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After a long absence from major chess competition, Robert Fischer recently re-asserted his authority by defeating his opposition in three successive grandmaster events. Most amazing was his lopsided victory in "the great blitz tournament," where the players were allowed only five minutes apiece to complete each of 22 games.

Abridged commentary and game annotations are by Dr. Petar Trifunovic from the July 1970 issue of "Chess Life and Review."

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"It is understood that Fischer very seldom plays blitz chess and cultivates no sympathy for this sort of play. The Soviet "rapid transit" specialists, grandmasters Tal, Korchnoi, Bronstein and Petrosian, and the Yugoslav speed chess matorador, grandmaster Matulovic, were very glad to have "Bobby" participate. For all expected that he would absorb some good lessons.

"Instead of taking lessons, he gave them to his peerless opponents, even to the Soviet grandmasters who regard themselves as insuperable in this kind of chess. The vastness of his victory may be measured by the gap between Fischer and second-placed Tal, a whole 4½ miles (pardon, points: but such a distance might properly be called miles).

"The audience was surprised by his play and his results. His opponents were not surprised, they were panic-stricken. The difference between Fischer and his compatriot Reshevsky was nearly inconceivable at 10½ points. Also, in most of the games Fischer used less than half the time that his opponents did."

White: Robert Fischer. Black: Milan Matulovic.

Herceg Novi, Yugoslavia, 1970, Five-Minute Game. Ruy Lopez.

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| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 | 17 R-B1ch | K-K2 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 18 BxB | KxB(h) |
| 3 B-N5 | P-B4(a) | 19 R-B7ch | K-K1(i) |
| 4 N-B3 | PxP | 20 RxBP | B-Q3 |
| 5 QNxP | P-Q4 | 21 RxNP | R-QB1 |
| 6 NxP | PxN | 22 0-0-0 | QxRP |
| 7 NxN | Q-N4(b) | 23 PxP | B-K2 |
| 8 Q-K2 | N-B3(c) | 24 RxBch! | KxR |
| 9 P-KB4! | QxBP | 25 Q-N7ch | K-K3 |
| 10 P-Q4 | Q-R5ch | 26 Q-Q7ch | KxP |
| 11 P-N3 | Q-R6 | 27 Q-Q5ch | K-B3 |
| 12 B-N5!(d) | P-QR3 | 28 R-B1ch | K-N3 |
| 13 B-QR4 | B-Q2(e) | 29 Q-K6ch | K-N4 |
| 14 BxN | PxB | 30 R-B5ch | K-N5 |
| 15 QxPch | K-B2(f) | 31 R-B4ch | KxP(j) |
| 16 N-K5ch!(g) | PxN | 32 Q-N4mate(k) | |

(a) This old gambit is sharp but incorrect. Matulovic expects to surprise and confuse his opponent with it.

(b) This line is often used by Matulovic. An alternative is 7 . . . Q-Q4.

(c) Here 8 . . . QxP fails against 9 Q-R5ch P-N3 10 Q-K5ch N-K2 (or 10 . . . K-B2 11 N-Q8mate or 10 . . . K-Q2 11 N-N8ch K-Q1 12 Q-K8mate) 11 NxNch.

(d) A theoretical innovation, and in a blitz game! Till now, the line was 12 N-K5ch P-B3 13 B-QB4 with a somewhat better White position.

(e) Also after 13 . . . B-KB4 14 0-0-0 it is White for choice.

(f) On 15 . . . Q-K3 16 QxQch BxQ 17 0-0! B-Q2 18 QR-K1ch K-B2 19 N-K5ch, White wins.

(g) After this powerful move, White has a winning attack.

(h) White wins on 18 . . . QxB 19 0-0-0.

(i) A better defense is 19 . . . B-K2.

(j) Or 31 . . . K-R4 32 Q-N4ch K-R3 33 R-B6mate.

(k) If not told in advance, no one would guess that this was a five-minute game.

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