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## GLIGORIC CONQUERS LOS ANGELES

Actually, he has always done that whenever he was in town - good performances in the Piatigorsky Cup and various simultaneous displays, including one at City Terrace during the heyday of that fine club. One of the finest individuals one can meet anywhere, Svetozar GLIGORIC, Grandmaster for about three decades, did it again - this time by winning the great Los Angeles International Tournament held at the new Continental Chess Club in Eagle Rock.

The official story is contained in a press release by the USCF, as told by Executive Director Ed EDMONDSON:

"Grandmaster Svetozar GLIGORIC of Yugoslavia played fighting chess throughout to win the Los Angeles International Chess Tournament. He had the most decisive results (6 wins and 2 losses) of anyone in the tournament, meaning also that he had the fewest draws. Does this prove that GLIGORIC, KORCHNOI, LARSEN, and KERES (among others) are right when they maintain that half points don't win tournaments? In any case, GLIGORIC's  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  score gave him the \$1000 first prize all alone.

Tied for second and third place with 7-4 were Grandmaster Florin GHEORGHIU of Rumania and International Master Julio KAPLAN of Puerto Rico. They each took home \$700.

The top-finishing USA player was Edmar MEDNIS of Woodside, New York. His main goal in this tournament was to achieve an International Master result, which he did exactly with a 6-5 score. This is his third such result this year and he will be awarded the coveted International Master title at the June Congress of the World Chess Federation (FIDE). Congratulations, Ed!

Andrew SOLTIS, who (along with Anthony SAIDY) came next with an even score, won only a single game - he defeated GLIGORIC, just to show what he is capable of doing!



The players were unanimous in their praise of the tournament site and direction. The event was hosted by Victor E. GROVER at his new Continental Chess Club of Los Angeles, 2369 Colorado Blvd, Eagle Rock. Grandmaster GLIGORIC told me, when he stopped in New York en route home, that the facilities of this club matched anything he has found anywhere in the world - so drop in for a visit next time you're in Los Angeles. U.S. Open Champion Norman WEINSTEIN joined in the kudo chorus by stating, 'The tournament was excellently run, and the Grovers and the Continental Chess Club of Los Angeles deserve a commendation for a superb tournament.'

We thank not only the Continental Chess Club but also Tournament Director Isaac KASHDAN and Technical Director Jerry HANKEN for such undeniably pleasant and efficient management."

So says EDMONDSON. We of course agree with it all - having had the pleasure of visiting Mr. GROVER's Club twice, we can only wish it all the very best success and many years' of progress ahead. The club is quite different from the normal chess club, in fact it is built upon a new concept of a social establishment dearly lacking in the chess world. Be sure to look in one of these days!

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
1. GLIGORIC	X	½	0	1	1	0	1	½	½	1	1	1	7½
2. GHEORGHIU	½	X	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	7
3. KAPLAN	1	½	X	½	0	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	7
4. MEDNIS	0	0	½	X	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	6
5. SAIDY	0	½	1	½	X	½	0	0	½	½	1	1	5½
6. SOLTIS	1	½	½	½	½	X	½	½	0	½	½	½	5½
7. WEINSTEIN	0	½	0	0	1	½	X	½	1	½	½	½	5
8. COMMONS	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	X	½	½	0	½	5
9. LENGYEL	½	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	X	0	1	½	4½
10. TARJAN	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	X	0	½	4½
11. KAUFMAN	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	0	1	X	½	4½
12. ZUCKERMAN	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	X	4

LEAGUE CHANGES

After several years of Southern California Chess League activity, your editor decided not to run for another term of the presidency in 1974. The new President is Ronald PEASE, ex-league T.D. and sponsor of the Chess House (now defunct) in the San Gabriel Valley. Other officers are: Paul POLLAND, V-P; Dave ARGALL, T.D.; Hank SHIPIN, Treasurer, and Allan TROY, Secretary.



### THE BOEING PAIRING SYSTEM

There have been many new ideas tried recently to "improve" the Swiss system pairings - well, "improve" is not the right word, since the Swiss does account for a large number of players by additional rounds. The modifications concern systems whereby more equitable pairings can be made within large numbers of players in 5-7 rounds.

The latest modification concerns an accelerated pairing system by Angus R. PITT of Northwest Chess. We quote from his description of the system.

"In five rounds of a tournament (with 100 players) there was a first place tie between two players who had not played each other. It was possible for four players to be so tied with a perfect score. Moreover, the influx of new players has put the rating gap between first round opponents to well over 500. At this difference the odds are 24-1 in favor of the stronger player (Harkness). The futility of the first round is therefore obvious.

A criticism has been made that any improvement you make in the first round pairings only puts off the evil until later rounds. Therefore, I had to check this point with the chosen system which was to give one point to the upper half in round 0 (not played) and take it away after the fourth of the seven rounds.

(In a recent event, trying this system) two comparisons were available immediately: 1) The top 13 players had opponents rated 338 points (average) below them, odds  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -1 in their favor. Under the old system this difference would have been 599 points, odds about 80-1. 2) The unrated players were matched against players with an average rating of 1420. Under the old system their opposition would have averaged 1624. These newcomers to tournament chess need the encouragement of pairings against weaker players in round one.

Play proceeded with the normal give and take. I am glad no one asked me to put money on the stronger players at the odds of  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -1. In the upper half round one produced five upsets (3 W, 2 D), all by players who would have been playing unrated players under the old system. In the lower half the four games between rated players went to the higher player. So did the the top section games in round two.

At the end of round three there remained one player from the lower half with a perfect score. This 'upstart' was in a pairing group with the 2200 to 2400 players. How did this 1421 player get there? Like 2/3 of the 1282 to 1499 group, he won his first game. In rds. two and three he defeated 1576 and 1832 players. Clearly he was no longer a 1421 player! In round four he was paired against a master and lost; then drew his next game against a 1871 player.

There is an important point for TD's to observe in pairing for the last two rounds. The perfect score and near-perfect score players from the lower half must not be paired down. The power of the accelerated pairing system could be seen in the final table: no perfect score, no tie for first, and of the five tied for second, the leading four had approximately equal opposition.



In a comparison table, taking as an example a 100-man tourney of five rounds, the old v. new system would produce the following no. of players at a given point-level (for simplicity, no draws or upsets are figured):

After round 0,	New - 50	Old -			
1,	New - 25	Old -	2	points	
	50	50	1	point	
	25	50	0	"	
2,	New 13	Old -	3	points	
	37	25	2	"	
	37	50	1	"	
	13	25	0	"	
3,	New 7	Old -	4	"	
	24	13	3	"	
	38	37	2	"	
	24	37	1	"	
	7	13	0	"	
3,	New 7	13	3	"	(One pt. deducted)
	43	37	2	"	
	43	37	1	"	
	7	13	0	"	
4,	New 4	Old 7	4	"	
	24	24	3	"	
	44	38	2	"	
	24	24	1	"	
	4	7	0	"	
5,	New 2	4	5	"	
	14	15	4	"	
	34	31	3	"	
	34	31	2	"	
	14	15	1	"	
	2	4	0	"	

SUMMARY: A five-round system with this accelerated pairing, call it the 'Boeing System' if you like, is basically a 6-rd tournament without the first round farce and:1)

- 1) It would attract more 2000-plus players
- 2) It is encouraging to new players
- 3) It is a challenge to 1300 and 1400 players
- 4) The top prize money is not likely be split
- 5) Even in the last rounds, the number of meaningless games is cut
- 6) Against the above points, there is a possibility that a player in the lower half will get more prize money than he would have otherwise."

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A LETTER TO QUITTERS

We all know the problems with quitters - players who withdraw from a tournament without telling the T.D. There are many ways various organizers tried to deal with the problem; the following is an example Martin MORRISON used while still with CCCA. After assuring that the rules and sanctions against quitters were firmly posted or announced at the start of a tournament, he sent a letter as follows:



"Dear Tournament Player:

In a Swiss-system tournament, any player who fails to notify the director in advance that he will be unable to play in any round and then loses the game by default shall be fined the sum of \$5 payable to the sponsoring organization, and will not be permitted to continue play in the tournament.

Our records indicate that in the recent tournament you defaulted under this rule. If you care to submit a reasonable excuse for your violation of the rule, we shall be happy to take it into consideration for removing your name from the list of violators appearing in....(name of publication)....If you do not present a reasonable excuse, or submit a fine of \$5, we shall be forced to proceed with publication of your name in the list and exclude you from future tournaments."

Well, now. The result of this approach: in recent 100-plus events, it was not uncommon to have five or ten unannounced withdrawals. After publicity to the sanctions, the rate has dropped to zero. Tournament Directors, note. The goal is total elimination of this example of unsportsmanlike behavior which blotches tournament wall-charts across the country.

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### SHORTS

Some interesting news from Peter RHEE: The Village Chess Parlor, located at 1093 Broxton Ave, Westwood, is open every day from 1 pm to 2 am; they hold Rapid Transit Tourneys every Wednesday evening, with \$25 guaranteed. EF \$2, u/2000 1.50 for non-club members. Prizes break down to \$10-6-3, u/1800 4-2. Want some lightning chess? Get over there on Wednesdays - for further info, call Mr. OWEN on 478-1496.

The LOS ANGELES CONGRESS held at the end of April, Masters-Experts section was won by David BERRY in a tie with Enrique CONEJO,  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Following with 3 points were Julius LOFTSSON, Wm BATCHELDER, Tibor WEINBERGER and Larry NEZHNI. The Amateur section was won by Herbert CHU and Nick DeFirmian,  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ; next came John BARNARD, Wm GARRETT, Donald COTTEN and C. LERTRATHAKARN, 4-1. Merle FRIEDMAN topped the Reserve section, 5-0, ahead of John ASHTON, Mitch VELICK. 161 entries.

The Second Annual Paul Masson American Class Chess Championships, held at Saratoga under the direction of Martin MORRISON, reportedly broke all records for a class tournament with 656 entries and a prize fund of \$9000. It has also offered the largest known first prize, \$2350 of any open tournament.

The coveted first prize was won by Peter BIYIASIS, International Master and Canadian Champion from Vancouver. He scored 5-1,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. ahead of runner-ups IGM Walter BROWNE, U.S. Co-champion John GREFE, and masters Roy ERVIN and Dennis WATERMAN. So. Calif. winners in other categories included Randy HOUGH of Riverside, who shared first in Class A, and Charles CLEMENT of Los Angeles who tied for first in Class D/E. These hard-fought spots were worth \$268.75 to the winners.

Your editor has been busy lately on the simul circuit: at El Monte, in a city-sponsored Morphy Day-type event, P 22, W 17, L5; at Culver City, in a similar event, P 18, W 17 D 1, L 0; and at Northridge Fashion Center, P 52, W 42, D 3, L 7. David STRAUSS, state champion, also gave exhibitions at the latter Center - no scores available.



STATE CHAMP SHOWS HIS FANGS

White: David STRAUSS                      Black: James McCORMICK  
Cal. State Championship, 1973

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|----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-QB4 | 6. B-KN5 | P-K3  | 11. P-B4  | O-O   | 16. RPxP  | Q-N2 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 7. Q-Q2  | P-QR3 | 12. P-KR4 | P-QN4 | 17. B-Q3  | P-B4 |
| 3. P-Q4  | PxP   | 8. O-O-O | P-R3  | 13. P-R3  | B-N2  | 18. R-R6! | K-B2 |
| 4. NxP   | N-B3  | 9. BxN   | QxB   | 14. P-N4  | P-N3  | 19. FxP   | NPxP |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-Q3  | 10. N-N3 | B-K2  | 15. P-N5  | PxP   | 20. Q-K2  | B-B1 |
|          |       |          |       |           |       | 21. Q-R5+ | Res. |

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NIGHT OF THE KNIGHTS

White: Al LARSEN                              Black: Jose MARIN  
San Gabriel Valley Open, 1973  
(Annotated by Dr. R. D. LEWIS)

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|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|--------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4     | N-KB3    | 12. K-B2  | KR-N1   | 23. NxN   | Q-K7+ | 34. K-K1     | B-R3(f) |
| 2. P-QB4    | P-B4     | 13. P-KN4 | P-R3    | 24. K-N1  | QxP   | 35. P-K4     | R-N6(g) |
| 3. P-Q5     | P-QN4    | 14. B-R4  | Q-N5    | 25. BxP   | PxB   | 36. Q-K3     | R-K1    |
| 4. PxP      | P-QR3(a) | 15. QR-N1 | N-K4(d) | 26. N2-B3 | BxN   | 37. Q-B2     | Q-K4    |
| 5. PxP      | P-N3 (b) | 16. P-KR3 | Q-Q5+   | 27. NxB   | Q-N6+ | 38. R-Q5     | Q-K2    |
| 6. N-QB3    | P-Q3     | 17. P-K3  | N-Q6+   | 28. K-R1  | QxP+  | 39. R1-Q     | RxN     |
| 7. B-N5     | B-KN2    | 18. BxN   | QxB     | 29. K-N1  | QxNP+ | 40. P-K5(h)  | R-QN6   |
| 8. N-B3     | O-O      | 19. R-Q1  | P-N4    | 30. K-B2  | Q-R5+ | 41. Q-R2     | R-K6+   |
| 9. Q-B1     | Q-R4     | 20. B-N3  | NxP     | 31. K-N2  | B-N2+ | 42. K-Q2     | R-K7+   |
| 10. N-Q2    | BxP      | 21. N2-K4 | N-N5(e) | 32. K-B1  | Q-R8+ | 43. Resigns. |         |
| 11. P-B3(c) | QN-Q2    | 22. P-R3  | N-R7    | 33. K-B2  | Q-R7+ |              |         |

- (a) The Benko Gambit is a variation of the Benoni defense. Black gives up a pawn for open lines and pressure on the queenside.
- (b) Usual here is BxP with P-Q3 and P-N3 following soon. This move combined with 9...Q-R4 provides the distinctive flavor of the present game.
- (c) Preparing for a pawn storm on the king, or strengthening the center, but it opens up the king's position.
- (d) Now Black has all the play. Whenever major exchanges might ease the position, White's queenside pawns are apt to fall - leaving Black with a winning endgame.
- (e) Black's play with the knights is a pleasure to behold.
- (f) Back to its dominating position on this diagonal.
- (g) With the threat of RxN. (h) If PxR, QxP+ followed by QxR.

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MRS. LINA GRUMETTE ELECTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Our sincere congratulations to Mrs. GRUMETTE, head of the new Chess Set, for being the 1974 electee into the Hall of Fame of the SCCL. Mrs. GRUMETTE has been active in local and national chess circles for many years, is one of the top woman players in the country, and has provided appreciable assistance to Mrs. J. PIATIGORSKY during the great days of the Piatigorsky Cups.



MAJOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Greater Los Angeles Area, 1974

June 15-16	So. Calif. Chess Congress \$2200 3 sections 5-SS EF \$20-25	International Hotel CCA
June 22-23	Whittier Open \$100 first 5-SS EF \$10	Sorensen Pk, Whittier SCCPA
July 4-7	Pacific Southwest Open \$3600 7-SS EF \$25	Miramar Hotel, S.Mon. Sta Monica Bay Club
July 13-14	West Covina Summer Sweepstakes \$100 first EF \$10	West Covina Club SCCPA
July 20-21	San Bernardino Tournament No inf.	San Bernardino Club
July 27-28	Huntington Park Open \$100 first EF \$10	MBC Bldg, Hunt. Pk SCCPA
Aug 2-4	CCA Tournament \$1000+	International Hotel CCA
Aug 10-11	San Diego Open Prizes by pts 2 sec. 5-SS EF \$12-15	Convair Rec. Ctr, S.D. WCCA
Aug 17-18	So. Calif. Amateur \$1000+ Under 2000 EF \$20?	Miramar Hotel, Sta Mon. Sta Mon Bay Club
Aug 24-25	west Coast August Action 5-SS EF \$10	West Covina Club SCCPA
Aug 31-Sep 2	California Open \$5000 6-SS EF \$25	Ventura Ventura CC
Sep 7-8	El Segundo Amateur Class Under 2000 5-SS 5 sec. EF \$20?	El Segundo John Barnard
Sep.14-15	Downey Amateur \$100 first U 2000 5-SS EF \$10	Rec. Bldg, Downey SCCPA
Sep 28-29	CCA Tournament \$1000+	International Hotel CCA
Oct 5-6	Pomona Class \$1000 5-SS 6 sec EF \$15	Pomona Valley Mall, Po. Donald COTTEN
Oct 5-6 or 12-13	\$1000 Speed Tourney	Old Towne Shopping Ctr, Hawthorne - Allan TROY
Oct 26-27	Los Angeles Open \$2500 2 sec 5-SS \$19-23	International Hotel CCA
Nov. 9-10	San Pedro Amateur \$2000 U 2000 5-SS EF \$20	San Pedro WCCA
Nov 28-Dec 1	American Open \$5000 2 sec 8-SS \$25?	Miramar Hotel, Sta Mon Sta Mon Bay Club
Dec 7-8	Reseda Amateur U 2000 5-SS EF \$15	Reseda Park, Reseda Reseda CC
Dec 21-22	Riverside Amateur Under 2000 5-SS	Riverside Riverside CC
Dec 28-29	SCCL Team Matches - \$1000+ \$20?	Los Angeles, SCCL

Good hunting!



A 123-YEAR OLD CLASSIC

SURELY AN "IMMORTAL GAME"

No doubt you have all seen the following game - but you may like to refresh your memories. Francis J. WELLMUTH in his compilation of "The Golden Treasury of Chess" says: "Most authorities agree that this 'partie' is the most brilliant game of which there is any record." And STEINITZ's comment is: "In this game occurs almost a continuity of brilliancies, every one of which bears the stamp of intuitive genius, that could have been little assisted by calculations, as the combination point arises only at the very end of the game with a final sacrifice of the queen after ANDERSSSEN had already given up two rooks and a bishop."

White: A. ANDERSSSEN                      Black: L. KIESERITZKY  
Simpson's Divan, London, 1851.  
King's Bishop Gambit

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|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|------------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K4  | 7. P-Q3   | N-R4  | 13. P-R5  | Q-N4 | 19. P-K5!  | QxR+  |
| 2. P-KB4 | PxP   | 8. N-R4   | P-QB3 | 14. Q-B3  | N-N1 | 20. K-K2   | N-QR3 |
| 3. B-B4  | P-QN4 | 9. N-B5   | Q-N4  | 15. BxP   | Q-B3 | 21. NxP+   | K-Q1  |
| 4. BxP   | Q-R5+ | 10. P-KN4 | N-B3  | 16. N-B3  | B-B4 | 22. Q-B6+! | NxQ   |
| 5. K-B1  | N-KB3 | 11. R-KN1 | PxB   | 17. N-Q5! | QxP  | 23. B-K7   | mate. |
| 6. N-KB3 | Q-R3  | 12. P-KR4 | Q-N3  | 18. B-Q6! | BxR  |            |       |

A BIRD'S POLITICALS

.....Deficit spending has become our way of life.....Our ideal is Columbus: he didn't know where he was going, where he was when he got there, and he did it all on borrowed money."

(Cute. From The Chess Courier.)

END   OF   THE   LINE

....and maybe end of a certain era in So. Calif. chess too.

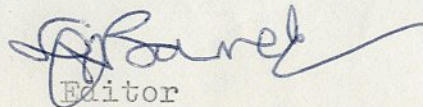
We indeed regret that after ten and a half years of publication, TERRACHESS must cease further regular issues. We've enjoyed having you all with us, and we hope you have gotten a bit of a good time with our magazine too, at least some of the time.

We'd like to say that all good things must come to an end sometime. So here it is.

The subscriber's list will be kept on file, and TERRACHESS will still appear on very special occasions whenever we believe it could be of great benefit to our readers.

Good-bye, everyone. We were glad to have been of some service to you all.

Sincerely

  
Editor