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KOVACS SCORES 7-2 TO WIN STATE TITLE

Zoltan Kovacs of Los Angeles is the new California state chess champion, winner of the tournament completed last weekend at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco.

Kovacs, who is an international master formerly from Hungary, now holds both state titles, having won the California Open tournament in September. He was undefeated in the current event, winning five games and drawing four to score 7-2.

Only once did Kovacs have an inferior game, against former Open champion Irving Rivise of Los Angeles. Rivise won a pawn but, with opposite colored bishops, could find no way to force a win.

Sven Almgren of Los Angeles took second prize with a score of 6½-2½. This was a fine result for Almgren, following his victory in the Southern California chess championship. He lost but once, to William Addison of San Francisco.

Addison and Rivise tied for third and fourth, each scoring 6-3. Addison did not lose a game, but six draws pulled his total down. Rivise lost only to Almgren, in one of the best games of the tournament.

Julius Loftsson, University of California student who recently came here from Iceland, finished in fifth place. Last year's titleholder, Tibor Weinberger of Glendale, could do no better than sixth.

The tournament was directed by Guthrie McClain, director of the California State Chess Federation and editor of its official publication, the California Chess Reporter. Following are games from the event. A complete cross-table appears below.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Kovacs White	Hufnagel Black	Kovacs White	Hufnagel Black
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	13-B-Q3	PxP
2-P-QB4	P-K3	14-BxP	P-K4
3-N-QB3	N-KB3	15-O-O	PxP
4-B-N5	P-B3	16-PxP	Q-B3
5-P-K3	B-K2	17-N-K4	Q-B5
6-Q-B2	P-KR3	18-N-N3	KN-B3
7-B-R4	QN-Q2	19-N-B5	N-N3
8-N-B3	O-O	20-N-K7ch	K-R
9-P-KR3	N-K	21-BxP	B-B4
10-B-N3	B-Q3	22-NxB	RxB
11-B-R4	B-K2	23-N-K5	Resigns
12-BxB	QxB		

SICILIAN DEFENSE

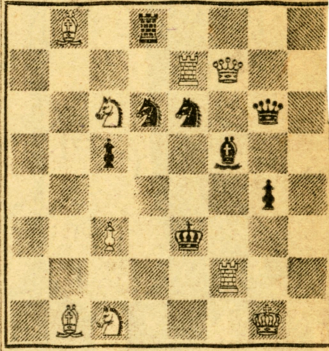
Rivise White	Loftsson Black	Rivise White	Loftsson Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	11-B-N6	Q-N
2-N-KB3	P-K3	12-Q-Q2	O-O
3-P-Q4	PxP	13-Q-R5	B-Q3
4-NxP	P-QR3	14-NxB	QxN
5-B-Q3	N-QB3	15-B-B7	Q-K2
6-NxN	QPxN	16-QxKP	QxQ
7-O-O	P-K4	17-BxQ	NxP
8-N-Q2	N-B3	18-BxN	R-K
9-N-B4	Q-B2	19-KR-K	Resigns
10-B-K3	B-K2		

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TIMES PROBLEM 3229

By S. Henry

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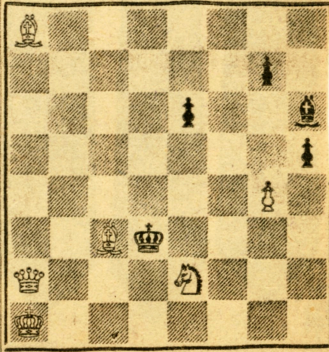
WHITE 9

White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3230

By W. A. Shinkman

BLACK 5



WHITE 6

White mates in three.

There is considerable opening and closing of lines in 3229, the result in White's favor, of course. The black bishop blocks on two squares in 3230, leading to neat mates.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3223: Q-R1.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3224: N-B4.

Threat, 2 Q-B7ch; if K-Q3, 2 N-B6; if K-B3, 2 N-N6.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points — W. S. Aaron, F. Aks, M. Chutorian, C. Cresswell, N. J. Lomax, I. E. Nordstrom, W. L. Rankel, Maj. H. Triwush. Three points—C. C. Chard, M. Rosen. Two points—M. Roth, C. E. Stern. One point—Maj. J. L. Carr Jr., E. A. Flinn, J. Foley.

PROBLEM SOLVING RULES

Send solutions to problems to Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times. Please use a separate card or letter for each week's answers. Solutions must be postmarked within two weeks of publication.

Solutions and lists of solvers will be published three weeks after problems appear. Unless otherwise noted, two points will be awarded for correct answers to two-movers, and three points for three-movers. One point per week will be allowed for incorrect solutions. Key moves are sufficient for two-movers. Principal variations must be given for full credit for three-movers.

Points are published for information only. Scores are not accumulated.

SANTA MONICA TOURNAMENT

Warner won an adjourned game against Bersbach, then defeated Harshbarger in the fifth round to lead by 5-0 in the Santa Monica Open Tournament, being contested at the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club in Lincoln Park.

Bersbach is tied for second at 4-1 with Dr. Bullockus. Diesen is fourth with 3½-1½, followed by Enrione, Harshbarger, Kempner and Leiber, who are tied at 3-2. Following are last week's results:

ROUND FIVE—Butler ½, Book ½, Kempner 0, Bersbach 1; Diesen 1, Scher 0; Dr. Bullockus 1, Gates 0; Berg 0, Gray 1; Holbrook 0, Forrest 1; Jeffers 0, Leiber 1; Homolka 0, London 1; Enrione 1, Hazard 0; Cherestes 1, Lewis 0; Warner 1, Harshbarger, 0.

The distribution of prizes will take place at the club about 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21. The same evening your editor will talk on his experiences during the Chess Olympics in Leipzig. Visiting grandmaster Larry Evans of New York will conduct a simultaneous exhibition.

The charge for playing against Evans will be \$2 a board. Call Herbert T. Abel at EX. 9-1324 for advance reservations. Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served.

CHESS CLUB NOTES

The 13th annual San Gabriel Valley Open chess championship, sponsored by the Pasadena Chess Club, resulted in a tie for first place at 5-1 among Gordon Barrett, Al Larsen and Don Young. They finished in that order on tie-breaking points.

Neilen Hultgren finished fourth with 4½-1½ and A. Carpenter and club president E. B. Adams tied for fifth with 4-2. A field of 23 players participated, one of the largest for the event.

Frank Frilling won the annual tournament of the San Gabriel Chess Club, scoring

ed and there are no prizes except for special competitions which will be announced from time to time.

5½-½. Kiva Auerbach was second with 5-1, followed by Fred Frilling, 4½-1½, and Dan Brannies and Luther Grotke, who tied at 4-2. The six-round Swiss system attracted 19 players.

Chess enthusiasts are invited to attend a planning meeting of the newly organized Center Chess Club at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Westside Jewish Community Center, 5870 W Olympic Blvd. For further information call GR. 2-9948 or WE. 8-2531.

EAST SIDE TOURNAY

N. Hultgren, who defeated B. Madrid in the fourth round, is leading with a 4-0 score in the East Side Open Tournament at the City Terrace Chess Club, 3875 City Terrace Dr.

Following are the details of last week's play and a good game from the event:

ROUND FOUR—Hultgren 1, Madrid 0; Myhro 0, J. Freed 1; Laushkin 1, Boldingor 0; Kovack 1, Ifill 0; Swett 0, Sarley 1; Rader 0, Barrett 1; Hagedorn 0, Oganosev 1; H. Freed 0, Zuzow 1; Baker 0, Gish 1; Beck 1, Barnes 0.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Myhro White	Freed Black	Myhro White	Freed Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	13-R-N	P-B4
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	14-P-B3	Q-K2
3-N-QB3	B-N2	15-P-N4	QN-Q6
4-P-K4	P-Q3	16-P-QR3	P-R3
5-N-B3	O-O	17-BxQN	NxB
6-B-K2	P-K4	18-N-N3	N-B5
7-P-Q5	QN-Q2	19-P-B5	B-Q2
8-B-N5	P-KR3	20-B-B2	PxKP
9-B-R4	P-KN4	21-PxKP	P-KR4
10-B-N3	N-R4	22-P-N3	B-N5
11-N-Q2	N-B5	23-Q-Q2	N-R6ch
12-O-O	N-B4	Resigns	

CHESS OLYMPICS, LEIPZIG

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Keres White	Bilek Black	Keres White	Bilek Black
U.S.S.R.	Hungary	U.S.S.R.	Hungary
1-P-K4	P-QB4	13-O-O-O	B-K2
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	14-B-N2	B-Q2
3-P-Q4	PxP	15-BxQP	PxB
4-NxP	N-KB3	16-NxP	Q-Q3
5-N-QB3	P-K3	17-NxN	BxN
6-B-K3	Q-B2	18-B-B5	QxB
7-P-B4	Q-B2	19-QxN	B-B3
8-P-KN4	P-Q4	20-NxPch	K-B2
9-P-K5	KN-Q2	21-Q-K6ch	K-B
10-P-QR3	P-KN4	22-KR-K	R-Q
11-P-B5	NxP	23-RxRch	BxR
12-Q-K2	QN-B3	24-N-Q7ch	Resigns

CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	W	L
1—Zoltan Kovacs, Los Angeles		½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	7	2
2—Sven Almgren, Los Angeles	½		0	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	6½	2½
3—William Addison, San Fran.	½	1		½	½	½	½	1	½	1	6	3
4—Irving Rivise, Los Angeles	½	0	½		1	1	½	1	½	1	6	3
5—Julius Lofftsson, El Cerrito	0	½	½	0		½	½	1	1	1	5	4
6—Tibor Weinberger, Glendale	0	½	½	0	½		1	1	0	1	4½	4½
7—John Blackstone, Saratoga	½		½	½	½	0		0	1	½	3½	5½
8—Frank Hufnagel, Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	1	3	6
9—Carl Diesen, Santa Monica	0	0	½	½	0	1	0	0		½	2½	6½
10—Herb Dasteel, San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½		1	8