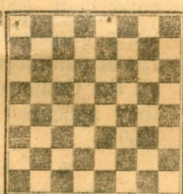


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NEW BOOK BY BOBBY FISCHER

My 60 Memorable Games by Bobby Fischer (Simon and Schuster, New York, 1969, 384 pp., \$6.95).

Only 60 games, however memorable, barely scratch the surface of Fischer's superb record. Eight straight U.S. Championship victories (one with a perfect score of 11-0!), top honors in the last five tournaments he has completed, and nothing less than second place during the past six years have all contributed to his reputation as the most feared competitor in modern chess.

Not included in this fine collection is a highly instructive win from the event pictured on the book cover, one of my favorite Fischer brilliancies. Condensed notes by Fischer and Najdorf in **Second Piatigorsky Cup** (Isaac Kashdan editor, Los Angeles, 1968, pp. 198-202) and by Robert Byrne in **Chess Life** (November 1966, pp. 261-62).

White: Robert J. Fischer. Black : Miguel Najdorf.

Piatigorsky Cup Tournament, Santa Monica, 1966.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	24 RxRP	Q-B3
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	25 Q-K2	P-B4(n)
3 P-Q4	PxP	26 P-B5(o)	QxKP
4 NxP	P-K3	27 QxQ	PxQ
5 N-N5(a)	P-Q3	28 PxP(p)	B-R3(q)
6 B-KB4(b)	P-K4(c)	29 R-R5	K-Q2
7 B-K3	N-B3(d)	30 RxKP	B-N2(r)
8 B-N5(e)	B-K3(f)	31 RxP/4	BxP
9 QN-B3	P-QR3	32 N-K3	P-R4
10 BxN	PxB	33 N-B4	KR-N1
11 N-R3	N-Q5	34 R-R4(s)	K-B3
12 B-B4(g)	P-N4(h)	35 R-R7	B-Q5
13 BxB	PxB	36 R-B7ch	K-Q4
14 N-K2	N-B3(i)	37 P-Q7	P-R5(t)
15 N-N3	Q-Q2	38 N-N6ch(u)	RxN
16 P-QB4(j)	N-Q5	39 R-B8	R-Q3
17 0-0	P-N5(k)	40 RxR	RxP
18 N-B2	NxN	41 RxP	P-K4
19 QxN	P-KR4	42 K-B1	R-QN2
20 KR-Q1	P-R5	43 P-B4	K-K3
21 N-B1	R-KN1(1)	44 PxP	R-B2ch
22 P-QR3(m)	P-R6	45 K-K2	R-B7ch
23 P-KN3	PxP	46 K-Q3	BxP
		47 R-K1	Resigns(v)

(a) **Byrne**: Fischer begins positional probing of the Black pawn structure.

(b) **Fischer**: This is the sharpest line.

(c) **Najdorf**: Theory proves the inferiority of 6...N-K4.

(d) **Fischer**: Black can avoid the doubling of his pawns by 7...P-QR3 8 N/5-B3 N-B3 9 B-KN5 B-K2. However, Majdorf may have been worried about 9 B-QB4!

(e) **Najdorf**: Strongest, although it is the third consecutive move for the same piece.

(f) **Fischer**: Black could equalize immediately with 8...Q-R4ch 9 Q-Q2 (or 9 B-Q2 Q-Q1) NxP 10 QxQ NxQ 11 B-K3 K-Q2 12 NxRP P-Q4.

(g) **Najdorf**: Correct was 12 N-B4 P-B4, with a little initiative for White. **Fischer**: Correct is 12 N-B4, and if 12...R-B1 13 N-K3 B-R3 14 B-Q3 R-KN1 15 Q-R5!, etc.

(h) **Fischer**: The right move was 12...P-Q4! 13 NxP (if 13 PxP BxN 14 NPxB Q-R4) BxN/6 14 PxP Q-R4ch 15 K-B1 (or 15 P-B3 BxN 16 BxB QxPch 17 K-B1 R-QB1!, with advantage to Black) 0-0-0, and Black has a strong initiative, as on 16 P-QB3 he has 16...N-N4.

(i) **Najdorf**: Loss of time. Evidently I lost control by omitting 12...P-Q4!

(j) **Byrne**: Very strong, completing the restraint of Black's center pawns and denying him the hope of castling long.

(k) **Fischer**: Later White is able to use the NP to open the QR file. Better was 17...B-N2.

(l) **Fischer**: Better was 21...P-R6 22 P-KN3 Q-B3, with play.

(m) **Najdorf**: Very well played.

(n) **Byrne**: A bold bid to mobilize his pawn center for attack, but it meets with a crushing reply.

(o) **Fischer**: Now if 26...PxBP 27 Q-R5ch K-K2 28 R/3-Q3 PxP 29 R/3-Q2, with a hopeless position for Black, while if 26...QxBP, then 27 Q-R5ch followed by 28 PxP, etc. **Najdorf**: A great conception. My only chance is to exchange queens, despite the destruction of my pawn center.

(p) **Byrne**: Black's once proud center pawn mass has been transformed into a useless, helpless tripleton.

(q) **Fischer**: To prevent N-K3 and B4.

(r) **Byrne**: Allowing the Knight to enter the game with deadly effect for the sake of getting a passed QRP. On 30...QR-N1 would have followed 31 N-Q2.

(s) **Najdorf**: White is now threatening to win my bishop by 35 R-R7ch K-B3 36 R-B7ch, etc.

(t) **Najdorf**: A desperate attempt to fight against 38 R-B8 RxR 39 N-N6ch K-B4 40 PxR/Qch RxQ 41 NxR P-R6, etc.

(u) **Fischer**: Najdorf was probably playing for 38 R-B8? RxR 39 N-N6ch K-B4 40 PxR/Qch? RxQ 41 NxR P-R6, with some practical chances. But 40 R-B1ch! KxN 41 RxR! breaks all further resistance.

(v) **Fischer**: After 47...R-B4 48 R-R5 K-B3 49 R/1xB1 RxR 50 RxR KxR 51 K-K3 K-B4 52 K-Q4! (but not 52 K-B3 K-N4 53 P-N4? K-R5! and draws) K-N4 53 K-K5 K-N5 54 K-K4 K-N4 55 K-B3 K-B4 56 P-N4ch, and wins.