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LAST ROUNDS DECIDE IN PIATIGORSKY CUP

With one week to go, it is still a wide open race for the \$3,000 first prize in the Piatigorsky Cup Chess Tournament at the Ambassador Hotel.

World champion Tigran Petrosian of Russia, who had been considered the favorite based on his form in defeating Mikhail Botvinnik, could not seem to get above the 50% mark.

After the first session of the ninth round, five players, Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia, Paul Keres of Russia, Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland, Miguel Najdorf of Argentina and Samuel Reshevsky of New York were all tied with four and a half points.

True, the results of adjourned games helped to break the tie, but the competition is far closer than could have been expected.

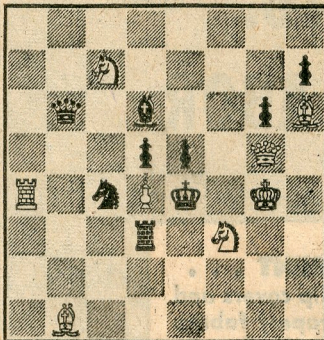
As an example, Pal Benko of New York, who lost his first three games in succession, came back with fine wins against Najdorf and Oscar Panno of Argentina, to demonstrate that he belonged in the tournament.

The Benko-Panno game was the most exciting ending of the play to date. It was adjourned after 40 moves with each side advancing pawns. Panno had two connected passed pawns and Benko but one.

Benko found some problem-like ideas, and by sacrificing a knight for Panno's first pawn, gained time for his own movement. Each queened, but by then Benko had a material advantage.

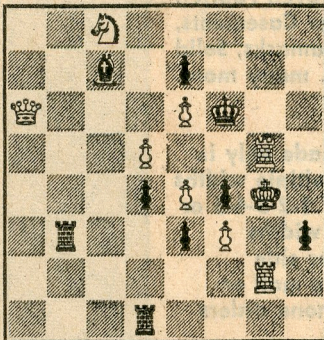
In his game with Najdorf, Benko registered the shortest win of the tournament. Najdorf allowed his king rook file to be opened after he had castled on that side. In short order Benko had his rooks and queen on the file, and the Argentine's game was torn apart.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3503
By P. Bugnicourt
BLACK ♝



WHITE ♖
White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3504
By G. A. Becker
BLACK ♝



WHITE ♖
White mates in three.

The changed mate after the knight defense is a fine point in 3503. A forcing threat is needed in 3504, which is supplied by the key-move.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3497: R-QR3

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3498: N-K6

Threat, 2 R-R2ch; if BxB, 2 Q-N3ch; if B-N6, 2 QxBch; if R-R4, 2 QRxN.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—F. Aks, A. Avogadro, L. Baron, P. J. Burton, F. Gross, C. R. Hartshorn, G. Leon-Martin, J. R. Martinez, I. E. Nordstrom, R. M. Stuarts. Four points—R. Milatovick. Three points—G. Guerrero. Two points—B. Aabor, E. P. Kelly, O. H. Ketchum, N. Lesser, G. F. Oglesby, M. Roth. One point—Mrs. G. K. Cooper, Dr. J. A. Healy, M. Rosen, A. A. Sackheim, R. A. Wake.

Gligoric had set the early pace in the tournament. At the end of the first half, after seven rounds, he was in first place with 4½-2½. He was the only undefeated player, and not once had he adjourned a game.

Then came two successive adjournments, one against Olafsson and the other against Petrosian, which pulled Gligoric down into the ranks.

Following are the results to this writing and games from the tournament. See the news pages of The Times for the latest standings.

ROUND 3—Keres ½, Panno ½.

ROUND 4—Panno ½, Petrosian ½.

ROUND 5—Reshevsky ½, Gligoric ½; Keres ½, Najdorf ½; Benko 1, Panno 0.

ROUND 6—Gligoric 1, Panno 0; Olafsson 1, Benko 0; Najdorf ½, Petrosian ½; Reshevsky 1, Keres 0.

ROUND 7—Keres ½; Gligoric ½; Petrosian ½; Reshevsky ½; Benko 1, Najdorf 0; Panno ½; Olafsson ½.

ROUND 8—Panno ½; Najdorf ½; Benko ½, Reshevsky ½; Petrosian ½; Keres ½; Gligoric vs. Olafsson, adjourned.

ROUND 9—Reshevsky ½; Panno ½; Olafsson 1, Najdorf 0; Petrosian vs. Gligoric and Keres vs. Benko, adjourned.

Gligoric White	Panno Black	Gligoric White	Panno Black
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	17-NxB	QNxN
2-P-QB4	P-QB3	18-P-B4	B-N5
3-N-KB3	N-B3	19-Q-K1	NxN
4-N-B3	P-K3	20-PxPch	K-K1
5-P-K3	QN-Q2	21-PxN	QxP
6-B-Q3	PxP	22-B-K3	N-Q6
7-BxBP	P-QN4	23-Q-N3	B-K7
8-B-Q3	P-QR3	24-KR-K1	NxR
9-P-K4	P-B4	25-RxN	B-Q6
10-P-Q5	P-B5	26-B-Q1	P-N3
11-PxP	PxP	27-B-B3	B-K5
12-B-B2	Q-B2	28-BxB	QxB
13-N-N5	Q-B3	29-P-K6	R-KB1
14-O-O	P-K4	30-Q-B7	Q-Q4
15-N-Q5	B-B4	31-B-B5	Resigns
16-N-K6	K-B2		

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Benko White	Panno Black	Benko White	Panno Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	30-K-N	N-B3
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	31-R-R4	B-Q7
3-N-QB3	B-N2	32-KN-K2	BxP
4-P-K4	P-Q3	33-R-N3	N-Q2
5-B-K2	O-O	34-R-R6	R-QB
6-P-B4	P-B3	35-P-N4	P-N4
7-N-B3	KN-Q2	36-K-B2	B-B5
8-B-K3	P-K4	37-P-R4	K-B2
9-BPxP	PxP	38-R-R7	K-N3
10-P-Q5	P-KB4	39-P-R5	P-R4
11-Q-N3	N-R3	40-P-R6	P-R5
12-O-O-O	P-B5	41-B-B2	B-K3
13-PxP	PxP	42-R-N7	P-R6
14-B-B2	R-N	43-B-N1	P-N5
15-Q-R3	Q-B2	44-P-R7	P-N6
16-R-Q2	N-B3	45-NxP	BxN
17-P-R3	N-K	46-P-N5	PxP
18-KR-Q	B-B3	47-P-B6	B-B7
19-P-B5	Q-QN2	48-PxN	BxQP
20-B-B4ch	K-N2	49-BxB	P-R7
21-BxN	QxB	50-R-N8	RxNch
22-R-Q7ch	R-B2	51-KxR	P-R8(Q)
23-RxRch	KxR	52-P-R8(Q)	Q-B8ch
24-R-Q7ch	K-N	53-K-N4	Q-B5ch
25-QxQ	BxQ	54-K-R5	Q-R7ch
26-RxQR	B-B8	55-K-N6	QxBch
27-N-K	P-B6	56-K-B7	Q-B2
28-NxP	BxP	57-R-KB8	Q-K3
29-N-KN	B-N4ch	58-R-Q8	Resigns

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Panno White	Reshevsky Black	Panno White	Reshevsky Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	33-QxP	R-QB
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	34-Q-N3	NxNP
3-N-QB3	B-N2	35-RxN	R-KB6
4-P-K4	P-Q3	36-R-K2	RxP
5-P-B3	O-O	37-N-R2	B-KN5
6-B-K3	P-K4	38-R(2)-K	BxR
7-P-Q5	P-B3	39-RxB	B-Q2
8-Q-Q2	PxP	40-N(2)-B3	Q-B
9-BPxP	P-QR3	41-Q-N4	Q-B3
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11-B-Q3	N-Q2	43-R-K2	B-N5
12-K-N	P-QN4	44-QxP	Q-N6
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14-B-QB2	R-N	46-Q-Q8ch	K-N2
15-P-QN4	N-Q2	47-Q-K7ch	K-N
16-KN-K2	N-N3	48-Q-K8ch	K-N2
17-B-Q3	P-B4	49-R-KB2	B-B4
18-P-QR3	N-B3	50-Q-K7ch	K-N
19-P-R3	B-Q2	51-Q-K8ch	K-N2
20-K-R2	PxP	52-Q-K7ch	K-N
21-PxP	N-B5	53-N-Q6	R-N6ch
22-BxN	PxB	54-K-R5	R-N
23-R-QN	N-R4	55-Q-B7ch	K-R
24-KR-QB	Q-K2	56-Q-B6ch	K-N
25-R-B2	R-B2	57-Q-B7ch	K-R
26-P-QR4	N-B5	58-N-K8	R-Rch
27-N-B	Q-K	59-K-N5	RxN
28-K-R3	B-KB3	60-QxRch	K-N2
29-R(2)-N2	B-Q	61-Q-K7ch	K-N
30-P-N5	PxP	62-B-B5	Q-N6ch
31-NxP	R-R	63-B-N4	Resigns
32-Q-QB2	B-R4		

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Olafsson White	Benko Black	Olafsson White	Benko Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	30-Q-Q4	K-N2
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	31-R-KB	P-KN4
3-P-Q4	PxP	32-R-KN	R-R4
4-NxP	P-K3	33-B-B5	Q-K2
5-N-QB3	Q-B2	34-B-N4	R-R5
6-B-K3	P-QR3	35-B-K6	K-N3
7-P-QR3	N-B3	36-Q-B3	Q-N2
8-B-K2	B-Q3	37-K-N	R-R7
9-Q-Q2	NxN	38-Q-B8	R-B7
10-BxN	B-B5	39-Q-Q8	Q-R2
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15-P-KN4	P-R3	44-K-N6	K-N4
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17-P-N5	PxP	46-P-Q7	P-N6
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19-P-N6	RxR	48-K-K2	N-B7
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24-R-KN	P-KN3	53-BxP	N-K8ch
25-B-N4	R-KR	54-K-B	P-N7ch
26-N-Q5ch	BxN	55-BxP	NxP
27-PxB	P-K5	56-K-B2	NxRP
28-Q-Q2	K-B	57-B-B3	Resigns
29-B-K6	R-R3		

BENONI DEFENSE

Benko White	Najdorf Black	Benko White	Najdorf Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	14-Q-B2	BxN
2-P-QB4	P-B4	15-PxB	N-Q2
3-P-Q5	P-Q3	16-O-O-O	R-K1
4-N-QB3	P-KN3	17-B-R3	NxB
5-P-K4	B-N2	18-RxN	N-N1
6-B-K2	O-O	19-QR-R1	N-N3
7-N-B3	P-K4	20-N-Q1	R-QB
8-B-N5	P-KR3	21-N-K3	R-B2
9-B-R4	P-KN4	22-N-B5	R-KB1
10-B-N3	N-R4	23-Q-Q1	P-B3
11-P-KR4	N-B5	24-P-B4	KPxP
12-PxP	PxP	25-Q-R3	N-K4
13-P-B1	P-N5	26-Q-R7ch	Resigns

NATIONAL TOURNEYS

The two major annual events of the United States Chess Federation, the U.S. Open Championship and the U.S. Junior Championship, will both be held next month. Judging by early reports, attendance records will be broken in both cases.

The junior tournament will be on the Penn State campus, University Park, Pa., from Aug. 5 to 9. All players under 21 years of age are eligible. The entrance fee is \$7.50, with membership in the USCF required.

First prize is custody of the John W. Collins Trophy and \$100 scholarship to any college of the winner's choice. A number of trophies will be awarded for best scorers in various age groups and other categories.

The tournament will be a nine-round Swiss system at the rate of 50 moves in two hours. Players are requested to bring their own chess sets and clocks.

To register or for further information, write to William F. Fuller, 202 Hetzel Union Building, Penn State University, University Park, Pa.

The open championship, at which over 200 entrants are expected, will be at the Hotel Belmont, Chicago, from Aug. 11 to 24. Svetozar Gligoric has definitely entered, and a number of American grandmasters are on the entry list.

A Swiss system of 13 rounds will be played, with the time limit 50 moves in 2½ hours. The entrance fee is \$20, plus USCF membership.

The guaranteed top prizes are \$1,000, \$500, \$300, \$200 and \$100. A number of awards will be made for leaders in various categories. Special trophies are offered for the best women and junior players.