

Fischer, Karpov May Yet Meet

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Following Robert Fischer's forfeiture of the world championship, Anatoly Karpov, the new champion, offered to enter into personal negotiations with Fischer to hold a match after all. Florencio Campomanes, the Philippine chess organizer, has since been in contact with Fischer. Fischer declared he is ready for direct discussions about holding a match.

It is probable that Fischer will still insist, if each side wins nine games, that the match will be declared a draw and Karpov will keep the title. That would be a stubborn Fischer way of proving that he is contumacious on principle and not for narrow personal ambitions. The probability

is that the new talks will come to nought, but Fischer will have made his point.

The pundits have suggested that Fischer would have real trouble in a match against Karpov because Fischer has not played a serious game since 1972. The point seems moot. The value of practice in strong tournaments and matches is that it keeps one in the habit of using the mind for deep concentration.

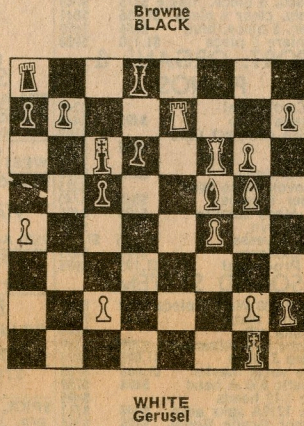
This habit of fast thinking must be maintained; that is what serious practice does. Fischer is so intense and focused on chess that he may analyze with the same concentration others bring only to tournaments. Yet he has admitted in the past that lack of practice impairs his playing.

There is another danger: That one may get too much practice. Too many tournaments a year may make a player's performance stale and routine.

This has hurt Walter Browne's game. Those who have seen him in weekend competition know that he has not been playing well for the past half year. Although winning the German International Championship this month, Browne should have placed second to Ludek Pachman. In the last round he achieved a lost position which both he and his dispirited opponent thought he was winning.

Benoni Defense

W. Gerusel vs W. Browne
1. P-Q4, P-QB4; 1. P-Q5, N-KB3; 3. N-QB3, P-Q3; 4. P-K4, P-KN3; 5. B-N5ch,



KN-Q2.

(After . . . , B-Q2; 6. Q-K2 White is well on the way to achieving P-K5 advantageously.)

6. P-QR4, B-N2; 7. N-B3, N-R3; 8. 0-0, N-B2; 9. B-K2, 0-0; 10. B-KB4, P-B4; 11. PXP, RXP; 12. B-KN5, BXN?!

(Browne's strategy is to destroy the QP and then gain space by advancing his center majority. In so doing he is also weakening his K-side, and that proves fa-

tal in this open situation.)
13. PxB, NXP; 14. B-Q3!, NXP; 15. Q-K1, RXN.

(White must not play 16. PXR, N-K4; 17. QXN, NXPch.)

16. B-B4ch, R-B2; 17. BXRch, KXB; 18. QXN, N-K4; 19. KR-K1, B-B4; 20. P-B4, N-B3; 21. PXPch!

(Browne queries this move, but it is a crusher.)

21. . . . , NXR; 22. Q-B6ch, K-K1; 23. R-K1, K-Q2; 24. RXNch, K-B3.

See diagram.

(Naturally Black could not play 24. . . . K-B1; 25. Q-N7, B-Q2; 26. R-B7. Here White has an easy win by 25. Q-N2 and I. . . . P-Q4; 26. QXPch, K-Q3; 27. B-B6, P-B5, 28. B-K5ch etc. II. . . . , Q-B1; 27. Q-N5ch, K-Q4; 28. P-B4ch, K-Q5; 29. B-B6ch, K-Q3; 30. Q-N3ch mating in two. These same variations are also available next move and both sides miss them.)

25. P-KR3?, P-KR3; 26. BXP??, R-B1; 27. P-B4, R-B2; 28. B-B8, RXR; 29. BXR, Q-Q2; 30. P-N4, B-K3; 31. P-B5, PXP; 32. P-N5, BXP; 33. P-N6, Q-K3; 34. QXQ, BXQ and won.

Chess Matches

Marcel Sisniega stomped his way to victory at the Fresno Fashion Fair Open by scoring 5-0. His nearest rival was Peter Hess of Reno who scored 4-1.

Julio Kaplan won a New York tournament to qualify American entrants to an international tourney to be held in Cleveland later this year. A West Coast qualifier went to James Tarjan with Tibor Weinberger second. Since Tarjan is already an invitee, Weinberger has also gained himself an invitation.

Ulf Andersson surprisingly dispatched Bent Larsen in an eight game match, which he won by 5½-2½.