Poliakoff Tops N. California Chess Play

William Addison In Second Place

By Dr. H. J. Ralston Dmitry Poliakoff of San Fran-sco, with a perfect score of 5-0, was in undisputed first place after six rounds of play in Northern California Champ the Champion-

william Addison of San Fran-cisco, with 5-1, was in second place in the 9-round tournament being played at Mechanics' Insti-tute and Golden Gate chess clubs.

The second weekend of play was spotted with a considerable number of adjourned games, which makes it difficult to assess the standings of many of the remaining players.

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The tournament is due to be concluded this weekend, with the playing of the 7th, 8th and 9th rounds. The top three players will be eligible for the State Championship, and the winner will be recognized as Northern California Champion for 1954-55. The board of directors of the California State Chess Federation has announced that the state championship finals will be played in San Francisco during the Thanksgiving Day weekend, instead of Labor Day, as previously announced.

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With 23 of the 32 games completed in the match between the United States and the Soviet Union, the Soviets were leading 15½-7½. The Russians needed only one more point to be assured of victory.

Better Showing Expected It was generally felt that the American team would not be able to defeat the Russians in the match being played in New

the match being played in New York, but it had been hoped that the Americans would make a the Americans would make a better showing than they have thus far. Young Donald Byrne, thus far. Young Donald By with two wins and one loss,



the only Yankee to have a plus score after three rounds of play. The fourth and last round was scheduled to be played June 23, with adjourned games to be fin-ished the following day. The United States Junior Chess Championship is due to start June 29 at the Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach. This tournament is open to

This tournament is open to players under 21 years of age. Applications should be sent to J. P. Looney, Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach 2, Cal. There is no entry fee, but membership in the United States Chess Federation is required.

4-Move Miniature
The solution to the 4-move

miniature by Kohnlein, published in this column two weeks ago, in the main line is 1 Q-QR8, K-R8; 2 K-Q2, B-Kt8; 3 Q-R1, K-R7; 4 Q-KR8 mate.

Many of our readers stated that the problem was too easy. Correct solutions were received from:

from:

John Beck, Paul Bercovici,
Wilber Leeds, Jerry Levin, Mission High School Chess Club,
Dr. Norman Reider, James Reynolds, C. Y. Verbarg, all of San
Francisco; Dr. D. E. Baldwin,
Corte Madera; A. K. Bell, Palo
Alto; B. D. Box, San Anselmo;
Jack E. Davis, San Rafael;
Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa;
Keith Wentz, Alameda.

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Here is a 3-move miniature, by Otto Wurzburg, which you may find a wee bit tough:

White (five men): King on King Bishop five; Rook on King Knight six; Bishop on King Knight one; Knight on King

Knight one; Knight on Knig Bishop 4; Pawn on Queen three. Black (two men): King on King Rook eight; Pawn on King Rook six. White to play and mate in three moves. Correct solutions received by

next Wednesday will be acknowledged in this column.

The following wild and woolly game was played June 8 in the championship tournament of the Golden Gate Chess Club. James Schmitt and James Myers get into a horribly complicated posi-tion, with only 8 minutes to make

the last 13 moves.