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J. S. CHESS OPEN IS WON BY BENKO

He Scores $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, With
3 Draws and No Losses

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BOSTON, Aug. 28 — Grand Master **Pal Benko** of New York won the 65th United States open chess championship yesterday. His score in the tournament, the Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial, was $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Miro Radovic of New York, Robert Byrne of Indianapolis and James T. Sherwin of New York tied for second place with scores of $9\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ each. The next four places were taken by Duncan Suttles of Reno and Arthur Bisguier, William Lombardy, and Bernard Zuckerman, all of New York. Each scored 9—3.

Mrs. Catherine Slater of New York and Miss Cecilia Rock of Massachusetts each scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$ and shared the title of United States Women's open champion, awarded to the woman with the highest score in this event.

Benko drew his 12th-round game with Radovic. Other 12th-round results among the leaders were:

Byrne $\frac{1}{2}$, Lombardy $\frac{1}{2}$, Michael Valvo 0, Sherwin 1, Bisguier 1, Edgar T. McCormick 0, Ivan Theodorovich 0, Suttles 1, John Blackstone $\frac{1}{2}$, John Hudson $\frac{1}{2}$, William Hook 0, Zuckerman 1, Ariel Mengarini 0, George Shainswith 1, William Golchberg 0, Orest Popovych 1, Steven Brandwein 1, Peter Lapiken 0, Erich Marchand 1, Louis Levy 0, Shelby Lyman 1, Joseph Tamargo 0, Neil McKelvie $\frac{1}{2}$, Robert Walker $\frac{1}{2}$, Ignas Zalys $\frac{1}{2}$.

The tournament, in which 234 players participated, was conducted under the Swiss system,

in which players with like or nearly like scores are paired progressively, round by round. High scores pyramid to the top and the player with the greatest number of points at the end of the final round is declared the winner. The tournament was played at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel.

Benko was awarded \$1,500. He played under the sponsorship of the New York Athletic Club.

Benko, 36 years old, achieved master rating in his native Hungary at the age of 17. In 1957 he represented Hungary in the World Student's Tournament at Reykjavik, Iceland, and sought political asylum there. Later he was granted entry to the United States.

He has twice participated in the Candidates' Tournament for the World Championship—in Yugoslavia in 1959 and in Curacao in 1962—one of the highest honors a chess master can attain. He was United States open champion in 1961, and recently won the Canadian Open Tournament. He has also been champion of the Manhattan Chess Club.

In winning this year's United States Open, Benko played in a docile, positional style that was at variance with his violent, speculative play in several previous tournaments. He went through the tournament undefeated, allowing only three draws.