

Chess Olympics

U. S. Team Ties With Yugoslavia, But Isn't Holding Up Its Score

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HELSINKI, Aug. 26 (by mail)—The U. S. could get only a 2-2 tie in its match with Yugoslavia and thus has lost its best opportunity to maintain itself among the leaders in the Chess Olympics. But there are still two matches to go.

The American team needed at least a 3-1 win over Yugoslavia, which is one of the top favorites, to even our score with theirs. The match began day before yesterday, but was not finished until today, when Arthur Bisguier lost his adjourned game against Milic. He might have drawn but went wrong right toward the end and was mated.

On the top board against the Yugoslavs, Samuel Reshevsky got into trouble right away. Gligoric, playing white, had a terrific pull. If he had played QxBP first, on his 33d move, he would have troubled Reshevsky very much. But it ended in a draw.

Robert Byrne beat Pirc with the black pieces on board three, showing himself the outstanding player on the U. S. team.

Larry Evans on board two won a pawn against Trifunovic, adjourned twice and then when he had a simple win, drew the game. It was an incredible finish.

Here was the position after the second adjournment: White, Evans: King on Q3, Rook on KR6, Pawns on KR3, KN2, K5 and QR2. Black, Trifunovic: King on KB2, Rook on KB7, Pawns on KB4 and KN4. Evans continued:

1.R-B6ch K-N2 5.P-K6?? (a) P-B7
2.P-N4 P-B5 6.R-B7ch K-R3!
3.K-K4 R-K7ch Drawn
4.K-B5 P-B6

(a) This only draws, but 5.K-K6 wins easily.

Yesterday we had our return match with Finland. Once again Alex Bisno, our nonplaying captain, sent in his original team, although neither Evans nor Bisguier has done well in four straight matches. This time Reshevsky beat Book squarely. Evans drifted into a losing end game against Ojanen, who slipped up later on and let Evans draw. Byrne drew against Salo; he hasn't lost a game yet. And Bisguier had a long game against Fred, adjourned until today and finally lost. So the score against Finland was 2-2. Again not good enough.

Today the U. S. played West Germany. Teschner had Reshevsky sweating for a while, but Sammy came through with a brilliant combination and won. Evans adjourned against Lothar Schmidt, but had only slight hopes of a draw in a bad position. Byrne smashed Lange in 25 moves. Bisguier played a lifeless draw with Rellstab. So we have 2½ points from that, at least.

The leaders are now the USSR, 10½ with 2 adjourned and three matches to play, Czechoslovakia 10 with three to play, U. S. A. 13 with one adjourned and two matches to play, Hungary 13 and two to play, Yugoslavia 12½ with two adjourned and two to play, Argentina 7 with four adjourned and three to play.

Here is the game on board one today:

White: Teschner, West Germany. Black: Reshevsky, U. S.

1.P-Q4 N-KB3 21.N4-N5 PxN
2.P-QB4 P-KN3 22.NxP Q-Q1
3.N-QB3 B-N2 23.NxP R-K4
4.P-K4 O-O 24.NxBP KxN
5.N-KB3 P-Q3 25.BxN Q-K1
6.B-K2 P-K4 26.B-Q6 R-KR4
7.O-O QN-Q2 27.P-KN4 R4-QR4
8.R-K1 R-K1 28.P-B5 N-K4
9.B-B1 P-B3 29.Q-R4 B-K3
10.R-N1 Pxp 30.P-B4 NxP
11.NxP P-QR4 31.P-B5 PxP
12.P-B3 Q-B2 32.Pxp B-Q4ch
13.K-R1 N-B4 33.RxB Q-K5ch

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14.B-B4 KN-Q2 34.K-N1 B-Q5ch
15.Q-Q2 P-R5 35.RxB QxRch
16.KR-Q1 B-K4 36.K-N2 R-R7ch
17.B-K3 N-N3 37.K-N3 Q-B7ch
18.Q-KB2 N(3)-Q2 38.K-R3 Q-B6ch
19.P-QN4 PxpPe.p 39.Resigns
20.PxP B-N2

Mate in one would follow. If 38.KxN there would follow: 38... R-N1ch, 39. Q-N5 (forced) P-R4ch, KxP Q-B6ch and mate in two.

And here is the Reshevsky-Gligoric game:

White: S. Gligoric, Yugoslavia. Black: S. Reshevsky, U. S. Sicilian defense.

1.P-K4 P-QB4 20.Q-K2 K-B2
2.N-KB3 P-Q3 21.P-KN3 R-Q5
3.B-N5ch N-Q2 22.P-QB3 R-Q2
4.P-Q4 P-K3 23.BxN PxN
5.O-O N-K3 24.QR-Q1 P-N3
6.PxP Pxp 25.RxR QxR
7.N-R3 N-N3 26.R-Q1 Q-K2
8.N-B4 Q-B2 27.B-N2 R-Q1
9.P-KR4 P-KR4 28.RxR QxR
10.P-K5 P-R3 29.QxKP Q-Q8ch
11.N-Q6ch BxN 30.K-R2 Q-Q7
12.PxBQ6 Q-Q1 31.Q-B7ch B-Q2
13.B-N5 P-B3 32.QxNP QxBP
14.B-Q3 QN-K4 33.P-QN4 B-N4
15.B-K3 P-N3 34.QxBP QxRP
16.NxN NxN 35.Q-K5 Q-QB7
17.B-K4 R-QR2 36.Q-K3 B-B3
18.R-K1 R-Q2 37.Q-B4ch K-K1
19.B-KB4 RxP Drawn