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Chess

With U.S. representative Robert Fischer winning all his games for a resounding match victory over Soviet grandmaster Mark Taimanov, attention will soon be drawn toward the forthcoming contest between Fischer and Bent Larsen of Denmark.

Although Larsen convincingly defeated Wolfgang Uhlmann, the East German grandmaster did manage to consummate the most beautiful combination of all in their quarter-final elimination series.

White: Wolfgang Uhlmann. Black: Bent Larsen.

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English Opening.

1 P-QB4	P-KN3	24 NxP!	QxN
2 N-QB3	P-QB4	25 QxN!	QxQ
3 P-KN3	B-N2	26 N-K6ch	K-R3
4 B-N2	N-QB3	27 NxQ	B-R1
5 N-B3	P-K3	28 N-K4(m)	R-Q1(n)
6 0-0	KN-K2	29 NxP	R-Q8ch
7 P-Q3	0-0	30 B-B1	R-B8
8 B-Q2(a)	P-N3	31 P-R4	P-K5
9 Q-B1	B-N2	32 R-N5	R-R8
10 B-R6	P-Q3	33 R-QB5	N-N5
11 P-QR3(b)	Q-Q2	34 R-B7	P-N4
12 BxB	KxB	35 P-R5	P-N5
13 P-K3	QR-Q1(c)	36 R-B5	N-Q6
14 P-QN4!(d)	PxP	37 NxPch	K-N2
15 PxP	NxP	38 R-B7ch	K-B1
16 RxP	N-2-B3(e)	39 RxP	N-K8
17 R-R3	NxP(f)	40 N-K5	N-B6ch
18 Q-R1	N-B4	41 NxN	PxN
19 R-N1!(g)	P-B3	42 P-N4	B-K5
20 RxP	R-QR1(h)	43 R-Q7	B-B7
21 N-Q4(i)	RxR	44 R-Q4	K-N2
22 QxR	R-B1(j)	45 P-B5	B-R5
23 N-3-N5(k)	P-K4(l)	46 K-R2	Resigns

(Notes by international master Igor Zaitsev, translated from "64," No. 21, May 21-27, 1971, pp. 6-7)

(a) Thus far the game has followed the same course as the second Petrosian — Fischer encounter played during the "Match of the Century." The American grandmaster countered with 8 . . . P-Q4 and soon obtained an excellent position. But it is possible (considering the past rivalry between these western contenders for the world's chess title) that "what is meat for Fischer is poison for Larsen." At any rate the Dane chooses a more intricate mode of development.

(b) The opening has proceeded fairly quietly, but in Larsen's games the "calm" usually does not last long.

(c) Played very optimistically. Black seems to invite his opponent to push P-QN4. Instead of the textmove, he has 13 . . . N-K4, 13 . . . P-K4 and even 13 . . . P-QR4, all of which look good for Black.

(d) Of course!

(e) Probably stronger is 16 . . . N-B1, guarding the QNP and not fearing 17 N-K5 PxN 18 RxB QxP.

(f) Eliminating this pawn ensures Black's knight a permanent outpost on QB4, but one square out of 64 is not so many. And as far as the extra pawn is concerned, there can be no doubt about its temporary nature, since Black's weakness on QN3 cannot be remedied.

(g) Much superior to 19 N-Q5ch P-B3 20 NxNP Q-QB2. White's aggressively placed heavy pieces bear down extremely hard on the open files.

(h) White threatened to win material by 21 N-Q4.

(i) The knight move hurts here, too (21 . . . NxN? 22 PxN).

(j) If 22 . . . R-QR1, then 23 Q-N2 is simplest.

(k) White's initiative mounts unopposed with Black unable to meet the multiple threats.

(l) Larsen avoids one pitfall (23 . . . K-B2 24 BxN! BxB 25 N-R7) only to fall victim to another, more elegant, snare.

(m) Losing a pawn marks just the beginning of Black's miseries.

(n) A forced win awaits 28 . . . P-B4 29 N-Q6 R-B2 30 N-N5 R-B1 31 BxN RxB (31 . . . BxB 32 N-R7) 32 RxR BxR 33 N-R7, with the forward march of White's QBP deciding the issue. The concluding phase of the game needs no special comment, but it does point to Uhlmann's coolness and a sense of humor on Larsen's part.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way in old Palma Ceia village).

The Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 36025 Fremont Blvd. (Westridge Park Community Center). Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.