

# CHESS

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## FISCHER FAR AHEAD IN PALMA FINISH

U.S. chess ace Bobby Fischer finished with a magnificent run of seven straight wins to score an overwhelming triumph in the Interzonal Tournament, completed last weekend in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

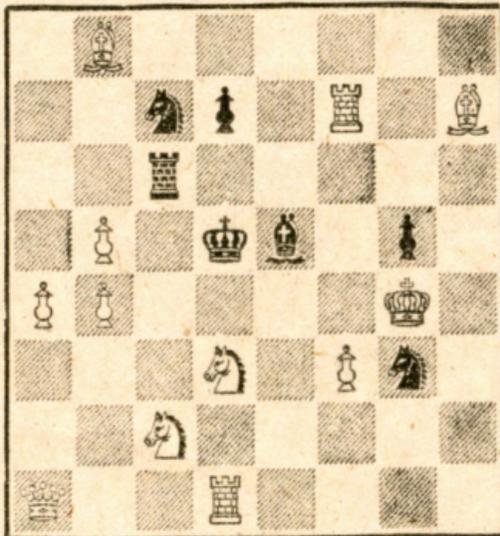
In successive rounds Fischer defeated Jorge Rubineti, Argentina; Wolfgang Uhlmann, East Germany; Mark Taimanov, USSR; Duncan Suttles, Canada; Henrique Mecking, Brazil; Svetozar Gligoric, Yugoslavia, and Oscar Panno, Argentina.

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In all, Fischer won 15 games, lost one to Bent Larsen of Denmark and drew seven. His total point score was 18½-4½.

Tied for second with scores of 15-8 were Larsen, Eufim Geller of the USSR and Robert Huebner of West Germany. Huebner, a 22-year-old student from Cologne, was easily the surprise of the tournament, finishing well ahead of a number of experienced grandmasters.

The remaining two players who earned the right to continue in the cycle leading to a possible world championship are Taimanov and Uhlmann, who tied at 14-9.

Just below them, tied at 13½-9½, were Lajos Portisch of Hungary and former world champion Vassily Smyslov of the USSR. Both lost crucial games at the end, Portisch to tailender Eleazar Jimenez of Cuba, and Smyslov to Huebner.

Others who were considered likely candidates for the top positions, and were disappointed, included Gligoric and Lev Polugaevsky of the USSR, 13-10; Mecking and Panno, 12½-10½; Vlastimil Hort, Czechoslovakia, 11½-11½, and Borislav Ivkov, Yugoslavia, 10½-12½.

U.S. champion Samuel Reshevsky of Spring Valley, N.Y., with 9½-13½, and William Addison of San Francisco, 9-14, also finished far below expectations. Both started badly, then recovered somewhat, but hardly enough.

Other final standings were: Dragoljub Minic, Yugoslavia, and Suttles, 10-13; Milan Matulovic, Yugoslavia, 9-14; Dr. Miroslav Filip, Czechoslovakia, Renato Naranja, the Philippines, and Tudev Uitumen, Mongolia, 8½-14½; Rubineti, 6-17, and Jimenez, 5½-17½.

#### QUEEN'S FIANCHETTO GAME

Fischer U.S.A.	Filip Czechoslovakia	Fischer U.S.A.	Filip Czechoslovakia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QN3	P-Q4	21-Q-K3	P-N3
2-B-N2	N-KB3	22-N-N5	QxN
3-N-KB3	P-K3	23-QxB	KR-K
4-P-N3	B-K2	24-Q-N2	R-B4
5-B-N2	O-O	25-P-KR4	KR-QB
6-O-O	P-B4	26-R-Q2	R-B6
7-P-B4	N-B3	27-KR-Q	Q-B4
8-PxP	NxP	28-P-QN4	Q-K2
9-N-B3	B-B3	29-P-K3	P-KR4
10-Q-B	P-QN3	30-P-R3	K-R2
11-NxN	PxN	31-BxP	BxB
12-P-Q4	B-R3	32-RxB	Q-K5
13-R-K	NxP	33-R-Q8	Q-B6
14-BxN	PxB	34-K-R2	R(1)-B5
15-Q-R3	B-N2	35-R(1)Q7	P-KN4
16-QR-Q	B-K2	36-R-KB8	K-N3
17-Q-R4	Q-K	37-R-N8ch	K-R2
18-QxQP	R-B	38-RxNP	R-B
19-Q-KB4	B-KB3	39-R(7)-Q5	K-R3
20-N-Q4	B-K4	40-R(Q)-KB5	Resigns

#### SICILIAN DEFENSE

Fischer U.S.A.	Rubineti Argentina	Fischer U.S.A.	Rubineti Argentina
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	13-PxPch	K-Q5
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	14-P-QN4	N-R2
3-P-Q4	PxP	15-NxN	PxN
4-NxP	N-KB3	16-P-QB4	K-Q
5-N-QB3	P-K3	17-QxB	Q-Q2
6-B-QB4	P-QR3	18-Q-N3	P-N4
7-B-N3	P-QN4	19-B-N3	N-R4
8-O-O	B-N2	20-P-B5	PxP
9-R-K	QN-Q2	21-PxP	QxP
10-B-N5	P-KR3	22-R-K8ch	K-Q2
11-B-KR4	N-B4	23-Q-R4ch	B-B3
12-B-Q5	PxB	24-NxB	Resigns

#### BENONI DEFENSE

Uhlmann E. Germany	Fischer U.S.A.	Uhlmann E. Germany	Fischer U.S.A.
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	19-QxQ	RxR
2-P-QB4	P-B4	20-P-B4	B-Q5ch
3-P-Q5	P-K3	21-K-R	N-Q2
4-N-QB3	PxP	22-R-K7	N-B3
5-PxP	P-Q3	23-RxNP	N-R4
6-P-K4	P-KN3	24-K-R2	B-K6
7-B-KB4	P-QR3	25-B-K2	BxPch
8-P-QR4	B-N2	26-BxB	RxB
9-N-B3	O-O	27-R-N6	RxR
10-B-K2	B-N5	28-BxR	R-Q
11-O-O	R-K	29-BxP	K-N2
12-P-KR3	NxKP	30-B-N5	K-B3
13-NxN	RxN	31-B-B6	K-K4
14-B-KN5	QxN	32-R-N7	R-KB
15-N-Q3	B-K	33-R-K7ch	K-Q5
16-QxB	R-QN5	34-R-Q7	N-B3
17-QR-K	B-K4	Resigns	
18-Q-Q	QxP		

#### QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Reshevsky U.S.A.	Jimenez Cuba	Reshevsky U.S.A.	Jimenez Cuba
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	18-N-R4	B-Q3
2-P-QB4	P-K3	19-KR-K	N-K3
3-N-QB3	P-Q4	20-P-QN4	PxP
4-PxP	PxP	21-PxP	PxN4
5-B-N5	B-K2	22-N-B5	N-QN
6-P-K3	O-O	23-QPxN	B-B
7-B-Q3	P-B3	24-N-N3	Q-B2
8-Q-B2	QN-Q2	25-R-R	B-B2
9-N-B3	R-K	26-N-Q4	Q-N2
10-O-O	P-KR3	27-B-N6	R-K2
11-B-KB4	N-B	28-BxBch	KxB
12-QR-N	P-QR4	29-R-R2	P-N3
13-P-QR3	N-R4	30-KR-R	RxR
14-B-K5	B-KN5	31-QxR	P-B4
15-N-Q2	P-B3	32-Q-R6	B-N2
16-B-N3	NxB	33-NxBP	Resigns
17-RPxB	B-R4		

#### KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Addison U.S.A.	Gligoric Yugoslavia	Addison U.S.A.	Gligoric Yugoslavia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	23-BxP	PxB
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	24-QR-Q	Q-B4
3-P-KN3	B-N2	25-NxP	P-B4
4-B-N2	O-O	26-Q-Q3	PxP
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	27-RxP	RxR
6-N-B3	N-B3	28-BxR	BxKR
7-O-O	P-K4	29-N-N5	K-R
8-P-Q5	N-K2	30-Q-Q5	R-KB
9-P-K4	N-K	31-QxQ	PxQ
10-N-KR4	P-QB4	32-BxQNP	B-B4
11-PxPep	NxP	33-P-R5	B-B7
12-P-KR3	N-B2	34-R-QB	BxP
13-N-B3	N-K3	35-P-R6	B-R7
14-N-QN5	N(K)-Q5	36-P-R7	P-N6
15-QNxN	PxN	37-R-B	P-N7
16-P-N3	R-K	38-N-R3	B-B6
17-R-K	Q-N3	39-P-R8(Q)	RxQ
18-B-N2	P-QR4	40-BxR	B-N5
19-P-QR4	R-K2	41-N-N	BxP
20-R-N	B-Q2	42-R-Q	B-K3
21-B-R3	N-N5	43-B-K4	K-N2
22-Q-Q2	QR-K	44-R-Q6	Resigns

White mates in two.

Mates come from all directions in today's problem. Note the three self-blocks on Black's Q3, and the two on his K3, as well as several other good defenses.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4051: P-N4 if K-R2 or N-B7, 2 RxBP; if N-N6, 2 K-N6; if P-N8(Q), 2 RxQ.

### MASTERS AND EXPERTS TO PLAY AT LONE PINE

The first of a new series of tournaments of unusual interest will be held in Lone Pine, Cal., from March 14 to 20. The guaranteed prize fund totals \$2,500.

The winner will receive \$1,000 plus a handsome trophy. The other prizes are \$600, 400, 250, 150 and 100.

Anyone can play who is rated as master or expert by the U.S. Chess Federation. There is no entrance fee. The only qualification is current membership in USCF.

The sponsor of the tournament is Louis D. Statham, who recently established his residence in Lone Pine. There is no chess activity there, a situation which Mr. Statham hopes to correct in time.

The dates for the tournament are directly after the annual National Open in Sparks, Nev. This is a unique opportunity for players to participate in both events with a minimum of travel time and expense.

The National Open ends on Friday, March 12, and the first round in Lone Pine is on the following Sunday. The distance is 270 miles. Transportation will be provided for all eligible participants.

Seven rounds will be played in Lone Pine, one each day. There should be ample time for trips and enjoyment of the smog free air, as well as chess.

Lone Pine is on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevadas, at an altitude of 3,700 feet. It is a starting point for excursions to Mount Whitney, the highest point on the North American continent, and Death Valley, the lowest point.

This editor will direct the tournament. Those interested should write to Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times.

#### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The finals for the annual California State Chess Championship will take place at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post St., San Francisco, from Dec. 26 to 29.

Defending champion Charles Henin of Los Angeles and California Open winner Tibor Weinberger of Santa Monica were seeded into the finals. Other players from the Southland who qualified are Julius Loftson, Los Angeles; Ray Martin, Van Nuys; Harry Mayer, Gardena, and Ross Stoutenborough, Riverside.

Players qualifying from various areas in North California are Donald Dean, Berkeley; Michael Ewell, Monterey; Dennis Fritzinger, San Francisco, and Erik Osburn, Santa Rosa. Michael Goodall of San Francisco will direct.

#### CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The championship tournament of the Students Chess Club will start at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28 in the Teachers' Cafeteria of Grant High School, 13000 Oxnard St. North Hollywood. Three rounds will be played that day and the final two on Tuesday.

The club meets regularly at the site on Saturday mornings. Anyone under 21 can join, with dues of \$1 per year. For further information call Arthur Drucker at 985-0979.

The North American Rockwell Valley Chess Club will start an eight round Swiss system tournament on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, at the NAR Recreation Center, 8500 Fallbrook, Canoga Park. Trophies will be awarded to winners.

The club meets regularly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. All chess players are welcome, with no dues required.

The Conejo Valley Chess Club Booster Tournament will be held on four Thursday evenings starting Jan. 7, at the Conejo Valley Park Recreation Center in Thousand Oaks.

Entry is limited to players rated Class C or lower by the U.S. Chess Federation, or those not previously rated. For further information call Tournament Director David LeVine at (805) 497-3527.