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Chess

PETROSIAN COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO

Former world champion Tigran Petrosian will arrive in San Francisco on Sunday, April 16 for a simultaneous exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post St. starting at 7 p.m. Board fee is \$20, no charge for spectators.

Players desiring to oppose the Soviet grandmaster over the board would be well advised to prepare for the occasion by examining a collection of his best games.

White: Tigran Petrosian. Black: Robert Fischer.

Final Candidates' Match, Buenos Aires, 1971.

Grunfeld Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	17 O-O	Q-R4
2 P-QB4	P-KN3	18 Q-B2!(m)	P-B5
3 N-QB3	P-Q4	19 P-B4!(n)	+xP
4 B-B4	B-N2	20 P-B5!	Q-Q7(o)
5 P-K3	P-B(a)	21 Q-R4chl	K-B1(p)
6 PxBP	Q-R4	22 QR-Q1(q)	Q-K7(r)
7 R-B1(b)	N-K5(c)	23 P-Q6	Q-R(s)
8 PxP(d)	NxN	24 P-B4!(t)	P-K7
9 Q-Q2	QxRP(e)	25 PxB	PxQR(Q)
10 PxN(f)	Q-R4!	26 RxQ	QxKP
11 B-B4(g)	N-Q2	27 R-KB1!(u)	P-B3
12 N-K2(h)	N-K4(i)	28 Q-N3	K-N2
13 B-R2(j)	B-B4?(k)	29 Q-B7ch	K-R3
14 BxN	BxB	30 PxP	P-B4(v)
15 N-Q4!(l)	QxP(4)	31 RxP!	Q-Q5ch
16 NxB	PxN	32 K-R1	Resigns

(Annotations by international grandmaster Aleksei Suetin, one of Petrosian's seconds during the match, translated from "Shakhmaty v SSSR", No. 1, 1972, pp. 15-16)

(a) Theory concentrates mostly on 5...0-0 and only then, 6...P-B4.

(b) Worth considering is 7 Q-N3, in order to answer 7...N-K5? by 8 Q-N5ch QxQ 9 NxQ.

(c) Black may proceed positionally here with 7...PxP 8 BxP QxBP 9 B-QN3 K-B3. The text move was played in the game Reshevsky — Hort, Palma de Mallorca, 1969, which led to a sharp struggle with equal chances after 8 N-B3 NxN 9 PxN BxPch 10 N-Q2 B-K3.

(d) Interesting is 8 N-K2, e.g., 8...PxP 9 Q-R4ch QxQ 10 NxQ B-Q2 11 RxP BxN 12 RxN B-B7 13 R-B4 B-Q6 14 R-N4, and White remains a pawn ahead.

(e) An unexplored and highly original position has been reached.

(f) Also possible was 10 RxN!?, which yields a powerful attack in the event of 10...BxR 11 QxB Q-R8ch 12 K-Q2 QxB 13 QxRch K-Q2 14 N-B3! QxR 15 N-K5 and gives White the advantage after 10...Q-R8ch 11 R-B1 QxP 12 R-B2. But with 10...0-0! Black would be able to count on counterplay.

(g) On 11 P-K4 N-Q2! (better than 11...QxP(4) 12 B-KR6!) 12 B-KR6 BxB 13 QxB NxP Black obtains complete equality.

(h) And not 12 P-B6? PxP 13 PxP N-B4 14 N-K2 Q-R5 15 B-R2 N-Q6ch!

(i) Unjustifiably disdaining the immediate recovery of his pawn. After either 12...NxP or 12...QxP(4) 13 B-R2 N-K4 Black successfully solves his opening problems.

(j) More precise than 13 B-QN3 Q-N4! 14 B-B2 N-B5 and 15...QxP, setting up a blockade on White's QB4 square.

(k) This move, which Fischer played instantaneously, leads to serious, perhaps even irremediable consequences.

(l) Simple and effective. If now 15...B-Q2, then White keeps his extra pawn by 16 P-B6! PxP 17 PxP B-B1 18 P-KB4.

(m) Very fine and, according to Petrosian, the hardest move of the game to find. White takes the KBP under fire and, what is likely even more important, prepares the advance P-QB4-B5! Now 18...B-B3 results in a strong attack after 19 KR-Q1 R-QB1 20 QxP RxP 21 RxR QxR 22 P-Q6!

(n) More energetic than 19 PxP BxKBP 20 R-N1, although stilql good for White.

(o) Reapizing that White's offensive may soon prove decisive, Fischer resorts to the extreme measure of provoking tactical complications.

(p) The best chance may have been 21...K-Q1.

(q) But not 22 PxP because of 22...R-KN1.

(r) Inadequate would be 22...P-K7 23 RxQ BxPch 24 KxB PxR(Q) 25 P-Q6!

(s) On 23...PxPch simplest is 24 K-P-K7 26 Q-Q4! with a winning attack. Black can no longer defend his position. Petrosian terminates the game brilliantly.

(t) Avoiding 24 BPxP BxPch 25 K-B2 R-KN1!

(u) White's attack is overwhelming. On 27...P-K3 follows 28 Q-Q7!

(v) And if 30...QR-KN1, then 31 B-N1! wraps it up.

White: Tigran Petrosian (USSR). **Black:** Hans Ree (Netherlands). XX Chess Olympiad, Skopje, 1972. English Opening 1 c4 e5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Bg2 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6 Bd2 h5 7 Nf3 Bd7 8 a3 Qc8 9 h3 Nh6 10 Nd5 Nd8 11 Ng5 Ne6 12 Ne6 Be6 13 Ba5 b6 14 Bd2 c6 15 Nc3 O-O 16 b4 a6 17 a4 Nf5 18 Rb1 Ra7 19 b5 ab 20 ab c5 21 Ra1 Qb8 22 O-O Rd8 23 Ra7 Qa7 24 Qa1 Qb8 25 Qa2 Ne7 26 Ra1 Nc8 27 Qa8 Qc7 28 Qc6 Qe7 29 Ra8 Kh7 30 Nd5 Resigns. *

White: Tigran Petrosian (USSR). **Black:** Alexander Matanovic (Yugoslavia). USSR — Yugoslavia Match, Kiev, 1959. Nimzo-Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nf3 O-O 6 Be2 b6 7 O-O Bb7 8 Na4 cd 9 ed Qc7 10 c5 bc 11 a3 Ba5 12 dc Ng4 13 h3 Bf3 14 hg Be2 15 Qe2 Qc6 16 b3 Bc7 17 Rd1 Na6 18 Be3 f5 19 gf Rf5 20 Rac1 Be5 21 f4 Bc7 22 Nb6 ab 23 cb Qb7 24 Rd7 Rf7 25 Rf7 Kf7 26 bc Rc8 27 Qh5 Kf8 28 Rd1 Qc7 29 Qh7 Qi3 30 Bd4 Resigns. *

White: Tigran Petrosian. **Black:** Boris Ivkov. European Team Championships, Hamburg, 1965. Queen's Gambit Accepted 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d5 3 c4 dc 4 e3 Bg4 5 Bc4 e6 6 Nc3 a6 7 h3 Bh5 8 g4 Bg6 9 Ne5 Nbd7 10 Ng6 hg 11 g5 Nd5 12 Nd5 ed 13 Bd5 c6 14 Bb3 Qg5 15 Qf3 Nf6 16 Bd2 Qf5 17 Qg2 a5 18 O-O-O Bd4 19 Bd4 ab 20 h4 Rc8 21 e4 Qf4 22 Kb1 Rh4 23 e5 Rh1 24 Rh1 Nh5 25 Bc2 Ke7 26 Bg6 fg 27 Qg6 Qd4 28 Qh5 Qd3 29 Kal Rd8 30 Rg1 Rd7 31 Rg7 Kd8 32 Rg1 Kc7 33 e6 Rd5 34 Qg4 b3 35 e7 Re5 36 Qg7 Kd6 37 Qe5 Resigns. *

White: Tigran Petrosian. **Black:** Henrique Mecking. Palma de Mallorca, 1969. Robatsch Defense 1 d4 g6 2 e4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 c3 Nf6 5 Nbd2 O-O 6 Be2 c5 7 dc dc 8 O-O Nc6 9 Qc2 b6 10 Nc4 Bb7 11 a4 Qc7 12 Re1 Na5 13 Bf1 Nc4 14 Bc4 Ng4 15 a5 Bc6 16 Qe2 e5 17 Ne5 Be5 18 g3 Bg7 19 Bf4 e5 20 Bc1 Kh8 21 Bd5 Bd5 22 ed f5 23 c4 Rae8 24 Rd1 f4 25 ab ab 26 Qe4 Qd7 27 Re1 Qf7 28 Re2 g5 29 g4 Qd7 30 f3 Ra8 31 Ra8 Ra8 32 Bd2 Red8 33 Bc3 Qd6 34 Re1 h6 35 Ra1 Rf8 36 Ra7 Re8 37 Qf5 b5 38 Rd7 Qf8 39 Qf8 Rf8 40 cb Rb8 41 Rg7 Resigns. *

White: Tigran Petrosian. **Black:** Vladimir Savon. USSR Team Championship, Moscow, 1972. Queen's Indian Attack 1 i4 c6 2 Nf3 d5 3 e3 Nf6 4 Nc3 g6 5 Be2 Bg7 6 O-O O-O 7 d4 Be6 8 b3 h6 9 a4 Ne4 10 Bb2 Nd7 11 a5 a6 12 Qc2 f5 13 Bd3 Bf7 14 Ne2 Rc8 15 Rfd1 Ng5 16 Ne5 Ne5 17 de Qc7 18 f4 Ne4 19 Ba3 Rfd8 20 Be4 de 21 Bc5 Rd1 22 Qd1 Qd8 23 Nd4 Kh7 24 Qe1 e6 25 Qb4 Qd7 26 Rd1 Rd8 27 Bb6 Rg8 28 Qd6 Qe8 29 Nc2 g5 30 Qd7 Qf8 31 Qb7 gf 32 Rd8 Be8 33 ef Kh8 34 b4 h6 35 Bc5 Qf7 36 Qf7 Resigns.

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