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MEDINA SCORES 10-2, WINS U.S. OPEN TITLE

Antonio G. Medina of Caracas, Venezuela, coming the longest distance to enter the event, scored 10-2 to win the first prize and the championship trophy in the U.S. Open Tournament at San Antonio, Tex.

Medina won eight games, lost one to Robert Byrne of Indianapolis, and drew with his two chief contenders, defending champion Pal Benko and William Lombardy, both of New York. He won his last four games in succession, among his opponents being former U.S. champion Arthur S. Bisguier of New York.

When not playing chess, Medina is an executive in a pharmaceutical plant in Caracas. He has been champion of Venezuela three times and before that held the title in Spain on five occasions.

Benko and Lombardy tied for second place with scores of 9½-2½. Lombardy was the only undefeated player in the tournament, allowing five draws and winning seven. Benko lost only to Bisguier and drew three games.

Bisguier and Byrne tallied 9-3, tying at that figure with Martin Harrow. The leading Californian in the event was Stephen Matzner of Los Angeles with 8½-3½. Tied with him were Karl Burger, Jack O'Keefe, Edmund Davila of Mexico and J. A. Fernandez-Leon of Cuba.

Stephen Jones, a youngster from Dallas, Tex., easily won the special handicap prize, for which only non-masters were eligible. He led the tournament in the early stages, but weakened in the stiffer competition in the later rounds, to wind up with 8-4. Dave Edward and Jim McIlrath followed on the handicap basis.

Katherine Slater of New York won the women's title with 6½ points. Mabel Burlingham of Red City was a close second. The women played along with the men, with the understanding that the highest scorer would be the champion.

The attendance of 144 was the largest of any American tournament this year, but was a disappointment as it did not come close to the mark of 198 established in San Francisco last summer.

Following are games from the event:

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Medina White	Bisguier Black	Medina White	Bisguier Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	32-QxB	Q-N4ch
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	33-QxQ	NxQ
3-B-N5	P-QR3	34-P-R4	N-B2
4-B-R4	N-B3	35-P-N4	N-R3
5-O-O	B-K2	36-N-B3	N-N5
6-R-K	P-QN4	37-N-N5ch	K-R3
7-B-N3	O-O	38-QR-K	R-N2
8-P-B3	P-Q3	39-P-K5	PxP
9-P-Q3	N-QR4	40-NxP	NxN
10-B-B2	P-B3	41-RxN	P-B5
11-QN-Q2	Q-B2	42-B-K4	R-B3
12-N-B	N-K	43-R-QB5	B-Q2
13-N-N3	P-N3	44-K-B2	R-N4
14-B-R6	N-KN2	45-B-Q3	RxR
15-P-Q4	N-N2	46-QPxR	N-B4
16-P-QR4	NPxP	47-BxP	NxP
17-BxP	N-Q	48-N-B3	NxN
18-N-Q2	P-B3	49-KxN	P-N4
19-B-N3ch	N-B2	50-R-Q	P-N5ch
20-B-K3	P-KR4	51-K-B2	B-K3
21-P-KB4	PxBP	52-R-Q6	K-N4
22-BxP	P-R5	53-RxP	R-R3
23-N-R	N-R4	54-K-N	P-B3
24-B-R6	N-N2	55-B-B8	BxB
25-N-B2	R-N	56-RxB	P-B7ch
26-B-K3	P-KB4	57-KxB	RxPch
27-N-Q3	K-R2	58-K-K3	R-R6ch
28-R-KB	Q-Q	59-K-Q4	P-N6
29-B-QB2	B-N4	60-R-N8ch	K-B5
30-Q-K	P-R6	61-P-B6	Resigns
31-PxP	BxBch		

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Bisguier White	Benko Black	Bisguier White	Benko Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	28-R-Q8	N-Q3
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	29-Q-Q	R-N3
3-P-Q4	PxP	30-Q-Q4	QxQ
4-NxP	P-K3	31-BxQ	R-B3
5-N-QB3	Q-B2	32-P-QR4	P-B3
6-P-KN3	N-B3	33-P-R5	R-R3
7-B-N2	P-QR3	34-B-B5	R-B3
8-O-O	B-K2	35-BxN	RxB
9-P-N3	NxN	36-RxR	BxR
10-QxN	P-Q3	37-P-R6	B-B4
11-B-N2	Q-N4	38-N-B4	K-K
12-QR-B	P-QN4	39-N-Q6	K-B2
13-N-Q	B-N2	40-P-R7	BxP
14-N-K3	QR-B	41-N-B8ch	K-Q2
15-P-QB4	Q-N	42-NxB	K-Q3
16-P-QR3	KR-Q	43-N-N5ch	K-B4
17-PxP	PxP	44-N-B3	K-Q5
18-Q-N4	Q-R	45-N-K2ch	K-K5
19-P-K5	N-K	46-N-B4	P-K4
20-QxNP	R-N	47-N-R5	K-B6
21-BxB	RxB	48-NxNP	P-K6
22-Q-K2	RxB	49-N-B5	K-N5
23-PxP	NxP	50-N-K3ch	K-B6
24-R-B7	B-B	51-P-N4	P-R3
25-R-Q	N-N4	52-P-R3	K-B5
26-R(7)-Q7	RxR	53-K-N2	Resigns
27-RxR	Q-K5		

FISCHER VS. THE RUSSIANS

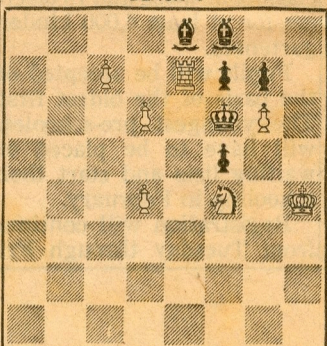
In the Aug. 20 issue of Sports Illustrated appears an article by American grandmaster Bobby Fischer entitled "The Russians Have Fixed

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TIMES PROBLEM 3411

By W. Anders

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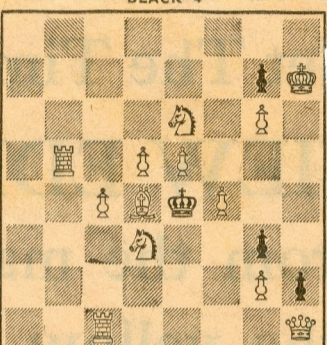
WHITE 7

White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3412

By S. Loyd

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WHITE 13

White mates in three.

The key in 3411 is of the give and take variety, all in White's favor, of course. The three-mover is by America's greatest puzzle king. Every move is a surprise in the main play.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3405: Q-B1
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3406: N-Q4
If KxN, 2 N-B6ch; if BPxN, 2 N-Q3; if QPxN, 2 N-N5; if N any, 2 Q-B3ch; if P-B6, 2 N(Q)-B6.

SOLVER'S LIST

Five points—M. Chutorian, J. Di Fulvio, G. E. Engebretsen, W. W. Irwin, E. P. Kelty, D. L. Knobel, F. J. Munson, I. E. Nordstrom, R. M. Stuart, W. C. Young. Four points—J. A. Frank.

Two points—F. Aks, J. L. P. Gasper, A. E. Hampel, M. Hirsh, J. Kaufman, P. Rhee, T. Rosenthal, G. Winkelmann, Mrs. A. Zelman. One point—J. T. Haag, Dr. J. A. Healy, J. Krausz, A. Lum, Jr., V. M. Manning, G. F. Oglesby, B. Rhumada, W. Wiesner.

all the games they played among themselves, a total of 12. In no case was there a real attempt to play for a win, most of these games lasting but a few minutes.

When Fischer was playing against a Russian, the others would frequently gather about the game and comment on the moves. Fischer protested several times to the referee but was disregarded. These games were all hard fought.

Instead of going through this again, Fischer states that he would be willing to play a match with world champion Mikhail Botvinnik at any time, and would spot him the advantage of two points in a match of 24 games. He continues: "I could come out the victor with ease in such a competition."

Since we regard Bobby Fischer as far and away our best hope for the world chess championship, this is a vital issue for American chess. We shall comment on the article in an open letter to Fischer which will appear in this space next week.

SANTA MONICA FIESTA

The main event of the chess fiesta held at Lincoln Park under the auspices of the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club was a simultaneous exhibition by Dr. Anthony Saidy, Pacific Southwest champion.

Facing 23 opponents, Saidy won 19, lost to juniors A. Sacks and K. Pfeiffer, and drew with P. Waterman and A. Stern. Following is one of the games, in which the master was set back in good style:

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Saidy White	Sacks Black	Saidy White	Sacks Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	16-P-K5	PxP
2-P-QB4	P-K3	17-P-QB7	QxB
3-N-QB3	B-N5	18-BxNch	KxP
4-P-K3	P-B4	19-Q-R4	Q-N3
5-N-K2	O-O	20-R-B2	R-Q6
6-P-QR3	BxNch	21-R-K	N-K4
7-NxB	P-QN3	22-K-R2	BxP
8-P-Q5	P-Q3	23-R-KN	RxB
9-B-Q3	B-N2	24-R(2)xB	PxPch
10-O-O	P-KR3	25-KxR	Q-B4ch
11-PxP	PxP	26-K-N3	QxPch
12-P-K4	N-B3	27-K-R3	Q-B4ch
13-P-B4	Q-K2	28-K-R2	Q-R4ch
14-B-K3	QR-Q	29-K-N3	R-B6 mate
15-P-R3	P-Q4		

World Chess."

Fischer asserts that the system set up to determine a challenger for the world championship ensures that a Russian will win the preliminary tournament. Thus the match for the title will be between Russians, and they can keep the title forever.

Fischer states his basic conclusion in the very first paragraph of the article: "The Russians arranged it that way. As far as I am concerned, they can keep it that way. I will never again play in one of these tournaments."

As evidence Fischer reviews some of the proceedings in the recent Candidates' Tournament in Curacao. The three leaders, Tigran Petrosian, Paul Keres and Ewfim Geller drew

The rapid transit tournament at the fiesta was won by Jim Lazos. Other prizes were taken by Paul Quillen, Hy Rogosin and Allan Troy.

CHESS CLUB NOTES

Jerry Hanken will take on a group in simultaneous play at the City Terrace Chess Club, 1126 N Hazard St., Wednesday evening. The charge for players will be 50 cents.

Mrs. Jaqueline Piatigorsky, president of the Herman Steiner Chess Club, 8801 Cashio St., announces that there will be several surprise awards in addition to the regular prizes in the Herman Steiner Memorial Open Tournament, which is starting Sept. 15. Contact Mrs. Lina Grumette at the club for further information.