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SPECTATORS ENJOY PIATIGORSKY CHESS

The big news of the early rounds of the Piatigorsky Cup Chess Tournament was the defeat of world champion Tigran Petrosian of the USSR by Lajos Portisch of Hungary.

It took 36 moves to convince Petrosian that he had used the wrong strategy in the middle game maneuvers. Attempting to advance on both wings, he weakened vital squares in the central area.

Portisch took possession of the long diagonal leading to the black king and eventually planted a knight in a position where he had to win decisive material.

The game was one indication of the strength of the tournament. Everyone of the 10 grandmasters is quite capable of defeating any other.

News reports of the tournament will appear daily in the news section of The Times, with occasional games in full.

Over 700 people thronged the Nautilus Room of the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica last Sunday afternoon to watch the opening round.

This is a large number for a chess event, which is not ordinarily considered as a spectator sport. Each paid \$2 for a single admission or \$20 for a season ticket.

The players are seated at tables on a raised platform, concentrating on their games. Occasionally one will walk around watching the other boards, waiting for his opponent to move.

Yet even for the chess novice, and for those who know nothing about the game, there is a continuing interest as the tension builds up during the session.

Several novelties in the staging have been developed for the tournament. The positions on each board can be seen clearly on screens behind the players. The images are reflected from small plastic boards on which the moves made by the masters are followed.

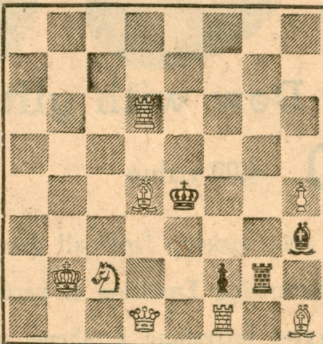
Alongside the screens are large electric clocks, and these are controlled by clocks on each table. The number of moves made is also reflected on the screens.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3817

By G. A. Croes

BLACK 4



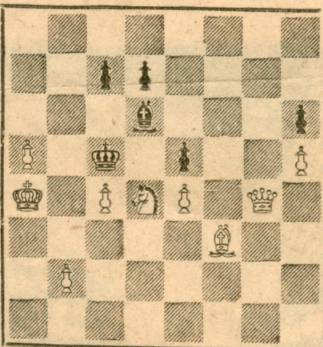
WHITE 8

White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3818

By B. Gedda

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WHITE 9

White mates in three.

Is the keymove daring in 3817? Not really, as long as the rook is pinned. In the three-mover as well, the brilliant keymove is amply justified.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3811:

N-B4

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3812:

N-K8

If N-R5ch, 2 K-K7; if N-B5ch, 2 K-K6; if N-Q6ch, 2 K-B5; if N-Q8ch, 2KxP.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—P. J. Burton, Mrs. R. Coogan, D. A. Daggett, G. E. Engebretsen, P. B. Geltner, L. J. Hoffman, R. E. Kelly Jr., F. J. Munson, I. E. Nordstrom, L. S. Peterson, M. Porter, F. Reimer, V. E. Rosado, D. Rothman, D. Sauve, S. Scovel, N. Wilpert.

Three points—H. Bruensteiner, J. W. Frazier, R. M. Willard.

Two points—B. E. Farley, S. L. Ford, Dr. J. A. Healy, N. Lesser.

One point — P. Benitez, D. L. Connors, S. Friedman, E. W. Karch, C. Vick.

ROUND 1—Petrosian ½, Spassky ½; Reshevsky ½, Fischer ½; Portisch ½, Najdorf ½; Ivkov 1; Larsen 0; Donner ½, Unzicker ½.

ROUND 2—Spassky 1, Unzicker 0; Larsen ½, Donner ½, Najdorf 1, Ivkov 0; Fischer ½, Portisch ½; Petrosian ½; Reshevsky ½.

PASADENA JUNIORS

Thus the spectator in any part of the room can readily see every factor of importance. Time is a vital element in master chess, and play without clocks would be unthinkable.

In the present event, as in most international tournaments and matches, each player is required to make 40 moves in 2½ hours. The chess clocks have two dials, and they are controlled so that the player is timed only when he is on the move.

There is no time limit for any one move, and thinking for a half hour or more is not uncommon. The corollary is that towards the end of the five hour session a player may have only seconds left for his remaining moves.

If the required number of moves are not made on time the penalty is forfeit of the game. This rarely occurs but, the danger of blunders when there is no time for consideration is ever present.

Thus, when the time control is approaching and the 40 moves have not been made, players, spectators and the tournament directors are on the alert. There may be little visible action, but tension is high.

To aid in spectator interest and enjoyment, a separate lecture room has been set up. All the positions are maintained on large wall boards, and masters discuss the possibilities and answer questions.

Moves are brought in or called in by messengers, and every change in position starts the discussion anew.

For those who cannot attend the sessions, bulletins are prepared by your editor after each round, with the full scores of all the games and some comment.

The bulletins will be mailed after each round at a cost of \$5, or will be available after the tournament for \$4. A single copy is 25 cents. Requests and checks should be made to Piatigorsky Foundation and sent to the Miramar Hotel.

Results of the tournament will appear daily in the news section of The Times. Following are details of the first two rounds, and games from the event.

Jon Whitcomb scored a perfect 4-0 to win the second annual Pasadena Junior Chess Championship, open to all high school and younger students. Robert Potts was second with 3-1, and Walter Shatford was third, 2½-1½.

The tournament, in which eight players competed, was organized by Alan Carpenter, president of the Pasadena Chess Club.

This is only one of many activities of the club, which meets Friday evenings at the City Park, Fair Oaks at Del Mar in Pasadena.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Portisch White	Petrosian Black	Portisch White	Petrosian Black
1-P-QB4	P-KN3	17-PK3	R-K
2-P-Q4	B-N2	18-N(3)-K4	B-B4
3-N-KB3	P-Q3	19-B-QB3	N-QN2
4-N-B3	N-KB3	20-Q-R4	P-R4
5-P-KN3	O-O	21-R-N	Q-K2
6-B-N2	N-B3	22-KR-K	B-Q2
7-O-O	P-QR3	23-Q-B2	B-B4
8-P-Q5	N-QR4	24-Q-R4	K-B
9-N-Q2	P-B4	25-R-N6	QR-Q
10-Q-B2	R-N	26-Q-N3	B-B
11-P-N3	P-QN4	27-N-B	R-Q2
12-B-N2	PxP	28-N(1)-N3	NxN
13-PxP	B-R3	29-PxN	B-N2
14-P-B4	P-K4	30-Q-N2	P-B4
15-QR-K	PxP	31-BxBch	QxB
16-PxP	N-R4	32-N-B6	Resigns

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Ivkov White	Larsen Black	Ivkov White	Larsen Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	25-K-K2	N-K4
2-P-QB4	P-K3	26-P-R4	N-B5
3-N-KB3	P-QN3	27-P-N3	N-R4
4-P-KN3	B-N2	28-R-QN	R-K5
5-B-N2	B-N5ch	29-K-Q3	R-K2
6-B-Q2	BxBch	30-K-B3	P-N3
7-QxB	P-Q3	31-QR-K	P-KR3
8-N-B3	O-O	32-P-B3	R-KB3
9-N-KR4	BxB	33-K-R-B	R-K4
10-NxB	P-K4	34-P-N4	PxPch
11-PxP	PxP	35-KxP	P-KN4
12-QxQ	RxQ	36-N-R5	R-Q3
13-P-K3	N-B3	37-P-K4	P-B4
14-K-K2	P-K5	38-RPxP	RPxP
15-P-KN4	NxP	39-N-N3	PxP
16-NxP	R-K	40-PxPch	K-K
17-N-B3	N-Q5ch	41-N-B5	R-N3
18-K-B	N-B6	42-R-KR	N-N2
19-P-KR3	N-B3	43-R-R8ch	K-Q2
20-R-Q	QR-Q	44-R-R7ch	K-B
21-N-Q5	NxN	45-N-K7ch	RxN
22-PxN	P-QB4	46-RxR	P-N5
23-P-KR4	K-B	47-R-Bch	Resigns
24-N-B4	R-Q3		

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Ivkov White	Fischer Black	Ivkov White	Fischer Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	23-B-Q6	Q-N3
2-N-KB3	P-KN3	24-B-K5	N(Q)xB
3-P-KN3	B-N2	25-NxN	NxN
4-B-N2	O-O	26-PxN	P-N5
5-O-O	P-Q3	27-RPxP	PxP
6-N-B3	P-Q4	28-Q-K3	QxQ
7-N-K5	P-B3	29-RxQ	PxP
8-P-K4	B-K3	30-PxP	R-B4
9-PxP	PxP	31-B-K2	KR-QB
10-N-K2	N-B3	32-R-R3	B-B
11-N-KB4	B-B4	33-R-N3	B-K2
12-P-QB3	B-K5	34-K-N2	B-Q
13-B-R3	Q-B2	35-B-R6	R-R
14-N(B)-Q3	BxN	36-R-B3	B-B2
15-NxB	P-K3	37-R-N5	R-B5
16-B-B4	Q-Q	38-B-N7	R-R6
17-R-K	R-K	39-R-K3	K-N2
18-B-N2	N-Q2	40-B-B8	R(R)xP
19-P-KR4	P-KR4	41-R-K	R-B7
20-B-B3	F-QN4	42-B-Q7	R-Q7
21-P-R3	P-R4		Resigns
22-Q-K2	R-QB		