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1582 Top Prize Of \$3000 In Cup Play

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A top prize of \$3000 in cash will go to the winner of the first Piatigorsky Cup play, which is expected to attract the top eight players of the world. The new cup competition will be held in Beverly Hills, California, in July.

This is expected to become the "Davis Cup of chess" with the \$20,000 necessary financing furnished by Jacqueline Rothschild, wife of Gregor Piatigorsky, cellist, as part of the Piatigorsky Foundation's contribution to chess and education.

There will be a valuable perpetual tournament cup, a replica that goes to the winning player, cash prizes and expense money for participants.

Only the world's top eight grand masters will play in the initial tourney in July. As of now the players are expected to be Mikhael Botvinnik, Tigar Petrosian, both from the USSR; Bobby Fischer, Brooklyn, the 19-year-old U. S. champion, and Sammy Reshevsky, New York, for the U. S.; S. Najdorf and G. Panno from Argentina; S. Gligoric from Yugoslavia and Frederik Olafson of Iceland.

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The big "Round-Up" tourney takes place in less than three weeks in Oakland. Have you signed up yet? If not write Mrs. Juanita Eckert, 2216 Davis Drive, Burlingame, Calif., right away!

Hermann Helms, often referred to as the dean of American Chess, died last week at his home in Brooklyn, one day after his 93rd birthday.

The Inter-Collegiate championship held at Philadelphia saw Brooklyn and Columbia tie for first 5-1 each. Univ. of Puerto Rico, Wayne and Pittsburgh, 4½-1½ each.