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FISCHER, KORCHNOI, LARSEN WIN MATCHES

Mark Taimanov of the USSR is a well known concert pianist. He is also a grandmaster at chess who earned the right to compete in the series of matches to determine a challenger for the world chess championship.

His artistry as a pianist did not suffer, but Taimanov's chess status received a cruel blow at the hands of American genius Bobby Fischer.

Fischer won six games in succession to clinch the match at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. No such result was ever before achieved in the history of grandmaster encounters.

The match had been for the best of 10 games, with 5½ points required for victory. The shortest possible number of games was six, and that is all Fischer allowed.

Fischer had a minimal advantage in the first session of the fourth game, but it hardly seemed sufficient to win. The game was adjourned with material even except that Fischer had a bishop for Taimanov's knight.

In a remarkable demonstration of endgame technique, Fischer advanced his king behind the black pawns. The final blow was a sacrifice of the bishop for three pawns. Taimanov was helpless to halt their advance.

The fifth game was the best of the match for 45 of the 46 moves. Taimanov played more aggressively in the opening and had Fischer on the defensive. By adjournment time on the 41st move the game had been equalized, however.

When the players sat down for the second session they moved rapidly, evidently having fully explored the possibilities during the intervening hours.

One of the fast moves was Taimanov's 46th, an incredible blunder which lost a rook. Either his preliminary analysis had been faulty, or he mentally transposed moves. It would have been a tragic occurrence had the match been close.

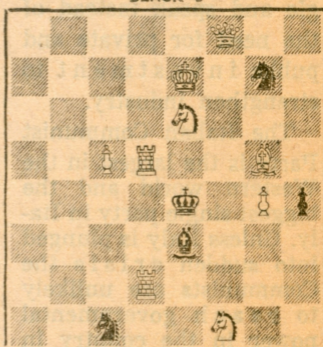
Fischer needed only a draw in the sixth game to win the match, but this was clearly not his goal. He plays every game to win, no matter what the score, in match or tournament.

This game also went to adjournment, but Fischer had two pawns ahead with a relatively easy task. It was a sad end for the outclassed Taimanov.

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TIMES PROBLEM 4076

By J. Hartong and Dr. M. Niemeier
BLACK 5



WHITE 9

White mates in two.

In a good problem, if Black has a check, mate should be ready to follow. This is true here. But the mates are all changed after the key move.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4075: Q-K7

If N-B3, 2 N-K3ch; if N-Q4, 2 B-B3ch; if N-Q6, 2, BxPch; if N-B7, 2 N-K5ch.

in the ninth game, making the 10th unnecessary.

Following is one of Larsen's earlier victories:

FOURTH MATCH GAME QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Uhlmann White	Larsen Black	Uhlmann White	Larsen Black
1-P-QB4	N-KB3	21-RxB	QxRP
2-N-QB3	P-K3	22-Q-QB2	N-N4
3-N-B3	P-Q4	23-N-Q4	Q-Q4
4-P-Q4	P-B3	24-R-B5	Q-Q
5-P-K3	QN-Q2	25-R-B7	P-N6
6-B-Q3	PxP	26-Q-B6	Q-Q4
7-BxBP	P-QN4	27-P-R4	QxKP
8-B-Q3	B-N2	28-QxRch	K-R2
9-P-K4	P-N5	29-QxP	QxPch
10-N-QR4	P-B4	30-K-R2	R-Q
11-P-K5	N-Q4	31-N-B3	Q-B5ch
12-NxP	BxN	32-K-N	NxNch
13-PxB	Q-R4	33-RxN	R-Q8ch
14-Q-K2	NxBP	34-K-B2	QxPch
15-B-N5ch	K-B	35-P-N3	Q-R7ch
16-O-O	P-KR3	36-K-K3	Q-Q7ch
17-B-K3	NxB	37-K-K4	Q-Q4ch
18-PxN	K-N	38-K-K3	R-Q6ch
19-QR-B	N-K5	Resigns	
20-B-B6	BxB		

Korchnoi 5½, Geller 2½

Victor Korchnoi of the USSR eliminated his compatriot Eufim Geller, winning their match in Moscow by a score of 5½-2½.

Up to the sixth game this was a tight struggle, with Korchnoi having won two games, lost one and drawn three for a slim margin of 3½-2½. Two successive wins were sufficient to complete the task, however, and Korchnoi had qualified for the next step in the series.

FIFTH MATCH GAME QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Korchnoi White	Geller Black	Korchnoi White	Geller Black
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	14-PxP	BxN
2-P-QB4	P-K3	15-QxB	PxP
3-N-QB3	B-K2	16-R-B	N-Q2
4-N-B3	N-KB3	17-R-B2	QR-N
5-B-N5	O-O	18-P-QN3	Q-K3
6-P-K3	P-KR3	19-R-Q	Q-QN3
7-B-R4	P-QN3	20-N-K	QR-B
8-B-K2	B-N2	21-B-N4	Q-N3
9-BxN	BxB	22-B-R3	R-B2
10-PxP	PxP	23-N-Q3	N-B3
11-O-O	Q-K2	24-Q-R5	N-K
12-Q-N3	R-Q	25-RxP	RxR
13-QR-Q	P-B4	26-NxR	Resigns

SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

FOURTH MATCH GAME

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Fischer White	Taimanov Black	Fischer White	Taimanov Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	37-R-Q5	P-B4
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	38-R-Q2	R-B3
3-P-Q4	PxP	39-R-K2	K-Q2
4-NxP	Q-B2	40-R-K3	P-N3
5-N-QB3	P-K3	41-B-N5	R-Q3
6-P-KN3	P-QR3	42-K-K2	K-Q
7-B-N2	N-B3	43-R-Q3	K-B2
8-O-O	NxN	44-RxR	KxR
9-QxN	B-B4	45-K-Q3	N-K2
10-B-B4	P-Q3	46-B-K8	K-Q4
11-Q-Q2	R-P3	47-B-B7ch	K-Q3
12-QR-Q	P-K4	48-K-B4	K-B3
13-B-K3	B-KN5	49-B-K8ch	K-N2
14-BxB	PxB	50-K-N5	N-B
15-P-B3	B-K3	51-B-B6ch	K-B2
16-P-B4	R-Q	52-B-Q5	N-K2
17-N-Q5	BxN	53-B-B7	K-N2
18-PxB	P-K5	54-B-N3	K-R2
19-KR-K	RxP	55-B-Q	K-N2
20-RxPch	K-Q	56-B-B3ch	K-B2
21-Q-K2	RxRch	57-K-R6	N-N
22-QxRch	Q-Q2	58-B-Q5	N-K2
23-QxQch	KxQ	59-B-B4	K-B3
24-R-K5	P-QN3	60-B-B7	K-B2
25-B-B	P-QR4	61-B-K8	K-K
26-B-B4	R-KB	62-BxP	NxB
27-K-N2	K-Q3	63-KxP	K-Q2
28-K-B3	N-Q2	64-KxBP	N-K2
29-R-K3	N-N	65-P-QN4	PxP
30-R-Q3ch	K-B2	66-PxP	N-B
31-P-B3	N-B3	67-P-R5	N-Q3
32-R-K3	K-Q3	68-P-N5	N-K5ch
33-P-QR4	N-K2	69-K-N6	K-B
34-P-R3	N-B3	70-K-B6	K-N
35-P-R4	P-R4	71-P-N6	Resigns
36-R-Q3ch	K-B2		

FIFTH MATCH GAME

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

Taimanov White	Fischer Black	Taimanov White	Fischer Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	25-PxP	PxP
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	26-Q-Q6	R-B
3-N-QB3	P-Q4	27-P-R5	B-B
4-B-N5	N-K5	28-Q-Q2	B-K2
5-B-R4	NxN	29-B-Q5	Q-B2
6-PxN	PxP	30-BxB	QxB
7-P-K3	P-K3	31-Q-Q7	K-B2
8-R-N	P-N3	32-QxP	PxP
9-B-K2	B-R3	33-P-K4	Q-B3
10-N-B3	P-QB3	34-R-Q7	QxP
11-N-K5	B-N2	35-P-R3	P-R5
12-P-B4	B-Q4	36-B-B2	K-B
13-O-O	N-Q2	37-P-B4	P-R6
14-NxP(4)	O-O	38-QxRP	R-R
15-P-R4	P-QB4	39-Q-N2	K-K
16-N-K5	NxN	40-Q-N5	K-B
17-QPxN	P-B3	41-R-Q	QxKBP
18-R-N2	B-K3	42-BxP	BxBch
19-R-Q2	Q-B2	43-QxBch	K-N2
20-B-N4	Q-B	44-R-KB	Q-K5
21-B-B3	R-N	45-Q-B7ch	K-R3
22-Q-K2	R-Q	46-RxP?	Q-Q5ch
23-KR-Q	RxR	Resigns	
24-QxR	Q-K		

Larsen 5½, Uhlmann 3½

Bent Larsen of Denmark defeated Wolfgang Uhlmann by a score of 5½-3½ in their match in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, to remain in the race for a chance at the world championship title.

Larsen had led by two points after the sixth game and maintained that advantage when the seventh was drawn. Uhlmann made it a match again by winning the eighth game. The score then was 4½-3½ in Larsen's favor.

The Dane then needed one win or two draws in the next two games. He ended the suspense by defeating Uhlmann

The pairings for the semi-finals among the four remaining potential challengers for the world championship are Fischer vs. Larsen and Korchnoi vs. former titleholder Tigran Petrosian of the USSR. The latter had defeated Robert Huebner of West Germany, as recounted here last week.

The site for Korchnoi-Petrosian is no problem. They are at home in Moscow. Fischer and Larsen must agree, and discussions have already started.

Larsen is willing to play in the U.S. Several cities have been mentioned, including Los Angeles. A decision should be reached soon, with the match to start early next month.

Both Fischer and Larsen have played in Los Angeles, in the Piatigorsky Cup competition in 1966. Fischer took the second prize then and Larsen was third. The winner was world champion Boris Spassky of the USSR, and the man still to beat for the title.

The coming matches will be on the same conditions as those just completed, for the best of 10 games. The two winners will meet in a 12-game match in September. The ultimate victor will have Spassky to contend with next spring.

TOURNEY RESULTS

William E. Smith scored a perfect 6-0 to win the Spring Rating Tournament of the West Covina Chess Club, which meets at the Mesa Elementary School, 309 S. Baranca, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays.

Tied for second were Edwin DeLong and James Whiting, with 4½-1½ totals. There were 22 participants in the event, which was directed by David Argall.

David Gibson won the amateur tournament of the Orange City Chess Club. Tied for second were Andrew Kraus, Ronald Pease, Powelson and Robert Snyder.

The club meets at 153 S. Olive Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.