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TAL, LARSEN TIED AFTER FOUR GAMES

The match between Mikhail Tal of Latvia and Bent Larsen of Denmark, the semi-final in the series to determine a challenger for the world chess championship, has started rather indecisively.

Of the first four games played in Bled, Yugoslavia, each has marked up one victory and two have been drawn. None of the games have indicated the brilliance and combinational depth of which the antagonists are capable.

The first point was taken by Larsen in a fine example of positional chess. Tal advanced pawns on the king side, but only succeeded in blocking the position. Larsen opened lines on the other wing, through which his pieces sifted deep into Tal's territory.

In the final position, though Tal was a pawn ahead, his pieces were almost immobile. Larsen was bound to win at least two pawns, with a decisive endgame advantage. Tal recognized this and resigned after adjournment analysis.

Tal obtained an opening advantage in the second game. He came close to winning Larsen's knight in a complicated maneuver, finally wound up a pawn ahead. Larsen, who then had very little time left, started desperate measures which left him a rook minus when he resigned.

The third game was evenly contested, leading to an endgame which was drawn after 41 moves. The fourth game, though also drawn, was bitterly fought lasting for 77 moves.

Larsen had the advantage most of the way in a rook and pawn ending. At one stage he had two connected passed pawns with his king ready to support their advance. But a misplay gave Tal an opportunity to move one of his pawns forward, and he succeeded in equalizing.

The match is of 10 games. The winner will play a 12-game match with Boris Spassky of Russia to determine who will face world champion Tigran Petrosian next year.

FIRST MATCH GAME KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

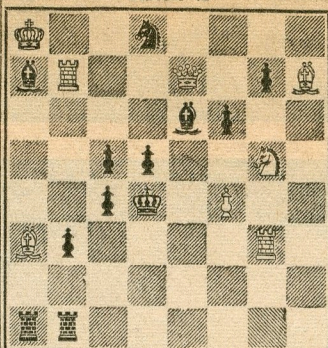
Larsen White	Tal Black	Larsen White	Tal Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	24-B-R3	B-B
2-P-QB4	P-KN3	25-Q-B4	B-K2
3-N-QB3	B-N2	26-Q-B7	QxQ
4-P-K4	O-O	27-NxQ	R-R4
5-N-B3	P-Q3	28-B-KB	BxB
6-B-K2	P-K4	29-KRxB	RxB
7-O-O	N-B3	30-N-K6	R-R4
8-P-Q5	N-K2	31-QR-B	K-B3
9-N-K	N-Q2	32-R-B7	R-KR
10-P-B3	P-KB4	33-KR-B	P-N4
11-P-KN4	P-KR4	34-P-R3	R-N
12-P-N5	P-R5	35-R(7)-B6	K-B2
13-N-Q3	P-B5	36-K-N2	K-B3
14-K-R	K-B2	37-K-B	R-KR
15-P-B5	R-R	38-K-K2	R-N
16-Q-N3	P-N3	39-K-Q3	R-KR
17-PxQP	PxP	40-R-B7	N-N3
18-Q-R3	N-QB4	41-R(1)-B6	
19-NxN	NPxN		
20-P-N4	PxP		
21-QxNP	B-R6		
22-R-KN	R-QN		
23-N-N5	N-B		

SECOND MATCH GAME RUY LOPEZ

Tal White	Larsen Black	Tal White	Larsen Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	20-N-Q5	BxB
2-N-KB3	N-QB3	21-RxB	QR-K
3-B-N5	N-B3	22-P-KB3	P-B4
4-O-O	P-Q3	23-R-K3	PxP
5-P-Q4	B-Q2	24-R-B3	N-B4
6-N-B3	PxP	25-N-B4	P-K6
7-NxP	B-K2	26-Q-Q4	R-K4
8-P-QN3	NxN	27-P-QN4	P-K7
9-QxN	BxB	28-R-K	Q-R5
10-NxB	N-Q2	29-R-B4	N-Q2
11-B-R3	P-QR3	30-RxBP	N-B3
12-N-B3	B-B3	31-QxP	Q-R7
13-Q-Q2	O-O	32-P-R4	N-Q4
14-QR-Q	R-K	33-R-B5	NxN
15-KR-K	N-N3	34-RxR	R-KB
16-B-N2	Q-Q2	35-P-N3	Q-B2
17-P-QR4	Q-B3	36-PxN	QxP
18-P-R5	N-Q2	37-R(1)xP	Resigns
19-B-R	R-K3		

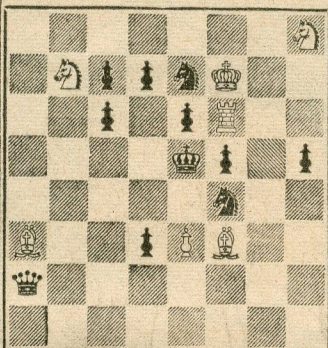
UPSTATE TOURNEYS

Aug. 8, 1965
TIMES PROBLEM 3717
By S. Szabo
BLACK 12



WHITE 8
White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3718
By C. Goldschmeding
BLACK 11



WHITE 7
White mates in three.

The black pawns create more variations than the pieces in 3717. The three-mover has intricate strategy, with some difficult second moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3711: R-Q8
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3712: Q-R3
If KxP, 2 Q-B8ch; if K-B4 or P-K5, 2 Q-Q7(ch); if K-Q5 or P-K3, 2 Q-QB3(ch); if K-K5, 2 Q-B3ch.

SOLVER'S LIST

Five points—F. Aks, P. J. Burton, Mrs. R. Coogan, D. A. Daggett, G. E. Engebretsen, C. A. Musgrove, D. Nixon, C. E. Stern.

Three points—K. K. Watson.

Two points—S. Foster, H. Hyde, O. H. Ketchum, E. Knuth, N. Lesser, I. E. Nordstrom, J. Sabatino.

One point—A. Africano, D. Chan, D. Del Mar, M. W. Dougherty, S. Ford, D. Garbeil, Dr. J. A. Healy, T. C. Martin, R. K. Nelson, J. Nishimi, M. Sherman.

21 and 22. The winner will receive \$100 and a trophy. Other prizes will depend on the number of entries. A championship and a reserve section will be formed.

Three rounds will be played on Saturday, Aug. 21, with registration closing at 8:30 a.m. The final two rounds will be on Sunday. The entry fee will be \$5 plus USCF membership in the championship section, and \$3.50 for the reserves. The fee for juniors under 18 is \$3.50 and \$2 respectively.

For further information write to Tracy Bearden, 450 Lit Way, Ashland, Ore.

EUROPE TEAM TOURNEY

As expected, the Russians proved the class of the third annual European Team Championship Tournament, held in Hamburg, West Germany. With 10 grandmasters in their lineup, they won the event with 66 points of a possible 100.

There was stern opposition, however, and a few reverses for the Soviet stars. They lost one match to Hungary by a score of 5½-4½. On nine occasions a Russian had to bow in defeat, including three losses for former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik.

The teams from Yugoslavia and Hungary finished in a tie for second place with 57 points. Other final results were West Germany, 45; Rumania, 41½, and Holland, 33½.

The tournament was a round-

UPSTATE TOURNEYS

The Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post St., San Francisco, is unusually active of late, judging by reports reaching us. It may be more than coincidence that former California champion William Addison is in charge of the club.

The San Francisco Amateur Open tournament, held at the club last month, was won by Robert Trenberth with a perfect score of 5-0. Ira Pohl was second with 4½-½.

Dr. Anthony F. Saily, who recently moved to San Francisco, will give a lecture, followed by a simultaneous exhibition starting at 7:45 p.m. Saturday. The charge for playing is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for juniors.

The three-day Semana Nautica Chess Tournament in Santa Barbara was won by Pete Velliotes. Walt Helmers was second, and Jack Tanner, who directed the event, finished third.

A Labor Day tournament is being planned by the Santa Barbara Chess Club. For information, write to Tanner at 1505 Grand Ave., Santa Barbara.

Any of our readers who are traveling farther north this summer may be interested in a chess tournament to be held in conjunction with the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore.

The tournament will be held in Lithia Park, Ashland, Aug.

The tournament was a round-robin series of matches, with 10 men on a side. The leading scorer on the top board was world champion Tigran Petrosian of the USSR, with six points. He was followed by Boris Ivkov of Yugoslavia and Lajos Portisch of Hungary.

Following are games from the event:

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Unzicker W. Germany White	Donner Holland Black	Unzicker W. Germany White	Donner Holland Black
1-P-K4	P-QB4	20-PxB	KR-B
2-N-KB3	P-Q3	21-R-Q2	P-QR4
3-P-Q4	PxP	22-P-B6	B-B
4-NxP	N-KB3	23-P-N5	P-Q4
5-N-QB3	P-QR3	24-K-N	R-K
6-B-KN5	P-K3	25-RxP	QR-B
7-P-B4	B-K2	26-P-B4	R-K8ch
8-Q-B3	Q-B2	27-R-Q	Q-K4
9-O-O-O	Q-N-Q2	28-K-R2	R-Q
10-BxN	NxB	29-B-Q3	RxR
11-P-KN4	N-Q2	30-QxR	R-Q5
12-P-N5	N-B4	31-Q-B2	PxP
13-P-KR4	P-N4	32-PxP	QxBP
14-P-R3	R-QN	33-Q-N2ch	B-N2
15-P-N4	N-R5	34-R-K3	R-K5
16-NxN	PxN	35-QxBch	KxQ
17-P-B5	PxP	36-RxR	Q-QB6
18-NxP	O-O	37-R-N4ch	K-R3
19-R-R3	BxN	Resigns	

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Averbach USSR White	Udovic Yugoslavia Black	Averbach USSR White	Udovic Yugoslavia Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	17-N-R4	Q-R
2-N-KB3	P-KN3	18-NxP	N-B4
3-P-KN3	B-N2	19-N-K7ch	K-R
4-B-N2	O-O	20-KN-Q5	Q NxKP
5-O-O	P-Q3	21-QNxN	NxN (Q)
6-N-B3	QN-Q2	22-N-Q6	PxN
7-P-K4	P-K4	23-BxN	BxB
8-P-QR4	P-QR4	24-QxB	QxQ
9-PxP	PxP	25-RxQ	B-B
10-P-N3	R-K	26-P-QB4	K-N2
11-B-QR3	P-N3	27-K-R-Q	R-K3
12-Q-Q2	B-N2	28-R-N5	R-N
13-Q-R-Q	Q-N	29-B-B	B-K2
14-KR-K	Q-R2	30-B-Q2	R-QB
15-B-KB	QR-Q	31-B-K3	Resigns
16-B-B4	P-R3		