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Chess

BRILLIANCY PRIZE GAME

World champion Anatoly Karpov participated in the selection of the brilliancy prize game from the Alekhine Memorial tournament in Moscow. Complete results:

1st, Yefim Geller (2600), USSR, 10¹/₂-4¹/₂ (6 wins, 9 draws, no losses); **2nd**, Boris Spassky (2625), USSR, 10-5 (6-8-1); **3rd-6th**, Viktor Korchnoi (2665), USSR, Ratmir Kholmov (2540), USSR, and Rafael Vaganian (2530), USSR, 9¹/₂-5¹/₂ (8-3-4, 5-9-1, 7-5-3); **6th-7th**, Tigran Petrosian (2645), USSR, and Vlastimil Hort (2600), Czechoslovakia, 9-6 (4-10-1, 5-8-2); **8th-9th**, Mikhail Tal (2645), USSR, and Alexander Belyavsky (2500), USSR, 8¹/₂-6¹/₂ (4-9-2, 6-5-4); **10th**, Gyoza Forintos (2490), Hungary, 7-8 (3-8-4); **11th**, Robert Byrne (2600), USA, 6-9 (2-8-5); **12th-13th**, Silvino Garcia (2445), Cuba, and Levente Lengyel (2410), Hungary, 5¹/₂-9¹/₂ (1-9-5); **14th**, Albin Planinc (2535), Yugoslavia, 5-10 (3-4-8); **15th**, Michael Stean (2370), England, 4-11 (1-6-8); **16th**, Hans Bohm (2300), Holland, 3-12 (2-2-11).

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White: Rafel Vaganian. Black: Gyoza Forintos. Alekhine Memorial, Moscow, 1975. Queen's Gambit Declined.

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	14 QR-KN1	B-Q3
2 P-QB4	P-K3	15 P-KR4(i)	P-B4
3 N-KB3	P-Q4	16 P-R5	PxQP
4 N-B3	B-K2(a)	17 PxNP(j)	BxN(k)
5 B-B4(b)	O-O	18 P-N5!	B-N5ch(1)
6 P-K3	QN-Q2(c)	19 RxB!	R-QB1(m)
7 Q-B2	P-B3	20 PxRPch	K-R1
8 PxP	NxP(d)	21 BxB	RxB
9 NxN	KPxN	22 PxN	RxQch
10 B-Q3!(e)	B-N5ch	23 BxR(n)	P-Q6ch
11 K-K2	N-B3(f)	24 BxP	R-K1
12 N-K5	R-K1	25 KR-KN1	Resigns
13 P-N4(g)	P-KN3(h)		

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(a) Black declines the fashionable Tarrasch Defense improved in favor of the orthodox defense.

(b) This development of the bishop (instead of the usual 5 B-N5, has its points, too. Black will now find it more difficult to effect exchanges.

(c) An alternate continuation consists in an immediate 6 . . . P-B4.

(d) Probably preferable is 8 . . . B-Q3, striving to carry out the plan N-B1, B-K3, R-B1 and P-B4.

(e) Correctly regarding the bishop check as relatively harmless.

(f) Both 11 . . . P-KN3 and 11 . . . P-KR3 offer White good chances for pawn storming on the king side.

(g) White begins his offensive first.

(h) Black could have opted for counterplay with 13 . . . P-B4 14 P-QR3 (14 P-N5 N-K5 15 BxN PxP 16 QxKP B-K3 or 14 PxP N-K5 15 P-B3 Q-R5 16 PxN RxN, with sharp play in each case) P-B5 15 BxPch (if 15 B-B5, then 15 . . . B-Q3) NxB 16 PxP Q-Q3 17 Q-B3 BxPch 18 NxB QxB.

(i) With his heavy pieces massed against the enemy king side White will soon be ready to launch an open assault on Black's castled king position. Of course, it would be folly to win a pawn now by 15 . . . BxN 16 PxP NxP 17 P-R5, and Black would have to continue 17 . . . P-KN4 18 B-B5 PxP 19 RxNch K-R1, settling for a poor position. Black also has difficulty defending on 15 . . . BxPch 16 NxB (16 P-b3 B-R4) BxB 17 P-R5.

(j) Not 17 PxQP? in view of 17 . . . BxPch (or even 17 . . . P-KN4?! 18 BxNP BxN 19 PxP RxPch 20 B-K3 P-Q5 21 P-N5 N-N5). Both sides have accomplished their initial aims, White to open lines for attack and Black to clear White's pieces from the center.

(k) Necessary is 17 . . . BPxP.

(l) Black probably should have tried to save himself in the complications following 18 . . . N-K5 (On 18 . . . BxB 19 PxN Black has no defense to the multiple threats, e.g., 19 . . . P-KR? 20 P-N7 and 21 B-R7 mate; 19 . . . RPxP 20 BxP; 19 . . . QxP 20 PxBPch KxP 21 RxPch K-B1 21 R-N6 Q-K4 22 Q-B5ch, etc.) 19 PxBPch KxP 20 BxN PxP 21 QxP B-N2 22 P-N6ch! (White must open the KN file.) K-B1 23 Q-B3 (23 PxRP RxQ 24 P-R8-Qch BxQ 25 RxBch K-B2 26 RxQ B-N5ch 27 K-Q3 RxR 28 KxR P-Q6 and draws) B-B4 24 PxRp Q-B3 (24 . . . B-K5 25 B-Q6 mate). A new flurry of sacrifices now ruins Black's defenses.

(m) Nor can White's attack be held after 19 . . . NxR 20 B-N5, and the white queen makes a decisive entrance on the king side.

(n) The fatal threat of 24 R-N8ch cannot be met.

Tournament winner Geller won an exciting contest over former world champion Tal, recorded here in streamlined 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; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Yefim Geller. Black: Mikhail Tal. Alekhine Memorial, Moscow, 1975. Pirc Defense 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Be2 O-O 6 O-O Bg4 7 Be3 Nc6 8 Qd2 e5 9 d5 Ne7 10 Rad1 Bd7 11 Ne1 Ng4 12 Bg4 Bg4 13 f3 Bd7 14 f4 ef 15 Bf4 f5 16 Nf3 fe 17 Ne4 Bg4 18 Rde1 Qd7 19 Neg5 Rae8 20 c4 Nc8 21 Nd4 Re1 22 Re1 Re8 23 Re8 Qe8 24 h3 Bd7 25 Nde6 Be6 26 Ne6 Qf7 27 b3 Qf6 28 Nc7 Qa1 29 Kh2 Bd4 30 Qe2 Ne7 (Tal's knight enters the game again, but why not just take it? Because with or without the preliminary 31 Qe6 Kh8, the move 31 Qe7 would be answered by 31 . . . Qg1 32 Kg3 Qf2 33 Kg4 Qg2 34 Bg3 h5 35 Kh4 Qe4!! 36 Qe4 Bf6 mate!—"64") 31 Nv5 Bg1 32 Kg3 Nf5 33 Kf3 Nh4 34 Kg4 Nf5 35 Qe8 Kg7 36 Qd7 Kh8 37 Nd6 Qd1 38 Kg5 Qh5 39 Kf6 Bd4 40 Ke6 Ng7 41 Kf7 g5 42 Kf8 Resigns.

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LAST ROUND WIN FOR DORSCH

Scoring this final round victory over USCF expert Paul Enright earned Tom Dorsch of Hayward first place overall at the 1975 LERA Thanksgiving Class Championships.

White: Tom Dorsch. Black: Paul Enright. LERA, Sunnyvale, Nov. 30, 1975. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cd 5 Bc4 Qc7 6 Qe2 Nb6 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 Nf3 d5 9 ed Qd6 10 Nd4 e6 11 Nc6 bc 12 Nd2 Be7 13 0-0 0-0 14 Nf3 Nd7 15 Rd1 Qc7 16 Qe4 Nf6 17 Qh4 g6 18 Bc4 Nd5 19 Qh6 f6 20 Bd3 Rf7 21 c4 Bf8 22 Qh4 Ne7 23 Bd2 e5 24 c5 Be6 25 Qa4 Nd5 26 Rac1 Re8 27 b4 Bd7 29 Bc4 Kg7 29 Qb3 Be6 30 b5 Bc5 31 bc Rd8 32 Be1 Qc6 33 Ba5 Bf2 34 Kh1 Rb7 35 Qd3 Rdd7 36 Ba6 Nf4 37 Rc6 Rd3 38 Bd3 Nd3 39 Re6 Nf4 40 Red6 Rb2 41 R6d2 Resigns.