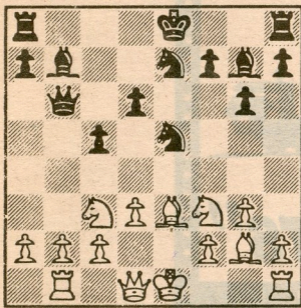


Chess



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LJUBOJEVIC-MILES
Black to play and win



DE FIRMIAN, MILES EARN FINAL TWO INTERZONAL BERTHS

Grandmasters Nick de Firmian and Tony Miles finished ahead of GM Joel Benjamin in their double round robin playoff for the United States' two remaining interzonal berths held May 10-15 in San Francisco. Benjamin did not win a game, and he would have been dropped on tiebreaks in case of a tie.

Every three years, the U.S. championship is a qualifying event for the interzonals, the next step to the world championship. The 1989 U.S. championship provided six interzonal spots. Benjamin, de Firmian and Miles finished in a 5th-7th tie and met in this playoff to eliminate one.

San Francisco 1990

White: Tony Miles

Black: Joel Benjamin

English Opening

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| 1. | Nf3 | c5 | 12. | Bd3 | f5 ⁴ |
| 2. | c4 | Nc6 | 13. | O-O | Rg8 |
| 3. | d4 | cd | 14. | f4 ⁵ | Bd6 |
| 4. | Nd4 | e5 | 15. | Rf2! ⁶ | ef ⁷ |
| 5. | Nc2 | Qh4 ¹ | 16. | Bf5 | Qf5 |
| 6. | Nc3 | Nf6 ² | 17. | Qd6 ⁸ | Qe5 |
| 7. | Nb5 | Rb8 | 18. | Qh6 | Qd5 |
| 8. | Nc7 | Kd8 | 19. | Bd2 | Ne5 |
| 9. | Nd5 | Qc4 | 20. | Qf6 | Kc7 ⁹ |
| 10. | Nf6 | gf | 21. | Rc1 | Resigns |
| 11. | e3 | Qe6 ³ | | | |

NOTES:

1. It's necessary to take risks to win a game, and Benjamin must win a game to advance to the interzonals, but this is far too unprincipled. Not even grandmasters should move their queens too early in the game.
2. Black can't even carry out his threat: 6...Qc4 7. e4 Qe6 8. Nd5 Bd6 9. Bc4 etc.
3. Black does better trying to stall White's kingside development by 11...Qe4 12. f3 Qg6 13. e4 Rg8 14. Ne3 Bc5.
4. 12...Rg8 13. O-O Qh3!?
5. The fastest way to get the rook into the game, threatening fe and Bf5.
6. White takes care of the squares in front of his king, but the real point is that his knight on c2 is also guarded.
7. White's advantage is secure after 15...e4 16. Bf1 and also 15...b6 16. Bf5 Qf5 17. Qd6 Bb7 18. Nb4.
8. Now something must be done about Nd4.
9. 20...Ke8 21. fe Nf3 (21...Ng4 21. Re2 Kf8 22. Bb4) 22. Rf3 Qf3 23. Re1.

FISCHER: "I KILLED LAURA PALMER"

Bobby Fischer, the highly eccentric American genius who abdicated the world chess championship in 1975, came out of seclusion late April to meet Grandmasters Association president Bessel Kok in Brussels, Belgium. There Fischer played tennis and analyzed chess with Boris Spassky, whom he defeated in the 1972 world title match.

Simultaneous Exhibition, Davis 1964

White: Bobby Fischer

Black: Max Wilkerson

Sicilian Defense

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| 1. | e4 | c5 ¹ | 10. | O-O | d5 |
| 2. | Nf3 | Nc6 | 11. | Nd5! | Nc5 |
| 3. | d4 | cd | 12. | Qd4 | cd |
| 4. | Nd4 | Nf6 | 13. | Bb5 | Bd7 |
| 5. | Nc3 | d6 | 14. | Bd7 | Qd7 |
| 6. | Bc4 | g6 | 15. | Qh8 | f5 |
| 7. | Nc6 | bc | 16. | Re1 | Ne6 |
| 8. | e5 | Nd7 | 17. | Qf6 | Resigns |
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NOTES:

1. Wilkerson now directs the Mechanics Institute Chess Club, the site of the Benjamin-de Firmian-Miles playoff.

BURLINGAME CC EVENT STARTS MAY 17

A five-round Swiss System tournament will be held consecutive Thursdays beginning 7:30 p.m. May 17 at the Burlingame Chess Club, 990 Burlingame Ave. in Burlingame.

SOLUTION: 1...Nf3 2. Bf3 Bc3! 3. bc Bf3 4. Qf3 (4. Rb6 Bd1) Qb1 5. Kd2 Qb8! wins.