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SO. CALIF. TOURNEY AT STEINER CLUB

The annual tournament for the Southern California Chess Championship will start Friday, Sept. 28, at the Herman Steiner Chess Club, 8801 Cashio St. A total of eight rounds will be played, using Swiss system pairings, at the rate of one round a week.

The tournament is limited to 40 entrants, most of whom will qualify from three designated events. Additional players may be approved by Tournament Director Gordon Barrett.

The first group to qualify were the top 15 from last year's championship, which was won by Ray Martin by a slight margin over Irving Rivise and Walt Cunningham.

Other qualifiers from this event are Jerry Hanken, Gene Rubin, Tibor Weinberger, Robert Jacobs, Saul Yarmak, Tom Fries, Sven Almgren, Vincent Homolka, Frank Burke, Frank Hufnagel, Morris Gordon and Leo Kupersmith.

The Expert Candidates Tournament furnished 13 qualifiers: Dr. M. Sarley, K. Stani, E. Book, R. Myhro, K. Pfeiffer, W. Alza, E. Jimenez, B. Hernandez, H. Keesey, G. Nusbaum, S. Parker, F. Pye and F. Sleep.

A third group advanced as leaders of a series of qualifying tournaments held in various chess clubs. Among them are Rod Laver, who won 6-0 at the Van Nuys Chess Club and H. Goddard, who topped the Downey Chess Club with 5½-1½.

At the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club Paul Quillen qualified, although he finished second to Saul Yarmak, since the latter was already on the list. Fred Frilling made it from the City Terrace Chess Club, after tying with D. Anneus.

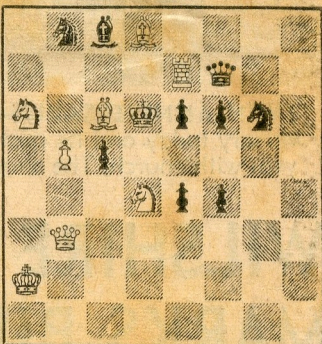
In addition to trophies and cash prizes, the four leaders in the Southern California Championship will be eligible to participate in the California State Championship, which will be held in San Francisco over the

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TIMES PROBLEM 3415

By P. Monreal

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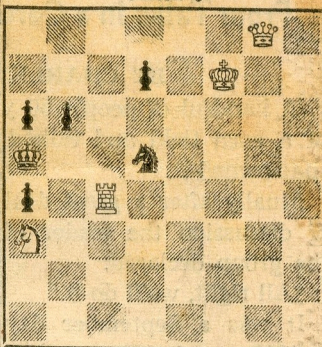
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White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3416

By N. Dimitrov

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WHITE 4

White mates in three.

The changed mate after the king moves is an interesting point in 3415. The quiet second move must be seen to solve the three-mover.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3409: Q-B3
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3410: R-R6
Threat, 2 R-Q6ch; if BxP, 2 QN-B3; if B-K5, 2 P-B4; if B-N3, 2 KN-B3; if B-R2, 2 KRxP; if B-R6, 2 R-R8; if B-N5, 2 N-B7.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—F. Aks, P. J. Burton, M. Chutorian, J. Di Fulvio, G. E. Engebretsen, A. E. Hampel, W. W. Irwin, J. Kaufman, E. P. Kelty, I. E. Nordstrom, R. Roslin, R. M. Stuarts, W. C. Young.

Four points—Mrs. L. W. Burbank, Dr. J. A. Healy, T. Rosenthal, L. N. Seeley, C. T. Tongko, E. J. Wright.
Two points—C. A. Freeman, I. L. P. Gasper, J. T. Haag, M. Hirsh, C. Latham, N. Lesser, G. F. Oglesby, Mrs. A. Zelman. **One point**—A. G. G. B. S. Roberts, G. Winkelmann.

held in San Francisco over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Players wishing to enter the Southern California event, who are not on the above lists, should apply to Mr. Barrett at 1744 Redesdale Ave., Los Angeles 26.

U.S. IN CHESS OLYMPICS

After considerable doubt, mainly due to a shortage of funds, the United States was finally enabled to enter a team in the Chess Olympics, which is starting this weekend in Varna, a Black Sea resort in Bulgaria.

Bobby Fischer, brilliant and temperamental 19-year-old genius from Brooklyn, will head the team, as he did two years ago in Leipzig, East Germany.

Others in the lineup will be U.S. champion Larry Evans, Pal Benko, Robert and Donald Byrne, and Edmar Mednis. Eliot Hearst will be the non-playing captain.

The financial problem was resolved by a special gift of \$4,000 to the American Chess Foundation by the Sadie and Arthur Lamport Foundation, Inc., of Pound Ridge, N.Y. The balance of the funds were contributed by members of ACF and the U.S. Chess Federation.

The Soviet team, which has won the Chess Olympics for the last five times, is favored to repeat. On the first board they will have world champion Mikhail Botvinnik. Following him will be Tigran Petrosian, Boris Spasski, Paul Keres, Ewfim Geller and Victor Korchnoi.

KERES BEATS GELLER

Paul Keres was on the spot in the eighth and final game of his match with Ewfim Geller to play off the tie for second in the Candidates' Tournament in Curacao.

After seven games the score was 3½-3½, and a draw would be equivalent to a win for Geller, due to the workings of the tie-breaking system. Keres went all out for attack, sacrificing a knight as part of a vigorous combination. It was highly successful and Geller resigned on the 28th move when faced by a forced checkmate.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPEN

William Batchelder of Bloomington, Ind., scored 5½-½ to win the Rocky Mountain Open Tournament at the Hotel Westward Ho at Phoenix, Ariz.

Two Californians, David Conwit of Los Angeles and Donald Benge of Burbank, tied for second at 5-1 with Hector Fabela of El Paso, Tex. Defending champion Charles Morgan of Phoenix tied for fifth place with 4½-1½ after an early loss to Abraham Tabash of Los Angeles.

The junior championship was retained by Daniel Gollub of Phoenix with Randy Kluz of San Diego a close second. Mrs. Willie Mae Bettencourt of San Francisco won the women's title.

The special handicap prize was won by Edwin Humphrey of Phoenix with Robert Gardner of San Diego second. The class winners were: A—Lt. James Gross, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.; B—Dr. Joseph F. Kirkschvink, Phoenix; C—Robert Gardner; unrated—Frederick Stahl, Phoenix.

The tournament was sponsored by the Phoenix Chess Club. It drew 60 contestants from six states, including 17 from California. James Christman was the director assisted by William Fox.

CHESS CLUB NOTES

The City Terrace Chess Club, 1126 N Hazard St., will hold an open tournament for the Bernard Oak Memorial Trophy starting Wednesday. Seven rounds will be played. The entrance fee is \$6.50, with prizes totalling about \$150.

The Prudential Chess Club of Los Angeles has been conducting a series of matches with other regional offices of the Prudential Insurance Co. with good results. Los Angeles has defeated Chicago by 8-0 and is leading Newark by 10-8 and Houston by 2-1. Against Canada the score is 2-2.

EASTERN OPEN TOURNAMENT KING'S INDIAN GAME

Benko White	Bolton Black	Benko White	Bolton Black
1-N-KB3	P-Q4	8-NxP	QxN
2-P-KN3	P-QB4	9-BxNch	K-B2
3-B-N2	N-QB3	10-B-K8ch	K-B3
4-P-Q4	P-K3	11-B-K3	QxP
5-O-O	P-B4	12-QxBP	QxR
6-P-B4	QPxP	13-B-N5ch	K-K4
7-Q-R4	PxP	14-P-B4ch	Resigns

ENGLISH OPENING

Robinson White	Jones Black	Robinson White	Jones Black
1-P-QB4	P-K4	10-P-K4	N-K6
2-N-QB3	N-KB3	11-Q-K2	NxB
3-N-B3	N-B3	12-P-K5	O-O
4-P-Q4	PxP	13-N-B5	P-Q3
5-NxP	B-N5	14-BxN	Q-Q2
6-B-N5	P-KR3	15-Q-N4	P-KN3
7-B-R4	BxNch	16-NxPch	K-R2
8-PxB	N-K4	17-Q-R4	Resigns
9-P-B4	NxP		

MAR DEL PLATA, 1962 KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Rossetto White	Penrose Black	Rossetto White	Penrose Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	23-QR-K	R-Q4
2-N-KB3	P-KN3	24-Q-R6	B-N2
3-B-N5	B-N2	25-Q-R7ch	K-B
4-QN-Q2	O-O	26-B-N6	B-Q2
5-P-K4	P-Q3	27-N-K4	B-K
6-B-K2	P-KR3	28-P-R4	QR-Q
7-B-R4	QN-Q2	29-N-N3	P-QB4
8-P-B3	N-R4	30-N-B5	Q-B3
9-O-O	N-B5	31-RxN	RxN
10-B-B4	P-B3	32-BxR	PxP
11-P-R4	P-KN4	33-BxP	PxP
12-NxP	PxN	34-PxP	RxP
13-BxNP	N-K3	35-RxQch	BxR
14-B-K3	N-B3	36-Q-B5	K-K2
15-B-Q3	N-B2	37-B-B8	B-B2
16-P-R3	P-K4	38-BxP	B-K3
17-P-KB4	PxBP	39-Q-B5ch	R-Q3
18-BxP	N-K3	40-Q-N4	K-Q2
19-BxP	QxB	41-B-B3	R-N3
20-P-K5	Q-K2	42-Q-Q2ch	K-K2
21-PxN	BxP	43-Q-K3	RxP
22-Q-R5	R-Q	44-B-N4	Resigns

SWEDEN, 1962 KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Olsson White	Buskenstrom Black	Olsson White	Buskenstrom Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	13-PxN	N-B3
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	14-BxB	KxB
3-N-QB3	B-N2	15-P-B4	N-R2
4-P-K4	P-Q3	16-Q-K3	P-B4
5-B-K2	O-O	17-P-K5	B-Q2
6-B-N5	QN-Q2	18-R-KN	K-R3
7-N-B3	P-B4	19-O-O	P-R3
8-P-Q5	P-KR3	20-N-K4!	PxN
9-B-Q2	N-N5	21-RxPch!	KxR
10-Q-B	P-KR4	22-R-Nch	K-B4
11-P-KR3	KN-K4	23-B-Q3	PxB
12-B-R4	NxNch	24-P-B3	Resigns