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Chess

OLD FASHIONED SLUGFEST!

Although **William Napier** achieved reverse immortality by losing a now famous game to **Emmanuel Lasker**, he tendered proof positive of his sparkling talent when he was only 14 by defeating **Frank Marshall** in an old fashioned slugfest.

The classic encounter is recorded here in coordinate chess notation: files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only.

White: Frank Marshall. Black: William Napier. Cincinnati (?), 1895. Two Knights' Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 d4 ed 5 Ng5 Ne5 6 Bb3 h6 7 Qd4 Bd6 8 f4 Nc6 9 Qc4 Bb4 10 c3 d5 11 ed Qe7 12 Kd2 hg 13 Re1 Be6 14 de 0-0-0 15 Kc2 Rh2 16 Re2 Qd6 17 Bd2 Na5 18 Qb4 Qd3 19 Kd1 Ng4 20 e7 Rh1 21 Re1 Ne3 22 Kc1 Re1 23 Be1 Qd1 24 Bd1 Rd1mate.

VALUABLE INSTRUCTION FROM CHAMP TO CHAMP

Former world junior champion **Julio Kaplan** received some powerful hints regarding his play from his successor, **Anatoly Karpov**, at Madrid-73.

White: Julio Kaplan. Black: Anatoly Karpov. Madrid, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 Qc7 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Kh1 Bb4 9 Nc6 bc 10 Qd4 c5 11 Qe3 d6 12 Qg3 Bc3 13 Qc3 0-0 14 f3 Bb7 15 Bf4 Nh5 16 Bg5 e5 17 Rad1 f5 18 Qd3 h6 19 Bc1 Rad8 20 ef d5 21 f4 Nf4 22 Bf4 ef 23 Bg4 d4 24 Qd2 h5 25 Bh5 Rf5 26 Bg4 Rf6 27 Qe2 Bd5 28 Rde1 c4 29 Qe5 Qe5 30 Re5 d3 31 cd cd 32 b3 Rg6 33 h3 d2 34 Rd1 Bf7 35 Kg1 Rc6 36 Kf2 Rc2 37 Ra5 Rd6 38 Be2 Rc1 39 Bf3 Kh8 40 Re5 Rc2 41 Ra5 Bg6 42 Rd5 Rd5 43 Bd5 Bd3 44 a3 g5 45 Bc4 Rc1 46 Bd3 Rd1 47 Ke2 Rg1 48 Kd2 Rg2 49 Kc3 Rg3 50 Kc2 Rh3 51 Ba6 g4 52 a4 g3 53 Resigns.

"SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE ROOM"

Chessmaster Dennis Waterman's parting shot in this brief game, played at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco, bears a superficial resemblance to Marshall's celebrated queen sacrifice that produced a shower of gold coins from the cheering spectators.

White: Dennis Waterman. Black: Romeo Samo. San Francisco, Feb. 5, 1974. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 Qe2!? d6 5 d4 Bd7 6 Bc6 Bc6 7 Nc3 Qe7?! 8 0-0! 0-0-0? 9 d5 Bd7 10 a4 g6 11 Be3 Kb8 12 Qc4 Ng4 (The best defense is probably 12...Bc8. 13 Nb5 Bb5 14 Ba7 Ka7 15 ab Kb8 (And not 16...Kb6? 17 Ra6!) 16 Ra3 Kc8 (Or 16...Nf6 17 b6!, e.g., 17...bKc8 18 Ra8 Kd7 19 Qb5.) 17 Qc6!! Resigns (Notes by Dennis Waterman).

C. H. O'D. ALEXANDER DEAD AT 64

Two times British chess champion, **Conel Hugh O'Donel Alexander** died at the age of 64. During his long and successful career he took second, ahead of Fine and Flohr, with Keres at Hastings 1938 and equal first with Bronstein at Hastings 1953. His most brilliant wins were scored in individual games against Botvinnik, Gligoric, Pachman and Szabo, but he will probably be remembered best for his books, **Alekhine's Best Games of Chess**, Vol. III (1946) and **Spassky and Fischer** (World Chess Championship, 1972).

SMYSLOV NO. 1 IN REYKJAVIK

Soviet grandmaster and former world champion **Vasily Smyslov** won a 15-man international tournament in Reykjavik, Feb. 28, with the excellent score of 12-2. **Fortinosh** of Hungary was second, while **Velimirovic** (Yugoslavia) and **Bronstein** (USSR) shared third and fourth spots.

MENCHIK BEATS "THE KHAN"

Vera Menchik's solid, forceful chess is nowhere better displayed than in her fine personal triumph over the great Indian master (and twice British champion) **Sultan Khan** at Hastings 1932.

White: Sultan Khan.

Black: Vera Menchik.

Hastings, 1932.

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	22 Q-B3(e)	QxQP(f)
2 P-QB4	P-K3	23 QxQ	NxQ
3 N-QB3	P-Q4	24 P-B3(g)	R5
4 PxP	PxP	25 B-B4	QR-B1
5 N-B3	P-B3	26 B-Q3	N-K3
6 Q-B2	B-Q3	27 B-K5	P-QB4
7 P-K3	QN-Q2	28 B-N5	KR-Q1
8 B-Q3	O-O	29 R-K4	N-Q5
9 B-Q2	R-K1	30 BxN	PxB
10 P-KR4(a)	N-B1	31 B-Q3	R-N1!(h)
11 O-O	P-QN4!(b)	32 K-R1	R-N5
12 N-N5	P-QR4	33 R(1)-K1	B-K3
13 P-K4(c)	P-N5	34 R-K5	P-R6!
14 N-R4	PxP	35 P-QN3i)	RxP
15 NxKP	NxN	36 B-B4	R-N7
16 BxN	B-K3	37 BxB	PxB
17 K-N1(d)	P-N6!	38 R-QR5	P-Q6
18 PxP	R-N1	39 RxRP	P-Q7
19 N-B5	BxN	40 R-Q1	R-B7
20 QxB	BxP	41 Resigns(j)	
21 QR-K1	N-K3		

8Notes adapted from The British Chess Magazine, Feb. 1932, pp. 86-87)

(a) The scope of White's plan is now revealed.

(b) The right style! Black's king side is in no present danger.

(c) Betraying a realization that some of his minor pieces are not where they are needed for his plan. White's 13 P-B3 looks plausible but is too slow on account of 13...P-N5 14 N-R4 (not 14 N-K2 P-R5!) B-N6, and now he cannot play 15 P-K4 without losing a valuable center pawn.

8d) The indispensable move is 17 P-QN3; practically, his game never recovers from the omission.

(e) The move 22 QxRP left White with some drawing chances, but it may be that he had not yet realized the need!

(f) Good enough, but there is also 22...NxP 23 P-B3 P-R5, and White's danger is great.

(g) The threat that had to be provided against was 24...RxP! 25 RxR B-B7ch.

(h) The commencement of Black's final dispositions, which are very forcibly planned and executed.

(i) Here, 35 R(5)-K2 would not avert the loss of another pawn, e.g., 35...PxPch 36 RxP R-R1ch 37 K-N1 RxRch 38 KxR R-R7ch, etc. Of course, 35 PxP R-R1 is hopeless.

(j) For if 40 K-N1, then 40...R(1)-QB1 wins.

ROHNERT PARK OPEN TOURNAMENT

The 1974 Rohnert Park Open Chess Tournament will be held at the Rohnert Park Community Center, 7421 Burton Ave., Mar. 16-17. Prizes are \$90 first, \$70 second and \$50 third, with other non-cash awards (trophies, books, etc.) according to a special prize classification scheme (i.e., a Class C player can still win first in his division for a non-cash award even after losing his first two games). **C. E. Falbo** will direct the non-rated, five-round Swiss system event (three rounds Saturday, two rounds Sunday). Entry fee is \$6. Round one begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Mar. 16. Please bring sets and clocks. For more information, write C. E. Falbo, 742 Bonnie Ave., Rohnert Park, Calif. 94928.

SERRAMONTE CHESS FESTIVAL

The Serramonte Shopping Center in Daly City is sponsoring a free multiple weekend Swiss system tournament with prizes in all playing categories, May 4, 11, 18 and 25. U.S. Champion **John Grefe** and international master **George Koltanowski** will be on hand for the finals with simultaneous exhibitions and demonstrations. Participation limited on a "first come" basis: entries close Apr. 15. Send your name, address, telephone number and playing category (8M-E, A, B, C, D or Unrated) to Promotion Dept., No. 3 Serramonte Center, Daly City, Calif. 94015, and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Registration at 8:30 a.m., round one at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 4. Please bring chessmen and board.