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FISCHER 4, LARSEN 0! 5½ POINTS NEEDED

When U.S. chess genius Bobby Fischer defeated Mark Taimanov of the Soviet Union by 6-0, it was an amazing feat, a record in the annals of grandmaster chess.

It could hardly be expected that this would happen again against top competition, certainly not against Bent Larsen of Denmark, who in 1968 had won the Chess Oscar as player of the year.

Yet Fischer's streak has continued, and he won the first four games in succession, without so much as adjourning one of the games with Larsen.

At this writing, with six games remaining on the schedule, Fischer needs another 1½ points for a total of 5½ to clinch the match.

Larsen's grim task is to gain five points of the six to tie the match, well-nigh impossible in view of Fischer's current form.

Accuracy has been the determining factor, with Larsen making one or more errors in each game, with none of any consequence for Fischer.

Time control was a major factor in the second game, which was evenly contested in the opening and middle game. After 20 moves Larsen had used over two hours, Fischer about 45 minutes.

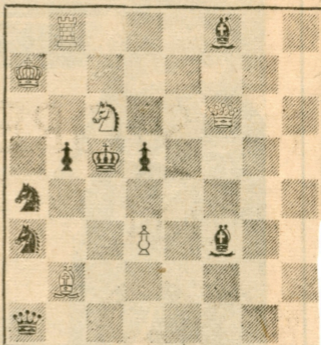
When the queens were exchanged Larsen had a slight advantage, with his rooks more aggressively placed. He played to open lines for a further advance.

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White mates in two.

White has four men that can move to Q4. All of them do so during the course of the solution. An odd idea.

FOURTH MATCH GAME KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Larsen White	Fischer Black	Larsen White	Fischer Black
1-P-QB4	P-KN3	18-PxP	PxP
2-N-KB3	B-N2	19-B-B2	P-R3
3-P-Q4	N-KB3	20-N(2)-K4	BxB
4-N-B3	O-O	21-NxNch	RxN
5-P-K4	P-Q3	22-KRxB	QR-KB1
6-B-K2	P-K4	23-R-N6	B-B1
7-O-O	N-B3	24-N-K2	P-B5
8-P-Q4	N-K2	25-B-K4	N-B4
9-N-Q2	P-B4	26-R-B6	Q-KN2
10-R-N1	N-K1	27-R-N1	N-R5
11-P-QN4	P-N3	28-Q-Q3	B-B4
12-P-QR4	P-B4	29-K-R1	P-B6
13-P-R5	N-KB3	30-N-N3	PxPch
14-Q-R4	B-Q2	31-K-N1	BxBch
15-Q-R3	B-R3	32-QxB	N-B6ch
16-B-Q3	Q-B2	33-KxP	N-Q7
17-NPxP	NPxBP	Resigns	

FIRST MATCH GAME NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Petrosian White	Korchnoi Black	Petrosian White	Korchnoi Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	19-R-N1	N-K5
2-P-QB4	P-K3	20-N-K2	N-Q3
3-N-QB3	B-N5	21-P-R4	N-B5
4-Q-B2	U-Q4	22-N-B4	K-B1
5-PxP	PxP	23-P-N4	P-N3
6-P-QR3	BxNch	24-K-N2	P-KR3
7-PxB	O-O	25-R-Q1	P-KN4
8-B-N5	P-B4	26-RPxP	RPxP
9-P-K3	QN-Q2	27-N-K2	N-Q3
10-B-Q3	Q-R4	28-N-N3	PxP
11-N-K2	P-QN3	29-RxP	N-K5
12-O-O	B-R3	30-NxN	PxN
13-BxB	QxB	31-RxP	RxP
14-BxN	NxB	32-P-R5	KR-B1
15-N-B4	Q-B5	33-PxP	PxP
16-Q-R2	QxQ	34-R-N2	RN-B5
17-RxQ	QR-B1	35-RxR	RxR
18-P-QR4	KR-Q1	Drawn	

This gave Fischer opportunities as well however. On the 37th move Larsen overlooked a sharp tactical point which cost him two pawns. He continued for 54 moves, but the game was hopeless for some time.

In the third game Larsen blundered on the 11th move, when P-K4 was necessary. He stated later that he confused two opening systems.

Fischer quickly forced the win of a pawn plus a better position. This was ample advantage. Fischer simplified by exchanging several pieces and soon established a winning position in the ending.

The fourth game was a battle of diverse strategies, and here too Fischer proved superior. Larsen started an advance on the queen side and Fischer countered on the other wing.

Larsen made early progress, opening a file and establishing a rook on the sixth rank. His plan was a further advance in that area, to weaken Fischer's pawns and perhaps pick up one or two of them.

Fischer's movement was slower, but his objective much greater, a direct attack on Larsen's king. Each player proceeded with his plan, with no apparent advantage.

The break in the game came after Larsen's 24th move, retreating his knight. For the first time Fischer had a target, and he immediately moved in.

The advance of the king bishop pawn threatened to break up Larsen's king side pawns. Fischer's pieces moved quickly to the attack, and Larsen, involved on the other side, could not react in time.

In the final position Larsen's king, queen and rook were all threatened. There was little to do but resign.

PETROSIAN-KORCHNOI

The Fischer-Larsen match is one of the semi-finals in the elimination series to determine a worthy candidate for the world championships now held by Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union.

The other match is being played in Moscow between two Russians, former world champion Tigran Petrosian and Victor Korchnoi. In contrast to the decisive results in Denver, they have played five games, all ending in draws.

No details are available, except for the first game. This was even all the way, with occasional exchanges leading to a clearly drawn ending.

The games follow:

SECOND MATCH GAME SICILIAN DEFENSE

Larsen White	Fischer Black	Larsen White	Fischer Black
1-P-QB4	P-QB4	29-R-N5ch	K-R3
2-N-KB3	P-KN3	30-P-KR4	P-K3
3-P-Q4	PxP	31-R-KB1	P-B4
4-NxP	N-KB3	32-R-K1	R-B2
5-N-K4	N-B3	33-P-N5	PxP
6-N-QB3	P-Q3	34-PxP	B-Q2
7-B-K2	NxN	35-P-N4	R-QR1
8-QxN	B-N2	36-PxP	PxP
9-B-N5	P-KR3	37-B-B4	R-R5
10-B-K3	O-O	38-R-QB1	BxP
11-Q-Q2	K-R2	39-BxR	RxPch
12-O-O	B-K3	40-K-N2	KxR
13-P-B4	R-B1	41-B-Q5	B-R3
14-P-QN3	Q-R4	42-Q-Q1	R-R5
15-P-QR3	P-R3	43-Q-B3	RxP
16-P-KB5	B-Q2	44-RxP	R-R7ch
17-P-QN4	Q-K4	45-K-N1	K-B5
18-QR-K1	B-B3	46-B-N2	R-N7
19-B-B4	NxP	47-R-Q7	P-N3
20-NxN	QxN	48-R-Q8	B-K7
21-B-Q3	Q-Q5ch	49-B-R3	B-N5
22-K-R1	QR-K1	50-B-B1	B-B6
23-B-K3	Q-B6	51-R-QN8	B-K5
24-BxP	QxQ	52-B-R6	K-K6
25-BxQ	B-K4	53-R-QB8	R-N8ch
26-B-B4	BxB	54-K-R2	K-B5
27-RxB	PxP	Resigns	
28-RxBP	K-N2		

THIRD MATCH GAME SICILIAN DEFENSE

Fischer White	Larsen Black	Fischer White	Larsen Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	22-R-B2	Q-N4
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	23-P-B3	B-R5
3-P-Q4	PxP	24-P-KN3	QxQ
4-NxP	N-KB3	25-PxQ	B-B3
5-N-QB3	N-B3	26-QR-KB1	N-B5
6-B-QB4	P-K3	27-B-K6	R-R1
7-B-N3	B-K2	28-B-Q4	BxB
8-B-K3	O-O	29-PxB	QxR
9-P-KB4	B-Q2	30-RxR	P-QN4
10-O-O	P-QR3	31-K-B1	P-N3
11-P-B5	Q-B1	32-P-N3	N-R6
12-PxP	BxP	33-K-K2	R-R2
13-NxB	PxN	34-R-N5	K-N2
14-N-R4	F-N1	35-R-Q8	P-N5
15-N-N6	Q-K1	36-RxP	N-N4
16-BxPch	K-R1	37-P-N6	NxPch
17-B-KB5	N-K4	38-K-Q3	NxB
18-Q-Q4	Q-R4	39-RxN	P-QR4
19-N-Q5	NxN	40-K-Q4	K-B2
20-QxN	Q-K7	41-R-K2	Resigns
21-B-R7	QR-K1		

We recently noted that seven international grandmasters would be among the participants in the 72nd annual U.S. Open Chess Championship, to be held at Seaside Park, Ventura, from Aug. 8 to 20.

The list is growing. Harold Sanders of the Ventura organizing committee informs us that nine grandmasters will be in the field, easily a world record for this type of competition.

The U.S. will be represented by former champions Arthur Bisguier and Larry Evans, as well as Pal Benko, Robert Byrne and William Lombardy. Also counting as an American is former Czechoslovakian champion Lubomir Kavalek, now residing in Washington, D.C.

In the foreign contingent are Walter Browne of Australia, Florin Gheorghiu of Romania and Levente Lengyel of Hungary. Confirmed entries with the lesser title of international master are Anthony Saidy of Los Angeles and Hans Ree of Holland.

The vast majority of the 350 to 400 players expected will run the gamut from master to those who have never before been involved in an organized chess tournament.

Once started, no one is eliminated in this event, with pairings based on the Swiss system. All will play 12 rounds on a daily basis starting at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8.

The total prize fund is \$6,000, a record for an open tournament. The winner will receive \$1,500 plus the championship trophy.

Many prizes are specifically for players in various rating classifications, so that everyone has an opportunity to share if he plays better than his normal game.

The tournament is open to all chess players. The entrance fee is \$30 if mailed by July 30 to U.S. Chess Federation, 479 Broadway, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550. Membership in the federation is required. This is \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors under 21.

Later entries will cost \$35. Final registration time is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the opening day. Membership may be obtained then.

Seaside Park is near a number of motels and hotels. A shuttle bus service will be run to get players to and from their games.

For those with campers or trailers, conditions are ideal. They can hook up right outside the playing site for a small fee, with water, electricity and other facilities.

This editor will direct the tournament, assisted by Col. Paul Webb of Phoenix and Martin F. Morrison of Oakland.