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Chess

Dethroned world champion Mikhail Tal ranks as one of the brightest combinative talents in the history of chess. In an age of refined positional attrition and scientific technique he still manages to come up with brilliancies.

Typical of his play are the following two games from the strong "Tallin-71" international tournament now in progress in Estonia. Tal leads at the half-way mark, ahead of Keres, Stein, Bronstein, Zaitsev, Barcza and others (including American grandmaster Arthur Bisguier and international master Anthony Saidy).

White: Gedeon Barcza.

Black: Mikhail Tal

Tallin, 1971.

Kings Indian Defense

1 N-KB3	P-KN3	13 N-N5	B-B6
2 P-KN3	B-N2	14 P-KN4	P-Q4(e)
3 B-N2	P-Q3	15 BxP	R-B1
4 P-Q3	P-K4(a)	16 B-R3	PxP
5 P-K4	N-QB3	17 PxP	Q-N3
6 N-B3	KN-K2	18 BxN	QxN
7 B-K3	0-0	19 BxR	QxP
8 Q-Q2	N-Q5(b)	20 BxB	KxB
9 N-K2?	B-R6!(c)	21 R-QB1	R-Q1
10 N/3xN	BxB	22 Q-K3	QxBP
11 R-KN1	PxN	23 K-B1	R-Q8ch
12 NxP	P-QB4(d)	24 Resigns	

(Notes by Mikhail Tal translated from "64," No. 10, March 1971.)

(a) I have reached this position against Barcza twice before, once in Zurich, 1959, and again in Havana, 1963. Both times Black obtained a good game out of the opening, so an improvement on White's part was fully expected.

(b) Although I foresaw my threat of B-R6 when I made this move, I did not hope for White's surprising reply.

(c) Now Black wins material. Barcza explained after the game that he had almost (!) the same position a couple of weeks ago against Lazlo Szabo. The big difference, however, was that the white king had already castled. Relatively best here in 10 0-0, giving up the exchange.

(d) At this point, with Black a piece ahead, White could have thrown in the towel.

(e) Simpler is 14 . . . Q-Q2, followed by 15 . . . BxKNP.

White: Mikhail Tal.

Black: A. Vooremaa

Tallin, 1971.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	16 P-K5	B-K2
2 N-KB3	P-K3	17 P-B5	P-B3
3 P-Q4	PxP	18 N-B4	R-B2
4 NxP	P-QR3	19 PxP!	N-K4
5 B-Q3	N-QB3	20 B-B4(d)	NxB
6 B-K3	N-B3	21 Q-N8ch	B-B1
7 0-0	Q-B2	22 NxP	N-Q3
8 N-QB3	B-Q3	23 QR-K1ch	K-Q1
9 K-R1	P-KR4	24 R-K7	Q-N4
10 P-B4	N-KN5(a)	25 R/1-K1	Q-Q4
11 Q-B3(b)	NxB	26 N-B4	QxRP
12 QxN	Q-N3	27 N-K6ch	QxN(e)
13 N/3-K2(c)	P-K4	28 PxQ	RxP
14 Q-N3!	PxN	29 R-B7	Resigns
15 QxP	R-B1		

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(a) In case of 10 . . . NxN I would have chosen between sacrificing a single pawn with 11 BxN or two pawns after 11 P-K5. My personal preference is for the latter.

(b) The bishop cannot be saved from exchange, i.e., 11 B-N1 NxN 12 BxN BxP 13 Q-B3 B-K6!

(c) Black's two bishops fail to compensate his backward development and weakened pawn structure.

(d) I did intend to win with 20 Q-R8ch B-B1 21 QR-K1 P-Q3 22 B-B4, but inadvertently played the wrong order of moves. Now the battle rages on.

(e) White also wins easily after 27 . . . PxN 28 RxR NxR 29 QxBch K-B2 30 QxNch B-Q2 31 PxP R-Q1 32 Q-K7.

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