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# Chess

## FISCHER TWO UP IN MATCH

Soviet grandmaster Tigran Petrosian lost the sixth and seventh games of the final candidates' match in Buenos Aires, putting America's Robert Fischer two points ahead in their scheduled 12-game series. With the score now standing at 4½-2½ in his favor, Fischer needs only two more wins (or four draws) to clinch the match and to qualify as official challenger for the world's championship.

**White: Tigran Petrosian. Black: Robert Fischer**

Buenos Aires, Oct. 17-18, 1971, 6th Match Game. English Opening 1 N-KB3 P-QB4 2 P-QN3 P-Q4 3 B-N2 P-B3 4 P-B4 P-Q5 5 P-Q3 P-K4 6 P-K3 N-K2 7 B-K2 KN-B3 8 QN-Q2 B-K2 9 0-0 0-0 10 P-K4 P-QR3 11 N-K1 P-QN4 12 B-N4 BxB 13 QxB Q-B1 14 Q-K2 N-Q2 15 N-B2 R-N1 16 KR-B1 Q-K1 17 B-R3 B-Q3 18 N-K1 P-N3 19 PxP PxP 20 B-N2 N-N3 21 N/I-B3 R-R1 22 P-QR3 N-R4 23 Q-Q1 Q-B2 24 P-QR4 PxP 25 PxP P-B5 26 PxP N/3xP 27 NxN NxN 28 Q-K2 NxB 29 QxN KR-N1 30 Q-R2 B-N5 31 QxQch KxQ 32 R-B7ch K-K3 33 P-N4 B-B6 34 R-R2 R-QB1 35 RxR RxR 36 P-R5 R-QR1 37 P-R6 R-R2 38 K-B1 P-N4 39 K-K2 K-Q3 40 K-Q3 K-B4 41 N-N1 K-N4 42 N-K2 B-R4 43 R-N2ch KxP 44 R-N1 R-QB2 45 R-N2 B-K8 46 P-B3 K-R4 47 R-B2 R-QN2 48 R-R2ch K-N4 49 R-N2ch B-N5 50 R-R2 R-QB2 51 R-R1 R-QB1 52 R-R7 B-R4 53 R-Q7 B-N3 54 R-Q5ch B-B4 55 N-B1 K-R5 56 R-Q7 B-N5 57 N-K2 K-N6 58 R-QN7 R-QR1 59 RxP R-R8 60 NxPch PxN 61 KxP R-Q8ch 62 K-K3 B-B4ch 63 K-K2 R-KR8 64 P-R4 K-B5 65 P-R5 R-R7ch 66 K-K1 K-Q6 67 Resigns.

**White: Robert Fischer. Black: Tigran Petrosian.**

Buenos Aires, Oct. 19, 1971, 7th Match Game. Sicilian Defense 1P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP P-QR3 5 B-Q3 N-QB3 6 NxN NPxN 7 0-0 P-Q4 8 P-QB4 N-B3 9 BPxP BPxP 10 PxP PxP 11 N-B3 B-K2 12 Q-R4ch Q-Q2 13 R-K1 QxQ 14 NxQ B-K3 15 B-K3 0-0 16 B-QB5 KR-K1 17 BxB RxB 18 P-QN4 K-B1 19 N-B5 B-B1 20 P-B3 R/2-R2 21 R-K5 B-Q2 22 NxBch RxN 23 R-QB1 R-Q3 24 R-B7 N-Q2 25 R-K2 P-N3 26 K-B2 P-KR4 27 P-B4 P-R5 28 K-B3 P-B4 29 K-K3 P-Q5ch 30 K-Q2 N-N3 31 R/2-K7 N-Q4 32 R-B7ch K-K1 33 R-QN7 NxBP 34 B-B4 Resigns.

## USSR CHAMPIONSHIP

Interest in the Fischer-Petrosian match has all but eclipsed this year's USSR Championship, regarded as the strongest national competition in the world. Prominent participants include Mikhail Tal, Yefim Geller, Vasily Smyslov, Anatoly Karpov, Lev Polugaevsky and David Bronstein.

Battling with exceptional vigor, Tal has been making good his boast that he will show the young Soviet contingent in this tournament how grandmaster chess is played.

**White: Mikhail Tal. Black: Yuri Balashov.**

**Leningrad, 1971, USSR Championship**

**Caro-Kann Defense**

1 P-K4	P-QB3	17 B-R5	NxP(e)
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	18 BxR	RxB(f)
3 N-Q2	PxP	19 N-B3	BxNch
4 NxP	B-B4	20 PxP	N-B4
5 Q-B3(a)	P-K3	21 Q-K2	N-N3
6 B-Q3	N-Q2(b)	22 P-KN4!(g)	NxQP
7 N-K2	B-N3	23 Q-K5	N-B6(h)
8 B-KB4	QN-B3	24 QxNP	Q-K2
9 N-N5!	N-Q4(c)	25 RxRch	KxR
10 BxB	RPxB	26 Q-B6	NxP
11 B-Q2	N-R3	27 Q-R8ch(i)	K-Q2
12 0-0-0	B-N5	28 P-B4	N-B6
13 P-B3	B-K2	29 R-R3(j)	Q-B4
14 P-KR4	Q-Q2(d)	30 RxN	Q-N8ch
15 P-KN3	0-0-0	31 N-Q1	Resigns(k)
16 P-B4	N-N3		

(Notes by former world champion Mikhail Tal, translated from "Sovetsky sport," October 5, 1971.)

(a) Instead of the hackneyed 6 N-N3 B-N3, White chooses an old line advocated by Rauzer.

(b) Capturing White's QP loses a number of tempi for Black.

(c) Stronger, in my opinion, is 9 . . . Q-Q4.

(d) Holding back White's QBP by 14 . . . P-N4 may be worth the effort.

(e) Just about forced.

(f) Theoretically, Black has obtained ample compensation for the exchange in the form of a pawn and two outpost squares for his pieces at Q4 and KB4. Practically, however, White succeeds in regrouping for a new and more dangerous initiative.

(g) Spurring on the knight to open the Q-file.

(h) In response to 23 . . . N-B5 White builds up a winning attack with 24 Q-QB5 N-N3 25 N-N5!

(i) Needless complications arise after 27 R-R8ch K-Q2 28 Q-Q4ch N-Q4 29 QxP Q-N5.

(j) Trapping the knight.

(k) Black does not care to play on a rook behind.