

# CHESS

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## SMYSLOV GAINS LEAD IN WORLD CHESS PLAY

Vassily Smyslov has a one-point lead against World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik in the match being contested in Moscow, according to a report from the New York Times. Smyslov has won three, lost two and drawn four of the nine games concluded to date.

The eighth game, which was the latest victory for the challenger, started with the Sicilian Defense, Smyslov playing the White pieces. The opening was along well-tried lines, when Smyslov introduced a novel twist which bothered Botvinnik. The champion, seeking safety, lost two Pawns before adjournment. He resigned before time for resuming play.

Smyslov maintained his lead in the ninth game by a draw in 41 moves. Smyslov resorted to the Indian Defense against the English Opening and held the upper hand for the first 20 moves. He lost ground when he evaded an exchange of Queens and could make no further progress.

The seventh game was the shortest of the series so far, the players agreeing to a draw after 23 moves. Botvinnik conducted the White pieces. The challenger countered with the Queen's Indian Defense. Both proceeded with so much caution that neither was able to make any impression. They soon realized that there were no prospects of creating weaknesses in the opposing ranks.

Following are the scores of the earlier games of the match.

### FIRST MATCH GAME

Botvinnik is hardly recognizable in this game. After a quiet opening he plays to simplify, seeming content with a peaceful conclusion. But when most of the pieces are off, it turns out that Smyslov's Bishop is more effective, with a particularly valuable target in the QRP. Botvinnik tries for belated counterplay, which leads only to a couple of harmless checks. At the end, Smyslov's passed Pawn is a sure winner.

### ENGLISH OPENING

Botvinnik	Smyslov	Botvinnik	Smyslov
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QB4	N-KB3	22-Q-B	N-N4
2-N-QB3	P-KN3	23-P-K5	NxN
3-P-KN3	B-N2	24-PxN	BxB
4-B-N2	O-O	25-RxB	RxR
5-P-K4	P-B4	26-QxR	Q-B3
6-KN-K2	N-B3	27-R-Q2	RxR
7-O-O	P-Q3	28-BxR	P-B5
8-P-QR3	B-Q2	29-B-K3	P-B3
9-P-R3	N-K	30-B-Q4	K-B2
10-P-Q3	N-B2	31-Q-Q	P-R5
11-R-N	R-N	32-Q-K2	Q-Q4
12-B-K3	P-QN4	33-K-N	B-B
13-PxP	NxP	34-P-B5	PxKP
14-NxN	RxN	35-PxPch	PxP
15-P-Q4	Q-B	36-BxP	P-K3
16-PxP	PxP	37-Q-B2ch	K-K
17-K-R2	R-Q	38-Q-B6	BxP
18-Q-B	N-Q5	39-QxNPch	K-Q2
19-N-B3	R-N2	40-Q-R7ch	B-K2
20-P-B4	B-QB3	41-B-Q4	
21-R-B2	P-QR4		

The game was adjourned at this point, and White resigned without resuming play.

### SECOND MATCH GAME

Here too Botvinnik plays to exchange the major pieces, rather than his usual quest for complications. He gets a weaker Pawn structure, and has to play carefully to secure the draw.

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

Smyslov	Botvinnik	Smyslov	Botvinnik
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	24-K-B	P-QR4
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	25-P-R4	B-K2
3-P-Q4	PxP	26-R-K	B-Q3
3-NxP	N-B3	27-P-K5	BxP
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	28-NxB	PxN
6-B-KN5	P-K3	29-RxP	K-Q3
7-Q-Q2	P-QR3	30-R-K3	R-B
8-O-O-O	P-R3	31-P-KB3	P-K4
9-B-K3	N-KN5	32-K-Q2	R-B5
10-NxN	PxN	33-P-N3	R-B
11-B-B5	B-N2	34-R-Q3ch	K-B2
12-P-KR3	PxB	35-R-K3	K-Q3
13-QxQch	RxQ	36-B-K2	B-K3
14-RxRch	KxR	37-R-Q3ch	K-B2
15-PxN	B-Q3	38-R-B3	K-Q3
16-N-R4	K-B2	39-K-K3	B-Q4
17-B-B4	R-Q	40-R-Q3	K-B2
18-P-QN3	B-QB	41-R-Q	R-B3
19-R-K	P-B3	42-R-KR	K-N3
20-N-N2	B-B5ch	43-P-QB4	B-B2
21-K-N	B-Q7	44-B-Q3	K-B2
22-R-KB	B-B5	45-B-K4	R-K3
23-N-Q3	B-Q3	Drawn	

## NAJDORF SETS PACE AT MAR DEL PLATA TOURNAMENT

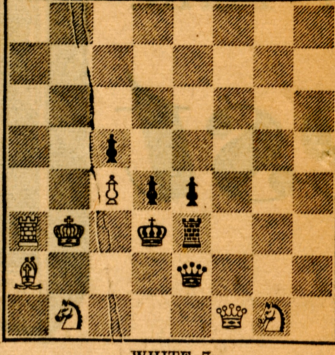
After nine rounds of the International Masters Tournament at Mar del Plata in Argentina, Miguel Najdorf of Buenos Aires was in the lead with a score of 8-1, according to a report from the New York Times.

Najdorf defeated Horacio Albert of Argentina in a King's Indian Defense lasting 28 moves to retain his lead in the ninth round. Najdorf is undefeated, with seven wins and two draws.

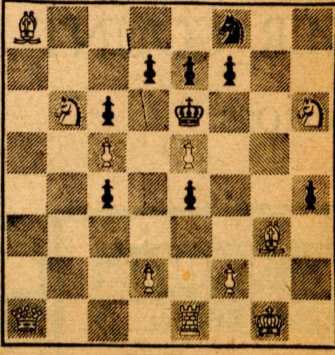
In second place was Paul Keres of Russia with 7½-1½. Another Russian, Alexander Kotov, is tied for third at 7-1 with Oscar Panno of Argentina. Each has an unfinished game. Keres and Kotov were content to draw a Nimzovitch Defense in 17 moves. Panno won from Raul Sanguinetti of Argentina on the White side of a Queen's Indian Defense in 39 moves.

William Lombardy of New York, the only American player in the tournament, is in fifth place with 6-3. He defeated Hector Rossetto of Argentina in the ninth round after 41 moves. Lombardy was the first to break Kotov's winning streak by drawing with him after the Russian grandmaster had gained six consecutive victories. Lombardy's losses were to Keres and Fernando Casas of Argentina.

MARCH 31, 1957  
TIMES PROBLEM 2845  
By W. A. Shinkman  
BLACK 6



WHITE 7  
White mates in two.  
TIMES PROBLEM 2846  
By K. S. Howard  
BLACK 9



WHITE 11  
White mates in three.

Shinkman's problem is an excellent example of a block-threat. In this type, there is a mate ready for any Black move. But White has no waiting move, and the key must set up a threat, completely changing the character of the play.

Howard composed 2846 to show varied effects of en passant play. Remember that the main variations must be given in three-movers to obtain full credit.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2841: B-R4  
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2842: K-K5  
If P-B6, 2 Q-N8ch; if P-N4, 2 N-B5.

### SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—J. C. Beaver, D. Busch, P. L. Doan, H. D. Duckwald, C. Foster, G. Francis, D. B. Habberfield, J. Holt, G. W. Houghton, M. W. Hudgins, W. W. Irwin, N. Lesser, W. S. Moore, Mrs. G. Neamy, M. J. Veber, L. A. Victor. Four points—J. Kishineff, M. Morris. Three points—J. L. Aranow, W. H. Griffith, A. Bucher, P. Jarmuz, R. Ploetz, M. Rosen. Two points—O. H. Ketcham, E. E. Penter, T. Sherdeman, D. Skoss, J. P. Walsh. One point—M. Barenfeld, R. S. Green, K. G. Howell, J. H. Lillystone, M. J. Lyons, R. Sylvester.

Some of the solutions to Problems 2839 and 2840 were mislaid, and not credited last week. Points earned were: C. Foster, 5; G. C. Fish, 3; G. W. Houghton, 3; M. Rosen, 3; K. R. Egelhaaf, 1; O. H. Ketchum, 1; J. H. Lillystone, 1.

Fults vs. Seltzer, Rubin vs. Bicknell and Hamman vs. Mego.

In the Class A-1 section the leaders all won, maintaining their relative positions. Guy Dick and Evans Farber are tied for first with 6½-1½. R. Roth is right behind with 6-2, followed by Don Maron, 5½-2½. Two rounds remain to be completed.

Austin Gates completed his schedule in Class A-2, finishing with a good lead at 8½-½. Charles King, with a 6-3 score, is in second place. He can still be tied by Clare Ulrich, who has 5-3 and a game to play with J. Karis.

Following are last week's results:

EXPERTS—Fults ½, Henderson ½; Rubin 1, Seltzer 0; Hamman ½, Bicknell ½; Kerllenevich 1, Mego 0; Lillienberg 0, Johnson 1; Soules 1, Melworm 0; Soules 1, Lillienberg 0; Kerllenevich 1, Rubin 0.

CLASS A-1—Dick 1, Johansson 0; Roth 1, Rosenfeld 0; Forrer 1, Cunningham 0; Gifford 0, Maron 1; Castleberry 1, Seiden 0; Farber 1, Johansson 0.

CLASS A-2—Page ½, Koenig ½; Gates 1, Ralston 0; Owen 1, Erus 0; Hunt 0, King 1; Karis vs. Ulrich, postponed.

### LEAGUE TEAMS IN ACTION

In the first round of the A Division of the Southern California Chess League the only victory registered was by the UCLA 1 team, which defeated UCLA 2 by a 3-1 score. Santa Monica tied with the Steiner Chess Club, 2-2. Long Beach leads Inglewood, 2-1, with one game adjourned.

Following is Lombardy's well-played win over Joao Mangini, 1956 chess champion of Brazil:

### NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Lombardy White	Mangini Black	Lombardy White	Mangini Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	22-N-N3	P-N3
2-P-QB4	P-K3	23-Q-B	Q-N2
3-N-QB3	B-N5	24-P-K4!	PxP
4-P-K3	P-Q4	25-N-B5!	PxP
5-N-B3	O-O	26-RxRch	NxR
6-B-Q3	P-QN3	27-Q-R6	N-Q2
7-P-QR3	BxNch	28-N-K7ch	K-R
8-PxB	B-N2	29-BxP!	P-B7ch
9-PxP	PxP	30-KxP	N(1)-B3
10-O-O	QN-Q2	31-B-KB5	BxP
11-N-Q2	P-B4	32-Q-B4	N-R4
12-B-N2	P-B5	33-Q-N4	N(2)-B3
13-B-B2	P-QN4	34-QxB	Q-R2
14-P-QR4	P-QR3	35-Q-B3	Q-R8
15-R-K	R-K	36-K-N2	Q-QB8
16-P-B3	Q-B2	37-B-Q6	Q-Q7ch
17-B-R3	N-N3	38-K-R3	P-N5
18-PxP	PxP	39-PxP	QxQP
19-N-B	R-R3	40-N-B8	P-B6
20-B-N4	RxR	41-K-N2	N-Q4
21-QxR	B-B3	42-QxN (R)	Resigns

### EXPERTS IN HOT FINISH

The experts' section of the Herman Steiner Memorial Tournament is in for a torrid finish, with any one of five players having a chance to take the first prize. The last round is scheduled for this week end at the Steiner Club, 108 N Formosa Ave.

The leaders are Marcos Kerllenevich and George Soules, who each gained two points in play last week. Their score is 7½-2½. The previous pace setter, Fred Fults, having drawn with Charles Henderson, is tied at 7-3 with Gene Rubin. Also in contending position is Joe Mego, with 6-3 and a postponed game with Henderson.

The pairings for the final round are Kerllenevich vs. Johnson, Soules vs. Henderson,