

# Kovacs Wins California Championship

Zoltan Kovacs of Los Angeles, formerly a Hungarian national, won the 1960 California title in a tournament held in San Francisco over the Thanksgiving week end. Kovacs now holds both State titles, having won the California Open in September.

Kovacs was undefeated, winning five games and allowing four draws to score 7-2 in the ten-player tournament. Sven Almgren of Los Angeles was second, 6½-2½. The veteran Almgren had a fine tournament, notable for a sparkling sacrificial win over former champion Irving Rivise of Los Angeles, but suffered a critical defeat by William G. Addison of San Francisco. Addison, who lost no games but had no less than six draws, tied with Rivise for third place. Julius Loftsson, University of California student from Iceland, finished fifth and Tibor Weinberger of Glendale, 1959 Open and State champion, finished sixth.

Kovacs won \$100 and custody of the perpetual trophy. Almgren won \$60 and the other players shared in the total prize list of \$290. The players were the finalists of a series of qualifying tournaments which seeded eight from geographical areas of the State, plus the 1959 State champion and the 1960 Open champion.

The tournament was held at the Mechanics' Institute and was directed by Guthrie McClain. The cross-table:

## 1960 CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. Kovacs, Z. ....	X	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	7 -2
2. Almgren, S. ....	½	X	1	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	6½-2½
3. Rivise, I. ....	½	0	X	½	1	1	½	1	½	1	6 -3
4. Addison, W. ....	½	1	½	X	½	½	½	1	½	1	6 -3
5. Loftsson, J. ....	0	½	0	½	X	½	½	1	1	1	4½-4½
6. Weinberger, T. ....	0	½	0	½	½	X	1	1	0	1	4½-4½
7. Blackstone, J. ....	½	0	½	½	½	0	X	0	1	½	3½-5½
8. Hufnagel, F. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	3 -6
9. Deisen, C. ....	0	0	½	½	0	1	0	0	X	½	2½-6½
10. Dasteel, H. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	X	1 -8