

Richard Shorman**Chess**

White: Mikhail Tal.

Black: Mikhail Mukhin.

XL USSR Championship, Baku, 1972.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	12 BxB	NxB
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	13 N-Q5!(b)	PxN
3 P-Q4	PxP	14 PxPch(c)	K-Q2
4 NxP	N-KB3	15 P-QB3!(d)	P-N6
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	16 QxP	N-B4
6 B-QB4	P-K3	17 Q-B4	Q-B1(e)
7 B-N3	P-QN4	18 N-B6	P-R3
8 0-0	B-N2	19 BxN	PxB
9 R-K1	QN-Q2	20 R-K3	K-B2
10 B-N5	N-B4(a)	21 P-QN4	Resigns(f)
11 B-Q5!	P-N5		

(Notes by Viktor Chepizhny, translated from "64," No. 50, Dec. 15-21, 1972, pp. 4-5.)

(a) This position occurred in the Fischer-Rubineti game from the last interzonal competition, which Mukhin suddenly realized only after making his tenth move. Fischer played 11 B-Q5 and soon obtained a crushing advantage with 11 . . . PxB 12 PxPch K-Q2 13 P-QN4 N-R5 14 NxN PxN 15 P-QB4. After the game both players agreed that best has to be 10 . . . PR3 11 B-KR4 P-N4 12 B N3 N-K4, maintaining a sharp balance.

(b) Hitting the QNP and threatening 14 BxN PxB 15 N-B6 Q-B1 16 NxPmate. Black must accept the sacrifice.

(c) Tal later admitted that he felt uncomfortable playing out a won game in which he did not make a single "original" move. The former world champion thought for a long time over the unconventional 14 P-K5!, which yields a no less dangerous attack: 14 . . . PxP 15 RxPch K-Q2 16 P-QB4. However, he was enticed by an attractive mate in one of the variations of the line selected.

(d) An excellent move that brings the queen into the game.

(e) Had Black tried 17 . . . R-B1 Tal would have revealed his intended finish: 18 P-QN4 N(4)-K5 19 QxP NxB 20 Q-R4ch K-B2 21 Q-R7mate. Objectively best is 17 . . . Q-N3, but it could hardly have affected the outcome of the game. For example, White can win back his piece immediately and reach an ending with a pawn plus by 18 BxN PxB 19 P-QN4 N-N2 (19 . . . N-R5 20 Q-N3) 20 Q-B6ch QxQ 21 PxQch K-B2 22 PxN.

(f) Mukhin had actually played 21 . . . R-KN1, but resigned without waiting for Tal to reply.

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Queen's Gambit Declined

1 P-QB4	P-K3	20 P-R4	R-B2
2 N-QB3	P-Q4	21 KR-B1	Q-K2
3 P-Q4	N-KB3	22 R-N3	P-KN3
4 PxP	PxP	23 R-B3	R(1)-B1
5 B-N5	B-K2	24 NxNP!(a)	RxN
6 P-K3	0-0	25 BxRP	R-R1(b)
7 B-Q3	QN-Q2	26 BxR	QxB
8 N-B3	R-K1	27 Q-N3!(c)	R-R3
9 0-0	N-B1	28 P-N5	PxP
10 Q-B2	B-K3	29 R-B7	Q-N3
11 N-K5	N(3)-Q2	30 PxP	R-R4
12 B-KB4	NxN	31 R(1)-B6(d)	QxP
13 BxN	P-QB3	32 QxQ	RxQ
14 N-R4	P-B3	33 RxP	B-K1
15 B-N3	B-B2	34 R-B8	K-N2
16 P-N4	B-Q3	35 R-KB3	RN8ch
17 QR-N1	BxB	36 K-R2	N-Q2
18 RPxB	P-QR3	37 RxB	N-B3
19 N-B5	R-K2	38 R-K7ch	Resigns

(Notes by Boris Shashin, translated from "64," No. 49, Dec. 8-14, 1972, pg. 3)

(a) Giving up two active minor pieces for a sluggish enemy rook, but also disrupting and destroying Black's Q-side pawn structure.

(b) Nor does 25 . . . QxNP relieve the situation: 26 BxR QxB 27 RxP RxR 28 QxR QxQ 29 RxQ B-K1 30 R-R6, and White must win. Essential here is 25 . . . R(1)-N1 26 BxR RxB, however, and even though White stands better the real fight still lies ahead. Now, White obtains a clear advantage.

(c) White does not intend to part with his Q-side pawns without cause, as Black's QBP dies in any event. The former world champion incidentally exploits the tactical motif of 27 . . . B-K1 28 P-N5 PxP 29 R-B7 Q-N3 30 QxPch N-K3 31 R(1)-B6.

(d) The decisive incursion by the white pieces. Winning this positional struggle must have afforded Tal considerable satisfaction, as Savon, the defending USSR champion, had defeated him in two important previous encounters.



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