

**Richard Shorman****Chess**

White: Robert Fischer.

Black: Boris Spassky.

... World Championship Match Game No. 20.

Reykjavik, August 29-30, 1972.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	29 N-B5	P-KN5
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	30 N-K4ch	K-K2
3 P-Q4	PxP	31 N-K1	R-Q1
4 NxP	N-B3	32 N-Q3	R-Q5
5 N-QB3	P-Q3	33 N-4 - B2	P-R4
6 B-KN5(a)	P-K3	34 R-B5	R-Q4(j)
7 Q-Q2	P-QR3	35 R-B3	N-Q5
8 0-0-0	B-Q2	36 R-B7ch	R-Q2
9 P-B4	B-K2(b)	37 RxRch	BxR
10 B-K2(c)	0-0	38 N-K1(k)	P-K4(1)
11 B-B3	P-R3(d)	39 PxP	PxP
12 B-R4	NxP(e)	40 K-Q2	B-B4
13 BxB	NxQ	41 N-Q1(m)	K-Q3
14 BxQ	NxB-6	42 N-K3	B-K3
15 NxN-3	KRxB	43 K-Q3	B-B2
16 RxP	K-B1	44 K-B3	K-B3
17 R-1 - Q1	K-K2	45 K-Q3	K-B4
18 N-QR4	B-K1	46 K-K4	K-Q3
19 RxR	RxR	47 K-Q3	B-N3ch
20 N-B5	R-N1(f)	48 K-B3	K-B4
21 R-Q3	P-QR4	49 N-Q3ch	K-Q3
22 R-N3	P-QN4(g)	50 N-K1	K-B3
23 P-QR3	P-R5	51 K-Q2	K-B4
24 R-B3(h)	R-Q1	52 N-Q3ch	K-Q3
25 N-Q3	P-B3	53 N-K1	N-K3
26 R-B5	R-N1	54 K-B3	N-Q5
27 R-B3(i)	P-N4	55 Drawn	
28 P-KN3	K-Q3		

(Notes by international grandmaster Semyon Furman, translated from "Sovetsky sport," Aug. 31, 1972, pg. 4)

(a) In the 4th game Spassky obtained a good position out of Fischer's favorite Sozin variation, **6 B-QB4**. The world champion played so convincingly, in fact, that Fischer has no longer tried the line.

(b) The Rauzer variation, as in the 18th game in which Fischer continued **10 N-B3** with the threat of **11 P-K5**, and after **10 . . . P-N4 11 BxN** (not now **11 P-K5** due to **11 . . . P-N5**) **PxB** a very complex situation arose.

(c) Fischer is first to veer off the beaten path, perhaps to avoid a prepared variation by his opponent as well as to reduce the element of risk by keeping the position fairly simple.

(d) Objectively the best, since **12 BxN BxB 13 NxN BxN-3 14 QxP BxN 15 QxQ BxPch 16 KxB KRxQ** leaves Black with the superior ending. But taking Spassky's situation in the match into account, **12 . . . Q-B2** to preserve the tension deserves consideration.

(e) The logical extension of Black's maneuver, leading to numerous exchanges and an approximately level ending.

(f) Following the trade of rooks a draw is clearly at hand, so Spassky makes an effort to hold on to some pieces but without managing to produce real complications.

(g) White has a forced draw after **22 . . . P-QN3 23 N-R6 R-N2 24 N-B5 R-N1 25 N-R6**.

(h) On **24 R-K3** Black can proceed as in the game, inasmuch as the threat of **25 P-B5** is dispatched by **25 . . . R-Q4**.

(i) Of course, Fischer does not object to a repetition of moves.

(j) White could have brought the draw closer by trading rooks, but Fischer's actual move cannot be called a mistake.

(k) White's forces are compelled to retreat in order to deal with Black's threat to post his knight on **KB6**.

(l) Fischer has exchanged rooks under less favorable circumstances than before, allowing Black to create a passed pawn.

(m) The game was adjourned here. Black has a more active position, but with only a few pieces left on the board White's game is sound enough for a draw.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The third annual Redwood City Open attracted over 100 entries competing for more than \$600 and trophies. Ted Syrett directed the 5-round Swiss system event.

### Open Section

1st Overall, Larry Christiansen, Riverside, 4½-½, \$100 plus trophy; 2nd Overall, Romeo Rodriguez, S.F., 4-1, \$58.75.

High Expert, Robert Hammie, Berkeley, 4-1, \$58.75; High A, Eleuterio Alsasua, San Jose, 4-1, \$58.75; 2nd A, Duane Clark, S.F., 4-1, \$58.75.

### Booster Section

High B, Rick Price, Fremont, 4½-½, \$60; 2nd B, Stewart Scott, Sunnyvale, Dal Smullin, Redwood City, and Roy Segal, Berkeley, 4-1, \$5 each plus trophies for Scott and Segal.

High C, Anthony Marshall, Stanford, 5-0, \$60; 2nd C, Peter Freier, Sunnyvale, 4½-½, \$10 plus trophy.

High D-E, Jim Lindsay, San Jose, John Narcisi, Oakland, and Lawrence Lane, Albany, 3-3, \$18.33 plus trophy each.

1st Unrated, Rich Phillips, San Carlos, 4½-½, \$40; 2nd Unrated, Mel Solomon, Menlo Park, and Eugene Slasten, Belmont, 4-1, \$15 each; 3rd Unrated, Scott Frenceaux, Redwood City, 3½-1½, \$10.

Special mention goes to Alexandra Andrews of San Francisco for her fine showing of 4-1. Only Rick Price, winner of the section, was able to win against her (USCF rating 1578).

## LERA 1972 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ted Yudacufski of Monterey will direct the 1972 LERA San Jose Open over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, Nov. 24-26, at the LERA Main Auditorium, corner of Mathilda Ave. and Java St., opposite Sunnyvale. The 6-round Swiss will be held in three divisions (USCF Open, USCF Booster and CFNC "C") with cash prizes ranging from \$20 to \$150 plus trophies and entry fees from \$7 to \$15. Round one starts at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 24 (11 a.m. for CFNC "C").