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FISCHER WINS TWO AGAINST PETROSIAN

Bobby Fischer had not played a serious match or tournament game in over a year and a half. This proved to be no handicap as he sat down to face former world champion Tigran Petrosian of the Soviet Union in a four-game series.

This was part of the "Match of the Century," with the 10 best Soviet grandmasters meeting an equal number of the elite representing the rest of the world, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Fischer outplayed his opponent in the early part of the first game, and when Petrosian refrained from castling, his position quickly deteriorated. Before the end of the first session, Fischer's major pieces swarmed in for the kill.

The second game, with Fischer on the black side, took longer, but had the same result. Fischer won a pawn before adjournment and handled the ending impeccably to score the point in 66 moves.

The one mystery is why Fischer was playing Petrosian on the second board instead of world champion Boris Spassky on the first table. The original lineup called for the Spassky-Fischer encounter, though the championship would not have been at stake.

Bent Larsen of Denmark had claimed the right to head the team in view of his superior tournament record of the past three years.

Evidently Fischer had agreed before play started but soon expressed regret at the decision. "I ought to have my head examined," he told reporters on the scene when questioned about the change.

Larsen was much less successful in his first two encounters with Spassky. The first game resulted in a draw, but the second was an amazingly quick win for Spassky, who needed only 17 moves with the black pieces.

The Russians outscored their opponents in both the first and second rounds and were leading by a total of 1½-8½ at the halfway mark.

U.S. champion Samuel Reshevsky was in the minus column at that stage, having drawn the first and lost the second game against Vassily Smyslov.

Following is Fischer's first victory:

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

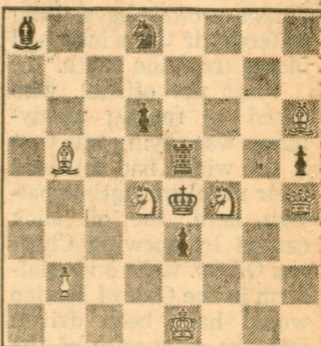
Fischer	Petrosian	Fischer	Petrosian
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB3	21-P-B5	NxN
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	22-PxN	BxKP
3-PxP	PxP	23-PxP	B-KB3
4-B-Q3	N-QB3	24-PxP	BxKBP
5-P-QB3	N-B3	25-N-B3	BxB
6-B-KB4	N-B5	26-NxB	N-B3
7-Q-N3	N-QR4	27-N-N6ch	BxN
8-Q-R4ch	B-Q2	28-BxB	K-K2
9-Q-B2	P-K3	29-Q-B5	K-Q
10-N-B3	Q-N3	30-QR-K	Q-B4ch
11-P-QR4	R-B	31-K-R	R-B
12-Q-Q2	N-B3	32-Q-K5	R-QB2
13-Q-N	N-KR4	33-P-QN4	Q-B3
14-B-K3	P-KR3	34-P-B4	PxP
15-N-K5	N-B3	35-B-B5	KR-B2
16-P-R3	B-Q3	36-R-Qch	KR-Q2
17-O-O	K-B	37-BxR	RxB
18-P-KR4	B-K	38-Q-N8ch	K-K2
19-B-KB2	Q-B2	39-QR-Kch	Resigns
20-B-R4	N-KN		

LARSEN SCORES 9½-4½ TO WIN IN LUGANO

A score of 50% is hardly likely to win a tournament. Yet Bent Larsen of Denmark emerged with the first prize in Lugano Switzerland, after netting 3½ points out of seven games.

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TIMES PROBLEM 4015
By J. Grande

BLACK 7



WHITE 7

White mates in three.

The black king is bound to take one of the knights, and White can always mate if he prepares correctly.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4014: K-K7

Olafsson, who had held the second spot almost all the way, wound up with 8½-5½. Tied for third with 7½-6½ were Gligoric and Unzicker. They set the pace in the second half with equal tallies of 4½-2½.

Byrne played steadily all through, finishing with 7-7. He defeated Donner twice, but could not win another game. Losses to Larsen and Olafsson and 10 draws were his contribution.

The remaining three did not win a single game outright. Only the number of losses and draws varied. The standings were: Szabo, 6-8; Kavalek, 5½-8½, and Donner, 4½-9½.

The following games are from the tournament:

QUEEN'S FIANCHETTO GAME

Larsen	Kavalek	Larsen	Kavalek
Denmark	Czechoslovakia	Denmark	Czechoslovakia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QN3	P-QB4	18-N-B4	R-Q
2-B-N2	N-QB3	19-K-N	B-B2
3-P-QB4	P-K4	20-P-KN4	NxNP
4-P-N3	P-Q3	21-P-B3	PxP
5-B-N2	KN-K2	22-BxP	N-K4
6-P-K3	P-KN3	23-Q-R2	BxP
7-N-K2	B-N2	24-PxB	NxB
8-QN-B3	O-O	25-Q-R7ch	K-B2
9-P-Q3	B-K3	26-N(3)-Q5	R-KN
10-N-Q5	Q-Q2	27-NxN	R-N
11-P-KR4	P-B4	28-K-R	QxN
12-Q-Q2	QR-K	29-QxPch	K-B
13-P-R5	P-QN4	30-N-K6ch	QxN
14-RPxP	RPxP	31-BxBch	K-K2
15-KN-B3	PxP	32-B-B8ch	KRxB
16-QPxP	P-K5	33-R-R7ch	Resigns
17-O-O-O	N-K4		

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Larsen	Gligoric	Larsen	Gligoric
Denmark	Yugoslavia	Denmark	Yugoslavia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	24-K-R	P-KR4
2-N-KB3	P-KN3	25-K-N	B-R3
3-P-B4	B-N2	26-N-K3	P-N4
4-N-B3	O-O	27-Q-Q4	K-N2
5-P-K4	P-Q3	28-P-R5	R-K2
6-B-K2	P-K4	29-P-R4	KR-K
7-O-O	N-B3	30-R-B2	BxN
8-P-Q5	N-K2	31-RxB	N-B5
9-P-QN4	N-R4	32-QxQch	KxQ
10-P-B5	N-B5	33-R-K	R-K4
11-BxN	PxB	34-R-Q	RxKP
12-Q-Q2	B-N5	35-BxR	RxB
13-QR-B	BxKN	36-K-N	K-K4
14-BxB	P-KN4	37-K-B	P-B4
15-B-N4	N-N3	38-R(2)-B	P-B5
16-KR-Q	Q-K2	39-R-Q3	PxP
17-PxP	PxP	40-PxP	N-K6ch
18-R-K	P-QR3	41-K-B2	NxP
19-P-QR4	QR-K	42-R-K	RxR
20-K-B	N-K4	43-KxR	N-B3
21-B-B5	P-B6	44-R-B3	N-K5
22-P-N3	P-N5	45-R-B6	K-Q5
23-N-Q	Q-B3	Resigns	

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Donner	Byrne	Donner	Byrne
Holland	U.S.A.	Holland	U.S.A.
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QB4	P-KN3	22-B-N4	N-B4
2-P-KN3	B-N2	23-B-B3	N-R5
3-B-N2	N-KB3	24-BxB	KxB
4-P-Q4	O-O	25-N-B3	Q-B4
5-P-K4	P-Q3	26-Q-Q2	P-N5
6-N-K2	P-B4	27-Q-B4	N-B6
7-O-O	N-B3	28-R-N2	R-N2
8-P-Q5	N-QR4	29-R-B2	QR-Q2
9-N-Q2	P-QR3	30-P-R3	NxQP
10-R-N	P-K3	31-PxN	RxR
11-P-N3	P-QN4	32-NxR	RxN
12-Q-B2	NPxP	33-PxP	QxNP
13-NPxP	PxP	34-Q-Q4ch	K-N
14-BPxP	R-K	35-R-K2	RxR
15-N-QB3	B-Q2	36-BxR	Q-K8ch
16-P-KR3	Q-B2	37-B-B	P-B6
17-B-N2	QR-N	38-Q-QN4	Q-R8
18-B-R3	B-N4	39-Q-N4	N-N6
19-KR-K	N-Q2	40-K-N2	N-B4
20-NxB	PxN	Resigns	
21-B-KB	P-B5		

True, that was the second half of the tournament. Larsen had started by winning his first four games in succession, and winding up the first round-robin with five wins and two draws, for a brilliant total of 6-1.

At that stage the other seven grandmasters in the event hardly seemed in the running. In second place was Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland with 4½-2½. He had lost to Larsen and won three games while drawing as many.

The only American in the tournament, Robert Byrne of Indianapolis, was in third place with an even score, 3½-3½. He had one loss, to Olafsson, one win over Jan Donner of Holland, and five draws.

Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia was tied at 3-4 with Laszlo Szabo of Hungary and Wolfgang Unzicker of West Germany. It is rare indeed for three masters of that class to be in the minus column. Tied for last with 2½-4½ were Donner and Lubomir Kavalek of Czechoslovakia.

The second round-robin seemed like another tournament, especially for Larsen. He lost to Unzicker and Gligoric, and after 12 rounds the score was Larsen, 8-4, and Olafsson, 7½-4½.

A win against Byrne in the semi-final round and a short draw with Donner in the final moved Larsen further up, to a still deserved victory with a total of 9½-4½.

EL SEGUNDO OPEN

The sixth annual open tournament sponsored by the El Segundo Chess Club will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Recreation Park Clubhouse, 300 E. Pine Ave., El Segundo.

Six rounds will be completed during the weekend. Play on Saturday will start at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The final two rounds on Sunday will be at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The winner will receive \$200 and a trophy, with \$100 as the second prize. Other awards, up to \$100 for each class, will go to leaders in various rating classifications.

Anyone can enter for a fee of \$12.50 for adults, and \$6.25 for juniors under 18. Membership in the U.S. Chess Federation is required, and may be obtained when registering.

Gordon Barrett, 12536 Daryl Ave., will direct the tournament. Write to him for advance entries or for further information.

KASHDAN TO EXHIBIT

This editor will play simultaneously against a group at the Standard Club, 3084 Motor Ave., on Thursday evening, April 16. A demonstration of an interesting recent game will start at 8 p.m.

The club is organizing a chess section, which will meet every Thursday evening. Members must belong to the Standard Club, but visitors will be welcome.