

**Richard Shorman****Chess****MARATHON STRUGGLE**

White: Boris Spassky. Black: Robert Fischer.

World Championship, Match Game No. 13.

Reykjavik, August 10-11, 1972.

**Alekhine's Defense**

1 P-K4	N-KB3	39 R-B4	P-R7
2 P-K5	N-Q4	40 P-B4!	BxP
3 P-Q4	P-Q3	41 P-Q7	B-Q4
4 N-KB3	P-KN3	42 K-N3!	R-R6ch
5 B-QB4	N-N3	43 P-B3	R-1-R1(h)
6 B-N3	B-N2	44 R-KR4	P-K4
7 QN-Q2(a)	0-0	45 R-R7ch	K-K3
8 P-KR3	P-QR4	46 R-K7ch	K-Q3
9 P-QR4	PxP	47 RxP	RxPch
10 PxP	N-R3	48 K-B2	R-B7ch
11 0-0	N-B4	49 K-K1	KxP
12 Q-K2	Q-K1!(b)	50 R-5xBch	K-B3
13 N-K4	N-3xP	51 R-Q6ch	K-N2
14 BxN	NxB	52 R-Q7ch	K-R3
15 R-K1	N-N3	53 R-7-Q2	RxR
16 B-Q2	P-R5	54 KxR	P-N5(i)
17 B-N5	P-R3	55 P-R4	K-N4
18 B-R4	B-B4	56 P-R5	P-QB5
19 P-KN4(c)	B-K3	57 R-QR1(j)	PxP
20 N-Q4	B-B5	58 P-N6	P-R5
21 Q-Q2	Q-Q2	59 P-N7(k)	P-R6
22 QR-Q1	KR-K1	60 B-K7	R-KN1
23 P-B4	B-Q4	61 B-B8	P-R7
24 N-QB5	Q-B1	62 K-B2	K-B3
25 Q-B3(d)	P-K3	63 R-Q1	P-N6ch
26 K-R2	N-Q2	64 K-B3	P-KR8-Q(1)
27 N-Q3	P-QB4	65 RxQ	K-Q4
28 N-N5	Q-B3	66 K-N2	P-B5
29 N-Q6	QxN	67 R-Q1ch	K-K5
30 PxQ	BxQ	68 R-QB1	K-Q6
31 PxB	P-B3	69 R-Q1ch?(m)	K-K7
32 P-N5	RPxP?(e)	70 R-QB1	P-KB6
33 PxP	P-B4	71 B-B5	RxP
34 B-N3	K-B2(f)	72 RxP	R-Q2
35 N-K5ch	NxN	73 R-K4ch	K-B8
36 BxN	P-N4	74 B-Q4	P-B7
37 R-KB1	R-R1(g)	75 Resigns(n)	
38 B-B6	P-R6		

(Condensed notes by former world champion Vasily Smyslov, translated from "64," No. 33, Aug. 18-24, 1972, pp. 8-9)

(a) Better is 7 Q-K2, giving added support to the KP.

(b) Almost unnoticed, Black has succeeded in massing his forces against White's QRP.

(c) Also deserving serious attention is 19 N-Q4, after which 19 . . . BxKP would be risky in view of 20 NxN P-N3. Black would probably play 19 . . . BxN 20 QxB P-QB3 and White could bring his knight to QB3 by 21 P-KB4 P-K3 22 N-K2.

(d) Now great complications arise after 25 P-K6! N-B5 26 Q-K2 NxNP 27 N-B5, with a powerful attack, but Spassky's quiet textmove permits Black to seize the initiative.

(e) Here Fischer's positional sense deceives him. Stronger would be 32 . . . P-B5 33 N-N4 RPxP 34 PxP P-B4, and after 35 NxN P-N White has a hard time creating counterplay.

(f) Preferable is 34 . . . P-R6!, e.g., 35 N-K5 NxN 36 BxN KR-Q1 37 R-KB1 R-R5 38 K-N3 P-R7, with winning chances.

(g) Preventing the white rook from reaching KR4. Spassky ignores the exchange sacrifice offer, as his attacking formation requires the participation of the bishop.

(h) Queening the pawn, 43 . . . P-R8-Q, proves insufficient on 44 RxQ RxR 45 R-KR4!, when Black must take a draw by 45 . . . R-1-R1 46 R-R7ch K-N1 47 R-R8ch.

(i) A long series of practically forced moves has brought about this position, with three passed pawns opposing a bishop. White's chances lie on the king side, where he will soon create a passed pawn of his own. An objective evaluation of the situation shows that White has obtained real counterplay and should not lose.

(j) But not 57 P-R6 because of 57 . . . P-B6ch 58 K-Q3 P-R8-Q 59 RxQ RxR 60 P-R7 R-Q8ch 61 K-B2 R-KR8, winning for Black.

(k) More active than 59 BxP R-KN1 60 RxP RxP, and White must continue defending carefully.

(l) Sacrificing a pawn to get his king close enough to support the passed KBP. Unsatisfactory is an immediate 64 . . . P-B5, since 65 R-Q6ch K-B2 66 R-Q1 P-B6 67 K-N2 K-B3 68 R-Q6ch keeps the black king at bay.

(m) A fatal check. White preserves the draw by 69 R-B3ch K-Q5 70 R-B3 P-B6ch 71 K-R1 P-B7 72 RxPch K-B6 73 B-N4ch K-Q6 74 R-B1 RxP 75 K-N2, and Black's pawns are not dangerous.

(n) If 75 R-B4, then Black wins with 75 . . . RxB 76 RxR K-K7. Despite some mistakes, an exciting and interesting game.

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