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Chess

FINAL CHESS OLYMPIC RESULTS

As expected, the XXI Chess Olympic Games, held in Nice, France, ended in a solid victory for the Soviet Union, which outdistanced its nearest rival in the final group by 8½ points. Yugoslavia fielded the second-place team, while the United States and Bulgaria finished with identical scores, with the tie-breakers awarding the bronze medal to the Americans. Complete Group A results:

1st, Soviet Union, 46; 2nd, Yugoslavia, 37½; 3rd-4th, United States and Bulgaria, 36½; 5th, Holland, 35½; 6th, Hungary, 35; 7th, West Germany, 32; 8th-9th, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, 29½; 10th, England, 26; 11th-12th, the Philippines and Spain, 25½; 13th, Sweden, 25; 14th, Argentina, 23½; 15th, Finland, 22; and 16th, Wales, 14½.

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Leading the powerful Soviet team to its gold medal on board one was young **Anatoly Karpov**, who is considered to be the most likely challenger for the world's chess championship in 1975. Here is a representative sample of Karpov's deadly soft style, recorded in streamlined 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: Anatoly Karpov (USSR). Black: Heikko Westerinen (Finland). XXI Chess Olympics, Nice, 1974. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 0-0 Bd7 6 d4 Nf6 7 c3 Be7 8 Nbd2 0-0 9 Re1 Re8 10 Nf1 h6 11 Ng3 Bf8 12 Bd2 b5 13 Bc2 Na5 14 b3 c5 15 d5 Nh7 16 h3 Be7 17 Nf5 Nb7 18 a4 ba 19 b4 a5 20 Ba4 ab 21 cb Bf8 22 Bc6 Qc7 23 b5 Nf6 24 Qc2 Reb8 25 Ne3 Bc8 26 Nc4 Be7 27 b6 Qd8 28 Ra7 Nd7 29 Qa4 Ra7 30 ba Ra8 31 Qa6 Qc7 32 Bd7 Qd7 33 Nb6 Nd8 34 Qa1 Resigns.

HAYWARD COMMUNITY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by the South Hayward Parish, the second annual "All-Comers" Community Chess Tournament was conducted at the Weekes Community Center, June 29-30. Book prizes donated by Dalton's Bookstore (Southland), the Gambit Game Store (Berkeley) and Sgt. Robert Pellerin (Fremont Police Dept.) were presented to the winners in four playing categories, in addition to commemorative ribbons awarded to the first three finishers in each division. Complete results:

Adult Division

1st, Steve Joplin, Hayward, 4½-1½; 2nd, Hiawatha Bradley, Hayward, 3½-1½; 3rd, Jerry Rogers, Hayward, 3½-1½.

Young Adult Division

1st, Ernest Curto, Fremont, 4½-1½; 2nd, Marty Reardon, Hayward, 4-1; 3rd, Michael Peakes, Hayward, 3-2.

Youth Division

1st, Sean Morrisroe, Hayward, 4-1; 2nd, Al Adams, Hayward, 3-2; 3rd, Frisco DelRosario, Hayward, 3-2.

Children's Division

1st, Just Joplin, Hayward, 6-0; 2nd, Cheri Ho, Hayward, 3-3; 3rd, Anne Emerson, Hayward, 3-3.

EXPERT ROOK SACRIFICE

USCF expert **Borel Menas** lays his opponent low in this game, his best to date, with a finely calculated rook sacrifice that caps off a crushing king-side attack.

White: Borel Menas. Black: Larry Wagner. Los Altos, Apr. 6, 1974. King's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 ct 3 Nf3 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 e4 0-0 6 dc Qa5 7 Bd2 Qc5 8 Be3 Qa5 9 Bd2 Nc6 10 Bd3 d6 11 h3 Bd7 12 a3 Ne5 13 Ne5 Qe5 14 0-0 Bc6 15 Qe2 Nh5 16 f4 Qc5 17 Kh2 e5 18 Be3 Qa5 19 f5 Nf4 20 Qd2 gf 21 ef Nd3 22 f6 Bf6 23 Rf6 e4 24 Raf1 Qe5 25 Kg1 Bd7 26 Nd5 Be6 27 Ne7 Kh8 28 Nf5 Qf6 29 Bd4 Ne5 30 Nd6 Qe7 31 Be5 f6 32 Qg5 Qd6 33 Rf6 Resigns.

"OPENING CATASTROPHE"

International master **Yakov Neyshadt** supplies the commentary to a brief brilliancy between two unknowns, once again demonstrating the ancient chess adage, "Never, never, never take the queen's knight pawn!"

White: Sokor.

Black: Wolk.

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Gruenfeld Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	10 BxP	NxQP!!(f)
2 P-QB4	P-KN3	11 BxQ	N(Q5)-B7ch
3 N-QB3	P-Q4	12 K-Q1	RxBch
4 Q-N3	PxP	13 N-Q5	BxN
5 QxBP	B-K3(a)	14 Q-B7	BxNch
6 -N5ch	N-B3	15 QxRch	KxQ
7 N-B3(b)	N-Q4	16 KPxB	K-B2!(g)
8 QxP?(c)	N(4)-N5!(d)	17 Resigns	
9 B-B4	B-R3!(e)		

(Notes by Yakov Neyshadt, translated from "Shakhmaty", Riga, No. 12, 1971, pg. 22)

(a) The main line of this defense runs 5...B-N2, with Black answering 6 P-K4 with 6...0-0.

(b) Naturally, not 7 QxP because of 7...NxP.

(c) Here, too, it is wrong to take the pawn. White must play 8 P-K4, and if 8...N-N5, then 9 Q-R4 B-Q2 10 Q-Q1 P-K4 11 P-QR3, with a strong center and a good game.

(d) Cutting off the enemy queen's retreat while defending his knight. The threat is 9...R-QN1.

(e) Avoiding 9...N-B7ch? 10 K-Q1 NxR 11 QxNch. But now what can White do? On 10 BxB he loses his queen to 10...R-QN1, and 10 QxBP succumbs to 10...QxQ 11 BxQ N-B7ch. (f) A queen sacrifice that wins by force.

(g) A deadly "quiet" move, after which White has no choice except to resign, as 17 R-QN1 allows a rare horizontal "epaulette" mate by 17...R-Q1ch 18 K-K2 R-Q7mate.

FISCHER DEMANDS PROFESSIONALISM!

No one has done more in recent years to popularize the game of chess than current world champion **Robert Fischer**. Now that he has fired the opening shot in the battle to upgrade the next title event by threatening to resign his championship unless his demands are met, it may be well to recall that Fischer has consistently worked for the improvement of playing conditions throughout his stormy career and has been instrumental in raising the cash prizes paid to professional chess masters. Here is part of an interview with Fischer that sharply illustrates his high standards, excerpted from "Chess Express" and reprinted in "Chess in Australia", Dec. 1971:

"My name is Robert James Fischer. Patzer and friends call me Bobby. I am a professional. I cannot do anything else but play chess, but what I can, I can do profoundly. I was born on March 9, 1943 in Chicago. I was born under the sign of the fish. I am a big fish. I swallow the grandmasters; the grandmasters from the Soviet Union I devour. It is my intention to beat Lasker's record, who was world champion for 27 years. I play anywhere, but the surroundings must be o.k. What I need is quietness and good lighting. Foremost, I cannot stand noise, because I like not to be disturbed in my professional work in calculating and combining. I am not a computer but a human being, an extraordinary one for that. There are no wonders with me. I am just a professional. I play chess the whole day and try always to deepen my knowledge."

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