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Chess

CHRISTIANSSEN EQUAL THIRD AT WORLD JR.

Outdistanced by Soviet master Alexander Belyavsky, 8½-2½, and England's talented Anthony Miles, 8-3, young Larry Christiansen of Riverside, Calif. nevertheless gave an excellent account of himself at the world junior championship in Teesside, England. The 17-year-old US junior champ scored 7½-3½ to tie with Michael Stean (England) and Slavoljub Marjanovic (Yugoslavia) for third place honors.

Partial credit for Christiansen's success goes to past US high school champion Craig Barnes of Berkeley, who flew to England as his unofficial second and morale booster.

SECOND INTERZONAL STILL IN PROGRESS

The interzonal tournament in Petropolis, Brazil has rounded the mid-way point, with 18 select players battling for three qualifying spots into the 1974 world championship candidates' matches.

In his game with Oscar Panno of Argentina, young Swiss international master Werner Hug impetuously launched waves of king-side pawns against his adversary before completing his development. But attack met with counter-attack and combination with counter-combination as Panno, a seasoned international grandmaster, proved that superior (mobilized) force must win in the end.

White: Oscar Panno.

Black: Werner Hug.

II Interzonal, Petropolis, 1973.

King's Indian Defense

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| 1 P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 16 PxKP | P-B5 |
| 2 P-QB4 | P-KN3 | 17 Pxp!(d) | PxB(e) |
| 3 N-QB3 | P-B4 | 18 PxQ(f) | RxRch |
| 4 P-Q5 | P-Q3 | 19 RxR | PxQ(g) |
| 5 P-K4 | B-N2 | 20 P-K5!(h) | BxKP |
| 6 B-Q3 | O-O | 21 BxNch | KxB |
| 7 KN-K2 | P-K4 | 22 R-B8 | B-Q2(i) |
| 8 P-KR3 | N-R3 | 23 R-Q8! | B-R5 |
| 9 P-R3 | N-B2 | 24 P-QN3 | B-K1 |
| 10 R-QN1 | Q-K2 | 25 P-Q6 | BxP |
| 11 B-N5 | P-KR3 | 26 RxB(6) | K-N2 |
| 12 B-K3 | N-R2 | 27 N-N3 | B-N3 |
| 13 Q-Q2 | P-KR4 | 28 RxP | K-B2 |
| 14 O-O(a) | P-B4!? | 29 R-Q7 | R-QB1(j) |
| 15 P-B4!(b) | P-KN4!?(c) | 30 R-Q8 | Resigns(k) |

(Notes condensed and merged from "64", No. 31, Aug. 3-9, 1973, pg. 10 and The New York Times, Aug. 2, 1973)

(a) Black has chosen an opening set-up that concedes White greater space and freedom of action. Already White threatens to undermine Black's pawn center with P-QN4 and P-B4, while Black can do little more than patiently complete his development by 14...B-Q2. However, Hug apparently could not reconcile himself to such passivity and so throws everything into a reckless assault on the enemy king.

(b) Whereas Black's knights stand outside the battle zone during the forthcoming struggle, all White's pieces work together in the center.

(c) Black's front line has become dangerously overextended trying to combat two flanks with one while the other remains unmobilized.

(d) Very strong, though practically forced in view of the unacceptable alternative, 17 B-KB2? BxKP, followed by ...P-N5 and a winning attack.

(e) Panno analyzed 17...QxQP out to 18 P-K5! (again, not 18 B-KB2? P-N5) BxKP (18...QxKP 19 BxQBP or 18...PxB 19 PxQ PxQ 20 PxN) 19 BxNch KxB 20 N-K4 Q-KN3! (far better than 20...PxB 21 Q-Q3 RxRch 22 RxR Q-KN3 23 P-Q6 or 23 NxPch) 21 NxPch! QxN 22 NxP, with a powerful initiative for White.

(f) Double-edged complications result from 18 Q-B2 QxQP 19 P-K5 Q-KR3.

(g) A piece for two pawns to the good, plus the prospect of picking off White's frontal passed pawn in the bargain (20 P-Q6 N-K1), Black may have thought that he had succeeded with his flank attack after all.

(h) But this far from obvious shot reveals the distant point behind Panno's previous piece sacrifice: the KP receives vital support and becomes transformed into the key to White's victory.

(i) Black cannot hold with 22...B-Q3 (nor 22...P-N4 23 R-Q8!) 23 P-K8 Q NxQ 24 RxN B-N5 25 RxR BxN because of 26 K-B2 P-Q8 Q 27 NxQ BxN 28 RxP, etc.

(j) Loses fast, but 29...N-K3 also fails against 30 RxP followed by N(N3)-K4 and N-Q6ch.

(k) If 30...R-R1, then 31 P-K8 Qch costs Black his rook.

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Soviet chess star Anatoly Karpov is considered to have one of the best chances of playing Robert Fischer for the world championship in 1975. This recent example of his prodigious skill indicates why, recorded in USCF approved coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move).

White: A. Karpov. Black: M. Schaubekker.
:European Team Championship, Bath, 1973. Eng-
lish Opening 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 Nc3 e6 4 g3 Nc6 5 Bg2 d6 6 0-0
Bd7 7 d4 cd 8 Nd4 a6 9 b3 Be7 10 a4 0-0 11 Ba3 Qb8 12 Ra2 Rd8
13 Rd2 Nd4 14 Rd4 Bc6 15 Qd2 Ne8 16 Rd3 Qc7 17 Rd1 Rd7 18
Nd5 ed 19 cd Ba4 20 ba Bf6 21 Qb4 Re7 22 Bf3 Be5 23 Rb3 g6 24
Rdb1 Rb8 25 e4 Nf6 26 Bg2 Qc2 27 Rc1 Qe2 28 h3 g5 29 Re3 Qh5
30 Qb6 Ne8 31 Bb4 Qg6 32 Qa7 Rd8 33 Ba5 Rdd7 34 Rc8 Kg7 35
Qb8 f6 36 Bd8 Rf7 37 Bb6 Rfe7 38 a5 h5 39 Bf3 Kh6 40 Bd1 f5 41
ef Qf7 42 Ba4 Nf6 43 Rf8 Qg7 44 Rh8 Nh7 45 Rg8 Resigns

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The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets. Friday, 8-12 p.m.