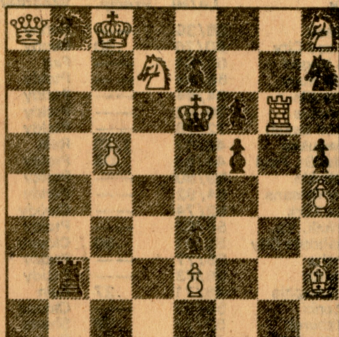


CHESS

BY ISAAC KASHDAN
INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER
TIMES CHESS EDITOR

April 12, 1981
Times Problem 4590
By B. Cyrano
Denmark

BLACK 9



WHITE 9

White Mates in Three
In the main variation, there is no threat after White's second move, but surprisingly Black has no good move.

Solution to Problem 4589: N-Q5

Threat, 2 RxN; if KxN, 2 N-K7; if QRxN, 2 N-N4; if KRxN, 2 N-B4; if N any, or if P-K7, 2 QxP.

KORCHNOI WINS IN LONE PINE

Victor Korchnoi of Switzerland was in his best form as he scored seven points of a possible nine to win the 11th annual Louis D. Statham International Tournament in Lone Pine.

Korchnoi, who was favored from the outset, won his first three games, then drew with Bent Larsen of Denmark, the second highest rated of the 61 players in the competition.

Already alone in first place, Korchnoi remained there until the end. He drew in the sixth round with U. S. champion Larry Christiansen of Modesto.

Then came the game that had been long awaited, a meeting in a tournament between Korchnoi and a grandmaster from the Soviet Union. It was Artur Yusupov, one of the very talented juniors, who proved to be the victim.

Korchnoi obtained a slight initiative after the opening moves. The game remained reasonably even for some time. Then came the breakthrough, when Korchnoi sacrificed a rook for a sudden attack on Yusupov's king. The latter resigned when an early mate was inevitable.

In his last two games Korchnoi faced his closest rivals, Yasser Seirawan, former world junior champion of Seattle, and Gennady Sosonko of Holland. Each game was drawn, all that Korchnoi needed. He took the \$15,000 first prize.

Seirawan, Sosonko and Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia tied with scores of 6½-2½. All were undefeated, with identical totals of four wins and five draws. They earned \$7,333 each.

A group of eight players were tied at 6-3, and

picked up the remaining prizes. Among them were Christiansen and Yusupov. Christiansen lost to Seirawan at the same time that Yusupov was downed by Korchnoi.

Other grandmasters with 6-3 were Lev Alburt of New York City, Bozidar Ivanovic of Yugoslavia and James Tarjan of Berkeley. Others were Daniel Campora of Argentina and Ronald Henley of Houston. Each received \$1,287.50.

Oleg Romanishin of the Soviet Union, third highest rated player, finished with 5½-3½. He had been a real contender through the seventh round, when he had 5-2. A loss to Sosonko and a draw with Tarjan dropped him out of the prize list.

Even worse was Larsen's result. He also had 5-2 after seven rounds, then lost his final games to Gligoric and Campora, to wind up with 5-4.

The 27 grandmasters were scattered throughout the list in the final standings. The most disappointed undoubtedly was Roman Dzindzhashvili of New York City, who won the tournament last year. This time he finished near the bottom with 3½-5½.

The score of 5-4 was a popular one for GMs. In addition to Larsen, there were Yehuda Gruenfeld of Israel, William Lombardy and Leonid Shamkovich of New York City, Hans Ree of Holland and Gudmundur Sigurjonsson of Iceland.

Even more GMs had the even score of 4½-4½. Americans at that level were Pal Benko, Peter Biyiasas, Arthur Bisguier, Anatoly Lein, and Andrew Soltis. Vladimir Liberzon of Israel had the same total.

Tied at 4-5 were Samuel Reshevsky of the U.S. and the first Polish player ever in Lone Pine, Adam Kuligowski.

PIRC-ROBATSCH DEFENSE

Burger	Ree	8-B-K2	N-R3	18-NxN	QxN
USA	Holland	9-B-K3	N-B4	19-R-R3	P-K5
White	Black	10-N-Q2	N-K1	20-B-K2	B-Q5
1-R-QB4	P-KN3	11-P-KR4	P-B4	21-P-B3	PxP
2-P-Q4	B-N2	12-P-R5	PxRP	22-PxP	R-K1
3-N-QB3	P-Q3	13-PxP	BxP	23-N-N5	Q-K4
4-P-K4	N-KB3	14-BxN	PxB	24-NxB	RxN
5-N-B3	O-O	15-KN-K4	N-Q3	Resigns	
6-P-KR3	P-K4	16-B-Q3	B-N3		
7-P-Q5	P-QR4	17-RxP	R-B5		

Korchnoi	Yusupov	13-QR-B1	Q-N1	28-Q-Q5	P-QR3
Switzerland	USSR	14-B-K1	KR-K1	29-P-QR4	B-B3
White	Black	15-Q-B2	R-QB1	30-Q-K4	N-B5
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	16-P-QN4	P-K4	31-PxP	PxP
2-P-QB4	P-QB3	17-PxKP	NxP	32-R-Q5	R-R1
3-N-KB3	N-B3	18-PxP	NxP	33-K-B1	R-R8
4-P-K3	B-N5	19-B-K2	NxNP	34-K-K2	K-N2
5-P-KR3	BxN	20-Q-N3	N-Q4	35-B-N4	N-N3
6-QxB	P-K3	21-NxN	PxN	36-R-Q6	R-QB
7-B-Q3	QN-Q2	22-QxQP	RxR	37-RxB	KxN
8-N-B3	P-KN3	23-RxR	R-QB1	38-Q-Q4ch	K-N4
9-O-O	B-N2	24-R-Q1	N-B3	39-B-K7ch	QxB
10-R-Q1	O-O	25-B-B4	Q-B2	40-Q-B4ch	Resigns
11-Q-K2	Q-B2	26-Q-K4	N-K4		
12-B-Q2	QR-Q1	27-B-N3	P-QN4		

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Korchnoi	Tarjan	9-O-O	BxN	20-BxN	KxB
Switzerland	USA	10-PxB	P-KN4	21-P-K4	P-QB4
White	Black	11-BxNP	NxB	22-P-K5	QPxKP
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	12-Q-N5ch	N-Q2	23-QxKP	PxP
2-P-QB4	P-K3	13-QxKN	QxQ	24-QR-Q1ch	K-B2
3-N-KB3	P-QN3	14-NxQ	BxP	25-K-R3	PxN
4-N-B3	B-N2	19-KxB	R-KN1	26-BPxNP	P-K5
5-B-B4	B-N5	16-P-B4	P-R3	27-QR-K1	R-Q1
6-Q-N3	P-QR4	17-P-KR4	P-KB3	28-RxP	R-Q6ch
7-P-K3	P-Q3	18-B-N4	K-K2	29-K-N4	RxP
8-B-K2	N-K5	19-BxP	R-N2	30-P-R5	Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Liberzon	Hjartarson	10-QxB	P-KN3	22-Q-Q2	N-R4
Israel	Iceland	11-O-O	B-N2	23-BxQP	QxNP
White	Black	12-B-K3	O-O	24-P-B6	BxP
1-P-K4	P-QB4	13-Q-B2	P-K3	25-RxB	NxR
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	14-P-B5	QR-K1	26-P-K5	N-Q4
3-P-Q4	PxP	15-K-R1	N-K4	27-NxN	PxN
4-NxP	N-KB3	16-QR-K1	P-QN4	28-QxRP	Q-B6
5-N-QB3	P-QR3	17-P-R3	N-B5	29-R-K3	Q-R8ch
6-P-B4	Q-B2	18-BxN	QxB	30-K-R2	R-Q1
7-N-B3	N-B3	19-B-N5	P-R3	31-B-K7	Resigns
8-B-Q3	B-N5	20-B-B4	P-N5		
9-P-KR3	BxN	21-RPxP	QxNP		

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Peters	Ivahov	10-PxP	PxP	22-KxR	Q-N5ch
USA	Canada	11-Q-Q2	N-K2	23-K-R1	R-N1
White	Black	12-O-O-O	O-O	24-R-K8ch	RxR
1-P-K4	P-QB4	13-P-KR3	N-B4	25-R-N1	QxP
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	14-B-B2	R-N1	26-R-N7	O-B6
3-P-Q4	PxP	15-P-KN4	Q-R4	27-RxRP	N-Q5
4-NxP	N-KB3	16-B-B4	R-N5	28-K-N1	Q-B8
5-N-QB3	N-B3	17-B-N3	N-Q5	29-N-K4	RxN
6-P-B4	P-KN3	18-KR-K1	P-QB4	30-R-R8ch	B-B1
7-NxN	PxN	19-R-K7	B-K3	31-Q-R6	QxBch
8-P-K5	N-N1	20-BxB	NxB	Resigns	
9-B-K3	B-KN2	21-B-K1	RxP		