Los Angeles Championship

Sidney Weinbaum has won the chess championship of the Chess and Checker Club of Los Angeles as a result of the 1928 tournament, with Harry Borochow second and E. F. Schrader, third. Borochow, the club champion in 1927, was the only one to win a game from Weinbaum. The leading scores: Weinbaum, 11-3; Borochow, $10\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$; Schrader, 9-5; Patterson, $7\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$; Pray, $6\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$; Bateman, $5\frac{1}{2}-8\frac{1}{2}$.

The Los Angeles "Times," of which Clif Sherwood is the able chess editor, gives the following biographical data concerning the new champion:

Sidney Weinbaum, the new champion of the local club, was born in Russia some twenty-nine years ago. He first played chess in 1914, and during the next few years won several city tournaments, finished second in a college tourney, and won several prizes in South Russia tourneys. He left Russia in 1921 under similar difficult conditions such as encountered by the famous Alekhine. In 1922 he arrived in Los Angeles. Since then he has played in every local championship tourney, taking third prize 1923; tied for first 1925 and losing in play-off to Mlotkowski; tied for second 1926; finished third 1927; won first prize 1928; finished third in 1926; California State championship tourney at Oakland, being only one to win a game from State Champion Gruer. By profession Weinbaum is an engineer.