

CHESS

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Blindfold Exhibition

A photographic memory plus a flair for chess are primary requisites for blindfold play. Some masters have played 50-odd games in a simultaneous exhibition. This requires tremendous recall. The blindfold player must be able to remember moves made and project the position. Then he must analyze and proceed with the game.

A modest demonstration of this ability took place Feb. 1 at the Duell Vocational Institute Prison, Tracy, Calif. The performer was Alan Benson, who has not yet achieved master rating in the USCF. The sponsor was Robert Caradien, with Jude Acers calling the moves.

His score was 5-0. Among the contestants were three inmates, four consulting Boy Scouts, and Mr. Caradien.

One of these games follows.

Sicilian Defense

Benson	Caradien	Benson	Caradien
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-QB4	17 O-O-O	QR-B
2 P-KB3	P-Q3	18 Q-B2	Kt-B5(b)
3 P-Q4	PxP	19 B-Q4	Q-Q
4 KtxP	Kt-KB3	20 KR-KKt	P-QKt4
5 Kt-QB3	P-QR3	21 P-KR4	Kt-R2
6 B-QB4	P-K3	22 Kt-Q5	R-K5
7 B-Kt3	B-K2	23 Q-B3	Q-K
8 P-B4	Q-B2	24 P-Kt5	RxP
9 Q-B3(a)	O-O	25 PxP	RxP
10 P-B5	Kt-B3	26 BxKt	RxB
11 B-K3	Kt-K4	27 BxKtP	BxB
12 Q-K2	PxP	28 P-B6	KtxP
13 KtxP	BxKt	29 KtxKtch	RxKt
14 PxB	KR-K	30 QxR	Q-KG3
15 P-KR3	B-KB	31 K-Kt	Q-R3
16 P-KKt4	P-KR3	32 QxQ	Resigns

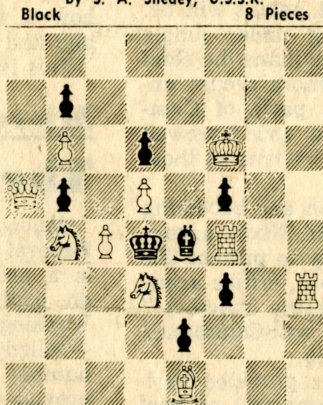
(a) Fischer's move. Black is already in difficulty, according to Fischer.
(b) Dangerous but necessary is 18. Kt/4xP.

Fifty Years Ago

The British Chess Magazine has a section recalling events 50 or 100 years ago. The December "Half a Century Back" recalls Samuel Reshevsky, then 8, playing simultaneous exhibitions all over Europe, and then moving to the United States,

Problem No. 6300

By S. A. Shedey, U.S.S.R.



White 10 Pieces
White to play and mate in two
(First Prize, British Chess Federation
Tourney No. 123.)

where he gave up chess for a while in favor of formal education.

Details of his life are revealed in "Reshevsky on Chess," his own story, which was published by the Chess Review in 1948.

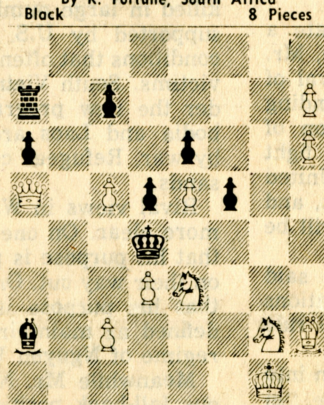
The game shown, reprinted in the British Chess Magazine, is given in detail in his book.

It was a blindfold game, both players without sight of the board. R. C. Griffith was then editor of the British Chess Magazine. Reshevsky writes that at that time, chess required no conscious effort. But in top-flight competition now there is much work, preliminary analysis, plus inborn ability to achieve success.

Reshevsky first won the United States title in 1936, and duplicated in the last

Problem No. 6301

By R. Fortune, South Africa



White 11 Pieces
White to play and mate in three
(Third Prize, British Chess Federation
Tourney No. 124.)

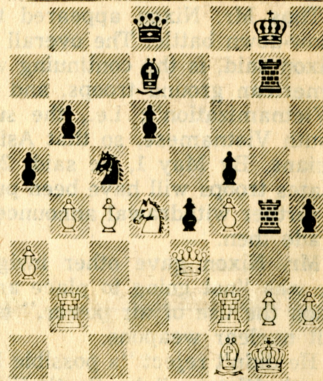
championship. He is now one of the elder grandmasters, of course, always a tough competitor.

Ruy Lopez

Reshevsky	Griffith	Reshevsky	Griffith
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	13 BxKt	P-Q4
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	14 Q-B3	B-KB4
3 B-Kt5	Kt-B3	15 P-KKt4	BxBP
4 O-O	KtxP	16 QR-B	P-QB4
5 P-Q4	B-K2	17 RxB	PxB
6 R-K	Kt-Q3	18 KtxP	P-QB4
7 BxKt	KtPxR	19 P-B5	B-Kt4
8 PxP	Kt-Kt2	20 RxP	R-B
9 Kt-B3	O-O	21 RxR	QxR
10 Kt-Q4	Kt-B4	22 P-B6	R-K
11 P-B4	Kt-K3	23 Kt-K7ch	RxKt
12 B-K3	KtxKt	24 PxR	BxP

End-Game No. 2004

Black 12 Pieces



White 12 Pieces
Black to play and win
(Keres-Petrosian, Bled, 1959.)

Solutions to Problems

No. 6298. R-B3
No. 6299. 1 Kt-B5 threatens; 2 KtxRch
If 1. QRxP; 2 B-B3
If 1. KtxP; 2 B-Q4
If 1. KPxP; 2 B-K5
If 1. KRxP; 2 B-Kt1
If 1. BxP; 2 B-R4
If 1. BPxP; 2 Kt/8xP

End-Game No. 2003. White wins: 1 QxB, RPxQ; 2 BxPch, RxB; 3 R-R8ch, KxR; 4 KtxRch, K-Kt; 5 KtxQ, R-Q; 6 R-K6, resigns.

Ruy Lopez (continued)

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White	Black	White	Black
25 R-KB	Q-K	28 QxBch	Q-B
26 Q-Q5	B-Q	29 QxQch	KxQ
27 RxP	QxR	30 K-B2	Resigns