

N. Y.'s Larry Evans Wins U. S. Chess Championship in 9¹/₂-2¹/₂

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Larry Evans of New York, former U. S. champion, won the open championship of the U. S. Chess Federation with a score of 9½-2½.

Arturo Pomar of Madrid finished with the same game score as Evans, but trailed by three-fourths of a tie-breaking point.

Prize money of \$1000 for first place and \$400 for second place was pooled and divided equally between Evans and Pomar.

Other Winners

Robert H. Steinmeyer of St. Louis captured third place with 8-3, followed by U. S. champion Arthur Bisguier of New York, who had the same game score but fewer tie-breaking points.

Sharing fifth to seventh places, with 8½-3½, were James Sherwin of New York, Martin Harrow of Jamaica, L. I., and Allen Kaufman of New York.

Young Ronald Gross of Compton, Cal., finished in 16th place with the fine score of 8-4. The only other California player, John Alexander of San Diego, took 36th place with 7-5.

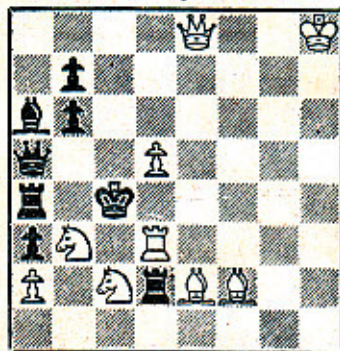
The tournament concluded last Saturday in New Orleans.

Women's Tournament

In the women's tournament, played at the same time, Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser of New York took top honors with 8-2, followed by Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson of Palm Springs, Cal., with 7-3. These women experts thereby qualify for the European tournament next year.

Don't forget the most enjoy-

Task No. 59—By K. Gavrilov



White Mates in Two Moves
(Value, four points)

Answer to Task No. 58: The main line is 1 R-R2, KtxRch; 2 K-Q2 and mate next move.

able California tournament of the year—the open—to be played in Santa Barbara, Hotel Carrillo, Sept. 4-6. The first round is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 4.

Entry fee is \$5, and all receipts will be used for prizes. The tournament will be conducted by W. G. McClain of San Francisco. Every one is welcome.

New 'Ritz Special'

Task No. 58 in last week's column was composed by the great British problemist, Godfrey Heathcote. The next "Ritz Special" will appear next week.

The key move to the miniature by James Pierce, published two weeks ago, is Q-QR3. Correct solutions were received from:

Vasilii Bassalaeff, Paul Berco-

vici, Henry M. Newcomb, Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, John F. Yale, all of San Francisco; Jack E. Davis, San Rafael; Harry Hoken- sen, Santa Rosa; Keith Wentz, Alameda.

Here is a three-move miniature by A. P. Gulyaev which you may not find easy:

White (four men): King on Queen Bishop one; Queen on King Knight five; Bishop on Queen Knight two; Pawn on Queen Rook three.

Black (three men): King on Queen Rook five; Pawns on Queen Knight three and Queen Rook three. White mates in three moves.

The following exciting games were played in the recent Pan-American tournament in Holly- wood.

IRREGULAR

White	—	S. Yarmak	Black	—	A. Bisguier
1	Kt-KB3	P-Q4	15	O-O-O	B-B4
2	P-B4	P-K3	16	P-B3	PxP
3	P-QKt3	P-Q5	17	KtxBP	BxP
4	B-Kt2	P-QB4	18	KtxB	KtxKt
5	P-QKt4	P-KKt3	19	B-Q3	Kt-Q3
6	P-K3	B-Kt2	20	B-B2	P-QKt4
7	PxBP	P-K4	21	Kt-K5	PxP
8	Kt-R3	Kt-KR3	22	Q-Kt3	Q-R4
9	Kt-QKt5	O-O	23	QR-B1	QxP
10	PxP	P-K5	24	K-Q1	KR-K1
11	Kt-Kt1	Kt-B3	25	P-Q4	PxPe.p
12	Q-Kt3	P-R3	26	KtxQ	Kt-K5
13	Kt-Q6	KtxP	27	Q-B7	Kt-B6ch
14	BxKt	BxB			White resigns.

KING'S INDIAN

White	—	H. Steiner	Black	—	R. Sliemans
1	P-Q4	Kt-KB3	16	R-KKt1	K-R2
2	P-QB4	P-KKt3	17	R-Kt2	Kt-R4
3	Kt-QB3	B-Kt2	18	Q-B2	Q-K1
4	P-K4	P-Q3	19	QR-KKt	Q-B2
5	P-B3	O-O	20	P-Kt3	Q-B3
6	B-Kt5	QKt-Q2	21	B-K1	Q-R5
7	Kt-R3	P-B4	22	Kt-Q3	Q-R6
8	P-Q5	Kt-K1	23	Q-Q1	KtxKt
9	B-K2	Kt-K4	24	BxKt	B-Q5
10	Kt-B2	P-B4	25	P-K5ch	B-B4
11	O-O	P-KR3	26	B-B1	R-KKt1
12	B-Q2	P-B5	27	B-B2	BxB
13	P-KKt3	P-KKt4	28	RxR	Q-R5
14	PxP	PxP	29	R/8-Kt4	R-KKt1
15	K-R1	Kt-KB3	30	B-Q8!	Resigns