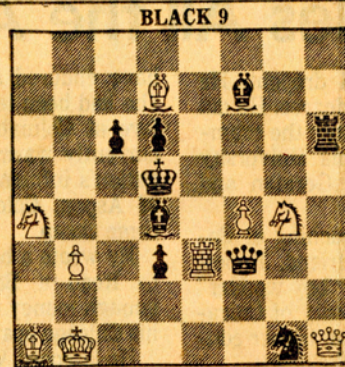


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Times Problem 4416
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White Mates in Two
David L. Brown of Rockford, Ill. again favors us with a problem composed especially for The Times. Mates after several defenses are changed by the keymove.

Solution to Problem 4415: N-QB4

Threat, 2 P-Q3ch; if RxN, 2 R-K8ch; if B-Q6, 2 N-Q4ch; if N-K4, 2 N-Q6ch; if N-B5, N-B3ch.



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soon clear that he had to regain the piece as a minimum. Spassky defended well to avoid the immediate danger, but found himself a pawn behind. By that time Spassky had developed threats on the other wing. Korchnoi was thrown on the defensive, which he was able to maintain. The draw came by repetition of moves, which neither could avoid.

Positional maneuvering in the center marked the early play in the fifth game. After several exchanges Korchnoi had the edge, though admittedly slight. He had two well placed bishops against bishop and knight, and Spassky's pawns were weaker.

Spassky had to lose a pawn, but was able to get opposite colored bishops. With the force reduced, Korchnoi could find no way to utilize the extra pawn. He had the choice of adjourning, but decided to agree to the draw at the end of the first session.

The sixth game was postponed at Spassky's request. Each player is allowed three such delays during the match, with no specific reason needed. The match itself started late because of an injury to Korchnoi, but this was not counted against him.

Once started, the sixth game turned into another positional struggle, with better pawn formation in the center as the goal. There was little to choose after the queens were exchanged. The game was adjourned after 40 moves in an even position. The draw was agreed after another four moves in the second session.

The games follow:

Spassky	Korchnoi	11-P-B4	Q-B2	23-Q-N3	Q-Q4
White	Black	12-KPxP	NPxP	24-QR-B1	NxB
1-P-K4	P-K3	13-BPxP	KNxP	25-NxN	QxN
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	14-P-B3	O-O-O	26-RxPch	K-N1
3-N-QB3	B-N5	15-O-O	KR-N1	27-R-N1	R-N2
4-P-K5	P-QB4	16-R-K1	P-K4	28-R-QN5	QR-Q2
5-P-QR3	BxNch	17-P-B4	N-N3	29-Q-K6	P-K6
6-PxB	N-K2	18-B-KB1	N-N3	30-PxP	KR-K2
7-P-QR4	B-Q2	19-P-Q5	NxBP	31-Q-N8ch	R-Q1
8-N-B3	Q-R4	20-PxN	QxP	32-Q-N3	QR-Q2
9-B-Q2	QN-B3	21-P-N3	BxB	33-Q-N8ch	R-Q1
10-B-K2	P-B3	22-RxB	P-K5	34-Q-N3	Drawn

Korchnoi	Spassky	15-P-QB4	B-N5	31-R-R4	R-N4
White	Black	16-B-N2	N-K5	32-B-Q4	P-QR4
1-P-QB4	P-QB4	17-NxN	PxN	33-B-B3	R-B2
2-N-KB3	N-KB3	18-B-QB3	NxP	34-R-R3	P-R5
3-N-B3	N-B3	19-QxQ	PxQ	35-B-Q4	R-N5
4-P-Q4	PxP	20-BxP	QR-N1	36-R-B3	RxR
5-NxP	P-K3	21-P-B3	B-K3	37-BxR	R-N4
6-P-KN3	Q-N3	22-KR-N1	P-QR4	38-P-QR3	P-R4
7-N-N3	B-N5	23-B-Q3	P-R5	39-p-R3	PxP
8-B-N2	Q-R3	24-K-B2	P-R6	40-RPxP	P-B4
9-N-Q2	BxN	25-R-N3	N-N7	41-P-N5	R-N6
10-PxB	O-O	26-RxP	NxBch	42-B-N4	P-B5
11-O-O	P-Q4	27-PxN	KR-Q1	43-R-K2	B-Q4
12-Q-N3	B-Q2	28-R-Q1	R-Q2	44-R-K5	Drawn
13-P-QR3	N-QR4	29-P-N4	P-B3		
14-PxP	PxP	30-R-Q2	K-B2		

Spassky	Korchnoi	15-O-O	O-O	31-N-B3	R-Q7
White	Black	16-Q-N3	QxQ	32-P-R5	R-QB7
1-P-K4	P-K3	17-PxQ	KR-B1	33-N-N5	P-QR3
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	18-N-N5	N-KN5	34-N-Q4	R-Q7
3-N-QB3	B-N5	19-N-Q6	NxB	35-N-B6	R-N7
4-P-K5	P-QB4	20-PxN	R-B2	36-R-Q1	P-N4
5-P-QR3	BxNch	21-P-QR4	N-K4	37-R-Q3	P-R4
6-PxB	N-K2	22-P-QN4	P-QN3	38-P-R3	P-R5
7-N-B3	B-Q2	23-P-K4	NPxP	39-P-N3	PxP
8-PxP	Q-B2	24-KPxP	KPxP	40-RxP	P-B3
9-B-Q3	B-R5	25-KR-Q1	PxP	41-R-QB3	N-K4
10-B-K3	N-Q2	26-PxP	N-B5	42-NxN	PxN
11-Q-N1	N-QB3	27-RxP	R-Q2	43-R-B5	RxP
12-N-Q4	N(2)xP	28-N-B5	RxR	44-RxP	R-KR5
13-B-QN5	Q-R4	29-N-K7ch	K-B1	Drawn	
14-BxB	QxB	30-NxR	R-Q1		

PETERS WINS AMERICAN OPEN TROPHY

John Peters of Los Angeles won the 13th annual American Open Chess Tournament, played over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Los Angeles Hilton. He was undefeated, winning six games and drawing two for a score of 7-1.

Peters was fourth highest rated of the record number of 547 participants in the event. He is a senior master, with a number of good results to his credit, but none to compare with this success.

In the final rounds Peters was matched in succession with the three grandmasters in the tournament, all highly favored. He came through, defeating U.S. Champion

Walter Browne of Berkeley and Larry Christiansen of Modesto, then drawing with Anatoly Lein of Long Island, City, N.Y.

Even more surprising was the performance of Cicero Braga of Brazil, unknown here and with no international rating. He lost his first game, then swept through with seven wins in a row. He tied for first with Peters, dividing the top money prizes.

The winner's trophy was awarded to Peters, who had played much stronger opponents. In the Swiss system method of pairings, used here, a loser in the early rounds will be paired with much lower-rated players until he catches up with the leaders.

The grandmasters all tied for third with 6½-1½. Browne had drawn with Alan Pollard of Los Angeles before losing to Peters. Christiansen also had one draw, with Lein. The latter did not lose a game, but drew with Christiansen, Pollard and Peters.

Also in the tie with 6½-1½ were Nick De Firmian of Santa Barbara and Carl Pilnick, formerly of Los Angeles, now living in Florida.

A special prize for the most brilliant game was awarded to Peters for his victory over Vincent McCambridge of La Habra. This follows.

Peters	McCambridge	7-NPxN	P-K3	15-QxB	RxQ
White	Black	8-O-O	B-K2	16-RxR	B-B1
1-P-K4	P-QB4	9-P-Q4	O-O	17-BxN	Q-R3
2-N-QB3	N-QB3	10-B-K3	Q-R4	18-B-Q5	QxN
3-KN-K2	N-B3	11-Q-N1	R-Q1	19-RxBP	K-R1
4-P-KN3	P-Q4	12-R-Q1	P-Q2	20-P-B6	B-Q3
5-PxP	NxP	13-PxP	QR-N1	21-R-Q7	Resigns
6-B-N2	NxN	14-QxP	QR-N1		

Peters	Harper	8-P-Q5	N-N1	17-N-B7ch	K-Q1
White	Black	9-Q-R4ch	N-Q2	18-N-KN5	N-R3
1-P-K4	P-QB4	10-N-B3	Q-N5	19-R-K1	Q-Q6
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	11-N-QN5	K-Q1	20-B-B4	Q-B4
3-B-N5ch	B-Q2	12-Q-R5ch	P-N3	21-BxP	QxN
4-BxBch	QxN	13-Q-R6	QxBP	22-N-K6ch	PxN
5-P-B4	Q-N5	14-Q-N7	R-N1	23-PxP	Resigns
6-O-O	QxKP	15-Q-B7ch	K-R1		
7-P-Q4	N-QB3	16-Q-B6	P-QR3		