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## Chess

White: Boris Spassky. Black: Robert Fischer. World Championship, Match Game No. 17. Reykjavik, August 22-23, 1972.

Pirc Defense

1	P-K4	P-Q3(a)	24 PxP	RPxP
2	P-Q4	P-KN3	25 Q-B4	QxQ(i)
3	N-QB3(b)	N-KB3	26 RxQ	N-Q2
4	P-B4	B-N2	27 R-B2	N-K4
5	N-B3	P-B4(c)	28 K-R2	R-B8
6	PxP	Q-R4	29 R-3-K2	N-B3
7	B-Q3	QxBP	30 R-B2	R-K8(j)
8	Q-K2	0-0	31 KR-K2	R-QR8
9	B-K3	Q-QR4	32 K-N3	K-N2
10	0-0	B-N5	33 QR-Q2	R-KB8
11	QR-Q1?!(d)	N-B3	34 R-KB2	R-K8
12	B-B4(e)	N-R4!	35 KR-K2	R-KB8
13	B-N3(f)	BxQN	36 R-K3	P-R3
14	PxB	QxBP	37 R-QB3	R-K8
15	P-B5	N-B3(g)	38 R-B4	R-KB8
16	P-KR3	BxN	39 R-2-QB2	R-QR8
17	QXB	N-QR4	40 R-B2	R-K8
18	R-Q3	Q-B2	41 R-2-B2(k)	P-KN4
19	B-R6	NxB	42 R-B1	R-K7
20	BPxN	Q-B4ch	43 R-1-B2	R-K8
21	K-R1(h)	Q-K4	44 R-B1	R-K7
22	BxR	RxB	45 R-1-B2	
23	R-K3	R-B1		Drawn

(Notes by international grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi,

translated from "64," No. 34, Aug. 25-31, 1972, pg. 10)

(a) As we can see, Fischer has come to the match superbly prepared and employs the most diverse opening systems.

(b) Here Spassky could have played 3 P-QB4, transposing into a King's Indian Defense, against which he has scored many impressive victories.

(c) Fischer chooses a fairly rare continuation. The mod-

ern line runs 5 . . . 0-0; 6 B-Q3, with a sharp game.

(d) White probably deploys his rook too soon, whereas after 11 P-KR3 BxN 12 QxB N-B3 13 P-R3 he maintains a modest positional advantage.

(e) The natural 12 P-KR3 is preferable here, as well.

Now Black begins to fight for the initiative.

(f) White sacrifices a pawn to get rid of the black-

squared bishop guarding Black's king.

(g) Another defensive possibility is 15 . . . N-K4, and if 16 B-Q4, then 16 . . . N-KB5; 17 Q-K3 (17 Q-B2, N-R6ch; 18 PxN, NxNch; 19 K-R1, NxB) QxQ; 18 BxQ, BxN; 19 PxB, P-KN4, and Black has an extra pawn with a solid position. Fischer, however, selects a quieter line.

(h) Now, in case the rook moves out of the bishop's path White obtains an attack after 22 PxP, RPxP; 23 P-KN4, with the unpleasant threat of P-N5, so Fischer decides to give up

the exchange.

(i) A dubious trade. Black should probably have retained

queens by 25 . . . Q-K3 followed by R-B4.

(j) The resultant endgame may be evaluated as approximately even. The next ten moves do little to change the situation.

(k) The sealed move.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Over 100 chess players participated in the second annual Capps Memorial Tournament held Oct. 21-23 at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco. Roy Hoppe directed the six-round, USCF rated event. Complete results:

1st Overall, Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 6-0, \$300; 2nd Overall, James Tarjan, Oakland, 5½-½, \$150; 3rd Overall, Vik-

tors Pupols, Holly, Washington, 5-1, \$100.

1st Expert, Romeo Rodriguez, San Francisco, 5-1, \$100; 2nd Expert, Alex Suhobeck, Monterey, Ziad Baroudi, Sacramento, Peter Grey, San Francisco, Barry Kraft, San Francisco, Max Burkett, Daly City, and Borel Menas, Daly City, 4½-1½, \$13 each.

1st A, Martin Sullivan, San Leandro, and Padraic Neville, Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$47.50 each; 2nd A, Joe Lynch, San Francisco, Marcos Costa, Albany, Ray Menaster, San Francisco, John Smail, Bolinas, and Barry Nelson, Chico, 3-3, \$4

each.

1st B, Stuart Scott, Sunnyvale, 4-2, \$45; 2nd B, Herbert Rosenbaum, San Carlos, 3½-2½, \$30; 3rd B, Fred Wreden, V. M. Bedjanian, Ted Sailor, B. A. Hardeman, Harry Eisenberg, all San Francisco, Jerry Rogers, Hayward, and Jeffrey Leach, Sausalito, 3-2, \$2 each.

1st C, Dennis Moser, San Francisco, and Anthony Marshall, Stanford, 3½-2½, \$25 each; 2nd C, Louis Givt, San Francisco, 3-3, \$10 plus \$50 special award for three upset victories over higher rated opponents (1600, 1876, and 2189;

Givt's rating: 1317!).

1st Unrated, Paul Handte, Berkeley, 3-3, \$30; 2nd Unrated, Ivan Conway, Oakland, Joe Tracy, San Francisco, Paul Satt, San Francisco, and R. W. Oliver, Berkeley, 2½-3½, \$3.75 each.

Best Woman, Menelica Gimdalf, San Francisco, 4-2, \$30; Best Jr., Charles Maddigan, Oakland, 4½-1½, \$30; Best

Sr., John Quinn, El Cerrito, 1-4, \$30.

## CHESS LESSONS AND EXHIBITION

U.S. master Robert Burger will give a simultaneous exhibition open to all comers and deliver a lecture critique on the Fischer — Spassky match at the College of Alameda, 555 Atlantic Ave., Bldg. F, on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Succeeding sessions will be devoted to chess instruction for beginners, Nov. 9, 16 and 30. All programs are free, but participants in the simultaneous exhibition are required to provide their own Staunton design set and board in order to play. For additional information call Clifford Gibson, 522-7221, Ext. 313.