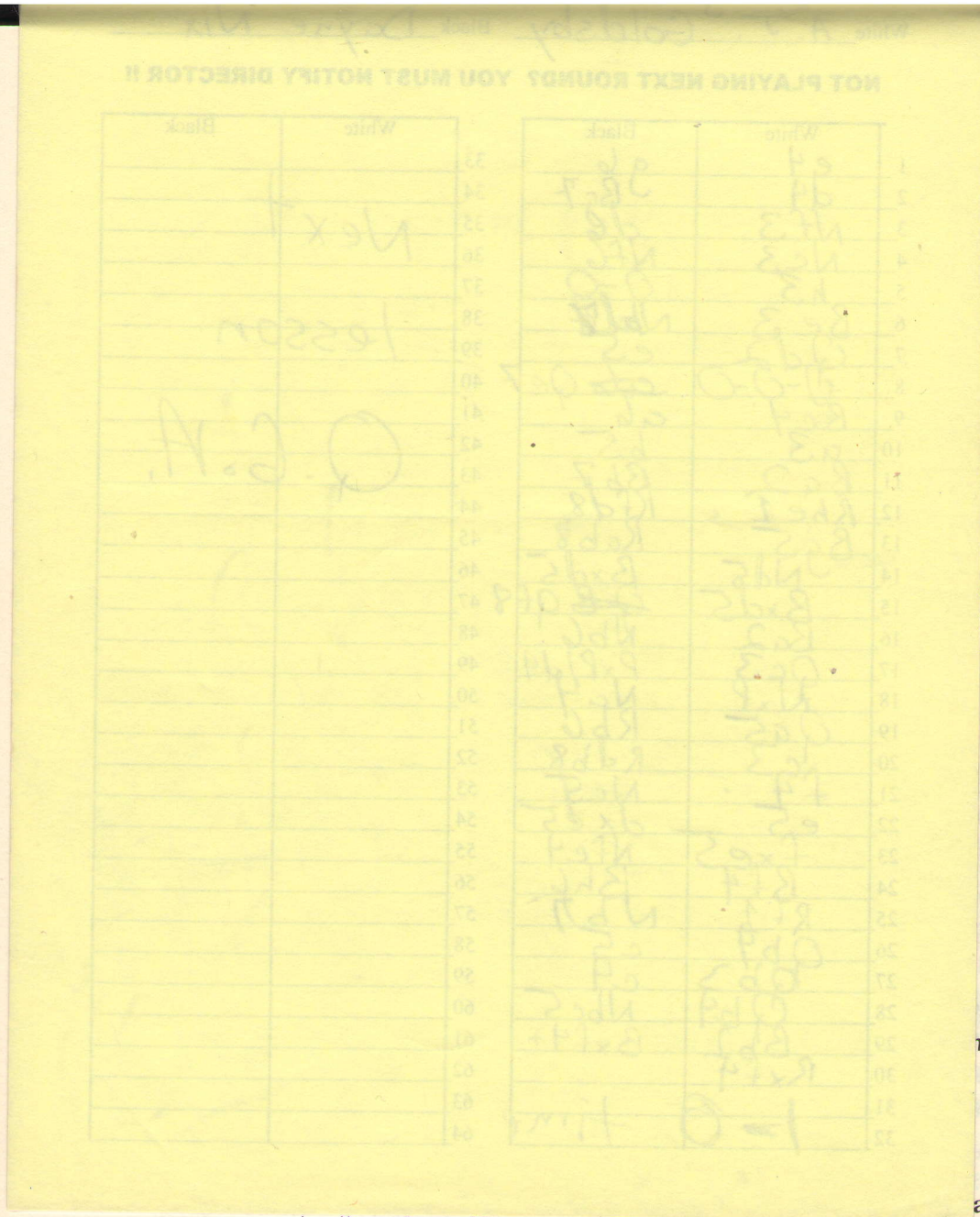

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There have been several long-neglected players known for one great game. Among them is Mario Monticelli (1902–1995), a journalist who ran the foreign desk of the respected Milan daily *Corriere della Sera*. He won the championship of Italy three times and tied for first at Budapest 1926 with Ernst Grünfeld and ahead of Akiba Rubinstein, Richard Réti and Savielly Tartakower. But Monticelli was not granted the International Grandmaster title until 1985, when he was 83. What may have inspired the FIDE title-granting committee was the memory of his finest achievement.