

**Richard Shorman****Chess****SPASSKY'S BIG WIN: FISCHER DOWNED  
BY POISON PAWN**

White: Boris Spassky. Black: Robert Fischer  
World Championship, Match Game No. 11  
Reykjavik, August 6, 1972  
Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	17 P-B4	N-B4
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	18 Q-Q3	P-R5 (g)
3 P-Q4	PxP	19 B-N4	N-Q3
4 NxP	N-KB3	20 N-1-Q2	P-B4
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	21 P-QR3	Q-N3
6 B-KN5	P-K3	22 P-B5	Q-N4
7 P-B4	Q-N3(a)	23 Q-QB3 (h)	PxB
8 Q-Q2	QxP	24 P-R4	P-R6 (i)
9 N-N3	Q-R6	25 PxQ (j)	PxPch
10 BxN(b)	PxB	26 KxP	R-R6
11 B-K2	P-KR4	27 Q-B6	N-B4
12 0-0	N-B3(c)	28 P-B6	B-B1
13 K-R1	B-Q2	29 PxKP	PxKP
14 N-N1!(d)	Q-N5(e)	30 KR-K1	B-K2
15 Q-K3	P-Q4(f)	31 RxKP	Resigns (k)
16 PxP	N-K2		

(Abridged notes by international grandmaster Salo Flohr, translated from "Sovetsky sport", Aug. 8, 1972)

(a) For years now Fischer has utilized this queen move for an attack against the QNP. Such excursions have generally ended in Fischer's favor. Not even Spassky was able to refute this system in match game number seven. In fact, Fischer very nearly won that action-packed struggle. But how to punish Black for violating such old chess principles? This time only Boris Spassky was capable of convincing Fischer (permanently maybe) that the QNP is poisoned. Starting August sixth players and theorists alike can exclaim, "Hands off the QNP!"

(b) Why would Fischer agree to repeat the moves of the seventh game? Possibly, Fischer had prepared an improvement if Spassky had proceeded, as then, with 10 B-Q3. But the world champion also duplicated moves with a refinement in mind.

(c) Thus far, all well known to Fischer, who here tries to better the play of Soviet masters by developing his knight to B3 instead of Q2. It is still too early to tell just who has caught whom in a prepared variation.

(d) This must be it, a theoretical innovation! "Must be" because Fischer thought for a long time over his reply. Admittedly, Spassky needed half an hour to come up with 14 N-N1! Very rarely is such a step backward the signal for an attack.

(e) Fischer noted with horror that running to QR5 does not save his queen after 14 . . . Q-R5 15 P-QR3! QxKP (or 15 . . . N-K2 16 N-B3 and Black still has problems) 16 B-Q3 Q-Q4 17 N-B3.

(f) The obvious threat of 16 P-QR3 followed by 17 N-B3, trapping the queen, compels Fischer to adopt emergency measures.

(g) Still thinking about counterattack! But Fischer understood, of course, that his position had disintegrated in any event.

(h) Here Fischer missed a good chance to resign.

(i) A "quiet move"! But it is easy to see that on 24 . . . Q-K7 Spassky could play 25 QR-K1; besides, Black has a knight in take on Q3 and a rook hanging on KR1.

(j) Six moves out of 24 Fischer made with his queen, and still she did not come back alive!

(k) We will not speculate on whether this excellent game denotes a turning point in the match. At any rate, victory in such a shattering style will serve as a healthy stimulus for the world champion.

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