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RUSSIANS AHEAD IN CHESS OLYMPICS

After 10 rounds of the finals of the chess olympics in Nice, the Soviet Union team was well ahead of the field, almost certain to retain the chess team championship of the world which they have held since 1952.

The Russians won their first nine matches in succession, then tied with Hungary. Their total was 30 points of a possible 40, winning 20 games and drawing the same number, without the loss of a game.

Yugoslavia was in second place with 26 points, barely ahead of Bulgaria with 25½. The U.S. team was fourth, where they had been for several rounds. They had won 14 games, lost six and drawn 20 for a total of 24 points.

In the critical match between the Americans and the Russians, the latter had won by a 3-1 margin. On the first board Anatoly Karpov, who is in his best form, beat Lubomir Kavalek.

Walter Browne lost to Tigran Petrosian. On the other boards Robert Byrne drew with Victor Korchnoi and William Lombardy with Gennadi Kuzmin.

Lombardy, with 4½-1½, and James Tarjan with 4-1 had the best results of the American team to date. Neither was defeated. Tarjan had performed even better in the preliminary rounds when he scored 4½-1½.

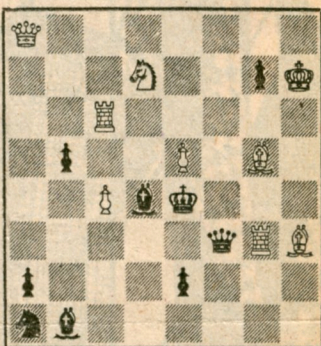
Byrne on second board won his first two games, then drew five games in a row for a total of 4½-2½. His top score in the preliminaries gave him most points for the team.

The strongest opposition was faced by Kavalek on the first board. In the finals he won two, lost two and drew four for an even score of 4-4. The other individual tallies were Browne 4-4 and Samuel Reshevsky 3-3.

The Russians all had good plus scores, quite evenly distributed. In board order they were: Karpov 5½-1½, Korchnoi 5½-1½, Boris Spassky 4-2, Petrosian 5½-1½, Mikhail 5-1, 5-2 and Kuzmin 5½-1½.

The match between the Soviet Union and Hungary resulted in a protest. All the games were drawn in about two hours, with an average of

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BLACK 9



WHITE 9

White mates in two

There are 10 (count them) mates by discovered check after the key move.

Solution to Problem 4235: N-B3

Threat, 2 K-Q2; if KxN, 2 O-O-O if K-K6, 2 B-B5ch.

still technically at war. This would mean a forfeit of the match, and could affect the standings in a close race.

Australia was well ahead in section C with 26 points. Brazil was second with 23½, followed by Chile with 22½.

The highest score reached by any team was 35½ points by Pakistan in section D. They had won every match by at least a 3-1 margin. Also doing well was Puerto Rico with 32. The leaders were scheduled to meet in the final round.

In section E, which has only 10 teams, with six rounds completed, Rhodesia was ahead with 19 points. Iraq was second with 17½.

The following games are from the tournament:

SICILIAN DEFENSE			
Byrne	Penrose	Byrne	Penrose
U.S.A.	England	U.S.A.	England
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	18-O-O-O	B-N2
2-N-KB3	P-K3	19-O-K1	N-K2
3-P-Q4	PxP	20-K-N1	P-K4
4-NxP	N-KB3	21-PxP	PxP
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	22-N-Q5	NxN
6-P-KN4	P-QR3	23-RxN	B-K3
7-P-N5	KN-Q2	24-RxRch	QxR
8-B-N2	N-QB3	25-NxP	BxN
9-P-B4	P-R3	26-BxB	OxP
10-P-KR4	PxP	27-O-B3	P-N3
11-RPxP	R-Rch	28-B-B3	K-N2
12-BxR	Q-N3	29-B-Q6	Q-N8ch
13-N-B3	N-B4	30-K-N2	P-KN4
14-Q-Q2	B-Q2	31-P-K5ch	K-R2
15-P-R3	P-R4	32-B-B6	P-N5
16-P-N3	O-O-O	33-P-N4	Q-KR8
17-B-QN2	P-N3	34-QxN	Resigns

two hours, with an average of 26 moves in each.

The American captain, Georges Koltanowski, claimed the the Russians, who had points to spare, were not making their best efforts against another communist country. The Olympiad has a rule against prior agreements to draw or any favoritism by one team towards another. The penalty is forfeit of the games involved against both teams.

In the preliminaries the match between Czechoslovakia and Romania had a similar quick finish. Though no collusion could be proved, both teams were warned that in the future even an appearance of collusion might result in forfeit. This warning was circulated to all the team captains.

The Russians and Hungarians replied that each player had been on his own, and that such draws could easily occur. The Russians countered further with the fact that the U.S. and the Hungarians had also played four quick draws in an earlier match, and that no one had protested at the time.

The Americans argued that there was a basic difference in the two cases. The Hungarians and Americans were about equal in team rating, and could reasonably be expected to tie. The Russians however, had won all their previous matches, had points to spare, and were just being helpful to their friend.

A check of all the game scores showed that the total number of moves in the U.S.-Hungarian match was 67, practically identical to the 64 in the disputed match.

After several discussions the Russian captain, Vassily Smyslov, agreed that his team would try hard to win against both Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, whom they still had to meet. On this basis the American protest was temporarily withdrawn.

To get back to the standings after 10 rounds, Hungary was tied for fifth place with Holland, each with 22½ points. The other totals were: West Germany 21½, Spain 20, Czechoslovakia 19½, Romania 19, England and the Philippines 17½, Argentina 17, Finland 15½, Sweden 14½, and Wales 7½.

The other sections were continuing to play in addition to the 16 teams vying for the championship. In section B Austria and Israel were in a tie for first place with 26½ points. Close behind was Italy with 25½ points. Canada also had a chance for the top position.

A complicating factor in the section was that Tunisia, one of the lower rated teams, stated that it would refuse to play against Israel, with which it is

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Stearn England White	Browne U.S.A. Black	Stearn England White	Browne U.S.A. Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	17-Q-N6ch	K-Q1
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	18-Q-B7	Q-B4
3-P-Q4	PxP	19-PxP	BxPch
4-NxP	N-KB3	20-KxB	R-KB1
5-N-QB3	P-QR3	21-QR-Q1ch	K-B2
6-B-KN5	QN-Q2	22-QxP	R-KN1
7-B-QB4	P-K3	23-PxN	RxQch
8-O-O	P-R3	24-PxR	B-Q3
9-BxN	NxB	25-R-B7ch	K-B3
10-B-N3	P-ON3	26-B-Q5ch	K-N3
11-P-B4	B-N2	27-BxR	Q-N4ch
12-Q-Q3	B-K2	28-K-R1	B-K4
13-NxP	PxN	29-P-N4	P-QR4
14-BxP	P-QN4	30-R-N7ch	K-B3
15-P-K5	Q-N3ch	31-P-N8(Q)	QxQ
16-K-R1	PxP	32-R-N1ch	Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

Lub'vic Yugoslavia White	Wester'n Finland Black	Lub'vic Yugoslavia White	Wester'n Finland Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	20-Q-B2	QR-K1
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	21-P-QN4	N-Q2
3-B-N5	P-QR3	22-P-QB4	Q-Q1
4-B-R4	P-Q3	23-PxP	PxP
5-P-B3	B-Q2	24-N-K3	N-N3
6-O-O	N-B3	25-Q-B6	P-B4
7-R-K1	B-K2	26-QxNP	P-B5
8-P-Q4	O-O	27-PxP	PxP
9-B-KN5	P-R3	28-N-B2	P-B6
10-B-R4	P-QN4	29-RxR	RxR
11-PxP	QNxP	30-P-Q6	PxP
12-NxN	PxN	31-R-O1	R-K7
13-B-QN3	B-B3	32-N-K1	Q-R5
14-N-Q2	N-Q2	33-QxN	R-Nch
15-B-N3	B-R5	34-RxR	Q-N5
16-N-B1	BxB	35-R-K8ch	K-R2
17-RPxB	N-B4	36-K-B1	PxPch
18-B-Q5	BxB	37-K-N1	Q-R6
19-PxB	Q-N4	Resigns	

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Tal USSR White	Miagmarsuren Mongolia Black	Tal USSR White	Miagmarsuren Mongolia Black
1-P-QB4	P-K3	18-Q-R7	N(2)-B3
2-N-QB3	B-N5	19-Q-N8ch	K-K2
3-N-B3	P-Q4	20-N-B5ch	K-B3
4-P-Q4	N-K2	21-PxNch	NxP
5-P-K3	P-QB4	22-QxPch	KxB
6-B-Q3	QN-B3	23-N-Q4ch	K-Q3
7-O-O	PxBP	24-B-B4	B-Q4
8-BxBP	O-O	25-R-K1	K-B4
9-P-QR3	PxP	26-RxN	RxR
10-PxP	BxN	27-QxR	Q-Q2
11-PxB	P-QN3	28-N-B2	R-K1
12-Q-Q3	B-N2	29-Q-Q4ch	K-B3
13-R-K1	P-KR3	30-P-B4	B-K3
14-B-Q2	R-K1	31-Q-K4ch	K-B4
15-RxP	PxR	32-P-R3	B-B4
16-B-Pch	K-B1	33-B-K3ch	K-Q3
17-N-R4	N-K4	34-Q-B4ch	Resigns

Pacific Southwest

The annual Pacific Southwest Open Tournament will again be held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica over the July 4 weekend. Seven rounds will be played starting at 10 A.M. Thursday.

The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club is guaranteeing the prize fund of 3,600 dollars. The winner will receive 800 dollars and a trophy. Other prizes are 400 dollars for second, 200 dollars for third and 100 dollars each for the next four places.

In addition cash and trophy awards will go to leaders in the various rating categories of the U.S. Chess Federation. Trophies are offered for the best woman player, the leading senior over 60, and the best juniors under 18 and under 14.

The entry fee is 25 dollars for adults and 15 dollars for juniors under 18 if received by Wednesday. It will be 5 dollars more at the playing site. Advance entries should be sent to tournament director, William Bragg, 7381 W. Manchester Ave., LA 90045.