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# Chess

## RARE OLD GEM

"Probably the rarest of all tournament books, one which many of the most ardent collectors have never seen", the book of games from the third Russian national chess tournament at Kiev, 1903 has only recently been made available in a special reprint edition of 300 copies.

Re-playing the games in this collection reveals just how far modern technique and theory have progressed in 70 years and the great debt owed by today's players to the past masters.

White: S. M. Levitsky. Black: B. A. Nikolaev. Kiev, 1903.

Vienna Game 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Nc6 4 d3 Bb4 5 Ne2 d5 6 ed Nd5 7 0-0 Nc3 8 bc Bd6 9 f4 0-0 10 f5! Qh4 11 Bd5! Ne7 12 Be4 Qh5 13 Qe1! ♖6 14 Be3 Kh8 15 Rf3 Qf7 16 c4 c6 17 Qf2 a6 18 c5 Bc7 19 c4 Rd8 20 Kh1 Ba5 21 Rg1 Nd5!? 22 Bc1 Nc3 23 Nc3 Bc3 24 g4 Bd4 25 Be3 Be3 26 Qe3 h6 27 h4 Rf8 28 g5 fg 29 hg hg 30 Rg5 Bd7 31 f6! Resigns.

White: E. S. Schiffers. Black: M. I. Chigorin. Kiev, 1903.

King's Indian Defense 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Be3 d6 4 Bd3 Nf6 5 h3 Nbd7 6 Ne2 e5 7 c3 Qe7 8 Nd2 0-0 9 Qc2 Re8 10 0-0-0 d5! 11 f3 ed 12 cd de 13 fe Nd5! 14 ed Qe3 15 Kb1 Nb6 16 Nc4 Nc4 17 Qc4 c6! 18 dc bc19 Qc6 Rb8 20 Qc1 (if 20 Qf3, then 20...Qe7 21 Rhf1 Be6, threatening 22...Qa3) Qf2 21 Rhf1 (not 21 Qf4? because of 21...Rb2 22 Kb2 Re2) Qg2 22 Rf7 (Desperation, perhaps, but White no longer has a saving defense.) Kf7 23 Qc7 Bd7! (crossing White's plans; if now 24 Qd7, then 24...Kg8 25 Qa7 Red8 26 Bc4 Kh8, pointed out by Chigorin) 24 Bc4 Ke7 25 Re1 Qe4 26 Ka1 Bd4 27 Bb3 Qe5 28 Qc4 Bb2 29 Kb1 Bf5 30 Bc2 Ba3 31 Resigns.

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When a modern master turns down his king in serious play in fewer than 20 moves, the underlying causes of his defeat are generally more subtle and the skills necessary to demonstrate the win more refined than in times past.

Much of White's proof of expertise in dispatching his formidable foe in this game lies buried in the notes, which have been contributed by the winner especially for this column.

White: Dennis Waterman.

Black: Larry Gilden.

Lone Pine, 1973.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	9 0-0	B-B3
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	10 P-B4	0-0
3 P-Q4	PxP	11 Q-R5	R-K1(c)
4 NxP	P-K3	12 QR-Q1(d)	Q-K2(e)
5 N-QB3	P-Q3	13 P-K5!	PxP
6 B-K3	KN-K2?!(a)	14 B-B5	Q-Q2(f)
7 N-N3!	N-N3(b)	15 B-K4	N-Q5
8 B-Q3	B-K2	16 PxP	Resigns(g)

(a) If Black wants to play this idea, he should do so one move earlier. With 6...N-B3 he would transpose into more usual lines.

(b) Because of the weakening move 5 . . . P-Q3 Black cannot proceed with 7...N-R4.

(c) A resourceful move. White's 12 R-B3 constitutes a great threat, while Black's entangled pieces do not work well in defense, e.g., 11...P-QR3 12 R-B3 R-K1 (or 12...BxN 13 R-R3!) 13 P-K5! PxP 14 R-R3 P-R3 15 BxN PxB 16 QxNP PxP 17 R-Q1! Q-K7 18 N-K4!! with a winning advantage.

(d) Premature is 12 R-B3?, which allows Black to demonstrate his point by 12...BxN! 13 PxB (This time 13 R-R3 loses to 13...BxP!) Q-R5.

(e) Still hoping for 13 R-B3 BxN. A better try was 12 . . . BxN 13 PxB Q-B2.

(f) On 14...Q-B2 15 N-N5 Q-Q2 (but not 15...Q-Q1 16 BxN RPxB 17 RxQ) 16 B-B4 N-Q5 17 PxP NxN(3) 18 RxQ NxB (on 18...NxP follows 19 BxN BxR 20 N-B7 KR-QB1 21 B-Q6) 19 PxB NxR (or 19...BxR 20 QxQN) 20 N-B7 NxP 21 RxN is decisive.

(g) Mate seems likely after the virtually forced continuation of 16...NxN 17 RxQ NxB 18 RxBP!, e.g., I. 18...KxR 19 RxBch! PxR 20 QxPch K-B1 21 BxN R-K2 22 Q-R8mate; II. 18...BxP 19 BxN B-Q5ch 20 K-R1 PxB 21 QxP B-Q2 22 RxPch! BxR 23 R-B7; III. 18...NxB 19 NxN KxR (if 19...BxP, then 20 N-N5 P-KR3 21 QxN) 20 RxBch! PxR (else 20...K-N1 21 N-N5 or 20...K-K2 21 QxP NxP 22 QxPch K-Q1 23 N-Q6 R-K2 24 R-B8ch K-Q2 25 QxN) 21 QxPch K-B1 22 PxP R-Q1 (holds a little longer than 22...R-K2 23 PxBch NxP 24 N-Q6) 23 Q-N7ch K-K1 24 P-B7ch K-Q2 25 P-B8(Q)ch.

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