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Chess

WORLD JUNIOR DRAWS TO CLOSE

Newly crowned US junior champion Larry Christiansen held tournament leader Marjanovic of Yugoslavia to an early draw in the penultimate round of the world junior chess championship at Teesside, England. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union's Alexander Belyavsky matched Marjanovic's 7½-2½ score by toppling Bloch, a player from South Africa.

Tony Miles (England), who upset Belyavsky in round two, stands only half a point off the pace at 7-3. But Christiansen's 6½-3½ tally (tied with Englishman Michael Stean) puts him out of the running for first prize, even though, at 17, he still has a few good years left in him.

Two of the best games from the semi-final competition are recorded here in streamlined 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: Belyavsky. Black: Christiansen. Teesside, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 g6 5 Be3 Nf6 6 Nc3 Bg7 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 d6 9 Kh1 Bd7 10 f4 Rc8 11 Nb3 Na5 12 e5 Ne8 13 Na5 Qa5 14 Nd5 Qd8 15 Ba7 Be6 16 c4! de 17 Nb6 Qd1 18 Rad1 Rc7 19 Bb8 Rc6 20 Nd7 Bd7 21 Rd7 Rb6 22 Be5 Be5 23 fe Rb2 24 Bf3 b6 25 Re7 Kg7 26 g4 Ne6 27 Bd5 Nd8 28 a4 Rb4 29 Ra7 Re8 30 Ra8 Kf8 31 Rd8 Rd8 32 Rf7 Ke8 33 Rh7 Rc8 34 Rh8 Kd7 35 e6 Kc7 36 Rh7 Kd6 37 Rd7 Ke5 38 e7 Rb1 39 Kg2 Rb2 40 Kg3 Rb3 41 Kh4 Re8 42 Kg5! Resigns.

White: Dieks. Black: Miles. Teesside, 1973. Grunfeld Defense 1 c4 g6 2 Nf3 Bg7 3 d4 Nf6 4 g3 0-0 5 Bg2 d5 6 cd Nd5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 e4 Nb6 9 d5 Na5 10 Nc3 c6 11 dc Nc6 12 Bf4 Be6 13 Qc1 Nc4 14 Bh6 Rc8 15 Bg7 Kg7 16 Rd1 Qa5 17 b3 N4e5 18 Qb2 Nf3 19 Bf3 Qe5 20 Rac1 Nd4 21 Bg2 Bg4 22 f4 Qf6 23 e5 Qb6 24 Nd5 Ne2! 25 Kh1 Qf2 26 Rc8 Rc8 27 Qd2 Bf3 28 Ne3 Rc1! 29 Bf3 Qg1 30 Resigns.

SECOND INTERZONAL UNDER WAY

The second qualifying tournament designed to advance three players into the candidates' matches for the world championship is now under way in Petropolis, Brazil.

Somewhat surprisingly, Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic moved out in front of the 18-man pack from the start and still clings to the lead after six rounds with 4½ points. Winning an adjourned game would make him even harder to catch.

Following close on his heels is Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union with 4-2. Lajos Portisch (Hungary), the pre-tourney favorite, and Henrique Mecking (Brazil) both have 3½ points plus an adjourned game to finish.

Next come Geller, Bronstein (each with an incomplete game), Savon, Smyslov and Gheorghiu at 3 points apiece. Panno's 2½ points look unimpressive, but he has two adjournments outstanding.

US representative Samuel Reshevsky drew against Keres and Smyslov, then faltered, as indicated by his score of 2½-3½. Young Peter Biyiasas of Canada has had to settle for 2 points (with one adjournment) so far, but in such fast company this interim total must be considered satisfactory.

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Played in a team match, Russia versus Latvia, this old-fashioned Bishop's Opening acquires new verve, when a couple of modern masters combine to produce a brilliancy reminiscent of the great Anderssen, only better . . .

**White: Yakov Neyshtadt
Riga, 1955. Bishop's Opening**

Black: Aivar Gipslis

1 P-K4	P-K4	13 P-KR4	N-R4(e)
2 B-B4	N-KB3	14 BxN!(f)	PxB
3 P-Q4	NxP(a)	15 N-N5	B-B4(g)
4 PxP	N-B4(b)	16 R-Q8!!(h)	QxR
5 N-KB3	B-K2	17 Q-R5	P-R3
6 B-B4!(c)	N-B3	18 Q-N6!	PxN
7 N-B3	N-K3	19 PxPch	K-N1
8 B-KN3	0-0	20 Q-R5!(i)	N-B5
9 Q-K2	P-B4(d)	21 P-N6	Q-Q7ch
10 0-0-0	Q-K1	22 K-N1	N-R6ch
11 N-Q5	K-R1	23 PxN	Resigns(j)
12 N-B4	P-QR3		

(a) A seemingly insignificant but in reality very serious error. Correct was 3 . . . PxP first, and only after 4 N-KB3 either to accept White's pawn sacrifice with 4 . . . NxP or to transpose into the Two Knights' Defense by 4 . . . N-B3.

(b) White threatened 5 Q-Q5.

(c) Thwarting any attempt at undermining the KP, which severely cramps his opponent's game. If now 6 . . . P-Q3, then Black remains saddled with a weak isolated pawn following the numerous exchanges.

(d) Black is already in considerable trouble, as 9...P-Q3 cannot be played, due to 10 0-0-0. He therefore strives for equality through counterattack.

(e) Judging the time ripe for action on the queen side, but White's reply reveals the flaw in his reasoning.

(f) The bishop has accomplished its appointed task and may now be traded off.

(g) Guarding the KP by 15 . . . Q-B3 loses out of hand to 16 Q-R5, while 15 . . . BxN 16 PxR opens the KR-file for a winning offensive.

(h) A beautifully effective combination, deflecting the enemy queen and gaining control of the KR5 square.

(i) White could have concluded in "Anderssen style" by 20 R-R8ch KxR 21 Q-R5ch K-N1 22 P-N6 R-B3 23 Q-R7ch K-B1 24 Q-R8ch K-K2 25 QxPch K-K1 26 PxR, and Black can safely resign, but the "quiet" move actually played wins faster.

(j) Black has no defense against the mate.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Ave. and Decatur Way). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The San Leandro Chess Club, 205 Dutton Ave. (Washington School cafeteria, between East 14th St. and Bancroft Ave.) Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, 35501 Cedar Blvd. (in the Newark Community Center). Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J streets. Friday, 8-12 p.m.