

Chess

TALLIN-75 TOURNEY NEARS CLOSE

Chess masters representing ten countries have nearly completed an international event taking place in Tallin, Estonia.

Leading the FIDE category 11 tournament after 12 rounds of play is Paul Keres (USSR) with 9 points, followed closely by Frederick Olafsson (Iceland) with 8½.

David Bronstein (USSR), 8, Vlastimil Hort (Czechoslovakia), 7½, Boris Spassky (USSR) and Avair Gipslis (USSR), both 7, remain within striking distance with three rounds to go.

Included in the 16-player field are William Lombardy (USA) and Mark Taimanov (USSR).

Former world champion Boris Spassky played particularly well early in the competition against Vlastimil Hort. The game (with notes translated from "64", No. 8, Feb. 21-27, 1975, pp. 2-3) is recorded here in 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: Boris Spassky. Black: Vlastimil Hort. Tallin, 1975. Slav Defense 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 dc 5 a4 Na6 6 e4 Bg4 7 Bc4 e6 8 0-0 Nb4 9 Be3 Be7 10 h3 Bf3 11 Qf3 Nc2 12 Rad1 0-0 13 Rd2 Ne3 14 Qe3 Qa5 15 f4 Qb4 16 Ba2 c5 (Spassky criticized this sharp advance as premature and suggested strengthening Black's position by 16 . . . Rad8 instead, since 17 f5 holds no danger because of 17 . . . e5!) 17 d5 (Better than 17 e5 cd 18 Rd4 Bc5! 19 Rb4 Be3 20 Kh2 Nd7 21 Rb7 Nc5, with active play for Black.) c4 18 Kh2 ed 19 e5 Ne4 20 Rd5 Nc3 21 Qc3 Qa4 (Trading queens obviously works to White's advantage.) 22 Bc4 Rac8 23 b3 Qc6 24 Qf3 a6 25 f5 (In spite of some simplification, White still maintains his attack, now threatening 26 f6.) Qc7 26 Qg3 b5 (The following day, Hort thought 26 . . . Kh8 would have been more resistant, but Spassky disagreed with him.) 27 Bb5! ab 28 f6 g6 (White also has a clear endgame superiority after 28 . . . Bf6 29 ef Qg3 30 Kg3.) 29 fe Rfe8 30 Rb5 Re7 31 Rd1 (The pawn plus is hard to realize in a heavy piece ending, but Spassky had Hort's severe time trouble to aid him.) Qc2 32 Rbd5 Rce8 33 b4 (Wasting no time getting the pawn started on its forward march.) Qb2 34 R1d4 Qe2 35 b5 Re5 36 b6! Rd5 37 Rd5 Qb2 38 Qc7 Re2 39 b7! Rg2 40 Kh1 Kg7 41 b8Q Resigns.

VIDMAR'S HYBRID "STONEWALL"

Dr. Milan Vidmar regularly placed third in the most powerful chess contests of his day, behind such illustrious foes as Lasker, Capablanca and Alekhine, and he produced many relentlessly steady attacking games against ranking grandmasters, such as this hybrid "stonewall" assault versus world championship contender Efim Bogolyubov.

White: Milan Vidmar.

Black: Efim Bogolyubov.

London, 1927.

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	22 BPxB	B-K3
2 N-KB3	P-K3	23 R-B2	P-N3
3 P-B4	P-Q4	24 P-N4	Q-R2
4 B-N5	P-KR3(a)	25 R(1)-KB1	PxP
5 BxN	QxB	26 R-B6!	B-B4
6 N-B3	P-B3	27 RxBP!(h)	P-R3
7 P-K3	N-Q2	28 BxB	PxB
8 B-Q3	PxP(b)	29 Q-K3!(i)	Q-KN2
9 BxP	N-N3	30 QxP	QxQ
10 B-Q3	N-Q4	31 RxQ	K-N2
11 0-0	NxN(c)	32 R-QB6	QR-B1
12 PxN	B-Q3	33 RxR	RxR
13 N-Q2!	0-0(d)	34 RxP	RxP
14 P-KB4	B-Q2	35 P-K6	P-N5
15 Q-R5	Q-K2(e)	36 P-Q5	R-K6
16 P-K4	P-KB4	37 R-B4	P-R4
17 QR-K1	Q-B2	38 R-Q4!	P-R5
18 Q-K2(f)	P-QN4(g)	39 P-Q6	P-N6
19 PxP	PxP	40 PxP	PxP
20 N-B4!	B-B2	41 P-Q7	P-N7
21 N-K5	BxN	42 R-N4	Resigns

(Modified notes by Joseph Henry Blackburne from "The British Chess Magazine," March 1928, pp. 135-36)

(a) Although this move compels 5 BxN (if 5 B-R4, then 5 . . . B-N5ch, and Black can take and keep the gambit pawn), it is no longer considered strong, as White gets a free game.

(b) Better is 8. . . B-N5, but if White replies with 9 Q-N3 Black will be unable to force P-K4.

(c) And a knight which now makes its fourth move is exchanged for one which has moved once only — a fault in economy of time. No wonder White has superior control of the center!

(d) If 13 . . . P-K4, then 14 N-K4 Q-K2 15 P-KB4!, with advantage.

(e) Black's 15 . . . P-B4 would enable White to win a pawn temporarily, e.g., 16 N-K4 Q-K2 17 PxB B-B2, but as the White knight can then be driven away with recovery of the pawn and leave White's pawn position spoiled, he would probably have rejected the offer, preferring perhaps 16 N-B4 Q-K2 17 P-K4.

(f) To exchange queens here would only help Black, who is weak on the white center squares. By retaining his queen White can exploit this weakness.

(g) As this push does not prevent White's N-B4, it is ineffectual. More to the point would have been 18 . . . K-R1 or 18 . . . QR-Q1.

(h) Avoiding Black's pitfall of 27 BxB PxP 28 R(1)xP QxR 29 RxQ RxR, and White cannot play 30 QxPch because of 30 . . . R-N4, after which he would probably only be able to draw.

(i) With a winning advantage. The rest is a matter of technique.

KING HUNT, QUEEN PURSUIT

Contrary to well known general principles of chess, the winner in this brevity moves his queen seven times early in the game, but he "proves" the rule by checkmating his opponent's king.

White: Amateur. Black: B. Soldatenkoff. Nice, 1927. Nimzo-Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bg5 Bc3 5 bc c5 6 e3 Qa5 7 Qb3 Ne4 8 Bf4 Nc3 9 Bd3 Ne4 10 Ke2 Qd2 11Kf3 Qf2 12 Ke4 Qg2 13 Nf3 Qg6 14 Ke5 Qf6 15 Kd6 Qe7 16 Ke5 d6 17 Ke4 f5mate.

NEW CHESS CENTER IN BERKELEY

Chess master, organizer and tournament director 'Alan Benson has taken charge of a new chess center located in the "Bear's Lair" on the University of California Berkeley campus (on the west side of the Student Union building). Much activity is planned, including mass rapid transit tournaments and low-cost USCF-rated Swiss system events (\$3 and \$5 entry fees). Light refreshments will be served at no charge, but a 25-cent donation per person will be requested to help cover operating expenses of the club. Please bring sets and clocks. For complete playing schedules and other information, telephone Alan Benson at 843-0661.

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