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## FISCHER FORFEITS SECOND MATCH GAME

The long awaited and several times delayed match for the world chess championship may have come to a dismal conclusion Thursday when challenger Bobby Fischer of the U.S. was forfeited against titleholder Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union.

Fischer did not appear when the game was to have started, sending word that he would not play until the television cameras were removed from the area.

Fischer had complained during the first game that the cameras were disturbing him. Shortly after the start of the second session of that game, he stalked off the stage.

The match referee, Lothar Schmidt of West Germany, followed Fischer, and both were off stage for a half hour, with Fischer's clock ticking away. Apparently nothing was resolved, but Fischer returned to complete the game.

During the negotiations weeks earlier, Fischer had demanded that the players receive a share of any television rights sold by the Icelandic promoters of the match.

The agreement reached provided that both Fischer and Spassky would get 30% of the amount involved. It was also stipulated that any lights, cameras or other equipment used must in no way disturb the players.

Every effort was made to keep the cameras as unobtrusive as possible, and at the furthest distance from the players. For the hypersensitive Fischer, however, the precautions were apparently not enough.

With the Icelanders determined to maintain the TV coverage, and Fischer adamant on his position, it was up to Schmidt. At exactly 5 p.m. Thursday he started Fischer's clock, and one hour later declared the game forfeited to Spassky.

Technically, that was not the end of the match. The third game is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. today Los Angeles time. If Fischer appears, he will play the black pieces, as he did in the first game.

A second non-appearance, except for serious illness, will lead to a forfeiture of the match. In that case Spassky will be awarded the winner's share of the purse, with nothing for Fischer.

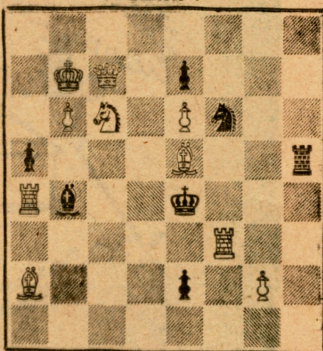
That was the situation at this writing. Any later developments will of course appear in the news pages of The Times.

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Times Problem 4134

By D.L. Brown

BLACK 7



WHITE 10

White mates in two.

Today's problem is another original contribution by David L. Brown of Rockford, Ill. Black has a number of options after the good key move, including a couple of self-blocks.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM 4133: R-B6

Theat, 2 N-B5ch; if PxR, 2 P-R3; if PxN, 2 BxP; if P-N3, 2 R-B4ch.

With two pawns for the piece, Fischer played on for 56 moves, but had no chance to recover. For Spassky, it was much the easiest of the four victories he now has against the challenger, with two draws and no defeats.

This writer stated last Sunday that Fischer should have been disqualified on the originally scheduled date, July 2, when he failed to show up. The delay granted at that time was patently against the terms of the agreement.

The forfeit seems equally wrong, based on the language of the agreement. No doubt there is considerable and deserved feeling against Fischer, and the officials may have determined to give him no further consideration.

He had the right, however, to play without the cameras, at considerable loss to himself as well as to others.

The first game was lost by Fischer in incredible fashion. Neither player seemed at all ambitious in the early stages. Spassky, with the white pieces, was satisfied to exchange and simplify at every opportunity.

Fischer, who practically always tries to develop tension, and who consistently avoids quick simplification, this time went along with Spassky.

After 24 moves the major pieces were all gone. With the pawns balanced, there was nothing to play for, and the only question was who would offer the draw.

FIRST MATCH GAME  
NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Spassky White	Fischer Black	Spassky White	Fischer Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	29-P-N5	BxKRP
2-P-QB4	P-K3	30-P-N3	P-KR4
3-N-KB3	P-Q4	31-K-K2	P-R5
4-N-B3	B-N5	32-K-B3	K-K2
5-P-K3	O-O	33-K-N2	PxP
6-B-Q3	P-B4	34-PxP	BxP
7-O-O	N-B3	35-KxB	K-Q3
8-P-QR3	B-R4	36-P-R4	K-Q4
9-N-K2	FxBP	37-B-R3	K-K5
10-BxBP	E-N3	38-B-B5	P-R3
11-PxP	QxQ	39-P-N6	P-B4
12-RxQ	BxP	40-K-R4	P-B5
13-P-QN4	E-K2	41-PxP	KxP
14-B-N2	B-Q2	42-K-R5	K-B4
15-QR-B1	KR-Q1	43-B-K3	K-K5
16-QN-Q4	NxN	44-B-B2	K-B4
17-NxN	B-R5	45-B-R4	P-K4
18-B-N3	BxB	46-B-N5	P-K5
19-NxB	RxRch	47-B-K3	K-B3
20-RxR	R-QB1	48-K-N4	K-K4
21-K-B1	K-B1	49-K-N5	K-Q4
22-K-K2	N-K5	50-K-B5	P-R4
23-R-QB1	RxR	51-B-B2	P-N4
24-BxR	P-B3	52-KxP	K-B5
25-N-R5	N-Q3	53-K-B4	K-N5
26-K-Q3	B-Q1	54-KxP	KxP
27-N-B4	B-B2	55-K-Q5	K-N4
28-NxN	BxN	56-K-Q6	Resigns

Then on his 29th move, Fischer made the kind of error that is rarely seen in a minor class tournament. He snatched a pawn, and found his bishop trapped.