

World Chess Title Won By Smyslov

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Vassily Smyslov is the new chess champion of the world, having defeated Mikhael Botvinnik, world champion for ten years, by a score of 12½ to 9½. Both are Russians.

Botvinnik, long considered invincible, ended up a broken man in his second match with Smyslov. The former champion was beaten after his loss in the 17th round. The game should have been drawn, but Smyslov conjured up a beautiful win, and from then on all resistance oozed out Botvinnik. After that, games were drawn in 13 and even 11 moves of play, and for a man who is two points behind, that is like a boxer throwing in the towel.

Smyslov, who studied as a soloist bass singer, tied Botvinnik in their first match in 1954. Now that he has won, the lanky, freckled-faced red-head intends to keep onto the title for a long time, and he may—unless Paul Keres gets a chance to play him for the world title.

HAVE YOU HEARD? The Yugoslavs are not going to tour the United States. Only three cities evinced any interest for them . . . The Champion of Champion tournament will be held over Labor Day week end in Yankton, S. D. Large money prizes for State champions only . . . A Paul Morphy Centennial Open will be held in conjunction with the above tournament, with \$750 in cash prizes . . . Nancy Roos, women's champion of the United States, died at 51 in Los Angeles . . . We were grieved to hear that two long-time Chronicle solvers have died: John D. Gallagher of Stockton and E. D. Mills of Berkeley. R.I.P. . . . Arthur Bisguier won the championship of the Manhattan Chess Club . . . Robert Brieger has just won a prize—in dancing . . . Both Botvinnik and Smyslov had the Order of Lenin conferred on them . . . A full announcement on the U. S. Junior Championship will appear next week.

INTERCLUB RESULTS — CFNC: Colle, S. F. 3—Nimzowitch, San Bruno 3; Botvinnik 6—Reti 0; 3½ Staunton (White) 2½; Morphy (Red) Morphy 3; Staunton (White) 4½—Morphy (Blue) 1½; Colle 4—Reti 2.

In Frederick, Okla., George Koltanowski won 15 and 2 blindfold, and in Albuquerque his score was 24 wins and one draw.

SPECIAL SOLVING COMPETITION NO. 3

Solutions: No. 1: 1.R-B8. No. 2: 1.Q-B4; No. 3: 1.Q-R3; No. 4: 1.Q-B8 and No. 5: 1.R-K7. (1.B-B5?.Q-B5?).

Prize winners are: L. Lund, Lafayette; G. Goler, Oakland; L. Zellin, Berkeley; J. Boschen, Santa Rosa; R. D. Davis, Oakland; D. Brown, San Mateo; R. Bartels, Richmond; G. J. Spesock, Santa Clara; R. Authier, Berkeley; George Fabricius, S. F.; J. Bloch, S. F.; Tom Showmaker, San Rosa; R. Zuker, S. F.; R. Ohrbach, Oakland; R. Drummond, Berkeley; L. Meyers, Kentfield; K. Blow, Novato; D. A. Sobolov, Monterey; R. Markham, San Mateo, and Boris Popov, S. F.