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GLIGORIC DEFEATS WORLD CHAMPION

World chess champion Tigran Petrosian of the USSR resigned in 43 moves to Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia in the second round of the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament.

This was easily the sensation of the tournament to date. Petrosian is no easy man to defeat. Recently he went through a string of over 100 tournament games without a loss. He seemed in splendid form when he gained the world title in the match with Mikhail Botvinnik in May.

The game had been on the calm side for the first part of the session. Petrosian found an innovation in a much analyzed variation of the Ruy Lopez Opening. He allowed his king side pawns to be broken up, but gained good squares for his pieces as compensation.

Problems developed after queens and one pair of rooks were traded off. Gligoric was left with one rook and a bishop opposed to Petrosian's rook and knight. The weaknesses of the champion's pawns were now the main factor.

Both players were very short of time, adding to the tension. Petrosian is probably the best lightning chess player in the world, but here, with every move of vital importance, he could not seem to find his way.

Gligoric won a pawn on the 38th move, and with Petrosian's forces scattered, another pawn fell on the 43rd move. This made matters hopeless, and the resignation was forthcoming.

The game follows:

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Gligoric	Petrosian	Gligoric	Petrosian
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	23-N-Q	B-N4
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	24-P-N3	Q-Q3
3-B-N5	P-QR3	25-N-K3	BxN
4-B-R4	N-B3	26-RxB	K-N2
5-O-O	B-K2	27-B-B2	Q-Q4
6-R-K	P-QN4	28-P-R3	R-Q7
7-B-N3	O-O	29-Q-N4ch	K-R
8-P-B3	P-Q3	30-R-Q	RxRch
9-P-KR3	N-N	31-QxR	QxQch
10-P-Q4	QN-Q2	32-BxQ	R-Q
11-P-B4	P-B3	33-B-B3	R-Q6
12-P-B5	Q-B2	34-R-K8ch	K-N2
13-BPxP	BxP	35-BxP	R-N6
14-B-N5	PxP	36-R-K7	RxQNP
15-BxN	PxB	37-B-Q5	K-R3
16-NxP	N-B4	38-BxP	K-N4
17-N-B5	BxN	39-B-K6	NxB
18-PxB	QR-Q	40-PxN	K-B4
19-Q-R5	B-K4	41-RxP	KxP
20-N-B3	R-Q5	42-R-R7	R-R7
21-R-K3	B-B5	43-RxPch	Resigns
22-R-K2	B-Q7		

In the first round Petrosian faced Paul Keres of the USSR, considered by many his chief rival for top honors. A carefully contested game led to a draw. Petrosian's score is thus ½-1½ for the two rounds.

At this writing Gligoric is tied for first place with Keres and Miguel Najdorf of Argentina, each having scored one win and a draw. Gligoric drew in the first round with Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland.

The time limit was a serious factor in this game, as it has been in more than half the games played. Olafsson had the advantage, but with only seconds to complete eight moves, he offered a draw, which Gligoric gladly accepted.

Najdorf's victory was in the first round against his compatriot Oscar Panno. In his second game he agreed to a draw with Olafsson after only 16 moves. Much play remained in the position, though prospects were equal.

Perhaps the hardest worker was Pal Benko, though with little to show for it. In his first round game with former U.S. champion Samuel Reshevsky of New York, Benko claimed a forfeit on the time limit, which is 40 moves in 2½ hours for each player.

Reshevsky had the superior position toward the end of the session, but almost no time. When he made his 40th move, the flag marking the hour on his clock was on the verge of

TIMES PROBLEM 3499
By G. H. Goethart
BLACK 10

WHITE 8
White mates in two.
TIMES PROBLEM 3500
By H. Moser
BLACK 4

WHITE 9
White mates in three.
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3493: B-B3
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3494: N-K6
Threat, 2 R-B5ch; if Q-Q7, 2 R-Q4ch.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—B. Aabor, F. Aks, A. Avogadro, P. J. Burton, P. C. Carton, M. Chutorian, Mrs. R. Coogan, F. Gross, G. Guerrero, C. R. Hartshorn, G. Leon-Martin, F. J. Munson, I. E. Nordstrom, W. L. Rankel, M. Rosen, R. M. Stuarts, D. R. Wynn.
Three points—Dr. J. A. Healy, R. Malatovich, J. R. Martinez. Two points—O. H. Ketchum, N. Lesser, S. Palmer, M. Silverman. One point—D. Hall, L. Lyon, G. F. Oglesby, M. Roth.

TOURNEY BULLETINS

Bulletins are being issued after each round of the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament, containing all the games and comments by your editor. These are on sale in the playing room at 20 cents per issue.

Following are the results, and games from the first round, with excerpts from the bulletin:

ROUND 1—Olafsson ½, Gligoric ½; Najdorf 1, Panno 0; Reshevsky 1, Benko 0; Keres ½, Petrosian ½.
ROUND 2—Gligoric 1, Petrosian 0; Benko 0, Keres 1; Olafsson ½, Najdorf ½, Panno vs. Reshevsky adjourned.

CHAMPIONS PLAY SAFE

World champion Petrosian, in his first appearance since defeating Botvinnik a few weeks ago, defended with the "safe" Caro-Kann Defense. Keres made some alarming demonstrations on the king side, whereupon Petrosian castled on the other wing.

Keres seemed to have built up an advantage, but later analysis did not disclose any breakthrough. It was a fell-fought draw.

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

Keres	Petrosian	Keres	Petrosian
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB3	16-NxQ	P-KR3
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	17-R-R4	KR-K
3-N-QB3	PxP	18-B-K3	N-Q4
4-NxP	B-B4	19-O-O-O	NxB
5-N-N3	B-N3	20-PxN	N-B3
6-B-QB4	P-K3	21-R-B	R-K2
7-KN-K2	N-B3	22-N-B2	B-N6
8-N-B4	B-Q3	23-R-R3	B-Q3
9-B-N3	QN-Q2	24-B-B2	P-K4
10-Q-B3	Q-B2	25-N-Q3	PxP
11-P-KR4	O-O-O	26-KPxP	R-K7
12-P-R5	B-KB4	27-P-KN4	QR-K
13-NxB	Q-R4ch	28-B-Q	R(7)-K6
14-P-B3	QxN	29-RxR	RxR
15-Q-Q3	QxQ	30-R-B3	Drawn

VICTORY BY VETERAN

The first victory was registered by Najdorf, who at 53 is the veteran of the tournament. Panno essayed the rather backward Benoni Defense. No liking his cramped position, he sacrificed a pawn to get control of open lines, particularly the black squares on the king side. Najdorf gave his opponent no chance for a build-up, however. Strong pressure on the KR file put Panno on the defensive. At the end, the white pawn chain was ready for a quick advance.

Watch the pins and the uncoverings in 3499. It is an intricate but well-organized pattern. The three-mover is a symmetrical problem perhaps easy to solve, but interesting for the number of variations.

BENONI DEFENSE

falling, but still upright. Benko moved immediately, pressed the lever and Reshevsky's flag dropped. Benko registered his claim at once.

Assistant tournament directors Harry Borochoy and Jack Moskowitz observed the play closely and ruled that Reshevsky had made his vital 40th move on time, though with only a second or two to spare.

Actually, if Benko wished to make a claim, he should have done so before making his own 40th move. The rules state that a player can make a claim only if he is on the move.

In his second round game, it was Benko who had seconds to spare against Keres. Curiously, both Reshevsky and Keres sacrificed the exchange against Benko, in both cases obtaining endgame advantages. Both games were adjourned, but resigned by Benko without resuming play.

The third round is scheduled at 1 p.m. today in the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel. The pairings are: Najdorf vs. Gligoric, Reshevsky vs. Olafsson, Keres vs. Panno and Petrosian vs. Benko.

Najdorf	Panno	Najdorf	Panno
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	20-R-R3	R-N2
2-P-QB4	P-B4	21-Q-Q2	N-R2
3-P-Q5	P-K4	22-O-O-O	N-N4
4-N-QB3	P-Q3	23-R-R2	R(2)-R2
5-P-K4	P-KN3	24-QR-R	N-B2
6-N-B3	B-N2	25-Q-K	P-R6
7-P-KR3	N-R3	26-P-KN3	P-B3
8-B-N5	B-Q2	27-Q-B	R-R3
9-N-Q 2	Q-K2	28-B-Q3	Q-R2
10-B-K2	P-R3	29-P-B4	N-B2
11-B-R4	P-KN4	30-Q-B3	Q-N
12-B-N3	P-R4	31-B-B	R-N3
13-N-B	P-R5	32-RxP	RxR
14-B-R2	P-N5	33-BxR	N-K
15-PxP	B-R3	34-N-B5	BxN
16-P-B3	O-O-O	35-KPxB	R-N2
17-B-N	R-R2	36-P-N5	KPxP
18-B-K3	BxB	37-P(3)xP	resigns
19-NxB	QR-R		

SO. CAL. OPEN TOURNEY

Because of the overriding importance of the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament, no other chess event of any significance has been scheduled in Los Angeles for this month. The third annual Southern California Open Tournament, originally planned for July, has been scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 2 to 4.

It will be held at Lincoln Park Clubhouse in Santa Monica, sponsored jointly by the Herman Steiner and the Santa Monica Bay Chess Clubs. Herbert T. Abel will be the director.

The guaranteed prizes will be \$200 and a trophy for the winner, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third. Other prizes will be awarded for best performance in various categories.

The entry fee is \$10.50, with membership required in the U.S. Chess Federation. Six rounds will be played, using Swiss system pairings.