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GELLER, PETROSIAN LEAD CANDIDATES

The four Soviet grandmasters who have been in the van in the Candidates' Chess Tournament in Curacao remained closely grouped, all pulling further away from the second division as a result of two rounds completed last week.

Tigran Petrosian was the only double winner, defeating Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn and Miroslav Filip of Czechoslovakia. As a result Petrosian moved up to a tie for first at 9-5 with Ewfim Geller.

Geller had defeated world champion Mikhail Tal (for the latter's eighth loss) and drawn with Pal Benko of New York. Geller and Petrosian have identical scores of four wins and 10 draws. They are the only undefeated players.

Paul Keres is in third place with 8½-5½. He beat Benko in the 13th round, then drew with Fischer in the 14th. Fischer gained an early advantage in this game, but could not score against Keres' resourceful defense. The game lasted 77 moves.

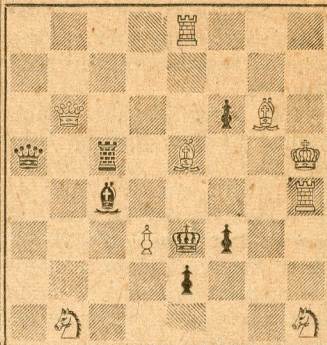
Fourth place was held by Victor Korchnoi, who had an even score for the week. He defeated Filip, then lost in two sessions to Tal. This was Tal's first win after three successive losses.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3385

By P. ten Cate

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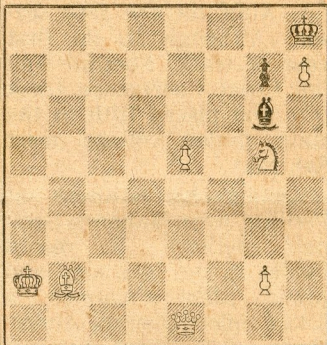
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White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3386

By R. Cheney

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Fischer, who had been one of the favorites at the outset, has a 7-7 score after 14 rounds, which is the halfway point of the tournament. He has five wins, more than anyone else, but has lost as many, with four drawn games.

The prospects of Fischer's overcoming the two-point lead are slim at this stage. The winning score should be at least 18 points. To equal that Fischer would need 11 points of his remaining 14 games, almost 79%. It can be done, but it is a mighty task against this class of opposition.

Of the 56 games played to date, 27 were drawn, 15 were won by the black side and 14 by the white. Black gained a 4-0 result in the 13th round, in which the top ranking participants all happened to sit on that side. There have been relatively few short draws, most having been hard fought.

The players took a six-day holiday for a tour of the islands in the Netherlands Antilles, site of the tournament. Play will be resumed this weekend, with pairings the same as in the first round.

Following are the results and games from the tournament:

ROUND 13—Tal 0, Geller 1; Filip 0, Korchnoi 1; Fischer 0, Petrosian 1; Benko 0, Keres 1.

ROUND 14 — Geller ½, Benko ½; Keres ½, Fischer ½; Petrosian 1, Filip 0; Korchnoi 0, Tal 1.

STANDINGS OF THE PLAYERS

	W	L	D	Tot.
Geller	4	0	10	9
Petrosian	4	0	10	9
Keres	4	1	9	8½
Korchnoi	4	2	8	8
Fischer	5	5	4	7
Benko	3	5	6	6
Tal	3	8	3	4½
Filip	2	8	4	4

MORPHY DAY EVENTS

Over 120 Southland chess enthusiasts attended Garvey Memorial Park in South San Gabriel to take part in the numerous activities celebrating Morphy Day. A full program was sponsored by the L. A. County Department of Parks and Recreation in co-operation with the Southern California Chess League.

The main event was the sixth annual match between the Yankees and Rebels, played on 37 boards. The Yankees, who reside north of Beverly Blvd. or the San Bernardino Freeway, won by the reasonably close margin of 20½ to 16½.

The Yankees dominated the proceedings on the top seven boards, scoring six of their points in this group. Winners were Marin, Quillen, Almgren, Barrett and Myhro. Cunningham drew with Rivise on the first board and N. Hultgren equalized with Bersbach on the fourth board.

This match is basically a preparation for the annual North-South match, set to start this morning at the Hotel Californian in Fresno. Quite a number of the Morphy Day participants are on hand for the current event.

The Morphy Day rapid transit tournament was a walk-over for Allan Troy, who scored 8-0. Bersbach and Rupeiks tied for second with 5½-2½. Tied at 5-3 were Celle, Cunningham, Quillen and Stumbrs.

Zoltan Kovacs played five opponents simultaneously blindfolded, winning three, losing to J. P. McClelland and drawing with E. Jimenez. Other group exhibitions with good results were given by Bersbach, Borochow and Troy.

TOURNAMENTS STARTING

The second annual Southern California Open Championship will take place over the week end of June 22 to 24 at the San

White mates in three.

The two unpin variations, with carefully distinguished mates, are the theme in 3385. The mating positions are clear enough in 3386, but the fine key move must be found.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3379: Q-QB2

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3380: R-R4

If PxKP, 2 K-K4; if PxNP, 2 B-N4; if P-B4, 2 R-KB4.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—F. Aks, D. Baker, D. Bengé, E. J. Bolton, P. A. Burton, M. Chutorian, J. Di Fulvio, K. E. Foglerlund, W. W. Irwin, I. E. Nordstrom, R. Roslin, W. C. Young.

Three points—E. Z. Stuart. **Two points**—Dr. J. A. Healy, F. B. Jones, J. R. Martinez, G. F. Oglesby, C. T. Tongko, O. Wiseman.

One point—F. C. Bowman, R. E. Castator, E. G. Douglas, Dr. P. Dunn, M. A. Jaro, E. P. Kelty, M. Koblentz, R. C. Manley, Dr. M. L. Rubinoff, S. Schwarz, Mrs. L. T. Stockman, G. Winkelmann.

ta Monica Bay Chess Club, Joslyn Hall, Wilshire and Lincoln Blvds. in Santa Monica.

The prize fund is guaranteed at a minimum of \$525, of which the winner will receive \$225 and a championship trophy. The second prize will be \$150 and the third \$75. Prizes of \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the highest scoring players rated Class A or lower.

The entry fee is \$10.50, with registration closing 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 22. The first round will start at 8 p.m. Friday, with three rounds Saturday and the final two on Sunday.

The tournament director is Herbert T. Abel of 126 Bicknell St., Santa Monica. Write to him to enter or for further information.

The fourth annual Orange County Open Championship is starting at 7 p.m. Friday, with a total of seven rounds scheduled for Friday evenings. The entry fee is \$5. Call Raymond Bagley for further information at RE. 1-4054 or LA. 6-1334.

KINGS INDIAN DEFENSE

Korchnoi White	Fischer Black	Korchnoi White	Fischer Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	24-B-KB	N-Q
2-P-QB4	P-QB3	25-R-R6	Q-N
3-P-KN3	B-N2	26-R-R7	R-QB2
4-B-N2	O-O	27-RxR	QxR
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	28-NxNP	BxN
6-N-B3	N-B3	29-BxB	N-B2
7-O-O	P-K4	30-BxB	KxB
8-P-Q5	N-K2	31-B-B6?	NxB
9-P-B5	N-Q2	32-R-QB?	Q-R2
10-PxP	PxP	33-QxQ	NxQ
11-P-QR4	N-QB4	34-R-B7	N-QN4
12-N-Q2	P-N3	35-R-N7	N-B6
13-P-QN4	N-N2	36-N-B4	K-B3
14-Q-N3	B-Q2	37-P-N5	N-K4
15-B-QR3	P-QR3	38-NxP	R-Q
16-N-B4	P-QN4	39-R-N6	K-N4
17-N-Q2	Q-N3	40-R-R6	NxQP
18-B-N2	P-B4	41-P-N6	N-QN5
19-R-R3	B-R3	42-R-R4	RxN
20-P-K3	QR-B	43-RxN	R-Q8ch
21-PxP	PxP	44-K-N2	N-B6
22-Q-R2	B-N2	Resigns	
23-R-R	P-K5		

KING'S FIANCHETTO DEFENSE

Benko White	Fischer Black	Benko White	Fischer Black
1-P-KN3	N-KB3	21-Q-Q2	B-N2
2-B-N2	P-KN3	22-QR-Q	R-K3
3-P-K4	P-Q3	23-P-K5	BxB
4-P-Q4	B-N2	24-KxB	Q-N2ch
5-N-K2	O-O	25-K-B2	R-Q
6-O-O	P-K4	26-PxP	N-B3
7-QN-B3	P-B3	27-RxR	PxR
8-P-QR4	QN-Q2	28-Q-K3	K-B2
9-P-R5	PxP	29-Q-B3	Q-N
10-NxP	N-B4	30-N-K4	NxNch
11-P-R3	R-K	31-QxN	R-Q2
12-R-K	KN-Q2	32-Q-B6	Q-Q
13-B-K3	Q-B2	33-K-B3	K-N2
14-P-B4	R-N	34-P-N4	P-K4
15-Q-Q2	P-QN4	35-PxP	R-B2ch
16-PxPe.p.	PxP	36-K-N2	Q-R5
17-P-QN4	N-K3	37-R-KB	RxR
18-P-N5	NxN	38-KxR	QxPch
19-BxN	BxBch	39-Q-N2	Q-K6
20-QxB	P-QB4	40-Q-K2	Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Tal White	Filip Black	Tal White	Filip Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	21-QR-K	B-KB
2-N-KB3	P-K3	22-N-B3	P-QR4
3-P-Q4	PxP	23-P-B5	KPxP
4-NxP	P-QR3	24-PxBP	RxB
5-N-QB3	Q-B2	25-BPxP	KRPxP
6-P-B4	P-QN4	26-NxR	QxN
7-P-QR3	B-N2	27-P-B3	PxP
8-Q-B3	N-KB3	28-B-Q2	B-B
9-B-Q3	B-B4	29-Q-N4	Q-R4
10-N-N3	B-K2	30-BxN	PxB
11-O-O	O-O	31-QxKP	Q-N4ch
12B-Q2	P-Q3	32-K-R	B-K3
13-P-N4	P-Q4	33-B-K5	R-Q
14-P-K5	KN-Q2	34-P-KR4	Q-R4
15-Q-R3	P-N3	35-Q-KB4	R-Q6
16-N-Q4	N-QB3	36-B-B6	Q-Q4ch
17-N(3)-K2	NxN	37-K-N	PxBP
18-NxN	N-B4	38-R-K4	B-B4ch
19-P-N4	N-K5	39-K-R2	Q-R7ch
20-B-K3	KR-K	Resigns	