

# CHESS

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## PETROSIAN WINS, 3-2, WILL PLAY KORCHNOI

Former world champion Tigran Petrosian of the Soviet Union defeated Lajos Portisch of Hungary by three wins to two in their match in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Eight games were drawn.

It was the last to finish and the closest decision in the series of matches among eight contenders for the world championship title held by American genius Bobby Fischer.

The match seemed all in Petrosian's favor in the early going. He won two games and drew seven of the first nine. At that stage Petrosian needed only one more win to clinch the match. As an alternative he could run off another series of draws, with 16 games the maximum to be played.

Portisch won the 10th game in fine attacking style, and interest perked up. Could he do it again? Petrosian, known as the great drawing master, could be expected to concentrate on defense, and hold his narrow lead.

The 11th game followed this script, drawn in 19 moves. But in the 12th game Portisch had the advantage throughout. There was no real attack, however. Portisch won a pawn just before adjournment, simplifying to a rook and pawn ending.

In this kind of game Petrosian is usually faultless, and he actually worked out a drawn position. He should have played K-N5 on his 59th move. He would then lose his rook, but his own pawns would advance before the white king could get back.

As played, Portisch could still force his passed pawn through, and there was no counter play. When the black rook was lost, the game was over.

In a span of three games Portisch had tied the match, but not for long. The 13th game was quite even when Portisch played to win a pawn by a tempting queen sacrifice.

Petrosian went along after analyzing the resulting position much further. The black knight had to lose considerable time, and Petrosian eventually advanced his rook to a dominating square. Petrosian eventually advanced his rook to a dominating square.

By the time Portisch realized the danger, it was too late. Petrosian obtained a passed pawn which advanced rapidly. The black pawns soon fell, and Portisch was helpless when he resigned the game and match.

The semifinals of the elimination series will have an all Russian cast. Petrosian will meet Victor Korchnoi, who had beaten Henrique Mecking of Brazil by 3-1 the week before.

The other match will be between former world champion Boris Spassky and Anatoly Karpov. Each had won by a 3-0 margin, Spassky against Robert Byrne of Ossining, N. Y., and Karpov against Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union.

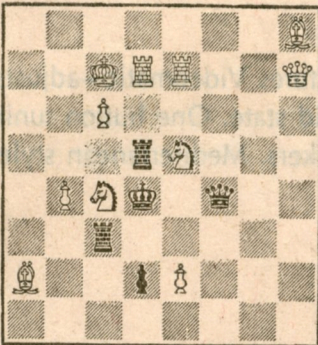
The matches will start about the middle of April. Four wins will be required, with draws not to count. Each match will be limited to 20 games. If neither player is ahead at that time,

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TIMES PROBLEM 4218

By J. Haring

BLACK 5



WHITE 11

White mates in two.

The key move changes the pin relationships, allowing several new mates.

Solution to Problem 4217: K-R4 Threat, 2 N-B5ch; if RxKP, 2 N-K8ch; if BxP, 2 N-B8ch; if PxP, 2 N-B4ch; if N-N2 or B5, 2 PxRch.

those who had contributed most to chess activity in this area.

The vote was at the last meeting of the Southern California Chess League. A list of 10 nominees had been presented, all players or organizers or both.

Mrs. Grumette has been involved in chess circles here for 20 years. She is one of the highest rated women players in the country. She has organized and run chess clubs, directed tournaments and handled publicity for a number of major activities, including the Piatigorsky Cup Tournaments.

Recently Mrs. Grumette organized the Chess Set, a club which is already creating new activity in West Hollywood. A new tournament is starting there at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday.

This will be run in two sections, one for players rated 1700 or over by the U. S. Chess Federation, and the other for lower rated or unrated players. Six rounds will be played, one each week. For further information call 876-8106.

## COUNTY FESTIVALS

The Teen Unit of the L. A. County Dept. of Parks and Recreation has agreed to sponsor a number of chess festivals in different cities. These should be of particular interest to youngsters who recently learned the game, but know little of chess organization.

The first event is scheduled next Saturday from 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Youth Center, 4685 Woodruff Ave. in Lakewood. Others in April and May will be in Burbank, El Monte and Culver City.

Several masters and experts will participate in the festival. There will be lectures dealing with the elements of the game, as well as more advanced tactics and theory. A complete game will be analyzed, to be followed by an open forum.

Of most interest will be simultaneous play, with each master taking on a group. Everyone is welcome to participate, with no charge. Players are requested to bring their own boards and men.

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er player is ahead at that time, then a toss will decide.

The two winners will then play a final match of 24 games, with five wins required. The ultimate survivor will be the official challenger for Fischer, with the championship match to be held in the spring of 1975.

### SAN DIEGO OPEN

The major annual tournament in San Diego is the Class Championship. This will start at 10 a.m. next Saturday at the Convair Recreation Center, 9115 Clairmont Mesa Blvd., San Diego

Play will be in six sections, with participants assigned in accordance with their current ratings. Each section will be run separately, so that each player will have opponents of about his own skill.

Separate sets of prizes are offered for each section. The total fund will be over \$1,000. Five rounds are scheduled, three on Saturday and two on Sunday.

### FINAL KORCHNOI WIN

The 13th game was the decisive one in the match between Victor Korchnoi of the Soviet Union and Henrique Mecking of Brazil.

Mecking, behind 2-1, played to attack with his 12th move. This was risky at that stage, with his development far from complete. Korchnoi defended in straightforward style, and after some exchanges, he had a clearly superior formation.

Trying to avoid material loss a few moves later, Mecking moved his queen out of play. Korchnoi was ready with a quick advance on the king side, which settled the issue.

The game follows:

#### 12TH MATCH GAME QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Portisch	Petrosian	Portisch	Petrosian
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	34-KR-K7	R-KB4
2-P-QB4	P-QB3	35-Q-Q4	P-N3
3-N-QB3	N-B3	36-R-N7	PxP
4-PxP	PxP	37-RxNP	O-Q4
5-B-B4	P-K3	38-QxQ	RxQ
6-P-K3	B-K2	39-PxP	P-R4
7-B-Q3	N-B3	40-P-R4	K-N2
8-P-KR3	O-O	41-P-N3	R-QR1
9-N-B3	B-Q2	42-R(N)-N7	R-KB4
10-O-O	Q-N3	43-R-K2	R-R8ch
11-P-R3	N-QR4	44-K-N2	R-QN8
12-P-QN4	N-B5	45-R-K3	R-N7
13-N-K5	QR-B1	46-R-KB3	RxR
14-BxN	PxB	47-KxR	K-R3
15-B-N5	Q-Q1	48-K-K3	P-B3
16-Q-B3	B-B3	49-R-N6	K-N2
17-NxB	RxN	50-R-N7ch	K-R3
18-QR-Q1	N-Q4	51-R-N8	P-N4
19-BxB	NxB	52-P-N5	PxP
20-P-K4	P-QR3	53-PxP	K-N3
21-P-Q5	PxP	54-P-N6	K-B4
22-PxP	R-Q3	55-K-Q4	RxBP
23-R-Q2	Q-B2	56-R-QR8	R-QN7
24-Q-N3	Q-Q2	57-K-B5	R-B7ch
25-K-R1	N-B1	58-K-Q4	R-QN7
26-N-K4	R-KN3	59-R-R5ch	K-K3
27-Q-B4	N-Q3	60-K-B5	R-B7ch
28-NxN	P-B6	61-K-N5	K-Q3
29-R-Q3	RxN	62-K-R6	K-B3
30-RxP	RxP	63-R-R1	R-B5
31-R-B7	Q-N4	64-P-N7	R-QN5
32-R-K1	P-KN3	65-R-B1ch	K-Q2
33-K-N1	P-QR4	66-R-B8	Resigns

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Petrosian	Portisch	Petrosian	Portisch
White	Black	White	Black
1-N-KB3	P-Q4	21-RxR	Q-B5
2-P-Q4	N-KB3	22-PxQ	NxPch
3-P-B4	P-K3	23-K-N3	NxQ
4-B-N5	B-K2	24-R-B3	N-N5
5-N-B3	O-O	25-P-R3	N-R3
6-R-B1	P-KR3	26-P-N4	N-N1
7-B-R4	P-QN3	27-R-B7	P-QR4
8-PxP	NxP	28-P-N5	N-Q2
9-NxN	PxN	29-K-B4	P-R4
10-P-B	QxB	30-N-K5	N-B1
11-P-KN3	B-R3	31-R-N7	P-B3
12-P-K3	P-QB4	32-N-B6	N-N3ch
13-BxB	NxB	33-K-N3	R-Q3
14-O-O	N-B2	34-RxQNP	R-K3
15-P-N3	QR-B1	35-R-N8ch	N-B1
16-R-K1	KR-Q1	36-R-R8	R-K8
17-P-KR4	N-K3	37-N-Q8	K-R2
18-Q-Q3	Q-B3	38-P-N6	R-QN8
19-K-N2	PxP	39-P-N7	N-Q2
20-PxP	RxR	40-RxP	Resigns

#### 13TH MATCH GAME BENONI DEFENSE

Korchnoi	Mecking	Korchnoi	Mecking
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	22-N-K4	QxP
2-N-KB3	P-B4	23-N-N3	Q-N4
3-P-Q5	P-K3	24-BxPch	K-R1
4-P-B4	PxP	25-Q-B5	Q-R3
5-PxP	P-Q3	26-QxNP	NxNP
6-N-B3	P-KN3	27-KxN	QxB
7-P-K4	B-N2	28-R-K7	R-KN1
8-B-K2	O-O	29-Q-B4	B-K4
9-O-O	R-K1	30-Q-B3	R-N2
10-N-Q2	QN-Q2	31-RxNP	Q-B7
11-Q-B2	N-K4	32-R-K1	K-N1
12-P-QN3	P-KN4	33-R-K4	R-KB1
13-B-N2	P-N5	34-R-KN4	QxRP
14-KR-K1	N-R4	35-N-B5	RxR
15-N-Q1	N-KB5	36-QxRch	K-R2
16-B-N5	R-B1	37-Q-R5ch	K-N1
17-N-K3	Q-N4	38-N-R6ch	K-N2
18-N-B5	BxN	39-NxP	R-KN1
19-PxB	N(K)-Q6	40-NxBch	K-B3
20-BxN	BxB	41-N-N4ch	RxNch
21-QR-Q1	B-Q5	42-QxR	Resigns

### MRS. GRUMETTE HONORED

Mrs. Lina Grumette was elected to the Southern California Hall of Fame, established several years ago to honor