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OSCAR TO FISCHER AS PLAYER OF YEAR

The Chess Oscar for the outstanding player of 1970 was awarded to American chess ace Bobby Fischer by a practically unanimous vote of members of the International Association of Chess Journalists.

The announcement was made during the closing ceremonies of the Interzonal Tournament in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Fischer won the tournament by the overwhelming margin of 3½ points over his nearest competitors.

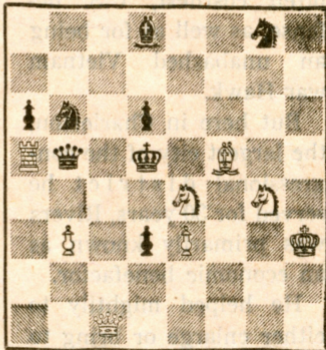
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TIMES PROBLEM 4054

By W. L. Barclay

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Fischer started his 1970 series of triumphs by defeating former world champion Tigran Petrosian by 3-1, as part of the match between the USSR and the rest of the world.

Easy victories followed in strong tournaments in Rovinj-Zagreb, Yugoslavia and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Playing first board for the U.S. in the Chess Olympics in Siegen, West Germany, Fischer scored 10-3, second only to world champion Boris Spassky of the USSR.

In all, Fischer played 73 tournament and match games, of which he won 49, drew 21 and lost only three. The losses were to Kovacevic of Yugoslavia in Rovinj, to Spassky in Siegen, and to Bent Larsen of Denmark in Palma.

With 59½ points out of 73, Fischer had a percentage of 81.5, a remarkable feat in grandmaster chess. It was particularly noteworthy because of the high quality of the opposition he faced throughout.

Spassky placed second in the vote for the Oscar. In a relatively inactive year he won tournaments in Leiden and Amsterdam, Holland, and won the gold medal for best score in the Chess Olympics. He scored 28 points of a possible 39 for 72%.

Larsen, who had won the Oscar two years ago, was third in the list of the top 10 of 1970. Following were three Russians, Mark Taimanov, Eufim Geller and Lev Polugaevsky.

The others were Lajos Portisch, Hungary; Paul Keres, USSR; Vlastimil Hort, Czechoslovakia and Victor Korchnoi, USSR.

BEST GAME PRIZE

During the American Open Championship Tournament, held in Santa Monica over the Thanksgiving weekend, a fine chess set and board was offered as a special prize for the best game played.

This editor, who was asked to judge the games submitted, made the award to Dr. Anthony F. Saily for his win over Roy Ervin. Of most interest was the combination initiated by Black's 26th move. It required exact calculation, and resulted in a forced gain of material.

The game follows, along with others from the tournament.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Ervin White	Saily Black	Ervin White	Saily Black
1-P-K4	N-QB4	22-NxN	PxN
2-N-QB3	N-QB3	23-B-Q2	N-Q4
3-P-KN3	P-KN3	24-Q-R4	P-R3
4-B-N2	B-N2	25-N-B3	B-QB3
5-P-Q3	P-Q3	26-N-K5	N-K6
6-P-B4	P-K3	27-BxB	BxN
7-N-B3	KN-K2	28-B-KB3	B-B3
8-O-O	O-O	29-QxP	B-N2
9-R-N	R-N	30-Q-N5	NxR
10-B-K3	P-B4	31-RxN	R-B3
11-Q-Q2	P-Q4	32-B-QN4	Q-Q2
12-P-QR3	Q-B2	33-Q-N2	K-R2
13-K-R	B-Q2	34-P-B3	PxP
14-P-R3	P-QR3	35-BxP	R-Q3
15-P-KN4	QR-Q	36-P-Q4	R-QB
16-Q-B2	QR-K	37-R-KN	Q-KB2
17-N-K2	N-Q	38-R-K	QxR
18-NPxP	K-P	39-RxR	R-K
19-P-K5	N-K3	40-Q-KB2	Q-Q
20-PxP	QxP	41-Q-Q2	BxP
21-N-N5	N-Q5	Resigns	

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Henin White	Tarian Black	Henin White	Tarian Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	18-B-K3	N-R4
2-P-QB4	B-K3	19-P-Q5	BxP
3-N-QB3	P-N5	20-P-Q6	Q-Q2
4-P-K3	P-QN3	21-QR-Q	BxB
5-N-K2	N-K5	22-RxB	N-B5
6-P-B3	NxN	23-NxP	NxKP
7-PxN	B-Q3	24-B-N5	PxN
8-P-K4	O-O	25-R-Q5	P-KR3
9-N-N3	P-KB4	26-RxN	PxB
10-P-K5	B-K2	27-R(5)xKBP	BxP
11-B-Q3	P-Q3	28-RxNP	Q-K3
12-P-B4	PxP	29-R(5)-B5	Q-R3
13-BPxP	P-B4	30-P-N3	Q-K6ch
14-Q-B3	Q-B2	31-K-N2	QxBP
15-QxR	N-B3	32-K-R3	Q-Q5
16-O-O	B-R3	33-R-B7	Q-QB5
17-QxRch	BxQ	Resigns	

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Mann White	Siero Black	Mann White	Siero Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	14-P-Q5	N-KR4
2-N-KB3	P-K3	15-PxN	BxP
3-P-K3	P-QN3	16-B-Q6	B-B3
4-B-Q3	B-N2	17-B-Q4	P-N3
5-QN-Q2	P-B4	18-B-B4ch	K-R
6-O-O	PxP	19-N-K5	BxN
7-PxP	N-B3	20-RxB	Q-N4
8-P-B3	N-Q4	21-P-KN3	KR-K
9-R-K	B-K2	22-Q-Q4	N-N2
10-N-K4	P-B4	23-QR-K	R-KN
11-N-N3	N-B3	24-R-K7	Q-N5
12-B-KB4	O-O	25-QxNch	Resigns
13-NxP	PxN		

CHESS CLUB NOTES

The championship tournament of the Downey Chess Club will start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the club headquarters, 9612 Ardine in Rio San Gabriel Park.

It will be a six-round Swiss system, with games every

White mates in two.

The white queen supplies most of the force in today's problem, but the two mates by the knight are most distinctive.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4053: R-N4 If PxR, 2 N-N6ch; if QxN, 2 R-Q1ch; if Q-R5, 2 RxQ.

Thursday night. Trophies will be awarded to winners in several divisions. John Barnard and Greg Scheger will direct. For further information, call Doris Gould at 861-3333 or 225-9237.

The 10th anniversary of the Whittier Chess Club will be celebrated by a tournament starting at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the clubhouse in Sorenson Park, Broadway and Rosehedge.

Play will be in four divisions, each with six rounds on Mondays. Anyone can enter the Open Division. The B Division is for those rated 1600 to 1799 by the U.S. Chess Federation. C is for players rated 1400 to 1599, and D for below 1400 or unrated entrants.

Each division will have four cash prizes, \$40, \$25, \$10 and \$5, as well as trophies to the winners. Other special trophies will also be awarded.

The entrance fee is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Juniors under 21 will pay half the amount. Membership in USCF is required.

For further information regarding the tournament or other club activities, call Tournament Director Ken Fleshman at 699-5787 or Frank Frilling at 333-8065.

The San Fernando Valley Chess Club has moved to 10919 Saticoy St. in Sun Valley. The club meets every Thursday and Friday from 7:30 p.m. A rapid transit tournament is held every Friday. Visitors are welcome.

For further information call Sigmund Goldstein at 766-4566 or Paul Pollard at 765-0782.

Don Bicknell scored 5½-1½ to win the Fall Classic Tournament of the West Covina Chess Club, which meets Friday evenings at Mesa School, 309 S. Barranca.

Bicknell, who has never lost a tournament game at West Covina, won by a full point. He drew only with Charles Grotts. Tied for second with 4½-1½ were Paul Koploy, Ray Mendoza and Marshall Neuss.

A previously unrated player, Don Westerfield, scored 4-2 to win the Class B prize. Rick Flacco won the Class C prize with 3½-2½. Charles Lautman and Edwin Delong shared the unrated prize with 3-3. There were 23 players in the tournament, which was directed by David Argall.

M. Thomason Jr. won five games and drew with A. Vinock to win the San Gabriel Valley Open Tournament, played at the Pasadena Chess Club, which meets Friday evenings at the Athenaeum Building of Cal. Tech., 551 S. Hill St., Pasadena.

Vinock and J. Zuzow tied with totals of 5-1. Vinock was awarded the second prize on tie-breaking points. Neilen Hultgren, who directed the tournament, tied with G. Francis, each having 4½-1½. There were 36 participants.

CHESS OLYMPICS

SICILIAN DEFENSE			
Fischer U.S.A. White	Naidorf Argentina Black	Fischer U.S.A. White	Naidorf Argentina Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	25-Q-B3	N-R3
2-N-KB3	P-K3	26-KN-N5	N-B4
3-P-Q4	PxP	27-P-K5	PxP
4-NxP	P-QR3	28-QxP	RxQ
5-B-Q3	N-KB3	29-PxP	KN-K5
6-O-O	P-Q3	30-N-Q6	B-QB3
7-P-QB4	B-Q2	31-QNxB	NxN
8-N-QB3	N-B3	32-P-B5	N-N6
9-B-K3	B-K2	33-B-QB4	P-R4
10-P-KR3	N-K4	34-B-B2	P-KR5
11-B-K2	R-QB	35-BxB	PxB
12-Q-N3	Q-B2	36-B-N5	BxB
13-QR-B	O-O	37-NxB	P-B3
14-P-B4	N-B3	38-R-Q7	B-Q
15-N-B3	Q-N	39-R-B3	PxP
16-Q-Q	B-K	40-QRxP	R-B2
17-Q-Q2	N-QR4	41-RxR	KxR
18-P-QN3	P-QN3	42-P-B6	B-N3ch
19-B-Q3	N-B3	43-K-B	K-B
20-Q-KB2	P-QN4	44-P-B7	R-B
21-KR-Q	N-QN5	45-P-QR4	P-K5
22-B-B	PxP	46-K-K2	P-K4
23-PxP	P-QR4	47-R-N6	B-Q5
24-N-Q4	Q-R	48-P-R4	Resigns