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FISCHER'S FIRST "POISONED PAWN" DUEL QUALIFIED SUCCESS

White: Boris Spassky. Black: Robert Fischer.
World Championship, Match Game No. 7.
Reykjavik, July 25, 26, 1972
Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4(a)	P-QB4(b)	26 QxQ	NxQ
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	27 R-K2	K-N2
3 P-Q4	PxP	28 N-R5	P-N3
4 NxP	N-KB3	29 N-B4	N-Q4
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	30 N-4-Q6(n)	B-B4
6 B-KN5(c)	P-K3	31-N-N7	R-QB1?(o)
7 P-B4	Q-N3(d)	32 P-B4	N-K6
8 Q-Q2	QxP(e)	33 R-B3	NxP
9 N-N3(f)	Q-R6	34 PxP	P-N5
10 B-Q3	B-K2	35 R-Q3	P-R4
11 0-0	P-R3	36 P-R3	N-R4
12 B-R4(g)	NxP!	37 N-7-Q6	BxN
13 NxN	BxB	38 NxB	R-B8ch
14 P-B5(h)	PxP	39 K-N2	N-B5
15 B-N5ch	PxB	40 N-K8ch	K-N3(p)
16 NxPch	K-B1(i)	41 P-R4!	P-B3
17 NxB	N-B3	42 R-K6	R-B7ch
18 N-Q6(j)	R-Q1	43 K-N1	K-B4
19 NxNP-5	Q-K2(k)	44 N-N7ch	KxP
20 Q-B4	P-KN3	45 R-Q4ch	K-N6
21 P-R4(l)	B-N4	46 N-B5ch	K-B6
22 Q-B4	B-K6ch(m)	47 R-6-K4	R-B8ch
23 K-R1	P-B5	48 K-R2	R-B7ch
24 P-N3	P-N4	49 K-N1	Drawn
25 QR-K1	Q-N5		

(Annotations are by former world champion Vasily Smyslov, translated from "Sovetsky sport," July 27, 1972, pg. 4.)

(a) Having lost the last two games in which he opened with P-Q4, Spassky seeks a change of battlefields.

(b) Fischer sticks with his favorite defense.

(c) A quieter game results from 6 B-K2 P-K4 7 N-N3, but Spassky wants to sharpen the struggle.

(d) The world title match is producing an interesting theoretical duel. Both players are boldly standing by their personal convictions, confidently and uncompromisingly entering into critical opening variations. Other than 7 . . . Q-N3 Fischer has been known to play 7 . . . B-K2.

(e) The infamous "poisoned pawn" variation. This position has been subjected to exhaustive analysis without any final judgment being passed. Fischer always takes the pawn offer with gusto, obviously believing that Black possesses adequate defensive resources.

(f) Fischer has often met the other continuation, 9 R-QN1. But the textmove is no novelty either and has also been analyzed deeply by both sides. There can be no doubt that Spassky went into this line with some new move in mind.

(g) The new idea. The usual sequence runs 12 BxN BxB 13 P-K5 PxP 14 N-K4, with White obtaining some good king-side attacking chances. However, Spassky has prepared a sharp and intriguing variation that involves the sacrifice of several pawns. But Fischer manages to find the antidote and places the theoretical soundness of White's conception in jeopardy.

(h) A tension filled tactical situation has developed. White gives up a third pawn for the attack and throws in a piece for good measure. Black, in turn, meets the challenge headon, operating on the principle that the best way to refute a sacrifice is to accept it.

(i) If 16 . . . K-K2, then 17 NxNP-5 Q-R3 18 Q-N4ch, with dangerous threats. Now, however, Black beats back the attack and keeps his position securely intact.

(j) On 18 Q-Q7 P-KN3 19 N-Q6 N-K4 Black successfully defends himself, since 20 QxNP-5 permits the exchange of heavy pieces after 20 . . . Q-R2ch.

(k) The alternative was 19 . . . RxQ 20 NxQ R-Q4 21 P-B4 R-K4. Fischer's move is probably stronger.

(l) The combinational storm has subsided with the outcome clearly in Black's favor. He has held on to his extra pawn and now with 21 . . . K-N2 could have completed the mobilization of all his pieces. Instead, Fischer chooses the less effective plan of re-deploying his bishop on K6.

(m) Here, too, 22 . . . K-N2 23 QR-K1 Q-N5 was good.

(n) Spassky does not lose his presence of mind in a difficult position and battles on with great tenacity and admirable calm.

(o) Spassky's persistence is rewarded, as Fischer strays from the proper path. After 31 . . . N-K6 32 NxR NxR or 32 R-1-K1 P-B6 33 R-B2 N-N7 White cannot count on saving the game. Black's mistake allows Spassky to create ingenious counterplay.

(p) The game was adjourned in this position. It can be asserted safely that the worst is over for White. Thanks to his more active pieces, White salvages the draw in spite of being a pawn behind.

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Master — expert division: Roy Ervin, Van Nuys, 4-0, \$125; Thomas Dorsch, Davis, 3½-½, \$75; Kon Grivainis, Concord, and Alex Shuhobeck, Monterey, 3-1, \$12 each.

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Class B: Kevin Olwell, Walnut Creek, 4-0, \$100; Elmo Mugnani, San Francisco, and Dennis Claudio, Richmond, 3½-½, \$12 each.

Class C: Vincent Hikida, San Jose, Grayson Perkins, San Jose, and Harry Wartnick, Mt. View, 4-0, \$41 each.