

# CHESS

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## FISCHER CHAMPION, WINS MATCH 12½-8½

Bobby Fischer is the chess champion of the world. He reached the goal by defeating Boris Spassky in 40 moves of the 21st game. That gave Fischer the winning margin of 12½-8½.

For the first time since Paul Morphy of New Orleans downed every one who would face him in the 1860s, an American has the chess crown. The Russian grandmasters have held it since 1948, but this is a new era.

Fischer has claimed to be the best player in the world since 1960. He repeatedly stated that the Russians had rigged the rules, making it practically impossible for any outsider to get a match with the champion.

That was not quite true, as Fischer himself proved in his phenomenal series of successes in the tournaments and matches that earned him the right to meet Spassky.

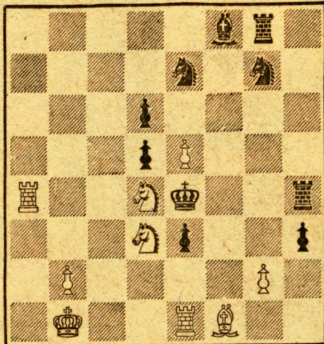
The final game was a typical example of the qualities that place Fischer well above all his contemporaries. Spassky made several inferior moves. None could be considered blunders, or even serious errors. At worst they were positional misjudgments.

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TIMES PROBLEM 4141

By Dr. P le Grand

BLACK 10



WHITE 9

White mates in three.

Generally white is far ahead in material in problems, but not this time. It takes a good threat and intricate maneuvering to force the mate.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4140 N-K6

The 19th and 20th games were both drawn after hard fights, making a string of seven draws. This is not unusual in modern grandmaster play, but quite extraordinary for Fischer, who generally plays every game for a win, no matter what the score.

Is there an explanation for the draws? There had only been four draws in the first 13 games, then seven out of seven. This writer has a theory that would indicate that Fischer was still in firm control of the match proceedings.

But that is all Fischer needed. He got the two bishops in return for a doubled pawn. He got a mobile pawn center. In a few moves Spassky's knight was threatened, and he decided to sacrifice the exchange for a pawn. The ending looked reasonably equal, but Fischer's accuracy was sufficient to build up a winning position.

The game was adjourned after 40 moves, but Spassky resigned the game and match without resuming play. Fischer was planning to advance his rook pawn, place his king on N5, and enforce P-R6. Spassky's pawns would then begin to fall.

For years Fischer has advocated that the championship match should be decided when a player wins six games outright, with draws not to count. There would then be no advantage to the champion, who needs only to tie the match under the current system.

The International Chess Federation has agreed that the six game rule would apply to future matches. If it had been the rule this time, Fischer would have won the match by the 13th game, his sixth full point.

Perhaps Fischer decided at that time that he had already won the match. If the officials wanted it to continue, good enough. He would draw every game, to show it could be done.

Following are the final match games.

**18TH MATCH GAME**  
**SICILIAN DEFENSE**

Fischer White	Spassky Black	Fischer White	Spassky Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	25-N-Q3	K-B2
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	26-N-N4	P-R4
3-N-B3	N-QB3	27-P-N3	R-K4
4-P-Q4	PxP	28-K-Q3	R-Q1
5-NxP	N-B3	29-K-Q2	R-R4
6-P-N5	P-K3	30-K-Q3	PxP
7-Q-Q2	P-QR3	31-R-B2	P-K4
8-O-O-O	B-Q2	32-11-KB5	BxN
9-P-B4	B-K2	33-RxB	P-Q4
10-N-B3	P-N4	34-PxP	QxQP
11-BxN	PxB	35-N-N4	Q-Q2
12-B-Q3	Q-R4	36-RxRP	BxN
13-K-N1	P-N5	37-BPxP	R-Q4
14-N-K2	Q-QB4	38-R-B1ch	K-N2
15-P-B5	P-QR4	39-Q-K4	R-QB1
16-N-B4	P-R5	40-R-QN1	K-N3
17-R-QB1	R-QN1	41-R-R7	R-Q5
18-P-B3	P-N6	42-Q-N6	Q-B3
19-P-QR3	N-K4	43-R-KB7	R-Q3
20-KR-B1	N-B5	44-Q-R6	Q-KB6
21-BxN	QxB	45-Q-R7	Q-B3
22-QR-K1	K-Q1	46-Q-R6	Q-KB6
23-K-R1	R-N4	47-Q-R7	Q-Q3
24-N-Q4	R-R4	Draw	

**19TH MATCH GAME**  
**ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE**

Spassky White	Fischer Black	Spassky White	Fischer Black
1-P-K4	N-KB3	22-QxQ	BxQ
2-P-K5	N-Q4	23-QR-KB1	11-B3
3-P-Q4	P-Q3	24-PxP	PxP
4-N-KB3	B-N5	25-R-Q7	B-K5ch
5-B-K2	P-K3	26-K-R1	BxP
6-O-O	B-K2	27-P-K6	B-K4
7-P-KR3	B-R4	28-RxQP	R-K1
8-P-B4	N-N3	29-R-K1	RxP
9-N-B3	O-O	30-R-Q6	K-B2
10-B-K3	P-Q4	31-RxN	RxR
11-P-B5	BxN	32-RxB	K-B3
12-BxB	N-B5	33-R-Q5	K-K3
13-P-QN3	NxB	34-R-R5	P-KR3
14-PxN	P-QN3	35-K-R2	R-R3
15-P-K4	P-QB3	36-P-B6	RxBP
16-P-QN4	NxP	37-R-R5	R-R3
17-NPxP	Q-R4	38-K-N3	K-B3
18-NxP	B-N4	39-K-F3	R-B6ch
19-B-P5	BPxN	40-K-B2	R-B7ch
20-BxPch	RxB	Draw	
21-RxR	Q-Q7		

**20TH MATCH GAME**  
**SICILIAN DEFENSE**

Fischer White	Spassky Black	Fischer White	Spassky Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	29-N-B5	P-KN5
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	30-N-K4ch	K-K2
3-P-Q4	PxP	31-N-K1	R-Q1
4-NxP	N-B3	32-N-Q3	R-Q5
5-N-QB3	P-Q3	33-N(K)-B2	P-R4
6-B-KN5	P-K3	34-R-B5	R-Q4
7-Q-Q2	P-QR3	35-R-B3	N-Q5
8-O-O-O	B-Q2	36-R-B7ch	R-Q2
9-P-B4	B-K2	37-RxRch	BxR
10-B-K2	O-O	38-N-K1	P-K4
11-B-B3	P-R3	39-PxP	PxP
12-B-R4	NxP	40-K-Q2	B-B4
13-BxB	NxQ	41-N-Q1	K-Q3
14-BxQ	NxKB	42-N-K3	B-K3
15-NxKN	KRxP	43-K-Q3	B-B2
16-RxP	K-B1	44-K-B3	K-B3
17-KR-Q1	K-K2	45-K-Q3	K-B4
18-N-QR4	B-K1	46-K-K4	K-Q3
19-RxR	RxR	47-K-Q3	B 2ch
20-N-B5	R-N1	48-K-Q3	K-B4
21-R-Q3	P-QR4	49-N-Q3ch	K-Q3
22-R-N3	P-QN4	50-N-K1	K-B3
23-P-QR3	P-R5	51-K-Q2	K-B4
24-R-B3	R-Q1	52-N-Q3ch	K-Q3
25-N-Q3	P-B3	53-N-K1	N-K3
26-R-B5	R-N1	54-K-B3	N 5
27-R-B3	P-N4	Draw	
28-P-KN3	K-Q3		

**21ST MATCH GAME**  
**SICILIAN DEFENSE**

Spassky White	Fischer Black	Spassky White	Fischer Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	21-KxB	RxR
2-N-KB3	P-K3	22-BxP	R-Q7
3-P-Q4	PxP	23-BxRP	RxQBP
4-NxP	P-QR3	24-R-K2	RxR
5-N-QB3	N-QB3	25-BxR	R-Q1
6-B-K3	N-B3	26-P-R4	R-Q7
7-B-Q3	P-Q4	27-B-B4	R-R7
8-PxP	PxP	28-K-N3	K-B1
9-O-O	B-Q3	29-K-B3	K-K2
10-NxN	PxN	30-P-KN4	P-B4
11-B-Q4	O-O	31-PxP	P-B3
12-Q-B3	B-K3	32-B-N8	P-R3
13-KR-K1	P-B4	33-K-N3	K-Q3
14-BxN	QxB	34-K-B3	R-R8
15-QxQ	PxQ	35-K-N2	K-K4
16-QR-Q1	KR-Q1	36-B-K6	K-B5
17-B-K2	QR-N1	37-B-Q7	R-QN8
18-P-QN3	P-B5	38-B-K6	R-N7
19-NxP	BxN	39-B-B4	R-R7
20-RxB	BxPch	40-B-K6	P-R4
		Resigns	

When the 21st game came along, and Fischer needed just one point for match victory, he might then have felt that he had proved his case, and the time had come to end the match. That is what he did, at any rate.

**TOURNEYS STARTING**

The El Segundo Chess Club, 300 E. Pine, El Segundo, will host a Southern California Amateur Class Tournament with a guaranteed prize fund of \$1850, a record for this type of event.

Anyone can enter who is rated under 2000 by the U.S. Chess Federation, or who has no previous rating. Players will be divided into four groups in accordance with their ratings, with different sets of cash and trophy prizes for each.

The tournament will be held next weekend, with the first round starting at 11 a.m. Three rounds will be played that day and the final two on Sunday.

The entrance fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for juniors under 21, if received by Thursday, otherwise \$5 more. Write to So. Cal. Chess Players Assoc., Box 29202, L.A. 90029.

The Hollywood Chess Club, 6011 Hollywood Blvd., will run an open tournament next weekend, with the first round starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday. For those preferring play once a week, there will be a tournament starting Thursday, continuing through Sept. 28. For further information call the club at 466-2603.

The Herman Steiner Chess Club, 8371 Beverly Blvd., is resuming its regular rapid transit tournaments every Tuesday at 8 p.m. A five round tournament on consecutive Wednesday evenings will begin Sept. 13. Call 653-9369 for further information.

The NAR Valley Chess Club will start an eight round tournament at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 in the cafeteria of Atomics International, 8900 De Soto, Canoga Park. The entrance fee is \$3. Call 349-2707 for further information.

The Arcadia Chess Club, which meets Monday evenings at the Senior Citizens Building, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, will hold a six round tournament starting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18. The entrance fee is \$5.50 for club members and \$7.50 for non-members. For further information call Michael Kublicki at 446-8710.