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Chess

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Among the most brilliant finishes ever "seen" in blindfold exhibition play occurred in a game won by the great Alexander Alekhine against A. Supico. The two-volume "Selected Games" collection by Alekhine, ending with 1936, does not contain this little gem, nor does it appear in Alexander's third volume concluding Alekhine's career through 1946.

Except for Julius DuMont, who lists the game as played in the USSR in 1919 ("More Miniature Games," McKay, 1953), chess writers have been unanimous in assigning it a date of 1942 (Chernev, Hurt, Kotov and Wellmuth), with Irving Chernev the only compiler to venture Teneriffe as the playing site.

But in August 1941 the British magazine "Chess" published "A Further Exclusive Contribution by the World Champion" which contradicts other sources by stipulating June 1941 as the authoritative date of play. Moreover, the "Chess" presentation gains additional credibility by the inclusion of some of Alekhine's own notes to the game.

White: Dr. Alekhine.

Blindfold Exhibition, 1941.

Danish Gambit

Black: A. Supico.

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 P-K5	Q-B4
2 P-Q4	PxP	12 R-B1(d)	Q-R4
3 P-QB3	PxP	13 P-QR3(e)	BxP
4 NxP	B-N5	14 PxB	P-QB3
5 B-QB4	Q-K2(a)	15 N-K7ch	K-R1
6 N-K2!	N-KB3(b)	16 Q-Q6(f)	Q-Q1
7 O-O	O-O	17 N-Q4	P-QN3
8 B-KN5	Q-K4(c)	18 R-B3	P-QB4
9 BxN	QxB	19 N(Q4)-B5(g)	B-R3(h)
10 N-Q5	Q-Q3	20 Q-N6!!	Resigns(i)

(Notes extracted from "Chess," August 1941, pp. 167-68)

(a) In Moscow, 1919, Issakoff played here against Alekhine 5 . . . P-Q3, and the game continued: 6 N-B3 BxNch 7 PxP N-QB3 8 O-O N-B3 9 B-R3 (More in harmony with the opening is 9 P-K5 PxP 10 Q-N3, with a strong attack.) O-O (9 . . . B-N5! 10 Q-N3 N-QR4 11 BxPch K-B1 12 Q-R4 BxN 13 PxP KxB 14 QxN R-K1, with a satisfactory game) 10 P-K5 N-KN5 11 PxP PxP 12 BxQP R-K1 13 R-K1!, etc. This analysis is by Alekhine, and is taken from M.C.O.

(b) If 6 . . . QxP, then 7 B-Q5!, followed by 8 O-O is very good for White (Alekhine).

(c) A mistake, which proves to be decisive. Black should have played 8 . . . P-B3 here, preventing 9 N-Q5 (Alekhine).

(d) Among other things, White is threatening 13 NxP, and this cannot be met by 12 . . . B-R4 because 13 B-Q3 would win the queen.

(e) Still possible is 13 NxP, but as this knight can be very useful in helping to draw a mating net round Black, Alekhine prefers not to go in for rook hunting, but chooses a simpler and more elegant way to victory.

(f) Threatening 17 N-N6ch, followed by 18 QxRch.

(g) Here White could have played 19 R-R3 also, and if 19 . . . PxN, then 20 Q-N6! P-KR3 21 RxPch PxR 22 QxRPmate.

(h) And now Alekhine announced mate in four moves by 20 Q-N6!!, etc.

(i) This brilliant finish is closely reminiscent of the famous Levitzky — Marshall game from the Breslau Tournament, 1912.

EXTRA-CLASS GAMES FROM LONE PINE

The 1977 Lone Pine international competition produced a wealth of fine games, some of which are recorded here in USCF mandated coordinated 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).

Round-by-round bulletins of the \$30,000 Lone Pine "Masters-Plus" tournament with every game played are available for \$2.50, postpaid, from Max Burkett, Bulletin Editor, 1009 MacArthur Blvd., Apt. 6, Oakland, Calif. 94610.

White: Vincent McCambridge. Black: Eugene Meyer. Lone Pine, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 b3 Nc6 3 Bb2 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 Nf3 d6 6 Bb5 Nc7 7 Bc6 bc 8 ed ed 9 O-O Be7 10 d4 Bf6 11 Nc3 d5 12 dc Bg4 13 h3 Bh5 14 Na4 Ne6 15 Bf6 Qf6 16 Qe2 O-O 17 Qe5 Qh6 18 Nd4 Rae8 19 Rae1 Nd4 20 Qe8 Qg6 21 c3 Bf3 22 g3 Be4 23 Re4 de 24 Qd7 Nf3 25 Kg2 f5 26 Qd6 Qh5 27 Qc6 h6 28 Qd5 Kh8 29 c6 Ng5 30 h4 f4 31 Qd6 Rf6 32 c7 Qf3 33 Kg1 Rd6 34 c8Q Kh7 35 hg fg 36 Qc5 Rg6 37 Qe3 gf 38 Regins.

White: John Grefe. Black: William Lombardy. Lone Pine, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 O-O 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 h4 Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 O-O-O- h5 13 g4 Nc4 14 Bc4 Rc4 15 gh Nh5 16 Rdg1 e6 17 Nde2 Qf6 18 Bg5 Of3 19 Rf1 Qg2 20 Qd6 Bc3 21 Nc3 Rc3 22 bc Ba4 23 Qh2 Qe4 24 Rd1 Bc6 25 Rhf1 Qc4 26 Bh6 Rc8 27 Qf2 e5 28 Qe3 Qa2 29 Qe5 Ba4 30 Qe4 Qa1 31 Resigns.

White: Anatoly Lain. Black: John Peters. Lone Pine, 1977. English Opening 1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cd Nd5 5 e3 Nc3 6 bc g6 7 Qa4 Nd7 8 e4 Bg7 9 e5 O-O 10 e6 fe 11 h4 Nb6 12 Qe4 e5 13 Bc4 Kh8 14 Ng5 Bf5 15 Qe2 Qd6 16 g4 Nc4 17 gf Qd5 18 Qe4 Qe4 19 Ne4 gf 20 Nc5 Rfc8 21 Ne6 Bf6 22 Rb1 Rc6 23 Ng5 Rb6 24 Rb3 e4 25 Ke2 Rb3 26 ab Na5 27 Ba3 b6 28 Rg1 h6 29 Ne6 Rg8 30 Rh1 Kh7 31 h5 Nb3 32 Rb1 Na5 33 Rb5 Nc4 34 Bc1 Rg1 35 Rb4 Ne5 36 Ra4 Nd3 37 Resigns.

White: Peter Cleghorn. Black: David Strauss. Lone Pine, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8 Na3 Be6 9 Nc4 Rc8 10 Bf6 gf 11 Bd3 Ne7 12 Ne3 Bh6 13 Qf3 Be3 14 fe Rg8 15 O-O Rg6 16 Nd5 Bd5 17 ed Rh6 18 Rf2 Kd7 19 c4 Qg8 20 b4 b6 21 c5 bc 22 Ba6 Rb8 23 bc Qg5 24 c6 Kc7 25 e4 Rb6 26 Qa3 Qh4 27 g3 Qe4 28 Bd3 Qd4 29 Qa7 Kc8 30 Bf5 (White announced mate in five.) Resigns.

White: Helge Olafsson. Black: Eugene Meyer. Lone Pine, 1977. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 d4 Nf6 e4 O-O 5 Nf3 d6 6 Be2 e5 7 O-O Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Nd2 Ne8 10 b4 f5 11 c5 f4 12 a4 g5 13 Ba3 Ng6 14 a5 Nh4 15 b5 g4 16 g3 f3 17 Bd3 Ng2 18 Kh1 Qg5 19 Rg1 Qh5 20 Nf1 Rf6 21 c6 Bh6 22 Ra2 Ng7 23 Qb1 Qh3 24 b6 cb 25 ab a6 26 Bb4 Nh5 27 Ba6 Bf4 28 Nb5 Ra6 29 Ra6 Bg3 30 fg Ng3 31 Ng3 Rh6 32 Nf1 g3 33 Resigns.

HAYWARD "SUMMERFEST" AT SOUTHLAND

Enjoy the chess festivities at the Hayward Chess Club's "Summerfest" chess, QuadraChess and speed chess contests at the Southland Mall, June 25-26. USCF certified tournament director Jerry Rogers will conduct four separate events, each with its own prizes: (1) USCF Open, with cash prizes in six divisions; entry fee, \$15 prior to June 23. (2) Nonrated Beginner Section, with free one-year USCF membership to winner; entry fee, \$5 prior to June 23. (3) QuadraChess, a new and fascinating four-handed chess game, with free QuadraChess sets to singles and team winners; entry fee, \$3. (4) Round-robin speed chess tournament, with cash prizes to first five places; advance entry only, \$5. Send entry fee to Hayward Chess Club, c/o Jerry Rogers, 19541 Times Ave., Hayward, Calif. 94541. For more information, please phone 276-5754. Round one begins at noon, Saturday, June 25.