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BENKO SCORES 5½-1½ TO WIN SO. CAL. OPEN

Pal Benko of New York did not have enough chess after going through the grueling 14 rounds of the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament. He was the only one of the grandmasters to enroll in the Southern California Open Tournament played last weekend at Lincoln Park in Santa Monica.

Benko scored five wins and a draw to win the tournament in a field of 100 players, the largest entry in this or any similar event in Los Angeles. The turnout was good evidence of the increased interest in chess in the area.

It was not all clear sailing for Benko. He was in serious difficulty in the first round against Constantine Rasis. The latter was a piece ahead at one time, and even after some misplays should have drawn. Benko's skill in the endgame gave him the point.

Benko then defeated in succession Radaikin, Jerry Hanken, Julius Loftsson and Norman Lessing. In the sixth and final round Benko drew in short order with Steven Matzner. At that stage no one could equal his score of 5½-1½.

Lessing and Matzner were in a group that tied for second with scores of 5-1. Others were California champion William B. Addison and former champions Irving Rivise and Tibor Weinberger.

In another multiple tie at 4½-1½ were Hanken, Loftsson, Sven Almgren, James Schmitt, Leslie Simon and E. Wicher.

Lessing and Matzner divided the special prizes for best performance for players rated as experts by the U.S. Chess Federation. The Class A prizes were shared by Kennedy, Larsen, Moore and H. Rogosin.

Salter headed the Class B players. Clark was the leader in Class C and Currie in the previously unrated group. The junior division resulted in a tie among Bliss, Harter, Levin, Pfeiffer and Schemm.

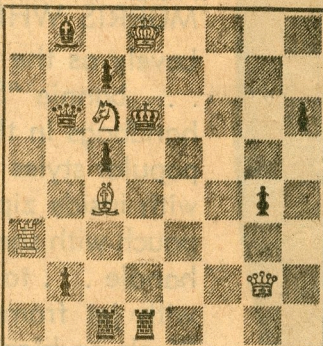
Your editor was the judge for two special prizes for best

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TIMES PROBLEM 3509

By W. Trefz

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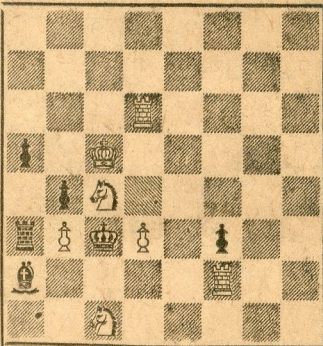
WHITE 5

White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3510

By A. Hagemeyer

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WHITE 7

White mates in three.

There are not many variations in 3509, but each is distinctive. In the three-mover the bishop can defend everything until a little defect is uncovered.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3503: K-R3

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3504: Q-Q3.

Threat, 2 P-K5ch; if QRxQ, 2 N-N6; if KRxQ, 2 KxP; if B-K4, 2 K-R5.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—F. Aks, A. Avogadro, M. Chutorian, F. Gross, G. Leon-Martin, J. R. Martinez, I. E. Nordstrom, R. M. Stuarts. Three points—D. B. Talcott. Two points—L. Baron, Mrs. R. Coogan, O. H. Ketchum, N. Lesser, V. D. Rice-Wray.

One point—R. Alcayaga, H. W. Arnold, J. Fischer, R. J. Gilberg, J. T. Haag, W. Harrison, F. S. Hartigan, Dr. J. A. Healy, S. E. Jones, J. C. Losasso, S. Miyamoto, J. Moyer, S. Roski, S. Schwarz, M. Silverman, S. Silverman, P. L. Thigpen.

A surprising number of solvers went wrong in these problems. A favorite try in 3504 was 1 Q-R3, defeated by R-N5; 2 QXR, B-Q3. In 3503 it was 1 PxP, when Q-NBch defends.

played games in the tournament. These were awarded to John Mortz and Gerald Gross for their victories against Schmitt and Zoltan Koscis. The games follow.

The tournament was sponsored jointly by the Herman Steiner Chess Club, 8801 Cashio St., and the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club, Lincoln Park in Santa Monica. Herbert T. Abel was the director.

DUTCH DEFENSE

Larson White	Kupersmith Black	Larson White	Kupersmith Black
1-P-Q4	P-KB4	21-QxB	P-K7ch
2-P-QB4	N-KB3	22-K-N2	PxR(Q)ch
3-P-KN3	P-K3	23-RxQ	RxR
4-B-N2	B-K2	24-KxR	R-Bch
5-N-QB3	P-Q4	25-N-B7ch	RxN
6-P-N3	O-O	26-BxR/	N-K2
7-N-R3	N-K5	27-Q-K6	QxQ
8-NxN	QPxN	28-BxQ	N-B3
9-O-O	B-B3	29-B-Q5	N-N5
10-B-N2	P-B4	30-K-B2	NxP
11-P-K3	N-B3	31-K-K3	P-QN3
12-P-B3	BPxP	32-K-K4	P-QR4
13-BPxP	QPxP	33-KxP	N-B8
14-BxB	QxB	34-K-Q6	NxP
15-Q-Q3	Q-Q5	35-B-B6	N-B4
16-Q-K2	P-K4	36-K-Q5	P-R5
17-QR-Q	Q-N3	37-K-Q4	P-R6
18-PxP	BxP	38-K-B3	N-Q6
19-B-Q5ch	K-R	39-B-B3	P-R7
20-N-N5	B-N5	Resigns	

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Koscis White	G. Gross Black	Koscis White	G. Gross Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	15-O-O-O	B-K3
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	16-P-QN3	N(3)-N5
3-N-QB3	P-Q4	17-B-K5	QR-Bch
4-B-B4	B-N2	18-K-N	B-B4ch
5-N-B3	O-O	19-K-R	R-B7
6-P-K3	P-B4	20-N-N2	RxP
7-P-KR3	Q-R4	21-BxB	N-B7ch
8-N-Q2	PxQP	22-K-N	NxPch
9-N-N3	Q-Q	23-B-Q3	KxB
10-N(N)xP	R-K	24-BxB	N-B6ch
11-N-B3	Q-R4	25-K-R	N(K)xR
12-Q-R4	QxQ	26-RxN	NxR
13-NxQ	N-B3	27-NxN	RxN
14-PxP	NxP	Resigns	

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

Mortz White	Schmidt Black	Mortz White	Schmidt Black
1-P-K4	P-QB3	19-RxN	BxB
2-N-QB3	P-Q4	20-PxB	P-QB4
3-N-B3	PxP	21-R-R4	P-B4
4-NxP	B-B4	22-R-N	R-K2
5-N-N3	B-N5	23-B-B2	Q-R3
6-B-B4	P-K3	24-RxN ^P	QxPP
7-P-KR3	BxN	25-B-N	Q-Q7
8-QxB	N-Q2	26-PxP	P-QR4
9-B-N3	KN-B3	27-R-Q4	Q-K8ch
10-P-Q4	B-K2	28-K-R2	P-R5
11-O-O	O-O	29-P-B6	P-R6
12-P-B3	Q-N3	30-R-Q7	RxR
13-R-K	QR-K	31-PxR	Q-Q7
14-B-N5	N-Q4	32-RxN	Q-Q3ch
15-B-Q2	N(2)-B3	3-Q-N3	P-B5
16-P-B4	N-B2	34-QxPch	KxQ
17-B-B3	B-N5	35-P-R8(Q)ch	Res.
18-N-K4	NxN		

PATHS TO VICTORY

The two Russian participants, world champion Tigran Petrosian and Paul Keres, were established as favorites before the start of the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament.

This expectation was justified when they tied for first, but their paths to the goal were curiously divergent. Petrosian was the pedestrian. He stumbled with a loss to Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia in the second round, then moved on with a stately series of draws punctuated by an occasional win.

Keres was the most spirited player, always on the move, up or down. He won more games than anyone else. He was always at or near the top, yet faltered whenever there was an opportunity to take a clear lead.

Keres' results were most erratic toward the end. After winning in the ninth and 10th rounds, he lost twice in succession to Samuel Reshevsky

of New York and Miguel Najdorf of Argentina.

With the end in sight, Keres recovered quickly, taking the last two points from Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland and Gligoric.

Keres was most fortunate in his first game with Olafsson, which had been adjourned in a winning position for the latter. Keres took advantage of a series of weak moves to win a remarkable endgame.

Shortly thereafter, Keres had better positions in two adjourned games with Najdorf and Oscar Panno of Argentina. Perhaps he feared to press his luck too far, or to take too big a lead at that early stage. At any rate he agreed to draw both games without resuming play.

The following games are from the Piatigorsky tournament:

ENGLISH OPENING

Reshevsky White	Keres Black	Reshevsky White	Keres Black
1-P-QB4	P-K4	22-KR-Q	BxB
2-N-QB3	N-KB3	23-KxB	P-QR3
3-P-KN3	P-B3	24-P-Q6	R-B
4-N-B3	P-K5	25-Q-Q5	R-B3
5-N-Q4	P-Q4	26-RxR	PxR
6-PxP	Q-N3	27-Q-QR3	R-QR
7-N-N3	PxP	28-R-Q4	R-R2
8-B-N2	B-KB4	29-Q-R5	Q-K3
9-P-Q3	B-QN5	30-Q-N4ch	QxQ
10-O-O	BxN	31-RxQch	K-B
11-PxB	O-O	32-R-QB4	K-K
12-B-K3	Q-B2	33-RxP	R-R4
13-R-B	N-B3	34-P-QR4	P-QR4
14-P-QB4	QR-Q	35-R-N6	R-B
15-N-Q4	NxN	36-P-Q7ch	KxP
16-BxN	KPxP	37-RxP	K-K2
17-BPxP	Q-Q2	38-R-B5	R-QR
18-BxN	PxP	39-R-R5	K-K3
19-QxP	PxB	40-RxKR ^P	R-QN
20-Q-N2	K-N2	41-R-R5	Resigns
21-Q-Q4	B-R6		

FRENCH DEFENSE

Keres White	Benko Black	Keres White	Benko Black
1-P-K4	P-K3	22-BxR	BxB
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	23-QR-B	RxP
3-N-Q2	P-QB4	24-B-Q5	P-N3
4-KN-B3	BPxP	25-B-N8	RxR
5-PxP	QxP	26-RxR	B-K4
6-B-B4	Q-Q3	27-B-B4	B-Q3
7-O-O	N-KB3	28-R-N1	B-QB1
8-N-N3	N-B3	29-P-QR3	P-QR4
9-QNxP	NxN	30-PxP	PxP
10-NxN	P-QR3	31-P-QR4	B-N5
11-R-K1	B-K2	32-B-N5ch	K-Q1
12-P-QB3	P-K4	33-R-Qch	K-B2
13-N-B3	QxQ	34-R-Bch	K-Q1
14-RxQ	P-K5	35-R-B6	B-N2
15-N-K5	R-B1	36-R-K6	B-K2
16-B-K3	N-Q2	37-P-N3	B-B4
17-NxN	BxN	38-R-K8ch	K-B2
18-B-Q4	P-KN3	39-R-KR8	P-R4
19-P-QN4	R-B1	40-R-R7ch	K-N1
20-B-N3	P-B4	41-R-R8ch	Resigns
21-B-N7	R-KB3		

DUTCH DEFENSE

Najdorf White	Keres Black	Najdorf White	Keres Black
1-P-Q4	P-K3	19-QR-Q	P-QR3
2-P-QB4	B-N5ch	20-B-B4	BxB
3-N-B3	P-KB4	21-PxB	N-B2
4-P-K3	N-KB3	22-P-K6	N-N4
5-B-Q3	O-O	23-Q-Q5	R-QB3
6-N-K2	P-Q3	24-Q-K5	NxP
7-O-O	P-B4	25-Q-R8ch	K-B2
8-P-QN3	N-B3	26-QxPch	K-K
9-B-N2	P-K4	27-QxQch	KxQ
10-PxKP	PxP	28-NxPch	K-K
11-N-Q5	B-K3	29-NxR	NxN
12-N-N3	P-KN3	30-RxP	P-N4
13-P-B4	NxN	31-PxP	PxP
14-PxN	BxP	32-P-KR4	R-QR3
15-PxP	B-K3	33-P-R3	BxB
16-N-K2	Q-K2	34-BxB	RxB
17-N-B4	N-Q	35-RxP	Resigns
18-Q-B3	R-B		

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The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club will start another in its series of rating tournaments on Monday, Aug. 19. Play will be every Monday for eight rounds. The entrance fee is \$1, with membership required in the U.S. Chess Federation.