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EVANS NEAR WIN IN U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

With 10 rounds completed and one to go, Larry Evans was a point ahead of his closest rival in the tournament for the United States chess championship at the Prince George Hotel in New York.

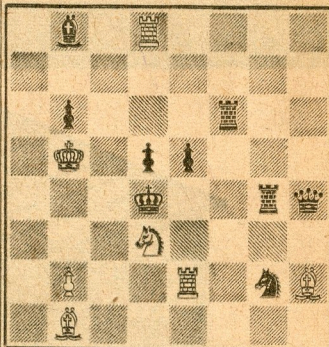
Evans was undefeated, with four wins and six draws, totaling 7-3. In second place was Herbert Seidman with 6-4, scheduled to meet Evans in the crucial final round. Robert Byrne and James T. Sherwin, tied at 5½-3½ with one unfinished game, still have a chance for the title should Evans slip.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3343

By F. Bennett

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Other players with a reasonable outlook for a top prize are Pal Benko, with 5-4 and one adjourned game, and Edmar Mednis, 4½-3½ and two adjournments.

Other scores after 10 rounds: Donald Byrne, 4½-4½; Eliot Hearst, 4½-5½; Raymond Weinstein, 4-5; Abe Turner, 3½-5½, and Sidney Bernstein and George Kramer, 3-7.

Following are last week's results and games from the tournament:

ROUND SIX—Kramer 0, Benko 1; Seidman 1, Weinstein 0; Turner 0, Sherwin 1; Hearst ½, D. Byrne ½; Evans 1, Bernstein 0; Mednis ½, R. Byrne ½.

ROUND SEVEN—R. Byrne 1, Kramer 0; Bernstein 0, Mednis 1; D. Byrne ½, Evans ½; Sherwin ½, Hearst ½; Weinstein 1, Turner 0; Benko 0, Seidman 1.

ROUND EIGHT—Kramer 0, Seidman 1; Hearst ½, Weinstein ½; Evans ½, Sherwin ½; R. Byrne 1, Bernstein 0; Turner vs. Benko and Mednis vs. D. Byrne, adjourned.

ROUND NINE—Bernstein 1, Kramer 0; D. Byrne ½, R. Byrne ½; Sherwin ½, Mednis ½; Weinstein ½, Evans ½; Benko ½; Hearst ½; Seidman 0, Turner 1.

ROUND 10—Kramer ½, Turner ½; Hearst 0, Seidman 1; Evans ½, Benko ½; Bernstein 0, D. Byrne 1; Mednis vs. Weinstein and R. Byrne vs. Sherwin, adjourned.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

R. Byrne White	Evans Black	R. Byrne White	Evans Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	25-Q-B	B-QN2
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	26-BxB	RxB
3-P-KN3	B-N2	27-Q-K3	P-QN4
4-B-N2	O-O	28-PxP	PxP
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	29-P-QR4	PxP
6-N-B3	P-B4	30-NxP	R-N4
7-O-O	N-B3	31-N-N2	P-B5
8-PxP	QxP	32-NxP	P-R4
9-B-K3	P-R4	33-BxN	BxB
10-N-Q5	P-K3	34-P-B4	B-N2
11-B-Q2	Q-Q3	35-QxPch	K-R2
12-N-B3	Q-K2	36-R-Q7	Q-B4ch
13-Q-B	N-KN5	37-K-N2	RxP
14-P-KR3	KN-K4	38-Q-B7	RxPch
15-NxN	NxN	39-KxR	Q-N8ch
16-P-N3	R-Q	40-K-B3	Q-B8ch
17-B-R6	B-R	41-K-K3	QxRPch
18-B-N5	P-B3	42-K-B2	Q-R5ch
19-B-K3	P-N3	43-K-N2	Q-N5ch
20-Q-R3	R-N4	44-K-B	QxBPch
21-QR-Q	P-QR3	45-K-K	Q-N6ch
22-RxRch	QxR	46-K-K	Q-N6ch
23-R-Q	Q-B2	Drawn	
24-B-B4	P-B4		

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Sherwin White	Seidman Black	Sherwin White	Seidman Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	23-R-B5	B-N3
2-N-KB3	P-QN3	24-BxP	BxB
3-P-B4	P-K3	25-PxPch	K-N
4-P-KN3	B-R3	26-RxB	BxB
5-Q-R4	B-K2	27-PxB	R-N
6-B-N2	O-O	28-R-QN5	KxR
7-N-B3	P-B3	29-PxR	RxP
8-O-O	P-Q4	30-K-B2	K-B3
9-N-K5	P-QN4	31-K-B3	K-K4
10-PxNP	PxP	32-P-K4	P-KR4
11-NxNP	Q-K	33-K-K3	K-Q3
12-N-QB3	QxP	34-K-Q4	K-Q3
13-NxQ	BxQ	35-P-R3	P-B3
14-R-K	B-N4	36-P-KN4	PxP
15-N-B5	N-B3	37-PxP	Q-Q3
16-NxKP	B-N5	38-P-N3	K-K3
17-NxR	BxR	39-K-Q3	K-Q3
18-B-K3	B-R4	40-K-Q4	K-K3
19-P-QR4	NxN	41-P-N4	K-Q3
20-PxN	B-B5	42-P-K5ch	PxPch
21-PxN	KxN	43-K-K4	Resigns
22-R-QB	B-N6		

BOTVINNIK AT HASTINGS

The 37th annual international congress at Hastings, one of the great traditional chess events, is of more than usual interest this year with the participation of world champion Mikhail Botvinnik of the Soviet Union.

Botvinnik took an early lead in the event, and after six rounds his score was 4½-1½, plus a winning position in an adjourned game with British champion Jonathan Penrose. Botvinnik's only draw was in a monumental struggle with Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia, which went to 104 moves.

Arthur B. Bisguier of New York, former U.S. champion, was tied for second place at 3½-1½ with Penrose. Bisguier, who chose Hastings rather than the conflicting title tournament in New York, had adjourned his game with Robert G. Wade of New Zealand. Gligoric was tied at 3½-2½ with Salo Flohr of Moscow.

Lisa Lane, 24-year-old U.S. women's champion, who had entered one of the minor tournaments at Hastings, withdrew after the first round, in which she drew with British women's champion, Eileen Tranmer.

Miss Lane's reason for withdrawing, according to a report in the New York Times, was, "I resigned because I found I could not concentrate. My thoughts kept wandering when I should have been thinking what my opponents would do."

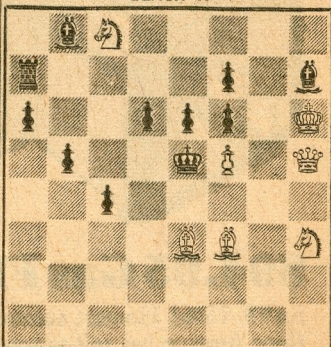
"I felt homesick, and besides that I am in love. I am not engaged. I am just in love." Apparently love and chess do not mix.

RESHEVSKY TO EXHIBIT

Samuel Reshevsky, former U.S. champion, is on a transcontinental lecture and exhibition tour. Several displays have been arranged for him in Los Angeles.

His first appearance will be Thursday evening at the Dow-

WHITE 7
White mates in two.
TIMES PROBLEM 3344
By H. H. Kamstra
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WHITE 7

White mates in three.

The two-mover is by F. Bennett of Australia, who is 94 years old. His problems are always accurate, if not too complex. The selfblocks and White's quiet second moves are of interest in 3344.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3337: Q-K6
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3338: P-Q4 Threat, 2 Q-K5ch; if KxP, 2 Q-Q6ch; if NxQP, 2 B-K4ch; if N-K3, 2 Q-Q7ch.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—W. S. Aaron, F. Aks, P. J. Burton, G. E. Engebretsen, J. F. Morvay, I. E. Nordstrom, E. E. Penter, C. T. Tongko. **Three points**—H. J. McBlaine Jr., Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Two points—J. Di Fulvio, Dr. I. Hale. **One point**—P. M. Brown Jr., J. Foley, Dr. J. A. Healy, S. Schwarz, N. C. Vella, B. Williams, B. Zimmen.

ney Chess Club, Imperial Park, Imperial Highway and Rives Ave. in Downey. Sunday, Jan. 14, and Thursday, Jan. 18, he will be at the Herman Steiner Chess Club, 8801 Cashio St.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Reshevsky will appear at the South Bay Chess Club, Recreation Center, 861 Valley, Hermosa Beach. He will then leave the area, with additional engagements to be arranged about the middle of February.

INTERZONAL TOURNEY

We reported last week on the difficulties involved in the arrangements for the Interzonal Tournament, now scheduled for Stockholm late this month.

Jerry Spann of Oklahoma City, vice president of the International Chess Federation, informs us that U.S. champion Bobby Fischer definitely will participate. Our other two entrants, William Lombardy and Raymond Weinstein, are doubtful. Arthur B. Bisguier and James T. Sherwin are ready to take their places if necessary.

A fund of \$1,125 must be raised by public subscription to help pay the costs of the tournament. This is in addition to the traveling expenses for the players, which have been underwritten by the American Chess Foundation.

Anyone interested in contributing to this cause should make his check payable to INTERZONAL FUND and send it to Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times. A full accounting will be made by the U.S. Chess Federation in its magazine Chess Life.

SOVIET CHAMPIONSHIP

Boris Spassky, 25-year-old Leningrad grandmaster and former world junior champion, outscored a powerful field of 21 competitors to win the 29th annual championship of the Soviet Union, according to a report from the New York Times.

Spassky's winning tally was 14½-5½. Lev Polugaevsky of Moscow was second with 14-6. David Bronstein of Moscow took third with 12½-7½, just ahead of former world champion, Mikhail Tal of Latvia, who tied at 12-8 with Yevgeny Vas-yukov of Moscow.

Mark Taimanov of Leningrad and Yuri Auerbach of Moscow tied with tallies of 11½-8½. Another former world champion, Vassily Smyslov of Moscow, was tied at 11-9 with Paul Keres of Estonia, also a leading contender for the title.

RUY LOPEZ

Keres White	Shiyanovsky Black	Keres White	Shiyanovsky Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	19-Q-R5	N(2)-N3
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	20-P-QR4	PxP
3-B-N5	P-QR3	21-NxP	NxN
4-B-R4	P-Q3	22-QxN	N-K2
5-O-O	B-Q2	23-R-B2	N-N
6-P-B4	P-KN3	24-R-R	B-B3
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8-B-K3	KN-K2	26-R(2)-R2	R-N
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13-P-QN4	BxB	31-BxP	Q-K
14-QxB	P-B4	32-Q-K2	R-QN
15-P-B3	N-Q2	33-B-B7	R-B
16-QR-B	P-B5	34-R-R7	R-B3
17-B-B2	K-R2	35-N-B4	Resigns
18-P-B6	P-QN4		