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FISCHER FORFEITS RESHEVSKY MATCH

Bobby Fischer, 18-year-old chess champion of the United States, last Thursday forfeited both the 13th game and his 16-match series against Samuel Reshevsky.

Fischer, who was scheduled to appear at the Empire Hotel in New York to resume the match with the 49-year-old Reshevsky, failed to show up.

Al Horowitz, publisher of Chess Review and the referee, waited one hour before announcing "the 13th game is a forfeit in abeyance, pending a review by the arbitrator."

The 12th game, scheduled here for 11 a.m. last Sunday at the Herman Steiner Chess Club, 8801 Cashio St., also had been forfeited by Fischer.

At the appointed time Reshevsky was present but Fischer was not. Referee Irving Rivise started Fischer's clock, let it tick away for an hour, then declared the game forfeited. Most of the spectators were disappointed, though one snide critic declared this was the best game of the match.

It turned out that Fischer had learned only the Thursday before that the game was to start before his normal waking hour, and he at once protested. The following day, playing off the adjourned 11th game early in the afternoon, Fischer drew what should have been an easy win for him.

Convinced that early play was all in Reshevsky's favor, Fischer was now determined to stand his ground. The referee and tournament committee also would not yield a minute, with the inevitable result.

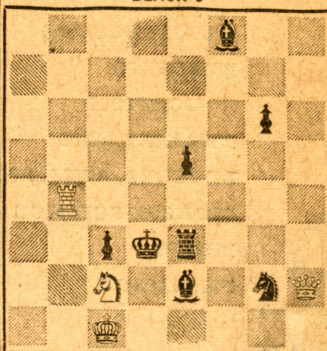
The 12th game had been re-scheduled to the point of confusion. It was originally set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. It was then decided that the Sunday games would be played at 1:30 p.m. It was again changed to Saturday, Aug. 12, at 9:30 p.m. All this was before the players came to Los Angeles.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3303

By H. Zaiic

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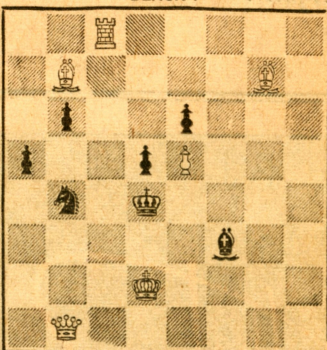
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White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3304

By H. Kromath

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WHITE 6

White mates in three.

The key move is the best point in both problems. The bishop at QN7 seems useless in 3304, but is needed in the main variation.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3297: R-Q7.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3298: B-K8.

If QxB, 2 Q-N6ch; if NxB, 2 R-N5; if K-Q4, 2 R-N5ch; if P-Q3, 2 B-B3ch; if P-K3, 2 Q-R1; if N-K3, 2 QxN.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points — W. S. Aaron, M. Chutorian, W. Cornwall, G. E. Engelbreten, J. Di Fulvio, E. E. Penter, D. Rothman, D. Soghor, **Three points** — F. Aks, P. J. Burton, C. Cresswell.

Two points — J. D. Barton, R. M. Gosline, J. R. Martinez, M. Rosen, S. Schwartz, D. R. Voltmer, J. Wahlstrom. **One point** — F. Boschan S. Glassberg, Dr. J. A. Healy, O. H. Ketchum, M. Lesser, Mrs. J. M. Moore, M. Roth, G. J. Sargent, H. Schwartz, G. Smith, G. Winkelmann, E. J. Wright, D. F. Wu.

The final change to 11 a.m. Sunday was released to the press on Aug. 3, and published in several reports in the news pages of The Times and in the chess column. However, Rivise stated that he did not discuss the change with the players, or officially notify them.

A complicating factor is Fischer's statement that the players had agreed that there would be no forfeit for non-appearance, whether for illness or any other reason.

The contract was made with the American Chess Foundation of New York, official sponsor of the match, with the co-operation of the Herman Steiner Chess Club. Walter J. Fried of New York, president of the ACF, was appointed as final arbiter in the event of any dispute. The matter is now in his hands.

The score after 11 completed games was two wins each and seven draws.

RECORD FOR U.S. OPEN

A record breaking 198 players from all parts of the country are busily engaged in play for the United States Open Chess Championship at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Early favorites are three of the big B's of American chess, Pal Benko and Arthur Bisguier of New York, and defending champion Robert Byrne of Indianapolis.

As expected, a majority of the entrants, 115, are from California. Heading a strong contingent from Los Angeles are California champion Zoltan Kovacs and former champions Irving Rivise and Tibor Weinberger.

Youngest competitor is 12-year-old George Kane of Redwood City, who defeated high-ranking Jack Shaw of Albuquerque in an early round. Lewis J. Isaacs of Chicago, at 83, is the dean of the tournament and a veteran of many chess battles.

CALIF. OPEN IN FRESNO

The annual California Open Chess Championship will again be held over the Labor Day weekend at the Californian Hotel in Fresno. Well over 100 entrants are expected and the record of 123 may easily be surpassed.

The tournament will be a seven-round Swiss system, with three rounds on Saturday, Sept. 2, and two rounds each on Sept. 3 and 4.

The entrance fee is \$6, with membership required in both the California State Chess Federation (annual dues \$2.50) and the U.S. Chess Federation (\$5). Juniors under 21 will pay \$5.50. The entry fees will be used for prizes, with at least \$100 for the winner.

To enter or for further information write to Tournament Director Guthrie McClain, 244 Kearny St., San Francisco 8.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPEN

The Phoenix (Ariz.) Chess Club announces the Rocky Mountain Open Chess Tournament to be held over the Labor

Day weekend at the Hotel Westward Ho in Phoenix.

Six rounds will be played, using the Swiss system, with two rounds each day, Sept. 2, 3 and 4. The entrance fee is \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for players under 18. Membership in the U.S. Chess Federation is required.

The prize fund is guaranteed at \$200 and there will be trophies for the three top winners and leaders in various classes. Trophies will also be awarded for the highest woman player and the highest junior.

The tournament will be directed by William Fox. To enter or for further information write to him at 6313 N 31st Dr., Phoenix.

EUROPE CUP TOURNEY NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Szabo Hungary	Botvinnik Russia	Szabo Hungary	Botvinnik Russia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	17-QN-K4	B-N2
2-P-QB4	P-K3	18-N-N5	N-Q2
3-N-QB3	B-N5	19-P-K4	P-N4
4-PK3	P-QN3	20-PxP	P-B5
5-N-K2	N-K5	21-Q-QB2	N-B4
6-B-Q2	NxB	22-K-N	N-Q6
7-QxN	B-N2	23-RxN	PxR
8-P-QR3	B-K2	24-QxP	P-QR3
9-P-Q5	O-O	25-PxP	BxRP
10-P-KN3	P-QB4	26-Q-B2	BxP!
11-B-R3	P-K4	27-N-B5	Q-N3
12-P-B4	PxP	28-N-R6ch	K-B
13-NPxP	P-Q3	29-NxPch	K-K2
14-O-O-O	R-K	30-K-R2	B-B5ch!
15-N-N3	B-KB	31-QxB	RxPch
16-KR-N	P-N3	Resigns	

FRENCH DEFENSE

Unzicker W. Germany	Botvinnik Russia	Unzicker W. Germany	Botvinnik Russia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-K3	17-NxN	PxN
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	18-B-B3	B-K3
3-N-QB3	B-N5	19-KR-N	P-QN3
4-P-K5	P-QB4	20-Q-N2	R-QR2
5-P-QR3	BxNch	21-R-N5	R-Q2
6-PxB	Q-B2	22-P-N4	N-K
7-N-B3	N-K2	23-BxN	KxB
8-B-Q3	B-Q2	24-K-R	P-N3
9-P-QR4	QN-B3	25-QR-QN	K-B
10-Q-Q2	P-KR3	26-PxP	BxP
11-O-O	P-B5	27-BxP	Q-R5
12-B-K2	P-QR4	28-B-K4	QxBP
13-B-R3	N-R2	29-BxB	PxB
14-P-N3	QN-B	30-RxNP	K-K2
15-N-R4	Q-Q	31-P-K6	R-B2
16-P-B4	N-B4	32-R-K	Resigns

ENGLISH OPENING

Toran Spain	Tal Russia	Toran Spain	Tal Russia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QB4	P-K4	15-Q-Q2	R-K
2-N-QB3	P-Q3	16-N-N5	RxB
3-P-KN3	P-KB4	17-B-Q5ch	K-R
4-P-Q4	P-K5	18-N-B7ch	QxN!
5-P-B3	N-KB3	19-BxQ	R-Q6
6-B-N2	PxP	20-Q-K2	BxPch
7-NxP	P-KN3	21-K-N2	N-K4
8-O-O	B-N2	22-R-Q	R-K6
9-P-K4	PxP	23-Q-B	B-KSch
10-N-KN5	O-O	24-K-R3	R-KB6
11-KNxKP	NxN	25-Q-K2	B-B4ch
12-RxRch	QxR	26-K-N2	R-B7ch
13-NxN	N-B3	27-QxR	BxQ
14-B-K3	B-B4	Resigns	

ENGLISH OPENING

Filip Czechoslovakia	Dorga W. Germany	Filip Czechoslovakia	Dorga W. Germany
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QB4	N-KB3	18-KN-K4	KNxN
2-P-KN3	P-K3	19-BxN	P-B4
3-B-N2	P-Q4	20-NxN	Q-N4
4-N-KB3	B-K2	21-N-B4	PxB
5-O-O	O-O	22-QxP	RxN
6-P-Q4	P-B3	23-QxR	Q-K2
7-P-N3	QN-Q2	24-B-Q4	B-Q3
8-B-N2	P-QR4	25-RxRch	BxR
9-N-B3	P-QN3	26-B-B6	PxB
10-R-B	B-R3	27-QxB	Q-QN2
11-N-Q2	P-QN4	28-Q-Q8ch	K-B2
12-Q-B2	R-B	29-P-KR4	Q-B6
13-KR-Q	NPxP	30-R-QB	B-N2
14-PxP	P-B4	31-R-B7ch	K-N3
15-PxBP	KBxP	32-Q-N8ch	K-B4
16-P-K3	N-N3	33-QxRPch?	K-N5
17-PxP	QNxP	Resigns	

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Tal Russia	Tal Russia	Tal Russia	Tal Spain
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	15-NxKP	NxN(3)
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	16-P-B5	N-B4
3-P-Q4	PxP	17-BxN	NPxB
4-NxP	N-KB3	18-P-B6	P-N3
5-N-QB3	P-K3	19-QR-Q	P-B5
6-P-B4	P-QR3	20-KR-K	K-Q
7-B-K3	QN-Q2	21-NxP	BxN
8-P-KN4	N-B4	22-RxBch	QxR
9-Q-B3	Q-B2	23-Q-B3	R-QN
10-P-N5	KN-Q2	24-QxBP	RxP
11-P-QR4	P-QN3	25-Q-KN7	RxP
12-B-R3	B-N2	26-QxRch	K-B2
13-O-O	NxP	27-Q-B8ch	Resigns
14-NxN	N-B4		