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Chess

During his recent lecture and simultaneous exhibition tour of prisons and chess clubs throughout the west, chessmaster Jude Acers held his audiences spellbound with vivid accounts of "the most incredible games ever played." Here is one of them, probably the most spectacular draw ever recorded, selected and annotated by Jude F. Acers.

White: L. Hamppe.

Black: J. Meitner.

Championship of Vienna, 1872.

Vienna Game

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 K-N4	P-R4ch!!(h)
2 N-QB3(a)	B-B4	12 KxN(i)	N-K2!(j)
3 N-R4?!(b)	BxPch!	13 B-N5ch!	K-Q1
4 KxB	Q-R5ch	14 B-B6!	P-N3ch
5 K-K3	Q-B5ch	15 K-N5	NxB!
6 K-Q3	P-Q4	16 KxN!(k)	B-N2ch!!
7 K-B3!(c)	QxKP	17 K-N5!(l)	B-R3ch!
8 K-N3(d)	N-QR3!(e)	18 K-B6!(m)	B-N2ch
9 P-QR3!(f)	QxNch!!(g)	19 K-N5	B-R3ch
10 KxQ	N-B4ch	20 K-B6	Drawn!(n)

(a) The Vienna Game, played for the championship of Vienna!

(b) Much analyzed at the time, in Bilguer's "Handbuch des Schachspiel" for example. I have seen master games where White played 3 P-B4? and Black missed an immediate win with 3 . . . BxN RxB QR-5ch time after time!

(c) If 7 N-QB3, then 7 . . . PxPch 8 NxP B-B4 9 Q-K2 N-KB3 or 7 Q-K2 B-Q2!

(d) On 8 P-QN3 Q-Q5 mates.

(e) Inviting (1) 9 BxN PxB 10 K-R3! R-N1 11 P-B3 QxNP 12 N-K2 B-N5 13 R-K1 QxRP or (2) what follows!

(f) And not 9 P-B3 B-Q2 10 P-Q4 P-QN4 11 N-B5 NxN 12 PxN Q-R5mate. The text threatens 10 N-QB3 to be followed by 11 K-R2.

(g) Forced, but just unbelievable!

(h) "Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus."

(i) After 12 K-B3 P-Q5ch 13 K-B4 P-QN3 14 K-Q5 P-KB3 15 B-N5ch K-Q1 Black threatens 16 . . . B-K6ch 17 K-B6 R-R2 with the idea of 18 . . . N-K2mate, thereby ensuring a draw despite a queen minus versus two lowly pawns! What happens now is both unexpected and beautiful.

(j) Threatens mate in two beginning with either 13 . . . B-Q2 or 13 . . . P-N3ch.

(k) Or 16 K-R4 N-Q5! 17 Q-B1 B-Q2ch 18 Q-N5 BxQmate.

(l) If 17 KxB, then 17 . . . K-Q2 and Black mates in three moves.

(m) Not 18 K-R4 B-B5! and mate in one.

(n) One of the most incredible games ever played.

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ANOTHER FISCHER TRIUMPH

American grandmaster Robert Fischer, fresh from his many victories in Yugoslavia, pulled 3½ points ahead of second-place Vladimir Tukmakov (whose achievements include a record 5-0 result in the USSR-Yugoslavia match of 1965) to win an international tournament in Buenos Aires.

Fischer scored 15 points out of a possible 17. Tukmakov took second with 11½, while third place went to Argentine grandmaster Oscar Panno, who finished with 11 points.

Former world champion Vasily Smyslov drew most of his games for a total of only nine points and seventh place.

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

The Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A Street and Meekland Avenue), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 36025 Fremont Blvd. (Westridge Park Community Center) Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the first and third Friday of the month.