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### PIATIGORSKY CUP

Held at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; Sundays at 1.00 p.m., other days at 6.30 p.m. Make your plans now to attend all the remaining rounds!

### GALA OPENING

July 17, Sunday - the memorable day every chessplayer in the south-land has been waiting for. The opening round of the ten-grandmaster tournament which defies description. Indeed, close to 800 chess enthusiasts from all corners of California and out-of-state turned out to greet Grandmasters PETROSIAN, SPAS KY, FISCHER, RESHEVSKY, LARSEN, PORTISCH, UNZICKER, NAJDORF, DONNER and IVKOV. We've never seen so many of our chess-friends gathered at one time - in fact, it took us just about all of the five-hour playing session to say hello to all! But, we found plenty of time in-between to watch the games awe-inspired.

Mr. Isaac KASHDAN, Grandmaster and Organizer, opened the proceedings by greeting all those present, and introducing Mr. Jerry SPANN, FIDE representative. Mr. SPANN brought home in a few words the grandiosity of the affair, then handed the mike over to Mr. Gregor PIATIGORSKY, world-renown cellist. To quote Mr. PIATIGORSKY: "In the world of music, I am known as a cellist. In the world of chess, I am known as the husband of Mrs. PIATIGORSKY." To really appreciate this great man talk, you simply must hear himhis tone is impressive, as is his stature, and he displays eloquence with a flair of humor, becoming serious at the right time to impress us with his, his wife's, and the event's grandiosity.

Following Mr. PIATIGORSKY's introductory words, Tournament Director KASHDAN introduced the players - starting with World Champion Tigran PETROSIAN, who received a tremendous applause as he walked up to his table. The ovation continued warmly as the other players approached their places, one by one - then, the electric clocks were started, and history was in the making.

You could feel the chess greatness all around you. Silence fell upon all, as much as possible that is, with 800 people around, and the hundreds of faces became pensive, attentive, inspired. The games were clearly seen on large screens behind each board; the screens reflecting small sets operated by a crew of junior assistants...a special innovation by Mrs. PIATIGORSKY, who has actually done all the work connected with this novel idea herself. Clocks on each side of the screens indicated the time elapsed for each player; the number of the impending move, plus a W or B, placed on the screen, changing with each move. Easy to oversee, follow and enjoy - the motto of reflecting the play to the spectators. Grand? You bet!

ROUND ONE pitted PETROSIAN v. SPASSKY, FISHJER v. RESHEVSKY according to internationally accepted ruling that contestants from the same country play each other in the first round. And on with the hard-fought games. We have results from the first two rounds, and scores of games from Round One. Comments to the games are by Isaac KASHDAN.

### ROUND ONE

	PETROSIAN RESHEVSKY PORTISCH IVKOV DONNER	1/2 1/2 1/2 1 1 1/2	SPASSKY FISCHER NAJDORF LARSEN UNZICKER	1/2 1/2 1/2 0 1/2
ROUND TWO				
	SPASSKY LARSEN NAJDORF FISHCER PETROSIAN	1 ½ 1 ½ ½	UNZICKER DONNER IVKOV PORTISCH RESHEVSKY	0 ½ 0 ½ ½

Which of course means that NAJDORF and SPASSKY lead after two rounds, with 11/2-1/2.

## GAME NO. 1 - Queen's Gambit Declined PETROSIAN - White SPASSKY - Black

It was freely predicted that this game would be drawn, and indeed it was. It was the shortest game of the round, and the first to be completed. There was a flurry of interest when PETROSIAN doubled his rooks on the seventh rank, where they looked menacing. SPASSKY had evidently planned ahead, however. He gained an important move by threatening mate, and the world champion soon conceded the draw.

1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. N-QB3 4. N-B3 5. B-N5 6. B-R4 7. P-K3	P-Q4 P-K3 B-K2 N-KB3 P-KR3 O-O P-QN3	9. 10. 11. 12.	NxN BxB Q-R4 Q-R3		16. 17. 18. 19.	0-0 PxP R-B2 KR-B N-Q2 N-N3 NxBP	Q-B PxP Q-Q3 Q-QN3 R-K P-Q5 NxN	23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.	RXN PXP R-QN5 QXQ RXB R1-B7 R-Q7 R(N)-B	PxP R-K2 QxP+ RxQ RxB R-Q R-QB
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## GAME NO. 2 - King's Indian Defense RESHEVSKY - White FISCHER - Black

The first meeting between the American aces was eagerly anticipated. In the last U.S. Championship Tournament RESHEVSKY had defeated FISCHER, though the latter won the championship, as he had six times previously, starting when he was under 15! RESHEVSKY had a slight edge in the opening, but it led to nothing tangible. He took far more time than FISCHER, and was close to the mark when the necessary 40 moves were completed. Each player is allowed 2½ hours for that many moves in the five hour playing session. At the end, each player had a passed pawn. The kins had to hustle to the other side, with each getting there on the dot.

2. 3. 4. 5. 7. 8. 90.	P-Q4 P-QB4 N-QB3 P-K4 B-K2 N-B3 B-K3 O-O PxP QxQ N-QN5	N-KB3 P-KN3 B-N2 P-Q3 O-O P-K4 N-B3 R-K PxP NxQ N-K3	13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.	N-N5 NxN P-B3 N-B3 KR-Q K-B2 P-QN3 N-R4 N-N2	R-K2 BxN P-B3 R-Q2 B-B P-N3 R-N2 N-Q2 P-QN4	22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.	KR-QB N-Q3	PxP P-QR4 B-QR6 P-N5 P-R5 NxN PxP P-B3 BxB P-N6 RxR	33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 39. 41.	PxR P-N6 K-K2 K-Q3 B-Q2 B-R5 B-B3 K-B2 BxNP RxR KxB Drawn.	P-N7 K-B2 K-K3 R-QB R-B3 R-B4 R-N4 RxP RxB+ BxR K-Q3
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# GAME NO. 3 - King's I dian Defense PORTISCH - White NAJDORF - Black

This was NAJDORF's first grandmaster encounter in over a year, and he seemed on edge. Having an inferior position in the center, he tried a diversion on the queenside. In the complications resulting from 22 P-K5 PORTISCH came near to winning a piece.

Instead NAJDORF gave up the exchange for a pawn. Both players got short of time and in a position with many possibilities they agreed to a draw.

1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. P-KN3 4. B-N2 5. N-QB3 6. N-B3 7. O-O 8. P-K4 9. R-N	N-KB3 P-KN3 B-N2 O-O P-Q3 QN-Q2 P-K4 P-B3 R-K	10. P-KR3 11. R-K 12. NxP 13. B-B4 14. P-N3 15. R-N2 16. R-Q2 17. B-K3 18. P-B4	P-QR4 PxP N-B4 B-B KN-Q2 N-K4 Q-N3 P-R5 KN-Q2	19. R-N2 20. PxP 21. Q-Q2 22. P-K5 23. N-B2 24. P-QN4 25. PxP 26. NxR	PxP Q-N5 B-N2 PxP Q-N3 PxP RxB N-K3	28. P-B5 Q-B2 29. R-KB PxP 30. R-R2 RxR 31. QxR N-B 32. Q-KB2 P-QN3 33. N-R4 Drawn.
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# GAME No. 4 - Queen's Indian Defense IVKOV - White LARSEN - Black

The same was a sad disappointment to LARSEN. After a clear positional advantage shortly after the opening, his game gradually worsened and after 35....P-KN4 IVKOV's knight became powerful and his rooks threatening. Though the game was adjourned, it was not resumed as LARSEN resigned without further play.

1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. N-KB3 4. P-KN3 5. B-N2 6. B-Q2 7. QxB 8. N-B3 9. N-KR4 10. NxB 11. PxP 12. QxQ	N-KB3 P-K3 P-QN3 B-N2 B-N5+ BxB+ P-Q3 O-O BxB P-K4 PxP RxQ	13. P-H 14. K-H 15. P-H 16. NxH 17. N-H 18. K-H 19. P-K 20. R-G 21. N-G 22. PxN 23. P-K 24. N-H	2 P-K5 N4 NxP R-K 3 N-Q5+ N-B6 R3 N-B3 QR-Q 5 NxN P-QB4 R4 K-B	28. R-QN 29. K-Q3 30. K-B3 31. QR-K 32. P-B3 33. KR-B	N-B5 N-R4 R-K5 R-K2 P-N3 P-KR3 R-KB3 R-K4 PxP+ P-KN4	37. P-K4 38. RPxP 39. N-N3 40. PxP+ 41. N-B5 42. R-KR 43. R-R8+ 44. R-R7+ 45. N-K7+ 46. RxR 47. P-K5	K-B RxN
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# GAME No. 5 - Nimzo-Indian Defense DONNER - White UNZICKER - Black

Though DONNER was a pawn ahead at one time, it is questionable whether he could force a win. Opposite colored bishops had resulted from a series of exchanges. The extra pawn was doubled and on the wrong color. DONNER succeeded in weakening UNZICKER's kingside pawns, but this also led to no permanent advantage.

2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	P-Q4 P-QB4 N-QB3 P-K3 B-Q3 N-B3 O-O BxBP Q-K2 P-QR3 B-Q3	N-KB3 P-K3 B-N5 0-0 P-Q4 P-B4 PxBP QN-Q2 P-QR3 B-R4 B-B2	15. 16. 17. 18.	PxP B-B2 B-Q2 QR-B P-K4 B-N5 N-KR4 N-B5 BxN	Q-K2 NxP QN-Q2 R-Q N-B P-K4 B-K3 P-R3 BxN QxB R-Q5	24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.	B-K4 BxP B-K4 N-Q5 Q-B3 RxR P-B6 NxN+ B-B5 R-Q P-KR4	B-N3 R-R2 QR-Q2 Q-Q N-R2 BxR NxP PxN R-B2 P-QR4 Q-N	35. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41.	P-QN4 R-N Q-N4+ PxP Q-K2 R-QB RxR K-R2 Q-Q2 K-N3	R-B6
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#### PIATIGORSKY CUP POLKA DOTS

It was "blindfold chess" among the grandmasters for at least a few moments when the electricity, apparently overloaded, took a rest from its task of illuminating ... quickly restored amid a lot of hustle-and-bustle in the dark.....One of the clocks was replaced early in Round one, when two of the players had a "feeling" it was not working right......Bob HENDERSON (of City Terrace and Whittier) gave his wife a real birthday treat - brought her to Opening Day at the Cup!.....Your editor pulled a good one at the conclusion of the PETROSIAN - SPASSKY game. As the two players shook hands, the game being over, the junior assistant flashed Black's King turned halfway down on the screen, which your editor (along with most of the crowd) took to mean resignation. Though the position indicated a dead draw, your editor believed that a move must have been missed, possibly a blunder, and hurried to the Analysis room to report that "SPASSKY resigned". The incredulous masters, analyzing all games in front of a large crowd, asked for a recheck - and indeed, by the time we walked back to the playing room, White's King was also turned halfway, obviously indicating a draw. A case of the assistant being a little too slow on the draw.....and your editor too fast.....!

ONE MORE THING.....Will we see you out at the Miramar? Well, of course.

### OTHER NEWS OF IMPORTANCE

Along with this issue, you will find a Reservation Card for the Hacienda Motel in Fresno, site of the California Open to be held there in the new, well-lighted Arcade room. We suggest you fill in this card RIGHT NOW and send it off - there will be another convention held there over the Labor Day weekend, and space will be at a premium. RESERVE NOW for the California Open! Be sure to enter "California State Chess Federation" on the Organization line. Send the card off now - don't delay.

WHITTIER - Allan TROY's simultaneous met with an enthusiastic crowd, including 32 opponents, who did their best to give Allan a hard time. The master won 21, drew 6 and lost 5. Those defeating TROY, and collecting a year's free membership in the club, were Floren HONDA, Gregory COLE, John PYLE, Bill TICE and Norman DAVIDSON. Gaining a ½ point were John POSTMA, Frank FRILLING, Fred FRILLING, Bob HENDERSON, Dick O'HARA and Hector GUADARRAMA.... Incidentally, new officers elected at the Whittier Chess Club, Broadway/Rosehedge in Whittier, include H. GUADARRAMA, President; Bob HENDERSON, Vice-Pres. - Publicity, John BARNARD, Vice Pres. - Education, Todd KNAPP Treasurer, and Ken FLESHMAN, Tournament Director....

CITY TERRACE Elections also at this fine club. The new President is H. D. RADER, assisted by Vice- Pres. Ed MAYHEW. Treasurer, Yury OGANESOV (Gordon BARRETT acting until his return to action), Secretary, Gordon BARRETT, and Tournament Director to be appointed. Reuben ENRIQUEZ was appointed Coffee-executive....

Other news has to wait a little. But it'll come.....

Until next time, when more games of the CUP are forthcoming....plus polka-dots....personalities.....for your enjoyment!