

# Olympic Chess

## America Defeats Argentina 2½ to 1½ in First Match of Finals

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**HELSINKI, Aug. 21 (by mail)**—In its first match of the final round of the Chess Olympics, the U. S. team made a fine start by beating the strong Argentine team, 2½-1½.

It seems certain that the Russians will win the tournament. But Argentina was favored for second place, and the American victory

was a great surprise and triumph. If the U. S. team can tie Russia, which it plays tomorrow, it will have a good chance.

The Russians had a setback today when the great Paul Keres lost to L. Szabo of Hungary. The Russians were worried for a while, but they managed to win the match, 2½-1½.

On board one of the U. S.-Argentine match, Sammy Reshevsky let Najdorf win a pawn, and then trapped his queen. Najdorf had prepared himself for a long session with his old rival, to whom he had lost a lengthy match played throughout the Americas this year, by bringing along a big thermos of coffee. All he drank of it was one cup.

It was Najdorf's first defeat in this tournament. Here is the game:

White: Reshevsky, U. S. A.			Black: Najdorf, Argentina.		
1.P-Q4	N-KB3	15.N-B2	B-K4		
2.P-QB4	P-KN3	16.B-Q4	N-K3		
3.N-QB3	B-N2	17.B-B2	Q-B3		
4.P-K4	O-O	18.N-K2	BxNP		
5.N-KB3	P-Q3	19.RxB	QxR		
6.B-K2	P-K4	20.N-B3	P-R6		
7.O-O	QN-Q2	21.R-N1	N2-B4		

8.R-K1	R-K1	22.RxQ	PxR
9.B-B1	P-B3	23.N-4	N-R5
10.R-N1	PxP	24.N-N1	B-Q2
11.NxP	N-B4	25.N-Q3	P-QN4
12.P-B3	P-QR4	26.PxP	PxP
13.B-K3	KN-Q2	27.NxNP	Resigns
14.Q-Q2	P-R5		

Larry Evans lost quickly against J. Bolbochan. Larry has now lost two games in a row. The Russians wonder why he is playing at all. We all hope he will snap out of his slump; even half-points for draws are very useful at this stage of the competition.

Robert Byrne played a real old-timer of international chess, Erich Eliskases, who tried to outwit his young opponent, steering the game along to an ending and counting on his ability to conduct it better than the American. But he had a surprise coming; Byrne took the advantage and won in 65 moves.

Arthur Bisguier played a good draw against Pilnik.

### 108 to Compete Tomorrow In Junior Chess Tourney

Seventy-six boys and 32 girls, ranging in age from 5 to 19, will compete tomorrow in the final round of the junior chess championship tournament sponsored by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

Play will take place at the Sharon Building, Children's Playground, in Golden Gate Park, beginning at 10 a. m.

The tournament, being held in co-operation with The Chronicle, entered its semifinal round last Friday with over 200 children competing at six of the city's neighborhood playgrounds.

Contestants competed in five age divisions for boys and five for girls—8 years and under; 9 through 11; 12 through 13; 14 through 15, and 16 through 19. One hundred and eight children qualified for the city-wide finals.

The Recreation and Park Department will award medals to the winner and runner-up in each division. The Chronicle will present chess sets to the three top children in each division.

Assisting the playground directors and children in preparation for this tournament has been George Koltanowski, Chronicle chess writer. He will not be present tomorrow at the finals as he is presently in Helsinki, Finland, as one of six American entrants in the chess Olympics.

The finals will be directed by Jens L. Lund of Oakland.