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GELLER LEADS CLOSE RACE IN CURACAO

Ewfim Geller of the Soviet Union headed the list by a slight margin after 12 rounds of play in the Candidates' Chess Tournament at the Hotel Intercontinental in Curacao. Though he won but three games outright, Geller lost none and drew nine for a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Three Russian grandmasters, all playing steadily, were tied for second place with scores of 7-5. Tigran Petrosian was also undefeated, with two wins and 10 draws. Paul Keres and Victor Korchnoi had identical tallies of three wins, one loss and eight draws.

Starting a strong comeback was 19-year-old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, who picked up $3\frac{1}{2}$ points of his five games during the week. An important success was his winning an adjourned game against Keres, to knock the latter out of the lead.

In the ninth round Fischer lost for the second time to Geller. This was a closely contested game which developed into a rook ending. Fischer missed a clear draw just before adjournment.

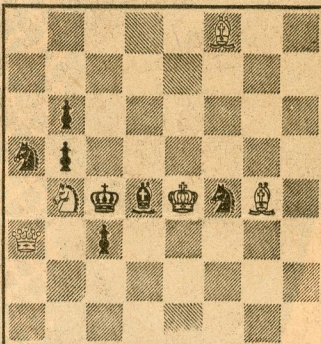
In the 10th round Fischer also dropped a half point needlessly when he erred against Miroslav Filip of Czechoslovakia, drawing what should have been a winning game. However, this was evened out in the 12th round when Korchnoi, with a decisive advantage over Fischer, blundered in time pressure to lose a vital point.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3383

By H. Ahues

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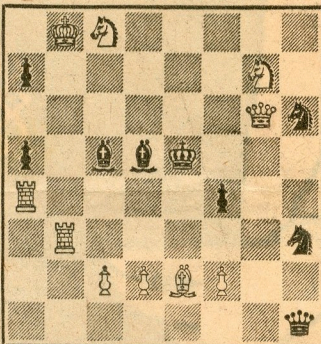
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White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3384

By A. Oreshin

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WHITE 10

White mates in three.

The key piece in 3383 has several reasonable moves, so watch for false tries. Black can get into a surprising number of pins in 3384.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3377: N-Q5.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3378: Q-K8.

Threat, 2 QxRch; if RxQ, 2 RxP; if K-N4, 2 QxPch; if N-B1, 2 B-Q5ch.

SOLVERS' LIST

In the meantime, Fischer had defeated former world champion Mikhail Tal, who has been in a seemingly hopeless slump since the start of the tournament. With a tally of 6½-5½, Fischer is only one point behind the leader, with 16 rounds still to go.

Pal Benko of New York, the other American in the tournament, had an even score for the week, defeating Filip, losing to Tal and drawing three games. This left Benko with a score of 5½-6½.

Bringing up the rear are Filip, with 4-8, and Tal, who is alone in last place with 3½-8½. Tal has lost seven games while winning two and drawing three. This is the same player who won the previous candidates' tournament three years ago with a final score of 20-8.

Following are the detailed results, the standing after 12 rounds and games from the tournament.

- ROUND 6—Korchnoi 1, Filip 0.
 ROUND 7—Benko ½, Geller ½; Fischer 1, Keres 0.
 ROUND 9—Fischer 0, Geller 1; Benko 1, Filip 0; Keres ½, Tal ½; Petrosian ½, Korchnoi ½.
 ROUND 10—Geller ½, Petrosian ½; Korchnoi ½, Keres ½; Tal 1, Benko 0; Filip ½, Fischer ½.
 ROUND 11—Filip 0, Geller 1; Fischer 1, Tal 0; Benko ½, Korchnoi ½; Keres ½, Petrosian ½.
 ROUND 12—Geller ½, Keres ½; Petrosian ½, Benko ½; Korchnoi 0, Fischer 1; Tal 0, Filip 1.

STANDINGS OF THE PLAYERS

	W	L	D	Tot.
Geller	3	0	9	7½
Keres	3	1	8	7
Korchnoi	3	1	8	7
Petrosian	2	0	10	7
Fischer	5	4	3	6½
Benko	3	4	5	5½
Filip	2	6	4	4
Tal	2	7	3	3½

NORTH-SOUTH MATCH AT FRESNO NEXT WEEK

The Hotel Californian in Fresno will witness its annual influx of chess players next weekend for the 28th running of the North-South match, gala event of the year for California devotees of the royal game.

The match, which is sponsored by the California State Chess Federation, will start at 10 a.m. next Sunday. The South team, most of whose members will be from the Los Angeles area, is out to reverse the trend, which has given the North four victories in successive years.

Anyone can play in the match. The only requirement is membership in the federation. The dues are \$2.50 a year, which includes a subscription to the California Chess Reporter. Players are requested to bring their own sets and clocks.

Those interested should register in advance with team captain Nathan Robinson of 1034 S Sherbourne. Call him at OL 2-6629 for aid in making reservations or arranging for transportation to Fresno.

The annual meeting of the CSCF will take place Saturday evening with your editor presiding. Various committee chairmen will report and offer plans for an ambitious and active chess program.

Also on the Fresno schedule is the annual California State rapid transit championship tournament. The preliminaries should start about 4 p.m. Saturday with the finals to be completed that evening.

Five points—P. J. Burton, M. Chutorian, J. Di Fulvio, W. W. Irwin, I. E. Nordstrom, R. Roslin.
Three points—F. Aks, E. P. Kely, J. R. Martinez, Dr. R. Schindler.
Two points—P. Dunn, F. B. Jones, J. Kneass, G. F. Oglesby.
One point—F. C. Bowman, K. Charles, E. Cohen, A. L. Gilbert, J. T. Haag, Dr. J. A. Healy, M. A. Jaro, C. T. Patterson, S. Schwarz, Mrs. L. T. Stockman, G. Winkelmann.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Fischer White	Benko Black	Fischer White	Benko Black
1-P-K4	P-K3	21-K-N	QxKBP
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	22-QxP	QxQ
3-N-QB3	N-KB3	23-BxQ	P-N3
4-B-N5	PxP	24-B-Q3	QR-Q
5-NxP	B-K2	25-P-R5	K-N2
6-BxN	BxB	26-PxP	PxP
7-N-KB3	N-Q2	27-BxQNP	RxRch
8-Q-Q2	B-K2	28-RxR	R-QN
9-O-O-O	N-B3	29-P-R4	P-R3
10-B-Q3	O-O	30-R-Q7ch	K-R3
11-NxNch	BxN	31-R-Q6	BxP
12-Q-B4	P-B4	32-KxB	PxB
13-PxP	Q-R4	33-P-R5	R-QR
14-Q-B4	B-K2	34-P-R6	K-R4
15-P-KR4	QxBP	35-K-N3	P-N4
16-Q-K4	P-B4	36-K-N4	K-N5
17-Q-K2	P-QN4	37-KxP	K-N6
18-N-N5	B-B3	38-R-Q7	P-N5
19-NxKP	BxN	39-P-R7	Resigns
20-QxBch	K-R		

PIRC DEFENSE

Fischer White	Korchnoi Black	Fischer White	Korchnoi Black
1-P-K4	P-Q3	18-P-B5	Q-B5
2-P-Q4	N-KB3	19-Q-B3	QxRP
3-N-QB3	P-KN3	20-N-B7	QxN
4-P-B4	B-N2	21-N-Q5	QR-K
5-N-B3	O-O	22-B-N5	QxP
6-B-K2	P-B4	23-BxP	B-K4
7-PxP	Q-R4	24-R-B2	Q-B8ch
8-O-O	QxPch	25-R-B	Q-R3
9-K-R	N-B3	26-P-R3	PxP
10-N-Q2	P-QR4	27-BxR	RxB
11-N-N3	Q-N3	28-N-K7ch	K-R
12-P-QR4	N-QN5	29-NxP	Q-K3
13-P-N4	BxP	30-R-KN	P-R5
14-BxB	NxB	31-R-N4	Q-N6
15-QxN	NxP	32-Q-B	P-R6
16-N-N5	NxR	Resigns	
17-NxN	Q-B3		

KING'S FIANCHETTO DEFENSE

Benko White	Tal Black	Benko White	Tal Black
1-P-KN3	P-KN3	22-P-K5	KN-K5
2-B-N2	B-N2	23-NxN	PxN
3-P-Q4	P-Q3	24-B-K2	Q-K2
4-P-K4	N-KB3	25-B-R3	P-B3
5-N-K2	O-O	26-B-B4ch	K-R
6-O-O	Q-N-Q2	27-N-K6	R-Q4
7-QN-B3	P-B3	28-BxR	PxB
8-P-QR4	P-QR4	29-NxB	KxN
9-P-N3	R-K	30-PxPch	QxP
10-B-QR3	Q-B2	31-Q-B2	N-K3
11-Q-Q2	P-K4	32-QxP	B-R
12-QR-Q	PxP	33-B-Q6	Q-B4
13-NxP	N-B4	34-QxP	K-R3
14-P-B3	P-N3	35-P-B4	R-Q
15-KN-K2	B-B	36-B-K7	P-K6
16-B-N2	Q-K2	37-RxKP	R-K
17-N-Q4	B-QN2	38-B-N5ch	K-N2
18-KR-K	B-N2	39-QR-K	NxB
19-P-B4	QR-Q	40-PxN	R-KB
20-B-B3	Q-Q2	41-Q-R7ch	Resigns
21-Q-N2	P-Q4		

RUY LOPEZ

Tal White	Keres Black	Tal White	Keres Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	22-BxQB	NxB
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	23-QR-Q	P-Q4
3-B-N5	P-QR3	24-N-B4	BxB
4-B-R4	N-B3	25-RxB	Q-B3
5-O-O	B-K2	26-QxQP	QR-Q
6-R-K	P-QN4	27-KRxN	RxQ
7-B-N3	P-Q3	28-NxR	Q-N4
8-P-B3	O-O	29-P-B4	Q-R3
9-P-KR3	N-Q4	30-RxP	Q-Q3
10-B-B2	P-B4	31-R-R5	P-R3
11-P-Q4	N-B3	32-P-QN4	K-R2
12-QN-Q2	BxP	33-R-B5	Q-R3
13-PxP	N-Q2	34-N-B3	R-Q
14-N-N3	P-QR4	35-P-B5	Q-Q6
15-B-K3	P-R5	36-R-K8	R-Q7
16-N-B	PxP	37-R-K4	R-QB7
17-NxP	NxN	38-P-QR4	R-B8ch
18-BxN	B-B3	39-K-R2	Q-Q3ch
19-N-K2	B-N2	40-R(K)-K5	RxN
20-Q-Q3	N-B4	Resigns	
21-QxP	BxP		

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Keres White	Benko Black	Keres White	Benko Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	15-PxN	N-R3
2-N-KB3	P-K3	16-R-N	Q-KB5
3-P-Q4	PxP	17-PxP	R-KN
4-NxP	P-QR3	18-B-K4	RxP
5-N-QB3	P-QN4	19-Q-Q4	K-B
6-B-Q3	B-N2	20-P-N3	Q-N
7-O-O	Q-B2	21-BxB	PxB
8-R-K	B-B4	22-N-Q6	Q-R2
9-B-K3	N-KB3	23-Q-B6	N-B4
10-KNxNP	PxN	24-R-N4	Q-B2
11-NxP	Q-B3	25-R-Q	R-Q
13-BxB	QxB	26-QR-Q4	R-Q2
13-P-K5	B-B3	27-N-K8	KxN
14-P-QN4	QxNP	28-QxR	Resigns

KING'S FIANCHETTO DEFENSE

Filip White	Tal Black	Filip White	Tal Black
1-N-KB3	N-KB3	19-R-N	Q-B7
2-P-KN3	P-KN3	20-R-N7	Q-B3
3-B-N2	B-N2	21-R-N	N-K4
4-O-O	O-O	22-Q-N3	P-QR4
5-P-Q4	P-B4	23-B-R3	P-R5
6-P-B3	P-N3	24-Q-N4	Q-Q4
7-N-K5	P-Q4	25-KR-B	B-B
8-P-QR4	B-N2	26-Q-N2	B-R3
9-P-R5	KN-Q2	27-P-B4	N-N5
10-NxN	NxN	28-RxRch	RxR
11-P-QB4	Q-B	29-R-QB	R-K
12-PxQP	GxQP	30-R-B5	Q-Q2
13-B-N5	P-K3	31-P-R3	N-K6
14-PxKP	PxKP	32-N-B3	P-K4
15-BxB	QxB	33-NxKP	QxP
16-PxP	QxP	34-Q-R2ch	K-R
17-N-Q2	QxB	Resigns	
18-B-K7	KR-B		