

RESHEVSKY-ROSSOLIMO TIE-BREAKING

It was unfortunate that there arose at Long Beach some question as to the validity of the tie-breaking procedure.

The USCF Tournament Committee has had the tie-breaking points refigured by Kenneth Harkness in accordance with the USCF regulations for tie-breaking and on the basis that the Bolton-Gross game should be scored as a game played and lost. Under this revised computation, Nicholas Rossolimo remains the undisputed victor, although the tertiary S-B points are needed to break the tie.

Result	Reshevsky's Opponents	Tournament Scores	Adjusted Scores	Median Points	Solkoff Points	S-B Points
W	Michael Hart	6.0	5.5*	...	5.5	5.5
W	James Bolton	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
W	H. Borochow	2.5	6.5*	...	6.5	6.5
D	P. Lapiken	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	3.25
W	K. Burger	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
W	Brandts	7.5	7.0*	7.0	7.0	7.0
D	Byrne	9.5	9.5	...	9.5	4.75
D	Rossolimo	10.0	10.0	...	10.0	5.0
D	Evans	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	4.5
W	Al Sandrin	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
W	A. Saïdy	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
W	J. Sherwin	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
				62.0	93.5	76.0

* For tie-breaking purposes, the scores of these three opponents were adjusted as follows:

1. Michael Hart. Tournament score 6 pts. Won one unplayed game by default from Russell Koutz who withdrew. Therefore Hart's adjusted score is 5½ points.
2. Harry Borochow. Scored 2½ points in first four rounds. Then withdrew and defaulted 8 rounds. Therefore Borochow's adjusted score is 6½ points (2½ plus 4 pts for 8 defaulted games).
3. Paul Brandts. Tournament score of 7½ points includes one point for win by default in first round from Walter Otteson who failed to appear. Adjusted score is 7 points.

Result	Rossolimo's Opponents	Tournament Scores	Adjusted Scores	Median Points	Solkoff Points	S-B Points
W	Tom Fries	6.0	6.0	...	6.0	6.0
W	Dr. Drexel	6.0	6.0	...	6.0	6.0
W	Henin	6.5	6.0*	6.0	6.0	6.0
W	McCormick	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
D	Byrne	9.5	9.5	...	9.5	4.75
D	P. Lapiken	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	3.25
W	Al. Kaufman	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
D	Reshevsky	10.0	10.0	...	10.0	5.0
D	Saïdy	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	4.25
W	Sherwin	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
W	Rivise	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
W	Evans	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
				62.0	93.5	76.25

* For tie-breaking purposes, Henin was given an adjusted score. This player made a tournament score of 6½ points but 1 point was awarded on a win by default in the first round from McKenna, who failed to show. Therefore score must be adjusted to 6 points.

Note: Under USCF rules, Median, Solkoff, and S-B points must be based on adjusted scores.

Therefore, Rossolimo is winner under tertiary tie-break (S-B points).