

FISCHER, TAL LOSE IN CURACAO UPSETS

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TIMES PROBLEM 3379
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The first reports from the Candidates' Chess Tournament in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, verged on the incredible. Bobby Fischer, 19-year-old Brooklynite who is our best hope for the world championship, lost his first two games. His chief rival, former world champion Mikhail Tal of Latvia, dropped his first three games in succession.

Fischer had gone through two major events in the last few months, at Bled, Yugoslavia, and Stockholm, without a defeat in 41 games. Tal, who won the Bled tournament, lost but once, to Fischer. Though the results are not available, our readers are assured that the stars scored one point in the fourth round, since they were scheduled to meet at that time.

The man responsible for part of the upsets is Pal Benko of New York, who downed Fischer in the first round and Tal in the third. Each time Benko had the white pieces and his opponents used the King's Indian Defense. After quiet opening play Benko's greater steadiness gained a decisive advantage in both games.

A later UPI dispatch showed that Paul Keres of the Soviet Union was in the lead after six rounds with a score of 4-2. Ewim Geller of Russia was in second place with 3½-2½. Two other Soviet grandmasters, Victor Korchnoi and Tigran Petrosian, were tied with 3-2.

Other scores at the end of six rounds, with several games adjourned, were: Benko, 2½-2½; Miroslav Filip of Czechoslovakia, 2-3, and Fischer and Tal tied with 2-4.

Following are the details of the first three rounds:

ROUND 1—Korchnoi ½, Geller, ½; Petrosian 1, Tal 0; Keres ½, Filip ½; Benko 1, Fischer 0.

ROUND 2—Geller 1, Fischer 0; Filip 1, Benko 0; Tal 0, Keres 1; Korchnoi ½, Petrosian ½.

ROUND 3—Petrosian ½, Geller ½; Keres ½, Korchnoi ½; Benko 1, Tal 0; Fischer vs. Filip, adjourned.

COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Walt Cunningham, representing L.A. State College, scored 4½-1½ to win the fourth annual tournament for the California State Intercollegiate Chess Championship held on the campus of California Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo.

Cunningham won his first four games, including one with previous winner Stephen Matzner of Cal Poly, and needed only a draw in the final round against C. Marin of L.A. State.

Matzner took second place with 4-1, and Marin was third with 3½-1½. Tied at 3-2 for fourth place were E. Osburn of San Jose State and R. Laver of UCLA.

Following is one of the key games for the winner:

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Osburn	Cunningham	Osburn	Cunningham
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	12-PxB	N-Q5
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	13-PxP	PxP
3-P-Q4	PxP	14-P-B4	Q-R4
4-NxP	N-B3	15-Q-N2	KR-B
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	16-R-N	RxN!
6-B-KN5	P-K3	17-PxR	QxBP
7-Q-Q2	B-K2	18-R-Q3	B-R6ch
8-O-O-O	O-O	19-K-Q	Q-R8ch
9-P-B4	P-K4	20-K-Q2	Q-B8ch
10-N-B3	B-N5	Resigns	
11-P-KR3	BxN		

MORPHY DAY SATURDAY

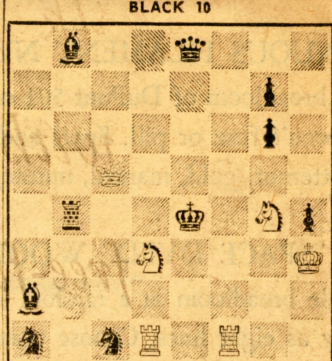
Morphy Day, which will be celebrated next Saturday at Garvey Memorial Park, Dorothy and Kelburn Sts., in South San Gabriel, should be bigger and better than ever, with the active support of the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, as well as the Southern California Chess League.

There will be a continuous program from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with planned activities for all classes of players. The morning will be devoted to simultaneous displays and lectures in which everyone can participate.

The highlight of the day will be the sixth annual match between the Yankees and Rebels, which should start about 1 p.m. All players residing north of Beverly Blvd. or the San Bernardino Freeway are eligible for the Yankee team. The Rebels are south of the line. Those planning to participate should bring their own sets and clocks.

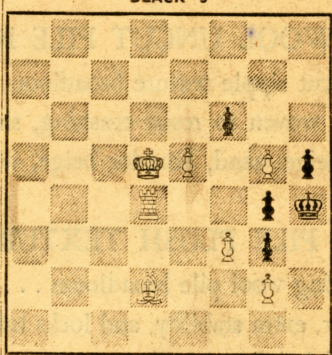
This match is a preparation and warmup for the major event of the year in California chess, the North-South match, which will be held Sunday, June 3, at the Hotel Californian in Fresno.

Nathan Robinson of 1034 S Sherbourne, who will be captain of the South team at Fresno, will be available during Morphy Day to sign up applicants for the later match. He can be called at OL 2-6629 for reservations or transportation to Fresno.



WHITE 6
White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3380
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WHITE 7
White mates in three.

No. 3379 has a good keymove, and a number of tries which the solver will probably consider first. A well known theme is tripled in 3380, in a very economical setting.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3373: R-KB3
B—With bishop at QN3: R-KB2
C—With bishop at QB2: R-N6

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3374: Q-B8
Threat, 2 QxQch; if QxQ, 2 PxQ (Q); if QxN, 2 PxQ(N); if QxP, 2 QxQch; if Q else, 2 N-N6ch.

SOLVERS' LIST

Nine points—F. Aks, M. Chutorian, J. Di Fulvio, W. W. Irwin, J. Kaufman, J. R. Martinez, I. E. Nordstrom, R. Roslin, D. Rothman, L. A. Victor.

Seven points—P. J. Burton, O. Wiseman. **Six points**—J. S. Archer, E. J. Bolton, H. D. Duckwald, C. Mosby, F. H. Oliver, R. M. Stuart, C. T. Tongko. **Four points**—R. Barrett, P. Dunn, I. L. Finkle, Dr. J. A. Healy, G. F. Oglesby, M. Rosen.

Three points—W. H. Griffith. **Two points**—R. Bock, F. B. Jones, C. T. Patterson, S. Schwarz, G. Winkelmann. **One point**—E. G. Douglas, J. Foley, V. D. Vishanoff.

The annual Morphy Day rapid transit tournament will start about 6:30 p.m. Also on the evening program is a simultaneous blindfold exhibition by Zoltan Kovacs, former California state chess champion.

Garvey Memorial Park has a large swimming pool, children's playground and picnic area. Chess players and families can use Morphy Day as a real occasion to get together.

CHESS CLUB NOTES

The Herman Steiner Chess Club of 8801 Cashio St. will hold its annual general membership meeting at 8 p.m. Monday. Election of the board of directors is the main item on the agenda. A number of matters of interest to the club will be discussed.

Pilnick and Kliger tied for first with scores of 11½-2½ in the regular Tuesday evening rapid transit tournament of the Steiner club. Quillen was third with 10½-3½, followed by Stani with 10-4.

The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club, 7th and Wilshire in Santa Monica, is holding rapid transit tournaments on Friday evenings. Kennedy won last week with a score of 9½-2½. Quillen was second with 9-3 and Wrangell took third.

LEAGUE TEAM MATCHES

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Rivise	Mann	Rivise	Mann
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	20-P-QN3	N(B)-Q3
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	21-P-B3	N-QB4
3-B-N5	P-QR3	22-P-QN4	N-Q2
4-B-R4	N-B3	23-R-R7	N-B5
5-O-O	NxP	24-N-Q2	NxN
6-P-Q4	P-QN4	25-QxN	R-K7
7-B-N3	P-Q4	26-QxPch	K-R
8-PxP	B-K3	27-QxN	Q-N4
9-P-B3	B-QB4	28-Q-R3	RxB
10-Q-Q3	O-O	29-RxP	Q-K6ch
11-B-K3	N-R4	30-K-R	Q-K8
12-B-B2	BxB	31-P-N3	R-B8
13-QxB	N-B5	32-K-N	Q-K6ch
14-Q-B	P-KB3	33-K-N2	RxR
15-N-Q4	R-K	34-Q-Q7	QxPch
16-NxB	RxN	35-K-R3	Q-R4ch
17-PxP	QxP	36-K-N2	R-K7ch
18-P-QR4	QR-K	37-KxR	Q-B6ch
19-PxP	PxP	Resigns	

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Syvertsen	Hultgren	Syvertsen	Hultgren
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	14-P-N3	Q-R6
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	15-R-K4	P-N4
3-B-N5	P-QR3	16-N-Q2	B-KB4
4-B-R4	N-B3	17-R-K	N-B5
5-O-O	B-K2	18-PxN	BxP
6-R-K	P-QN4	19-Q-B3	BxPch
7-B-N3	O-O	20-K-R	B-N6ch
8-P-B3	P-Q4	21-K-N	Q-R7ch
9-PxP	NxP	22-K-B	B-Q5ch
10-NxP	NxN	23-R-K2	QR-K
11-RxN	P-QB3	24-N-K4	RxN
12-P-Q4	B-Q3	25-B-K3	RxB
13-R-K	Q-R5	Resigns	

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Homolka	Reina	Homolka	Reina
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	16-P-B5	KPxP
2-N-QB3	N-QB3	17-PxP	BxP
3-P-KN3	N-B3	18-RxB	PxR
4-B-N2	P-KN3	19-Q-N5ch	K-R2
5-P-Q3	B-N2	20-QxBPch	K-N2
6-B-K3	P-Q3	21-Q-N5ch	K-R2
7-P-KR3	O-O	22-Q-N	N-K4
8-KN-K2	P-QR3	23-N-K4	QR-K
9-P-QR4	P-K3	24-N-B4	N-N3
10-O-O	Q-B2	25-NxRP	R-KN
11-Q-Q2	R-N	26-N-N5ch	K-R3
12-B-R6	P-QN4	27-NxPch	K-R2
13-PxP	PxP	28-Q-N7ch	RxQ
14-RxB	KxB	29-N-B6 mate	
15-P-B4	P-R4		

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