

Chess Olympics

Koltanowski Tells of Surprise In Final U. S.-Russian Tie

HELSINKI, Aug. 22 (by mail)—The U. S. team playing here in the Chess Olympics left its critics speechless tonight by tying the Russian team—overwhelming favorites to win the tournament—in a final-round match.

Robert Byrne was the hero of the occasion, beating David Bronstein of Russia with the black pieces, which was no mean feat. Bronstein sacrificed a couple of pawns and never got them back. Bob now has two good scalps to his credit, Bronstein and Erich Eliskases of Argentina.

On the first board, Paul Keres of Russia surprised everyone by playing a tame variation against Sammy Reshevsky and drawing in 16 moves. This immediately set rumors going that Keres is going to accept Reshevsky's proposal of a few days ago that they play a full-dress individual match. The rumors now have it that the match will be played in Amsterdam in October.

Here is this game:

White: P. Keres	9.KxQ	N-B3
1.P-K4	P-QB4 10.P-KR3	B-Q2
2.N-QB3	N-QB3 11.P-KB4	P-K4
3.P-KN3	P-KN3 12.PxP	QNxP
4.B-N2	B-N2 13.N-K2	O-O
5.P-Q3	P-K3 14.R-KB1	P-KR3
6.B-K3	P-Q3 15.QN-B3	P-QN4
7.Q-Q2	Q-R4 16.P-QR3	P-QR4
8.N-Q1	QxQch Drawn	

Larry Evans grabbed a pawn against Vassily Smyslov and lost his queen in one move. He will have to do better soon if the U. S. is to achieve a high placing.

Arthur Bisguier struggled hard against the real tough A. Geller. His draw was better than well deserved.

Other results of the second round of the finals were Yugoslavia 2½-Sweden 1½, Hungary 2½-Czechoslovakia 1½, Finland 1-West Germany 1 (two adjourned).