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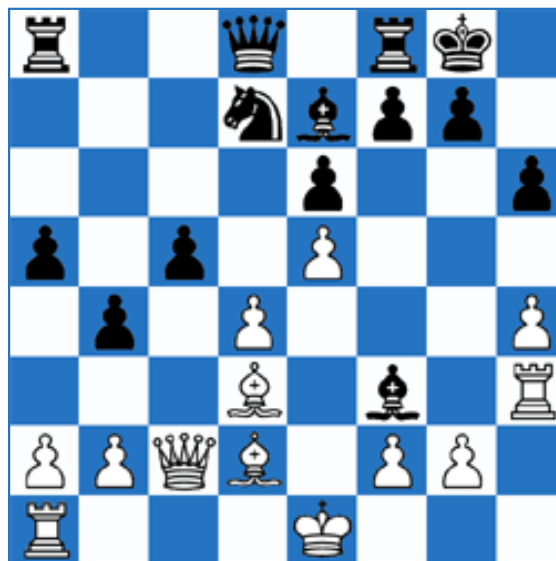
During the coming days, the Turin Olympiad will be the epicenter of chess activity, as chess players gather together to meet old friends and get the opportunity to make new ones. From the huge number of high quality games from past Olympiads, many remain recorded as permanent pearls in the rich treasure of chess creativity.

In the year when Chess Informant celebrates its 40th anniversary, it is interesting to recall that the first volume was initially promoted at the 1966 Olympiad in La Habana. Since then, Chess Informant has published 4,739 games from the Olympiads, 300 of which were from the Olympiads in Manila 1992, Moscow 1994, Yerevan 1996, Istanbul 2000 and Calvià 2004.

This month we present four games from the Olympiads; each was chosen as the best game of the Informant in which they were published. I would like to point out that Fischer's victory against Unzicker, where he demonstrated that White can put Black into great difficulties in a Ruy Lopez Exchange variation, was a revolutionary idea at the time. The three other games are notable for their numerous sacrifices and combinational play. Let's hope that Turin will supply similar gems!

L.Portisch – S.Johannessen
La Habana (ol) 1966 — 2/526

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dc4 7.Bc4 b5 8.Bd3 b4 9.Ne4 Bb7 10.Nf6! Nf6 11.Qa4 Be7 12.Bd2 a5 13.e4! (and White is superior) 0-0 14.e5 Nd7 15.Qc2 h6 16.h4! c5 17.Rh3 Bf3



18.Bh6!! Bh4 [18...gh6 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Qd2 Bg5 21.hg5 and White is winning; 18...Bg4 19.Rg3 f5 20.Rg4! fg4 21.Bh7 Kh8 22.Bg7!! Kg7 23.Qg6 Kh8 24.Bg8! and White is superior] **19.gf3 gh6 20.Ke2! Ne5 21.de5 Qd4 22.Rh4!** (and White is winning) **Qh4 23.Rg1 Kh8 24.Qc1! f6 25.Rg6! 1-0** [V.Sokolov]

R.Fischer – W.Unzicker Siegen (ol) 1970 — 11/221

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 dc6 5.0-0 f6 [5...Bg4!?] **6.d4 ed4** [6...Bg4 7.de5 and White is slightly better] **7.Nd4 Ne7 8.Be3 Ng6 9.Nd2!** [a novelty; 9.Nc3 see 10/288] **Bd6 10.Nc4 0-0 11.Qd3!** (and White is slightly better) **Ne5 12.Ne5 Be5** [12...fe5 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Ne6 Be6 15.Qe6 and White is superior] **13.f4! Bd6** [13...Bd4 14.Bd4 and White is superior] **14.f5 Qe7 15.Bf4 Bf4 16.Rf4 Bd7 17.Re1 Qc5 18.c3 Rae8 19.g4 Qd6 20.Qg3 Re7?! [20...c5!?] 21.Nf3 c5**

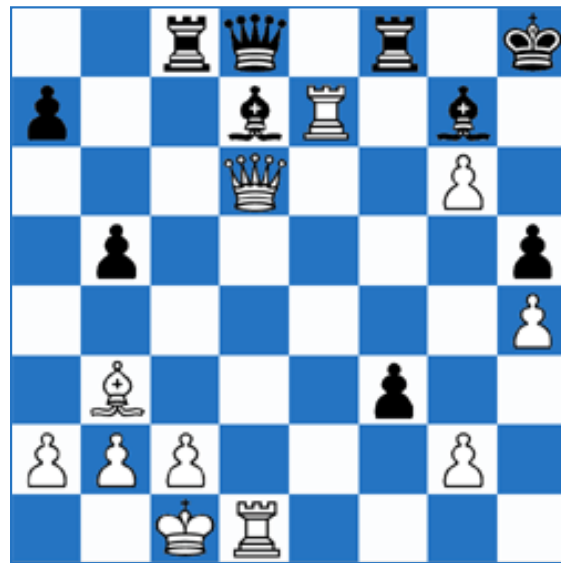


22.e5!! (and White is superior) **fe5 23.Rfe4 Bc6 24.Re5 Rfe8 25.Re7 Re7 26.Ne5 h6 27.h4 Bd7 28.Qf4 Qf6 29.Re2!! Bc8** [29...Qh4? 30.Ng6 and

White is winning] **30.Qc4 Kh7 31.Ng6 Re2 32.Qe2** (and White is winning) **Bd7 33.Qe7 Qe7 34.Ne7 g5 35.hg5 hg5 36.Nd5! Bc6 37.Nc7 Bf3 38.Ne8 Kh6 39.Nf6 Kg7 40.Kf2 Bd1 41.Nd7! c4** [41...Bg4 42.f6 Kg8 43.f7! and White is winning] **42.Kg3 1-0** [V.Sokolov]

Lj.Ljubojevic – A.Miles **Malta (ol) 1980 — 30/421**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 Rc8 11.Bb3 h5 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.f4 Nc4 15.Qd3 b5 16.e5 [16.f5? see 30/(421)] **Ng4 17.Ne4 Rc8!** [a novelty; 17...Rd5 see 28/419] **18.ed6 f6 19.Rhe1** [19.de7? Qe7 20.Rhe1 fg5 21.Ng5 Qf6 and Black is winning; 19.Nb5? Bb5 20.Qd5 Kh8 21.Qb5 fg5! (with the idea 22...Bb2 23.Kb1 Na3) 22.Bc4 (22.Qg5 ed6 23.Qg6 Qe8) Rb8 23.Qg5 Bb2 24.Kd2 Qb6 and Black is winning, with attack; 19.Ng3!?) **ed6** [19...fg5? 20.Ng5 ed6 21.Qg6 and White is winning, with attack; 19...e6? 20.Nf6! and White is superior, with attack] **20.Nd6 Kh7! 21.f5** [21.Nc8? Nf2 and Black is winning; 21.Ne6 Be6 22.Re6 Nf2 and Black is winning] **Nd6 22.fg6 Kh8 23.Bf4** [23.Ne6 Be6 24.Re6 fg5 25.Rd6 Qe7 and Black is winning] **Ne5 24.Be5 fe5 25.Nf3** [25.Qe2 Bg4; 25.Ne6 Be6 26.Be6 Qf6! 27.Qd6 (27.Qe2 Bh6 28.Kb1 Qe6 and Black is winning) e4! and Black is winning, with attack] **e4 26.Qd6 ef3 27.Re7**



27...Bg4! 28.Qe5 Qd1!! 29.Kd1 fg2 30.Kd2 Rfd8 31.Bd5 Rd5 0-1
[Sr.Cvetkovic]

V.Ivanchuk 2705 – T.Radjabov 2663 **Calvia (ol) 2004 — 92/114**

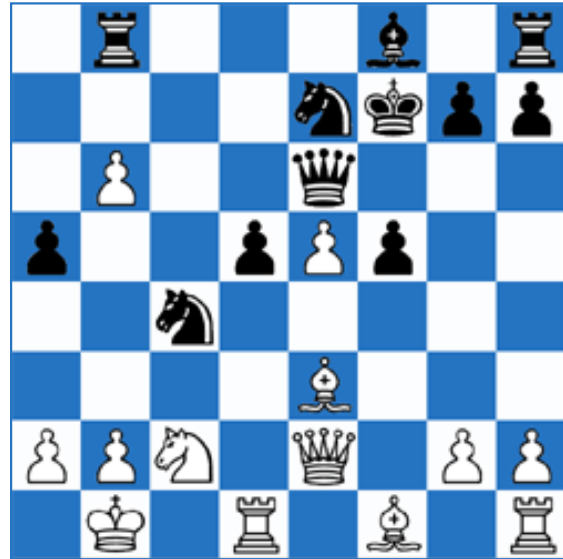
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nce7 9.Nb4! [a novelty; 9.Bg5 see 89/101; 9.c4 see 89/102] **Bd7** [9...Nf6!? 10.c4 Ne4 11.cb5 unclear] **10.c4 a5** [10...Nf6 11.cb5 Ne4 12.Na6 d5 unclear] **11.Nbc2 Nf6** [11...b4 12.Nb5 Bb5 13.cb5 Nf6 14.Ne3! (14.a3 b3 15.Ne3 Ne4 16.b6 Qb6 17.f3 Nf5! 18.Qd5 Ne3 19.Qa8 Ke7 20.fe4 Nc2 21.Kd1 Na1

unclear) Ne4 15.b6! Qb6 16.f3 Nf6 17.Nc4 and White is superior] **12.Nb5 Bb5** [12...Ne4 13.Qd6!] **13.cb5 Ne4 14.Be3** [14.g3 d5 15.Bg2 Nf5 16.0-0 Bc5 17.Qg4 with initiative; 14.Bd3 d5 (14...Nc5!?) 15.0-0 and White is slightly better] **d5!** [14...g6 15.b6 Bg7 16.Bb5 Kf8 17.b7 Rb8 18.f3 Nf6 19.Ba6 and White is superior] **15.b6! f5!?** [15...Nd6 16.f4! ef4 (16...e4 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.Rc1 and White is superior) 17.Bf4 Qb6 18.Bd6 Qd6 19.Bb5 Kd8 20.0-0 with initiative, with the idea 20...Qb6 21.Nd4 and White is superior; 15...Qd7 16.Bd3 (16.a4 Nd6 17.Na3 d4 18.Nb5 Nd5! *unclear*) Nd6 17.Rc1 Rb8 (17...d4 18.Bd2 e4 19.Nd4! ed3 20.Rc7! and White is winning) 18.Na3 Nc6 19.Bc5 with initiative] **16.Qe2** [16.b7 Rb8 17.Ba6 d4 18.Nd4 ed4 19.Qa4 Kf7 20.Bf4 with compensation; 16.Bb5!? Kf7 17.f3 Nf6 (17...Nd6 18.Bc6! Nc6 19.Qd5 and White is superior) 18.f4 ef4 (18...Ng4 19.fe5 Ne3 20.Ne3 Qb6 21.Qd3 Qe6 22.0-0 g6 23.Rae1 with attack) 19.Bd4! Ne4 20.0-0 with initiative] **Kf7?!?** [16...f4 17.f3 fe3 18.Qb5! (18.fe4 Qb6 19.Qb5 Qb5 20.Bb5 Kd8 21.Ne3 and White is slightly better) Kf7 19.fe4 Rb8 20.Qa5 and White is superior; 16...Nd6 17.Rd1 Kf7 (17...Rc8 18.g3 Nc4 19.Bg2 e4 20.0-0 and White is slightly better) 18.g3 (18.f4!? ef4 19.Bd4 Nc6 20.Qd2 Nd4 21.Qd4 Rb8 22.Qd5 Kg6 23.Bd3 Qh4 24.Kf1 Rb6 25.b3 *unclear*) Rb8 19.Bg2 and White is slightly better; 16...d4 17.Qb5 Kf7 18.0-0-0 with attack; 16...Rc8 17.f3 Nc5 18.Qb5 Nd7! 19.Qa4 d4 20.Bb5! Nd5 21.b7 Rb8 22.Bd2 with initiative; 16...g6! a) 17.f3 Nd6 18.Bg5 (18.f4 Bg7 19.Rd1 Rc8 20.fe5 Be5 *unclear*) e4 19.Bf6 Rg8 20.fe4 de4 21.Rd1 Qb6 22.Be5 Nec8 23.Qd2 with initiative; b) 17.Qb5 Kf7 18.b7 Rb8 19.Ba7 Nd6 (19...Bh6 20.Bb8 Bd2 21.Kd1 Qb8 with compensation) 20.Bb8 Nb5 21.Be5 Nd6 22.Bh8 Nb7 *unclear*]



17.0-0-0 Qd7 [17...f4 18.f3 Nf6 (18...Nc3 19.bc3 fe3 20.Qe3 Rb8 21.Bc4 and White is superior) 19.Bf2 Qd6 20.Qb5 (20.g3 Ng6 21.Kb1 Be7 *unclear*) Nc6 21.Bc4 Rd8 22.Rd2 and White is slightly better; 17...d4 18.Nd4! ed4 19.Rd4 with attack; 17...g6 18.g4 f4 19.Bg2 fe3 20.Be4 Qb6 21.Bd5 (21.Rd5 Rb8 22.Ne3 Qc7 23.Kb1 Nd5 24.Nd5 with attack) Nd5 22.Rd5 ef2 23.Rf1 Bh6 24.Kb1 with attack] **18.Kb1 Qe6?!?** [18...Rb8!? 19.f3 Nf6 a) 20.f4!? ef4 21.Bd4 Ne4 22.Ne1!? (22.Qf3 Qd6 23.Bb5 with compensation; 22.Qb5 Qb5 23.Bb5 with compensation) Nc6 23.Qb5 Qe6 24.Nf3 with initiative; b) 20.Qb5 Qb5 (20...Qe6 21.Qa5 Nc6 22.Qb5 and White is slightly better) 21.Bb5 Nc8 22.b7 Nd6 (22...Rb7 23.Bc6 Rc7 24.Bd5 and White is slightly

better) 23.Bc6 d4 24.f4 de3 25.fe5 Nb7 26.ef6 and White is slightly better] **19.f3 Nd6** [19...Nf6 20.Qb5! (20.f4 ef4 21.Bd4 Ne4 22.Qf3 Ng6 23.h4 Bd6 unclear) Rb8 21.f4 ef4 22.Bf4 Rb6 23.Qa5 Rb7 24.Bd3 and White is slightly better] **20.f4! Nc4** [20...e4 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.Qd2 g6 23.Rc1 and White is slightly better] **21.fe5 Rb8**



22.g4!! [weak point Kf7] **f4** [22...Qe5 23.Bd4 Qe2 24.Be2 Nb6 25.gf5 and White is superior] **23.Qf3 g5** [23...Ne3 24.Qf4 Kg8 25.Ne3 Qb6 26.Qd4 and White is winning] **24.Bc4 dc4 25.h4 Qc6** [25...Ke8 26.Bf2 Bg7 27.hg5 Qe5 28.Bd4 Qg5 29.Rh5 Qg6 30.Qf4 and White is winning] **26.e6! Kg6** [26...Ke8 27.Qf2 (27.Qc6 Nc6 28.Bf2 Rg8 29.hg5 Rg5 30.Rh7 and White is winning) Qe6 28.Bd4 Rg8 29.hg5 and White is winning] **27.Qf2! Qe6 28.Bd4 Bg7 29.hg5 Rbd8 30.Rde1 Qd6 31.Bc5 Qd2 32.Re6 1-0 [V.Ivanchuk]**

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