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# Chess

### FISCHER REPLACES BENKO

Robert Fischer has received permission from the United States Chess Federation to replace Pal Benko in the world championship candidates' tournament, scheduled to begin Nov. 8 on the Spanish island of Mallorca. This extraordinary decision by the USCF means that Fischer, whose recent victories have astonished the chess world, can play in the current championship cycle that ultimately will determine a challenger for world title-holder Boris Spassky.

Representing north America with Fischer will be Samuel Reshevsky and William Addison, who earned the right to compete in the interzonal event by taking top honors in this year's

US championship.

## LARSEN WINS IN YUGOSLAVIA

An international tournament just completed in Vinkovic, Yugoslavia, was won by Danish grandmaster Bent Larsen with 10½ points out of 15 rounds. Tied for second place with 10 points were David Bronstein (USSR), Svetozar Gligorich (Yugoslavia) and Vlastimil Hort (Czechoslovakia).

Former world champion Tigran Petrosian and grandmasters Sazbo, Taimanov, Parma and Bertok trailed behind the leaders.

#### PATHFINDER TEAM TOURNAMENT

Modeled after the chess olympics, the first Pathfinder Team Tournament was held at the Fremont Central Park Community Center, Oct. 24-25. The Piedmont Hills High School team scored 13½ points to win a huge "black knight" trophy, a chess clock and three hand-crafted chess boards. Second and third spots were filled by the Hayward Chess Club and the Livermore "A" team with 10½ points each.

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White: Jude Acers. Black: Bill Jones. USCF match game, Redwood City, October 1970. Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	20 R-Q6!	BxB
2 N-KB3	N-KB3	21 RxB	N-B2
3 P-K5	N-Q4	22 B-B6	B-N2(d)
4 N-B3	P-K3	23 R-Q7!	RxR
5 N-K4	P-B4	24 NxRch	K-K2
6 N-B3	NxN(a)	25BxB	R-Q1
7 QPxN	P-Q4	26 B-B6	RxN
8 PxPe.p.	QxP(b)	27 BxR	KxB
9 B-KN5!	QxQch	28 R-R3	P-N5
10 RxQ	B-K2	29 RxP	P-R4
11 B-QB4	N-B3	30 P-QB4	N-R3
12 0-0	P-KR3	31 P-QR3	N-N1
13 B-B4	P-KN4	32 P-KR4	PxPe.p.
14 B-B7	K-B2	33 PxP	N-B3
15 B-N5	N-N1(c)	34 P-KR4	N-K4
16 N-K5ch	K-B3	35 R-R7ch	K-Q3
17 KR-K1!	R-R2	36 P-R5	NxP
18 B-Q8	N-R3	37P-R6	N-K4
19 R-K3	P-N3	38 R-KN7!(e)	Resigns

(a) White threatened to ruin Black's pawn structure with 6 NxN PxN, but this reply speeds up White's development.

(b) Hopes to ease the pressure by trading queens.

(c) Avoiding 16BxN PxB 17 N-K5ch K-B3 16 NxP.

(d) The best practical chance.

(e) Final proof that White's rook outclasses the knight.

#### 1970 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Chuck Savery will direct the 1970 Northern California Championship at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post St., San Francisco, Nov. 7-8.