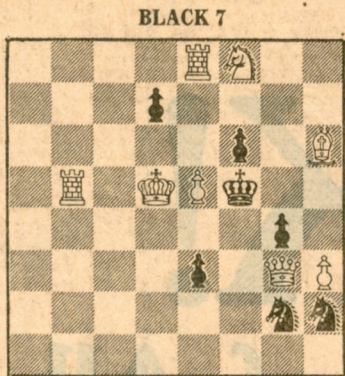


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White Mates in Two
Mate is prepared for most, but not all of Black's moves. The cross-play between the rooks and pawns is unusual.

Solution to Problem 4405: Q-N6

Threat, 2 B-Q6ch; if Q-K3, 2 R-K4ch; if N-K5, 2 R-Q5ch; if N-Q4, 2 Q-K6ch; if R-R3, 2 N-B6ch.

SOVIETS WIN WORLD STUDENT TITLE

The annual World Student Team Championship was held in August at the University of Mexico in Mexico City. Teams of six players each attended from 18 countries.

According to the rules of the competition, eligible players had to be under 27 and bona fide students in a school, college, or university. The age limit is strictly observed, but not always the educational requirement.

Though the site was closer to the U.S. than ever before, there was considerable doubt that we would field a team. Raising the funds for the team expenses was the main problem. This was resolved when the American Chess Foundation of New York City offered its sponsorship.

It was the youngest group ever to represent us in the event. Four of them were juniors: Nicholas DeFirmian, 19, of Santa Barbara; Kenneth Regan, 17, of Paramus, N.J.; Jonathan Tisdall, 18, of Syracuse, N.Y.; and Ronald Henley, 19, of Houston. On fifth board was Danny Kopec, 23, now studying at Edinburgh University, Scotland.

Another junior, Yasser Seirawan, 17, of Seattle, had been designated as first board on the team. However, he was playing in Canada and could not be reached when it was determined that the boys could go. Taking his place was International Master Kim Commons of Woodland Hills, who had been slated as non-playing captain.

The teams were divided into three preliminary sections, each to complete a round robin. The three winners in each section would then compete for the championship.

The section winners were: A—Soviet Union 18, Brazil 12, and West Germany 10; B—Cuba 18, U.S.A. 15½ and Mexico 12, and C—Poland 15½, England 14 and Venezuela 13½.

For the rest we quote the report sent by Commons: "The 24th World Student Team Tournament is over and done. All that is left is to report the results and share a few memories.

"In the finals it was Soviet Union 25, Cuba 22½, England 16½ U.S.A. 15½, Brazil and Poland 14, Venezuela 13, West Germany 12½ and Mexico 11.

"As the captain, I had carefully warned my team to expect that the Russian 'student' team would be a monster, but even I was shocked on day one to see four grandmasters among them.

"Alexander Belyavsky, who had won both the Soviet championship and the world junior title, was sitting on

board four! The others were Oleg Romanishin, Rafael Vaganian, Josif Dorfman, Adrian Mikhalchisin and Sergei Makarichev. What to say? They came, they saw, and they won every match they played.

"Cuba was unexpectedly strong this year. They were led by two grandmasters, Guillermo Garcia and Amador Rodriguez. Garcia won the prize for best score on first board ahead of Romanishin and me. The quality of their play was such that they even had the Russians worried until the last three rounds. No higher compliment can be paid.

"I can't tell you for certain that the American team was disappointed to finish fourth and not third. We started slowly and even beating our rival England by 3-1 two rounds before the end was not quite enough to let us close the gap.

"I feel that lack of experience was the key factor. For half of our team it was their first international tournament on foreign soil."

"Personally, I played better, scoring 7½-3½, than I had expected to after a year's layoff with no study. It still hurts to miss a grandmaster norm only by virtue of practically mating myself creatively in the last round.

"The best individual result by an American was turned in by Kopec, 7-2. His style is characterized by non-stop punching, and his nickname in Mexico City was 'The Big Fist.' The other American totals were: DeFirmian 4½-3½, Regan 5-4, Tisdall 3-5 and Henley 4-3. Following are a few of our best games from the tournament."

COMPUTER CHAMPIONSHIP IN SEATTLE

Playing chess by computer is no longer a novelty. A number of programs have been developed, and some have entered Swiss system tournaments with good results.

A record entry of 12 computer teams will compete in the North American Computer Chess Championship, to be held at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle from Oct. 15 to 17. Four rounds will be played.

The favorite is Chess 4.6, representing Northwestern University. This recently won the world computer championship in a tournament in Toronto, beating out the previous titleholder, Kaissa of the Soviet Union.

CENTER COUNTER DEFENSE

Mestel	Commons	13-PxP	PxP	28-R-B3	N-B4
England	U.S.A.	14-P-KN3	NxKBP	29-Q-R2	N-Q3
White	Black	15-PxN	Q-R5ch	30-R-Q1	N-K5
1-P-K4	P-Q4	16-K-B1	O-O-O	31-NxN	OxN
2-PxP	N-KB3	17-Q-K1	Q-R6ch	32-R-B4	R-B8ch
3-P-Q4	NxP	18-K-B2	KR-B1	33-K-Q2	R-Q1ch
4-N-KB3	B-N5	19-N-B3	RxP	34-K-B3	Q-K6ch
5-B-K2	N-QB3	20-Q-KN1	QR-B1	35-K-B2	R-B2
6-P-B4	N-N3	21-Q-N3	Q-R4	36-RxRch	KxR
7-P-Q5	BxN	22-P-KR3	NxP	37-R-B3	Q-K5ch
8-BxB	N-K4	23-K-N2	N-K6ch	38-R-Q3ch	K-B1
9-B-K2	P-K3	24-K-B2	Q-QB4	39-B-N4	P-KR4
10-P-B4	B-N5ch	25-KR-QB1	Q-N3	40-Q-K2	Q-B3ch
11-B-Q2	BxBch	26-K-K1	Q-N5ch	41-R-B3	Q-R5ch
12-NxB	N-N3	27-N-Q2	Q-Q5	Resigns	

FRENCH DEFENSE

Kopec	Pimienta	10-B-N5	Q-Q2	22-BxB	QxB
U.S.A.	Brazil	11-N-R3	P-QB4	23-N-N3	N-N2
White	Black	12-PxP	PxP	24-Q-B4	N-R3
1-P-K4	P-K3	13-N-B4	N-QB3	25-Q-Q2	R-QN1
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	14-O-O-O	N-Q5	26-N(Q)xP	NxN
3-N-QB3	B-N5	15-Q-Q3	B-K2	27-Q-R5ch	K-B3
4-P-K5	P-QN3	16-QN-K2	N-QB3	28-NxPch	K-N2
5-Q-N4	B-B1	17-Q-KN3	O-O-O	29-P-QN4	N-R3
6-P-KR4	P-KR4	18-P-B4	P-Q5	30-P-N5	N-QB4
7-Q-Q1	B-R3	19-N-Q3	P-N3	31-N-B6	Resigns
8-BxB	NxB	20-K-N1	K-B2		
9-Q-K2	N-N1	21-N(2)-B1	N-R4		

FRENCH DEFENSE

Regan	Ostos	10-B-Q3	N-R3	22-P-QR4	P-N5
U.S.A.	Venezuela	11-B-KB4	B-K2	23-NPxP	NPxP
White	Black	12-Q-Q2	QR-B1	24-N-N3	QR-KN1
1-P-K4	P-K3	13-B-KN5	BxB	25-N-B5ch	K-K2
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	14-QxB	N-B2	26-NxP	KxN
3-P-K5	P-QB4	15-Q-K3	P-B5	27-PxPch	KxP
4-P-QB3	N-QB3	16-B-B2	P-KN4	28-Q-B3ch	K-K3
5-N-B3	B-Q2	17-B-R4	P-N5	29-Q-KB6ch	K-Q2
6-B-K2	P-B3	18-BxN	PxN	30-KR-Q1ch	K-B1
7-O-O	PxKP	19-BxBch	KxB	31-Q-K6ch	Resigns
8-PxKP	Q-B2	20-N-Q2	PxP		
9-R-K1	O-O-O	21-P-N3	P-N4		

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