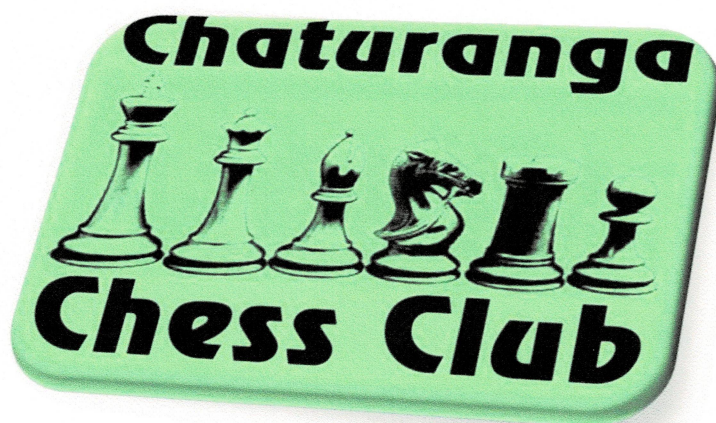


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Days of Future Past

Bent Larsen: The Fighting Dane.

By Stan Ward

From 1968 to 1970 Bent Larsen was considered the strongest player in the free world. While Bobby Fischer went into a self-imposed hibernation, Larsen continued to play. In 1967 he won four straight world class tournaments. He continued in 1968 by finishing first in Monaco ahead of both Botvinnik and Smyslov. In 1969 he continued with his up and down performances by beating Tal for the third spot in the candidates cycle but also stumbled badly in San Juan by finishing tied for 6-7th. Later that same year of 1969 at the annual Mallorca tournament Larsen finished ahead of both Petrosian and Korchnoi. The stage was set for Belgrade!

In 1970 Belgrade, in the former Yugoslavia, was the site for what was billed as "The Match of the Century – USSR versus the Rest of the World". The Match of the Century had a format consisting of a four-round match of the top ten players from the Soviet Union vs the top ten players from the Free World. The Soviet team was stellar with 5 World Champions and people didn't give the west much of a chance. However, the top four boards for the West were formidable and this made the match anything but certain for the Soviets.

Originally the Captain of the World team Dr. Max Euwe had chosen Bobby Fischer as board 1 and Bent Larsen for board 2. Although Fischer was considered stronger Larsen pointed out that between his recent successes and Fischer's 18 months of inactivity that he, Larsen should be on board 1. Surprisingly after some discussion Fischer relented and played on board 2.

Euwe committed an error by announcing the Rest of the World board order ahead of the Soviets. This gave the Soviets an opportunity to make some last-minute changes to their board positions. Some at the time saw this as a ploy by the Russians to pair their players against western opponents against whom they had a good prior record. Originally with Fischer as first board he would play Spassky, and Larsen would play Petrosian. But with the switch Larsen settled down to play Boris Spassky. Here is game 1.

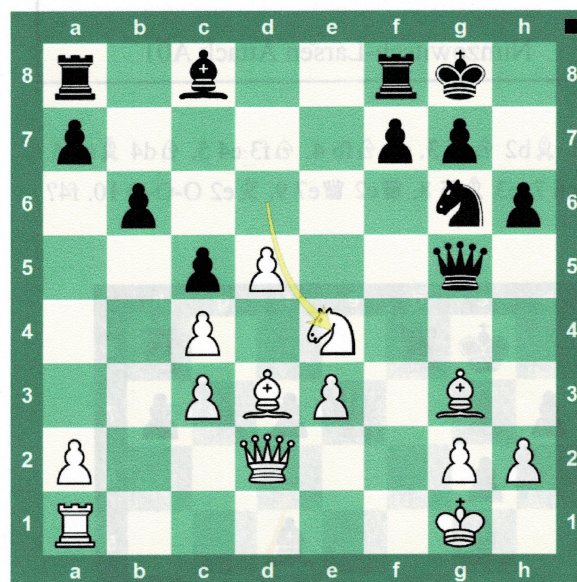
B Spassky vs B Larsen

USSR vs Rest of the World, Rd 1 1970

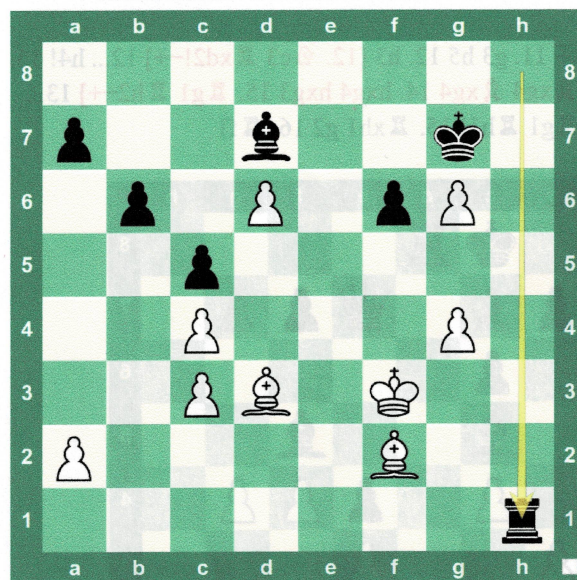
Nimzo-Indian Defense E30

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bg5 c5 5. d5 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 e5 7. Nf3 d6 8. Nd2 h6 9. Bh4 Nbd7 10. e3 Nf8 11. Bd3 Ng6

12. Bg3 O-O 13. O-O Ne7 14. f4! 14... exf4 15. Rxf4 Ng6 16. Rxf6!? 16... Qxf6 17. Ne4 Qd8 18. Nxd6 Qg5! 19. Qd2 b6 20. Ne4



(20. Bxg6 Qxg6 21. e4 +- Spassky). (20. Rf1 Ne5 21. Nxc8 Nxd3 22. Rf5 Qd8 23. Nd6 +- Yudovich) 20... Qd8 21. Rf1 f5 22. Nd6 f4 23. exf4 Qxd6 24. f5 Qd8 (24... Ne5 25. Qe3 Re8 26. f6! (Spassky) 25. fxg6 Rxf1+ 26. Kxf1 Qf6+ 27. Qf4 Bd7 28. Ke2 Rf8 29. Qxf6 gxf6 30. Kf3 Re8 31. Bf2 h5 32. h3 Kg7 33. g4 hxg4+ 34. hxg4 Rh8 35. d6? Rh1?



(35...Bc6+! 36. Ke2 Be8 -+ (Spassky) 36. Bf5 Bc6+ 37. Ke2 Rh3 38. d7 Rh8 39. Bg3 Rd8 40. Bc7 Rxd7 1/2-1/2.

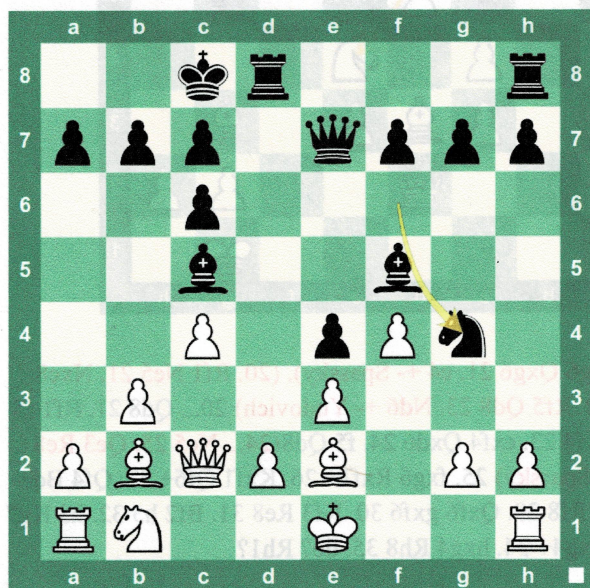
The Second round was a complete shocker as Larsen lost to Spassky in 17 moves, one of the shortest games in Larsen's career.

B Larsen vs B Spassky

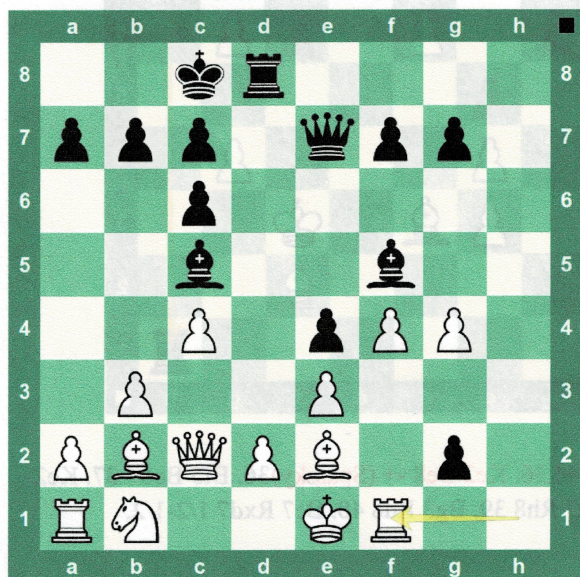
USSR vs Rest of the World, Rd 2 1970

Nimzowitsch-Larsen Attack A01

1. b3 e5 2. ♖b2 ♖c6 3. c4 ♖f6 4. ♖f3 e4 5. ♖d4 ♙c5 6. ♖xc6 dxc6 7. e3 ♙f5 8. ♗c2 ♗e7 9. ♙e2 O-O-O 10. f4?
[10. a3]



10... ♖g4 11. g3 h5 12. h3 [12. ♖c3 ♗xd2!-+] 12... h4! 13. hxc4 [13. ♙xg4 ♙xg4 14. hxc4 hxc3 15. ♗g1 ♗h2-+] 13... hxc3 14. ♗g1 ♗h1! 15. ♗xh1 g2 16. ♗f1



[16. ♗g1 ♗h4+ 17. ♗d1 ♗h1 18. ♗c3 ♗xg1+ 19. ♗c2 ♗f2 20. gxf5 ♗xe2 21. ♖a3 ♙b4-+ Spassky] 16... ♗h4+ 17. ♗d1 gxf1=♗+ [0-1]

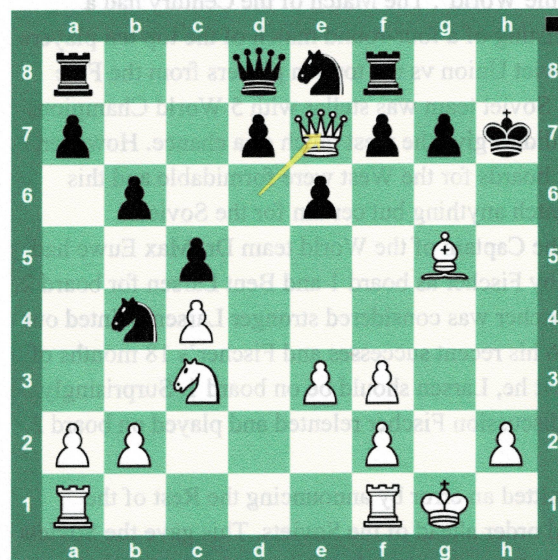
For the rest of the world team things looked grim. Portisch drew Korchnoi, Reshevsky blundered in time pressure and lost to Smyslov but Fischer, after a nine-hour grind won. The lower boards were getting trounced by the Soviets as predicted, but the upper boards were struggling. In Round 3 Larsen bounced back.

B Spassky vs B Larsen

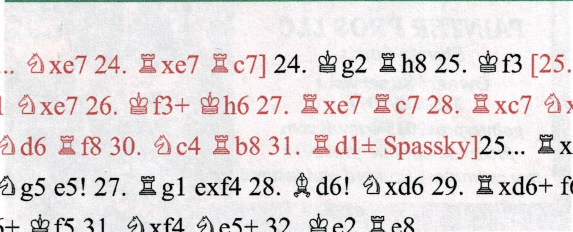
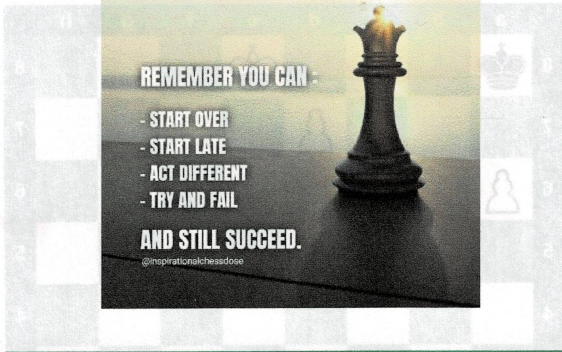
USSR vs Rest of the World, Rd 3 1970

Queen's Indian Defense E12

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖f3 b6 4. ♖c3 ♙b7 5. ♙g5 ♙e7 6. e3 O-O 7. ♙d3 c5 8. O-O ♖c6 9. d5 ♖b4 10. d6 ♙xd6 11. ♙xh7+ [11. ♙xf6 gxf6 (11... ♗xf6?? 12. ♙e4+-) 12. ♙xh7+ ♗xh7 13. ♗xd6±] 11... ♗xh7 12. ♗xd6 ♙xf3 13. gxf3 ♖e8! 14. ♗e7!



[14. ♙xd8?! ♖xd6 15. ♙e7 ♖xc4 16. ♙xf8 ♗xf8] 14... ♗xe7 15. ♙xe7 ♗g8 16. ♗fd1 ♖c6 17. ♗xd7 ♖e5 18. ♗b7 ♖xc4 19. ♖e4± ♖a5 20. ♗d7 ♖c6 21. f4 ♗c8 22. ♗c1 a5 23. a3 ♗g6?!]



The diagram shows a chessboard with the following pieces:

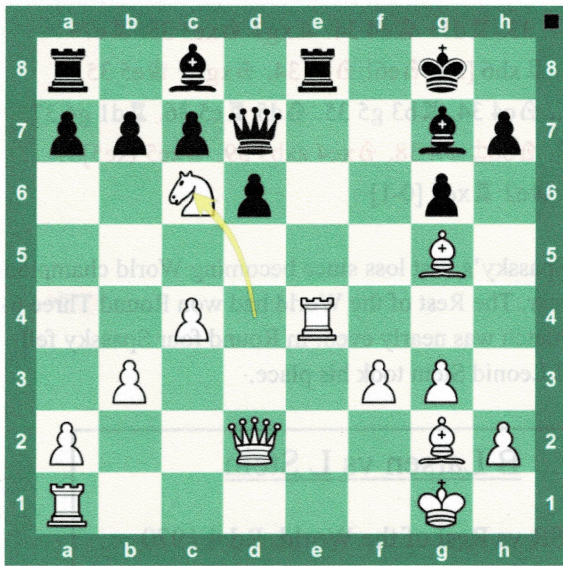
- White pieces:** King on e5, Rook on e8, Pawns on a3, b2, d3, e3, f2, g1.
- Black pieces:** King on e4, Rook on a6, Pawns on b5, c5, d6, f6, h2.

A yellow arrow points from the white rook on e8 to the white king on e5, indicating a castling move.

This was Spassky's first loss since becoming World champion the prior year. The Rest of the World had won Round Three 6-4 and the match was nearly even. In Round four Spassky fell ill and GM Leonid Stein took his place.

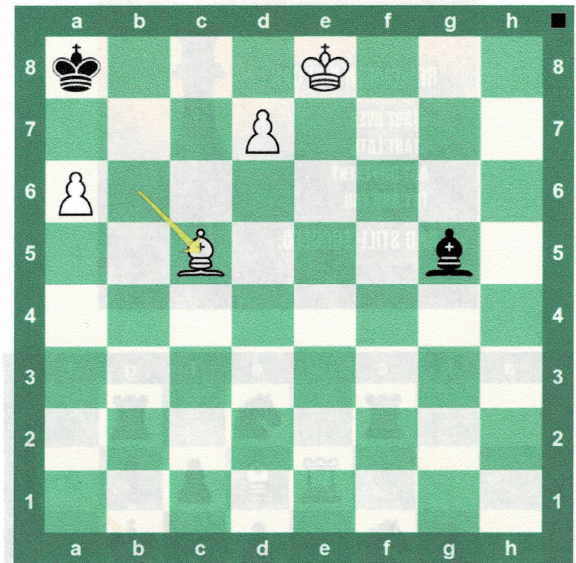
Kings Indian Defense E67

[14... ♖ed3! 15. ♜e2 fxe4 16. ♜xe4 ♜xe4 17. ♜xd3 ♜c5] 15. ♜g5 ♜d7 [15... ♜f6 16. ♜xf6 ♜xf6 17. ♜xe4 ♜xe4 18. ♜xe4 c5 19. f4! cxd4 20. ♜xd4 ♜f5 21. ♜d5+ ♜h8 22. ♜e2 ♜e7 Larsen] 16. ♜xe4 ♜xe4 17. ♜xe4 ♜c6 [17... d5 18. cxd5 ♜xd5 19. f4 ♜f3+! 20. ♜xf3 ♜xe4— Stein] 18. ♜xc6!



[18. ♖e3 ♜xe4 19. fxe4 ♜e8; 18. ♜xe8+ ♜xe8 19. ♖e3 ♜xc3+! 18... ♜xe4 [18... ♖xa1 19. ♜e7+ ♜h8 20. ♜e1!] 19. fxe4 ♜xc6 20. e5! ♜c5+ 21. ♜h1 ♖e6! 22. ♖xb7 ♜f8 23. ♖e3 ♜xe5 24. ♜e1 ♜c3 25. ♜g2 ♜xd2+ 26. ♖xd2 ♖d4 27. ♖f4 ♜f7 [27... g5!? 28. ♖xg5 ♜f2+ 29. ♜h1 ♖h3] 28. ♖h6 ♜b8 29. ♖c6 ♖f6 30. ♖e3 a6 31. ♖d2 ♜b6 32. ♖f3 ♜b8 33. ♖a5 ♖d8 34. ♜f1 ♜g8 35. ♖c6 ♖f7 36. g4+ ♖e7 37. ♜g3 ♜d8 38. ♜d1 ♖f6 39. h4 ♖e5+ 40. ♜g2 ♜c8 41. g5 ♜g7 42. ♖d7 ♜d8 43. ♖g4 d5 44. ♖f3 h6 45. gxh6+ ♜xh6 46. ♖d2+ ♜g7 47. ♖g5 ♜d6 48. ♖xd5 ♖xd5+ 49. ♜xd5 ♜xd5 50. cxd5 ♜f7 51. ♜f3 ♜e8 52. ♖f4 ♖f6 53. ♖xc7 ♖xh4 54. b4 ♜d7 55. ♖b6 ♖f6 56. ♖c5 ♖b2 57. a4 ♖a3 58. a5 ♖b2 59. ♜f4 ♖f6 60. ♜e4 ♖c3 61. b5 axb5 62. a6 ♜c8 63. d6 ♜b8 64. ♜d5 ♖f6 65. ♜c6 g5 66. ♜xb5 g4 67. ♜c4 ♖a8 68. ♜d3 ♖e5 69. d7 ♖c7 70. ♜e4 g3 71. ♜f3 ♖d8 72. ♜xg3 ♖a5 73. ♜g4 ♖d8 74. ♜f5 ♖a5 75. ♜e6 ♖c7 76. ♜f7 ♖a5 77. ♜e8 ♖c7 78. ♖e7 ♖a5 79. ♖d8 ♖d2 80. ♖b6 ♖g5 81. ♖c5 [1-0]

Final Position.



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The 65th Square

Highlighting a club member, including a recent game.

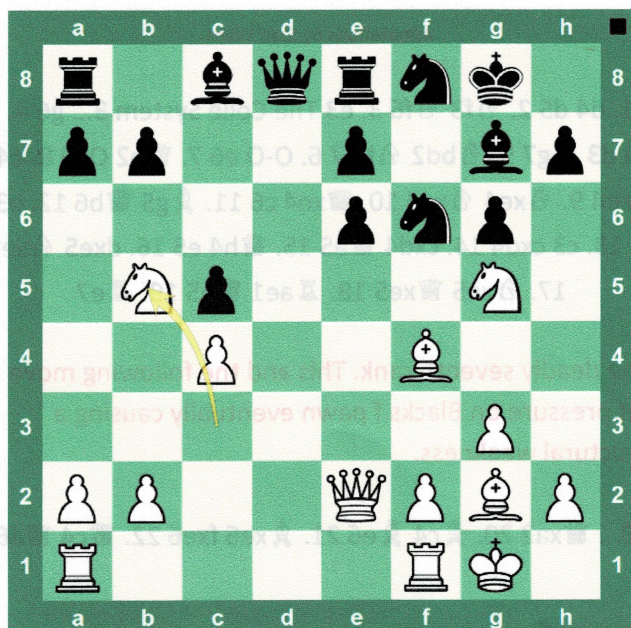
Chaturanga's current Treasurer is Stan Booz. After a stint in the Air Force in the early 1960's Stan became a CPA and starting his own firm, Stanley Booz and Associates. He is currently retired and now has a full-time job of annoying me. A funnier guy and a freer spirit you're not likely to meet. Here is his win against friend of the club Richard Neal.

Stan Booz vs Richard Neal

Senior Open,

2018.06.29 1-0 Opening: E67

1. d4 ♘f6 2. ♘f3 d6 3. g3 g6 4. ♙g2 ♘bd7 5. O-O ♙g7
6. c4 ♜b8 7. ♘c3 O-O 8. ♛c2 ♜e8 9. e4 c5 10. e5 dxe5
11. dxe5 ♘g4 12. e6 fxe6 13. ♘g5 ♘f8 14. ♛e2 ♘f6
15. ♙f4 ♜a8 16. ♘b5...



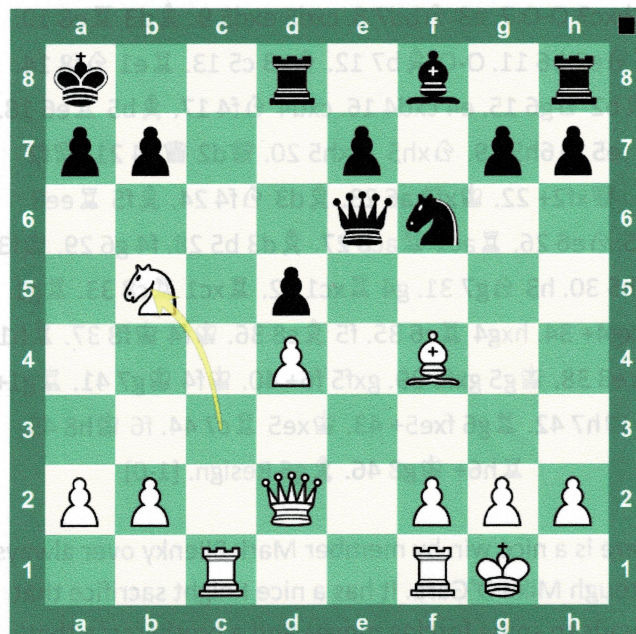
... ♘h5 17. ♙c7 ♛d7 18. ♜fd1 ♙d4 19. ♙e5 and Black resigned. [1-0]

Stan Booz vs Rick Wagner

Chaturanga Spring Swiss

2016.04.21

1. d4 ♘f6 2. ♘f3 d5 3. c4 ♙g4 4. ♘e5 ♘bd7 5. ♘xg4
♘xg4 6. e4 ♘gf6 7. e5 ♘g8 8. cxd5 c6 9. e6 fxe6 10.
dxe6 ♘df6 11. ♘c3 ♛d6 12. ♙c4 O-O-O 13. ♙e3 ♘d5
14. ♙xd5 cxd5 15. ♜c1 ♛b8 16. ♛d2 ♛xe6 17. O-O
♘f6 18. ♙f4+ ♛a8 19. ♘b5... **White makes use of his
powerful Knight.**



19... ♛d7 20. ♘c7+ [20. ♛a5 b6 21. ♛a4] 20... ♛b8
21. ♘xd5+ ♛a8 22. ♘c7+ ♛b8 23. ♘e6+ ♛a8 24.
♘xd8 ♛xd8 25. ♛a5 b6 26. ♛a6 and Black Resigns.
[1-0]

The Chaturanga Club Championship.

The Chaturanga Club Championship was held between September 8th and October 6th. This year's club champion is Greg Nolan, from Hatboro, Pa. Greg used to be club president back in the day as well as club champion in years past. Here is his game from round 5 of the championship vs Alan Lindy, a long-time member and strong A class player.

Greg Nolan - Alan Lindy
Chaturanga Club Championship,
TOPC. 2021.10.06 ECO: E20

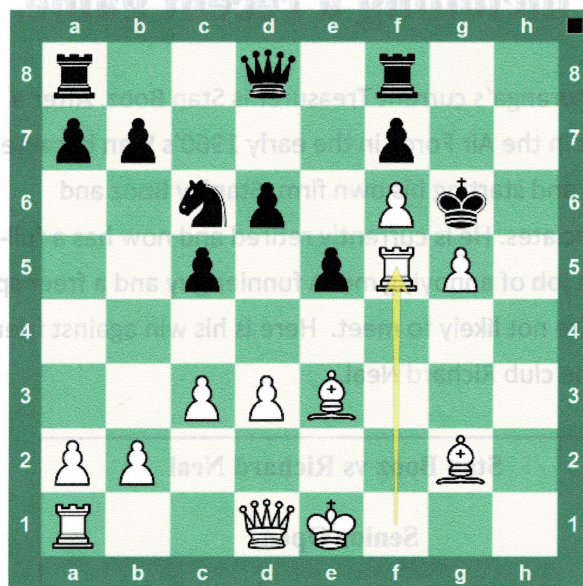
1. d4 e6 2. c4 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 ♙b4 4. f3 d5 5. a3 ♙xc3+ 6. bxc3 O-O 7. e3 ♗bd7 8. cxd5 exd5 9. ♙d3 ♖e8 10. ♗e2 b6 11. O-O ♙b7 12. ♗g3 c5 13. ♖e1 ♗f8 14. ♙b2 ♗g6 15. e4 cxd4 16. cxd4 ♗f4 17. ♙b5 ♖e6 18. e5 ♗6h5 19. ♗xh5 ♗xh5 20. ♖d2 ♖h4 21. ♖f2 ♖xf2+ 22. ♖xf2 a6 23. ♙d3 ♗f4 24. ♙f5 ♖ee8 25. ♗e6 26. ♖ac1 ♖ac8 27. ♙d3 b5 28. f4 g6 29. ♖f3 h5 30. h3 ♗g7 31. g4 ♖xc1 32. ♖xc1 ♖c8 33. ♖g1 hxg4+ 34. hxg4 ♖c6 35. f5 ♙c8 36. ♖f4 ♖f8 37. ♖h1 ♗e8 38. ♖g5 gxf5 39. gxf5 f6+ 40. ♖f4 ♖g7 41. ♖g1+ ♖h7 42. ♖g6 fxe5+ 43. ♖xe5 ♖c7 44. f6 ♖h8 45. ♖h6+ ♖g8 46. ♙g6 Resign. [1-0]

Here is a nice win by member Mark Bilenky over always tough Mike O'Gara. It has a nice Knight sacrifice that leads to some forcing moves and a pretty mate that's worthy of a tactics book.

Mark Bilenky - Mike O'Gara
Chaturanga Club Championship,
TOPC 2021.09.29, 1-0, Opening: B24

1. e4 c5 2. ♘c3 ♗c6 3. g3 ♗f6 4. ♙g2 g6 5. d3 ♙g7 6. f4 d6 7. ♗ge2 ♖b6 8. h3 O-O 9. g4 ♙d7 10. ♗g3 h6 11. g5 hxg5 12. fxg5 ♗e8 13. ♗d5 ♖d8 14. h4 ♗c7 15.

♗f4 ♙e5 16. c3 ♙xf4 17. ♙xf4 e5 18. ♙e3 ♗e6 19. ♖f1 ♖g7 20. ♗f5+!! 20... gxf5 21. exf5 ♗xg5 22. f6+ ♖g6 23. hxg5 ♙f5 24. ♖xf5



♖xf5 25. ♙e4+ ♖e6 26. ♖g4# Resign. [1-0]

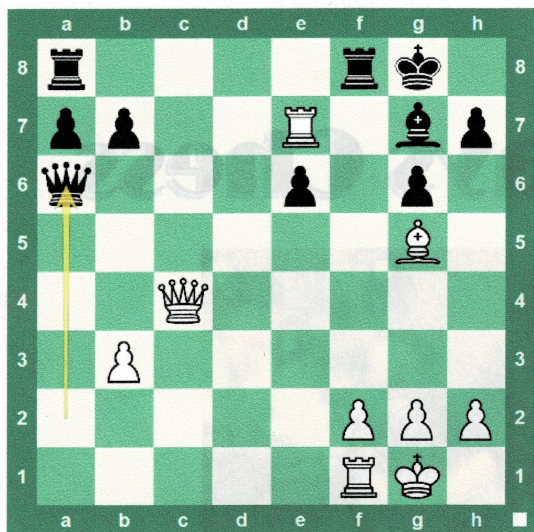
Joe Mucerino - Preston Ladson
Chaturanga Club Championship,
TOPC 2021.09.28, 1-0, Opening: D04

Annotations by Stan Ward

1. d4 d5 2. ♗f3 ♗f6 3. e3 The Colle System 3... g6 4. ♙d3 ♙g7 5. ♗bd2 ♗bd7 6. O-O e6 7. ♖e2 O-O 8. e4 dxe4 9. ♗xe4 ♗xe4 10. ♖xe4 c6 11. ♙g5 ♖b6 12. b3 c5 13. c3 cxd4 14. cxd4 ♖a5 15. ♖h4 e5 16. dxe5 ♗xe5 17. ♗xe5 ♖xe5 18. ♖ae1 ♖a5 19. ♖e7

The deadly seventh rank. This and the following move put pressure on Black's f pawn eventually causing a structural weakness.

19... ♖xa2 20. ♙c4 ♙e6 21. ♙xe6 fxe6 22. ♖c4 ♖a6



Black must defend the weak e pawn, but Whites pieces are much more coordinated.

23. ♖c7 ♘d4 24. ♙e3

If 24...Bxe3 there follows 25. Rg7+ Kh8 26. Rxh7+ Kg8 27. Qg7 mate.

24... ♙f6 25. ♖xh7 ♖ab8

The blows start to land as there are too many threats for Black to parry.

26. ♙h6 ♗c6 27. ♙xf8 ♗xc7 28. ♖xc7 ♗xf8 29. ♖fc1 ♙e5 30. ♖c8+ To simplify down.

30... ♖xc8 31. ♖xc8+ ♗e7 32. ♖a8 a6 33. ♖a7 ♗d6 34. ♖xb7 ♙d4 35. g4 ♗c6 36. ♖b8 e5 37. h4 e4 38. ♖e8 ♗d5 39. h5 gxh5 40. gxh5 ♙g7 41. ♖a8 ♗d4 42. ♖xa6 e3 43. fxe3+ ♗xe3 44. h6 ♙h8 45. h7 ♗d3 46. ♖c6 ♗d4 47. ♖c8 Resign. [1-0]

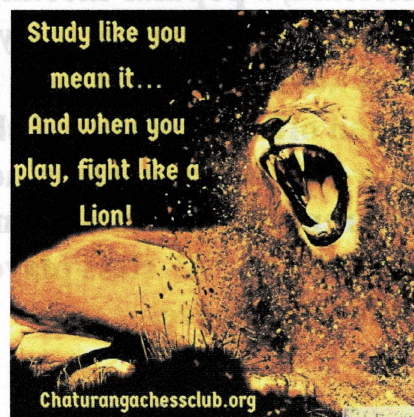
Here is a nice win by Jim Larsen when he went up against FM and all-around good guy Karl Dehelt. Jim had Black against Karl and played the Sicilian Dragon.

Karl Dehelt - Jim Larsen
Chaturanga Championship, TOPC
2021.09.22, 0-1, Opening: B74

♖c8 11. ♙f3 a5 12. a4 h5 13. h3 ♗c7 14. ♙b5 ♗b8 15. g4 hxg4 16. hxg4 ♙e6 17. ♙3d4 ♙c4 18. ♖f2 ♖fd8 19. b3 ♙xd4 20. ♙xd4 ♙a6 21. c4 b6 22. g5 ♙d7 23. ♗f1 e5 24. ♙e2 exf4 25. ♙xf4 ♙b7 26. ♖d1 ♙c5 27. ♗h3 ♙xe4 28. ♙xe4 ♙xe4 29. ♙d4 d5 30. ♙xg7 ♗xg7 31. ♗h6+ ♗g8 32. ♖h2 ♗e5 33. cxd5 ♖c3 34. ♗h7+ ♗f8 35. ♗h8+ ♗xh8 36. ♖xh8+ ♗e7 37. ♖xd8 ♗xd8 38. ♖d4 ♙c2 39. ♗f2 ♙xb3 40. ♙e2 ♖c5 41. ♙f4 ♗d7 42. ♗e3 ♖c4 43. ♖xc4 ♙xc4 44. ♗d4 ♙b3 45. ♗e5 ♙xa4 46. ♗f6 ♙c2 47. ♗xf7 ♗d6 48. ♙xg6 a4 49. ♙e7 b5 50. ♙c6 a3 51. ♙b4 ♙b3 52. g6 a2 53. g7 a1=♗ 54. g8=♗ ♗a7+ 55. ♗g6 ♗g1+ 56. ♗h7 ♗h2+ 57. ♗g6 ♗g2+ 58. ♗h7 ♙c2+ 59. ♗h8 ♗h3+ 60. ♗g7 ♗g4+ 61. ♗f7 ♗f5+ 62. ♗g7 ♗g4+ 63. ♗f8 ♗xb4 64. ♗e6+ ♗c7+ 65. ♗e8 ♗e4 66. d6+ ♗b6 67. ♗e7 ♗xe6+ 68. ♗xe6 ♙d1 Resign. [0-1]

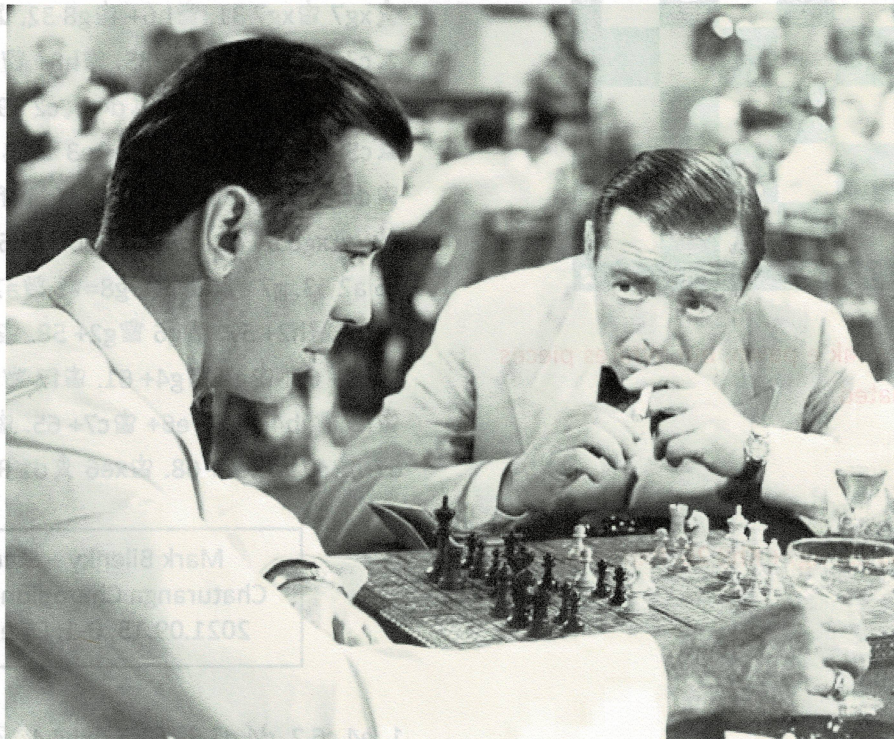
Mark Bilenky – Stan Ward
Chaturanga Championship, TOPC
2021.09.15, 0-1, Opening: B19

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♙c3 dxe4 4. ♙xe4 ♙f5 5. ♙g3 ♙g6 6. ♙f3 ♙d7 7. h4 h6 8. h5 ♙h7 9. ♙d3 ♙xd3 10. ♗xd3 ♙gf6 11. ♙d2 e6 12. O-O-O ♗c7 13. ♗b1 O-O-O 14. ♗e2 ♙d6 15. ♖h4 ♖he8 16. ♙e4 ♙xe4 17. ♖xe4 ♙f6 18. ♖h4 e5 19. ♗c4 exd4 20. ♙xd4 ♙e4 21. ♗d3 ♙xd2+ 22. ♗xd2 ♙e5 23. ♖e4 c5 24. c3 f5 25. ♙xf5 ♖xd2 26. ♖xd2 ♖d8 27. ♖de2 ♗d7 28. ♙e7+ ♗xe7 29. ♖xe5 ♗d7 30. b3 ♗d1+ 31. ♗b2 ♖d2+ 32. ♖xd2 ♗xd2+ Resign. [0-1]



1. e4 c5 2. ♙f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♙xd4 ♙f6 5. ♙c3 ♙c6 6. ♙e2 g6 7. O-O ♙g7 8. ♙e3 O-O 9. ♙b3 ♙d7 10. f4

Hollywood Plays Chess



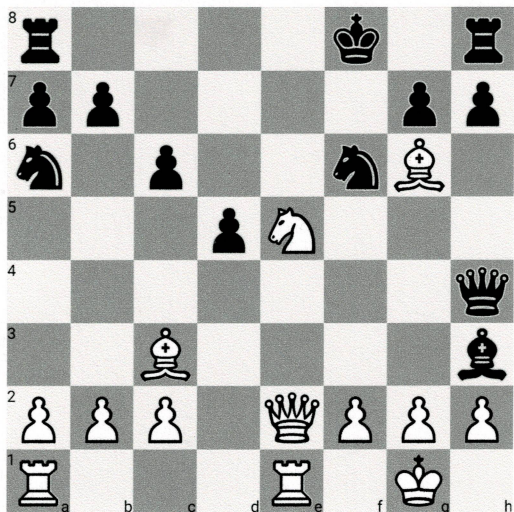
Casablanca, 1942.

Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains. Directed by Michael Curtiz.

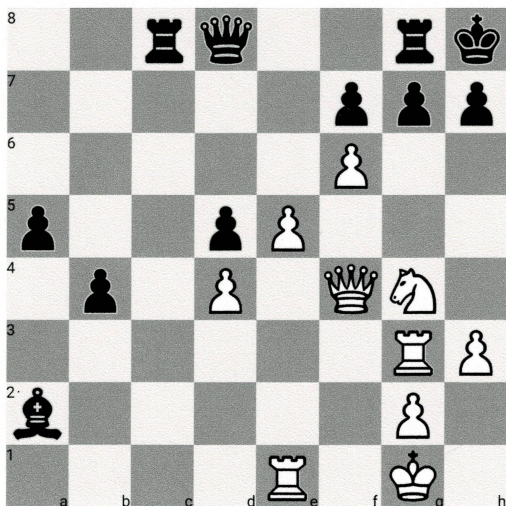
In “Casablanca”, Bogart plays Rick Blaine, the owner of Rick’s Café Americain, a popular meeting place...While Rick is looking at this position, the shady crook Ugarte (played by Peter Lorrie) approaches him and asks him to hold two transit visas for him-supposedly transit visas carried by two German officers murdered shortly before the film begins. Travel visas to the USA were very valuable in neutral countries in 1942. The position on the board reportedly comes from a correspondence game between Bogart, considered an “A” class player, and Irving Kovner, the brother of a Warner Brothers employee.

Diamond Dust. Tactical Masterpieces!

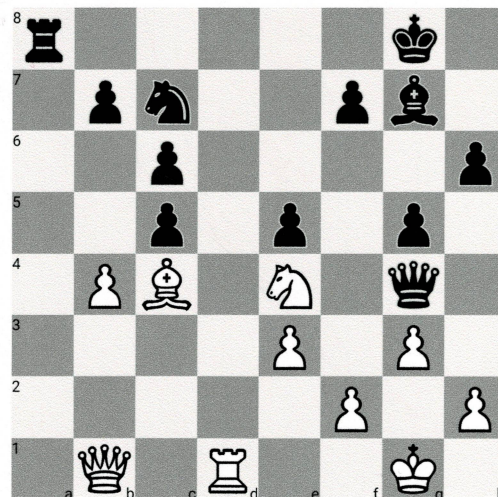
GM Vasily Smyslov, 7th World Champion.



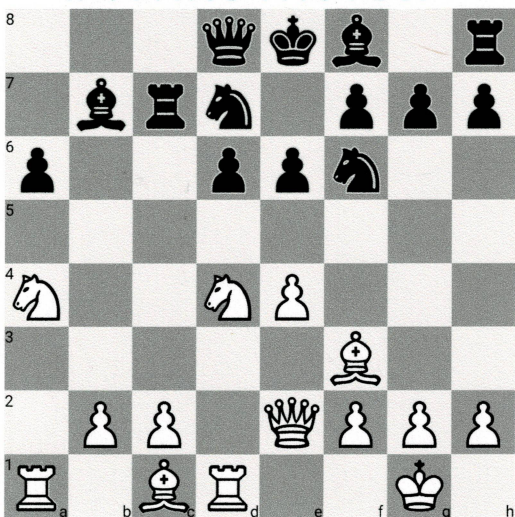
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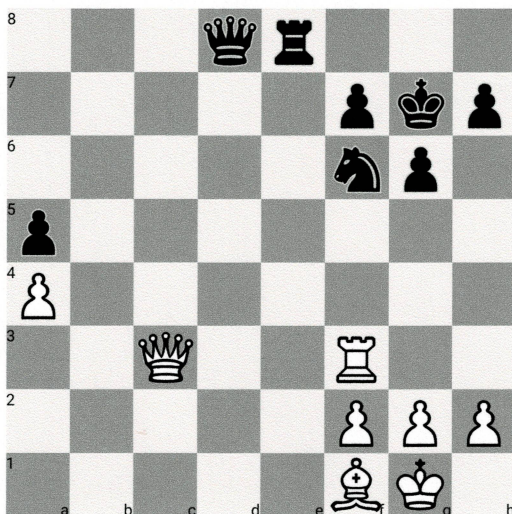
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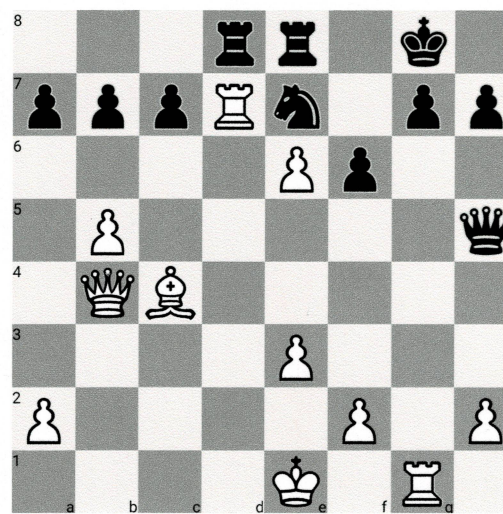
3. White moves.



4. White moves.



5. White moves.



6. White moves.

1. Nf3. [1-0] Smyslov-Kamyshov. Moscow, 1944.

2. 1. e6 fxe 2. Ne5. [1-0] Smyslov-Ernst. Subotica, 1987.

3. 1. Nf6 Bf6 2. Qg6 Bg7 3. Qf7 Kh8 4. Rd7. [1-0] Smyslov-Fuller. Hastings 1968.

4. 1.e5 Ne5 2. Bb7 Rb7 3.Qa6 Qb8 4. Nc6 Nc6 5. Qf6 Nd7 6. Nc5! dc 7. Bf4 Bd6 8. Bd6 Rb6 9. Qd7. [1-0]Smyslov-Kottbauer. Groningen, 1946.

5. 1. g4 h6 2. h4 g5 3. hg hg 4. Rf5 Kg6 5. Bd3 Ne4 6. Qc4 Nd6 7. Rf7. (7...Ne4 8. Rf7). [1-0] Smyslov-Alatortsev. Moscow, 1946.

6. 1. Qe7 Re7 2. Rd8 Re8 3. e7 Kh8 4. Be6 Qb5 5. Bf7 Qb1 6. Ke2 Qb5 7. Kf3 Qf5 8. Kh2 (Now, 8...Qg4 9. Kf1 or 8...Qe4 9. f3). [1-0] Smyslov-Airapetov. Leningrad, 1948.