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Sweden's Peter Holmgren Wins The Ninth Annual ChessCafe Holiday Quiz

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Peter Holmgren of Tyresö, Sweden has won the 9th edition of the **ChessCafe** Holiday Quiz with a fine score of 87, three points ahead of his nearest rival. For his effort, he will receive an extraordinary DGT Electronic Board, a DGT XL Electronic Clock to go with the board and a custom DGT carrying case, all worth about \$900. Finishing in second place with 84 points was Eleni Karagounaki of Thessaloniki, Greece.

When we informed him about his first-place finish, Peter sent us the following: "Wow! Thank you! I'm surprised. I did consider not competing this time since I thought the questions too difficult and also have a habit of being 'too clever' when trying to avoid your traps. I'm really a collector of chess literature with a tendency of becoming a chess historian. I'm a board member of Ken Whyld Association, KWA, and 'Schackets Kulturhistoriska Sällskap' (The Society for Chess Culture and History), SKS. KWA is probably well known among the competitors. SKS has around 30 members all over the Nordic countries and publish a member magazine, mainly in Swedish. This year I was happy to send my fellow collectors around the world a little Xmas pamphlet, introducing a missing Nimzowitsch game."

There were a couple of turns and twists of interest. As you might be able to guess from looking at the list of the top 25 finishers, the "club-effect" was once again in play. It has been clear for a few years that groups of "quiz-solvers" form for the express purpose of scoring as high as possible on the quiz. We have been able to identify such groups in Germany, Denmark and Greece. There are probably others.

In this year's quiz, the groups from Denmark and Greece made their presence felt. The latter, in particular, scored very well. The answers submitted by each member of the group were identical. Identical with correct answers, identical with incorrect answers, identical with comments. They differ only in those questions which apparently no one could answer at all. In those instances there are guesses - every man for himself.

Now please don't get the wrong impression. We are not criticizing such "teams." There is nothing in the rules that prevents solving in this manner. Almost anything goes. But it is fascinating to see how the teams do in comparison with the individual entrants. This year's group from Greece seems to have performed better than any team in any prior quiz. In fact, until the last day, Karagounaki, the second-place finisher, led the pack.

Ah well, we digress. Here is the list of the top 25 finishers. All prizes will be shipped within the next few weeks.

1. Peter Holmgren (Sweden)
2. Eleni Karagounaki (Greece)

3. Evangelos Vidalis (Greece)
4. Georgios Iakimidis (Greece)
5. Calle Erlandsson (Sweden)
6. Efstathios Tzortzinis (Greece)
7. Denis Engonopoulos (Greece)
8. Miquel Artigas (Spain)
9. Daniele Ruggieri (Italy)
10. Dmitry Gorodin (Germany)
11. Richard Collins (USA)
12. Pierre Bourget (Canada)
13. Claes Løfgren (Denmark)
14. P. Morozov (The Netherlands)
15. Peter Verschueren (The Netherlands)
16. Thomas Heine Bech (Denmark)
17. Gert Villumsen (Denmark)
18. Frode Vagner (Denmark)
19. Shaun Press (Australia)
20. Gordon Megibow (USA)
21. Lars Ven Jakobsen (Denmark)
22. Michal Rudolf (Poland)
23. Andrei Krohmalnik (Israel)
24. Peter Treffert (Germany)
25. Knud Lysdal (Denmark)

There were some interesting comments from entrants:

- **Dmitry Gorodin (Germany):** *Thank you, it was my "Seventh Seal!"*
- **Thomas Heine Bech (Denmark):** *Harder than ever before. What happened to questions like "What country is Bent Larsen from?"*
- **Pavel Chernomordik (Israel):** *Very interesting and pleasurable quiz!*
- **Efstathios Tzortzinis (Greece):** *Thanks a lot for this very "elegant" chess quiz!"*

- **Lekwa Nhlapo (South Africa):** *Very difficult ... Please no more related questions next time.*
- **Peter Schalkwijk (The Netherlands):** *Keep on holding the ChessCafe quiz; I like the work. I only wish I had two more weeks...*
- **François Zutter (Switzerland):** *Too tough!*
- **Gordon Megibow (USA):** *Very tough questions this year. I had to guess at a lot of these.*
- **Guillaume Kovarcik (France):** *I really have to buy a lot of chess-related books to improve! Thanks a lot, it's always a pleasure...*
- **Frode Vagner (Denmark):** *A very interesting and challenging quiz.*
- **Daniele Ruggieri (Italy):** *Really difficult this year! But, like always, great fun.*
- **Pierre Bourget (Canada):** *More difficult than last year...*
- **Lars Ven Jakobsen (Denmark):** *Oh my, the toughest quiz yet...*
- **Jim Johnston (USA):** *A lot of guesses ... but the quiz was great as usual!*
- **Miquel Artigas (Spain):** *Every year I have more reference chess books and still the questions seem more difficult to me.*
- **Dominique Thimognier (France):** *First time for me, but surely not the last!*
- **Per Skjoldager Andersen (Denmark):** *Never been easier. If I only had a few more months and a few more books.*
- **Richard Reich (USA):** *Exceptionally hard.*
- **Calle Erlandsson (Sweden):** *A hard contest as usual, especially the quotes are hard nuts to crack ... I have to scan my whole chess library into PDF-files until the next Jubilee Quiz!*
- **Guy Brunet (Canada):** *Thank you for a very nice quiz and Happy New Year!*
- **Andrei Krohmalnik (Israel):** *I enjoyed the quiz very much, in particular the question about Lenin and the chain question (27).*
- **Gert Villumsen (Denmark):** *Time to walk the dog...*

ChessCafe Holiday Quiz Winners

- I. 1997/98: Calle Erlandsson (Sweden - 85%)**
- II. 1998/99: Steve Wrinn (USA - 88%)**
- III. 1999/2000: Pierre Bourget (Canada - 82%)**
- IV. 2000/01: Jouni Tolonen (Finland - 86%)**
- V. 2001/02: Phaedrus Parker (USA - 91%)**
- VI. 2002/03: Calle Erlandsson (Sweden - 92%)**
- VII. 2003/04: Marc Bourzutschky (USA - 84%)**
- VIII. 2004/05 Pierre Bourget (Canada - 93%)**
- IX. 2005/06 Peter Holmgren (Sweden 87%)**

Entries were received from the following countries (alphabetically):

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Venezuela.

Whether you entered the quiz or just followed it to enjoy, we thank you. You all now have some time off as we wait for Number Ten...

The Ninth Annual ChessCafe Holiday Quiz

The Answers

Q1 What famous chess player is the subject of this quote: “In the evenings at the casino, [he] would sing modern pop songs, accompanied by a jazz band. [He] has a high opinion of his voice, an opinion shared by few in his audience.” [1 point]

A1 Bobby Fischer, as described by Tigran Petrosian in 1961.

Q2 What 20th-century game featured 38 straight checks by Black’s queen? [1 point]

A2 The answer that we were looking for was Westerinen-Keres, Tallinn 1969. Not a particularly difficult question. We like to "ease" you into things.

However, several entries listed Rebickova-Voracova from a 1995 Girls Under-16 Czech Republic tournament. And sure enough, there were 38 straight checks by Black's queen in that game also. In fact, there were a lot more than 38. How about 74!? With numerous triple-repetitions being ignored by the girls. We also awarded one point for this answer.

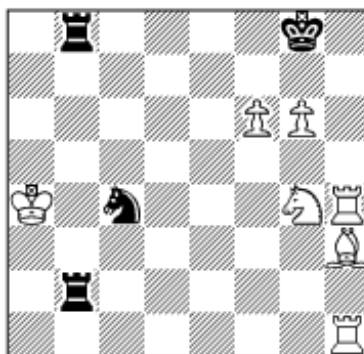
Here is the game score of the *Westerinen-Keres* game: 1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 e5 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5. O-O Bd7 6. c3 Nge7 7. d4 Ng6 8. Be3 Be7 9. Nbd2 O-O 10. Bc2 exd4 11. Nxd4 Nxd4 12. cxd4 Bb5 13. Re1 Bg5 14. Nf3 Bxe3 15. Rxe3 c5 16. Rc1 Rc8 17. Rc3 Nf4 18. Re3 Qf6 19. e5 Qh6 20. Kh1 dxe5 21. dxc5 Rfd8 22. Qe1 Bc6 23. Rd1 Qh5 24. Rxd8+ Rxd8 25. Rxe5 Qg4 26. Rg5 Qe6 27. Qc3 g6 28. Bb3 Bxf3 29. gxf3 Qe2 30. Qe3 Qd2 31. Rg4 Nh5 32. Qe7 Rd7 33. Qe8+ Kg7 34. Qe5+ Kg8 35. Qxh5 Qxf2 36. Qh3 Re7 37. Rg1 Re1 38. Rxe1 Qxe1+ 39. Kg2 Qe2+ 40. Kg3 Qe1+ 41. Kg2 Qe2+ 42. Kg1 Qe3+ 43. Kf1 Qd3+ 44. Ke1 Qe3+ 45. Kd1 Qd3+ 46. Kc1 Qe3+ 47. Kb1 Qe1+ 48. Kc2 Qe2+ 49. Kc3 Qe3+ 50. Kc4 Qe2+ 51. Kd5 Qd2+ 52. Ke5 Qxb2+ 53. Kd6 Qd4+ 54. Kc7 Qxc5+ 55. Kxb7 Qb5+ 56. Ka7 Qc5+ 57. Kxa6 Qc6+ 58. Ka7 Qc7+ 59. Ka8 Qc6+ 60. Kb8 Qb6+ 61. Kc8 Qc6+ 62. Kd8 Qb6+ 63. Kd7 Qb7+ 64. Kd6 Qb4+ 65. Kc6 Qc3+ 66. Kb5 Qe5+ 67. Kc4 Qe2+ 68. Kb4 Qe7+ 69. Kc4 Qe2+ 70. Kd4 Qd2+ 71. Ke4 Qe2+ 72. Kf4 Qd2+ 73. Ke5 Qe3+ 74. Kd6 Qd4+ 75. Bd5 Qb4+ 76. Kd7 Qd4 77. Kc6 Qa4+ 78. Kc5 Qa5+ 79. Kc4 Qxa2+ 80. Kd4 Qd2+ 81. Ke5 Qb2+ 82. Kd6 Qb4+ ½-½

Q3 Paul Morphy began his triumphal European tour by arriving in England in June 1858. Who was the first person with whom he played chess there? [2 points]

A3 Edward Lowe, proprietor of Lowe’s Hotel, where Morphy first stayed during his visit. Morphy scored 6-0. (source: *Paul Morphy: The Pride and Sorrow of Chess* by David Lawson, p. 101)

Q4 According to legend, this woman was the wife of an Arabian vizier who had offered her as a stake in a chess game. The following position was reached, with the vizier playing

White. He did not see a way to prevent being mated.



His wife, who was following the game, screamed out the saving variation. (a) What was the wife's name? (b) What did she scream to her husband? (c) What is the solution to the position, i.e., White to play and win - how? [1 point each]

A4 (a) Dilaram, and the position shown in the diagram is known as Dilaram's Mate. (b) She supposedly screamed "Sacrifice both rooks and save me!" (c) Dilaram's Mate was created in the "mansuba" (elegant chess problem) style of the tenth century by an Arabic composer. The solution – given according to the Arabic rules then in effect, allowing the Bishop to hop over an adjacent diagonal square – is: 1 Rh8+ Kxh8 2 Bf5+ Rh2 3 Rxh2+ Kg8 4 Rh8+ Kxh8 5 g7+ Kg8 6 Nh6 mate.

We allowed for some variation in the actual quote, but as long as you got the general idea, you received full credit. Many lost a point on the third part of the question by missing 2...Rh2, extending the mate its maximum 6 moves.

Q5 At the 1962 Stockholm Interzonal, Bobby Fischer overslept and did not attend the pre-tournament drawing of lots. Who drew for Fischer instead? [2 points]

A5 American millionaire Isaac Turover, Fischer's sponsor. Almost a "gimme" of two points. Perhaps we were getting soft? Nah...

Q6 "Chess gets hold of you too much, and hinders work." The person who said this had been an avid chessplayer, and was an ardent Communist and close associate of Bronstein. Who was he? [2 points]

A6 Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, better known as Lenin. The associate referred to was not GM David Bronstein, but Lev Davidovich Bronstein, better known as Leon Trotsky. (source: "Are We Ready for an American Lenin?" by Bruce Mazlish, in the magazine *Horizon*, autumn 1971, p. 51)

We thought this would be more difficult than it was. This question took on added significance as it also figured in the solution to Question 27.

Q7 A film shows two men playing chess at a party. A young woman watches, and angers the arrogant winner by contradicting him. There follows this dialogue:

Man: "Chess is one of the last bastions of male chauvinism. Would you like to challenge the champion?"

Woman: "I've never played."

Man: "She has never played, and yet she tells me I am wrong."

Woman: "I've read the rules in *The Book of Chess*, and a very interesting book by Alekhine."

They proceed to play, and at the end of the game, the man exclaims "Agghh! It's Saint-Amant versus Staunton!" Name the film. [2 points]

A7 *Embryo*, a 1976 made-for-TV reworking of the Frankenstein theme, starring Rock Hudson. The players in the chess game were Roddy McDowall and Barbara Carrera. We also accepted *Created to Kill*, a later retitling. Noteworthy is the fact that everyone at the party watches and understands the chess game, something that in America is perhaps even more implausible than the film's premise of artificially created life. One answer we received was *Mame*. Huh?!

Q8 FIDE and other chess organizations have conducted all manner of world championships over the years: in over-the-board and correspondence play, individual and team events, for men, women, various age groups of children, etc. Name, as specifically as possible (for example, "Girls under-18 championship") the kind of world title competition that fits each description below: [1 point each]

- a. The first six of these were won by teams from Finland (three times), West Germany, Israel, and Yugoslavia.
- b. The first five of these were won by Hungary, Czechoslovakia (twice), and the USSR (twice).
- c. The first of these was won by an Englishman, the seventh by a Dane, the ninth by a German, and the eleventh by a Spaniard.

A8

- a. World problem-solving championship
- b. World correspondence chess Olympiad
- c. World correspondence championship for blind players. The Englishman was Reginald W. Bonham, (winner for 1955-57, 1957-59, 1959-61, 1961-63, co-winner for 1963-64), the Dane was Alfred A. Kristensen (co-winner 1963-64, winner 1966-68 and 1969-70), the German was Hans Zeitler (1971-72, 1973-74, 1977-78), and the Spaniard was Juan Fiter Rocamora (1975-76).

No surprises here, just a bit of routine digging.

Q9 Name the person who was the first to play both the reigning men's world champion and the reigning women's world champion on the same day in the same tournament. [2 points]

A9 Ronald M. Bruce, who played both Alexander Alekhine and Vera Menchik at Plymouth, England, on 6 September 1938. He lost both games. Here is the hammering by Alekhine:

Alekhine-Bruce 1938 1. e4 c6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Ne5 Bh7 8. Qh5 g6 9. Bc4 e6 10. Qe2 Nf6 11. Nxf7 Kxf7 12. Qxe6+ 1-0

Q10 Who wrote: "The rehabilitation of the Dutch Defence is a good deed" ? [2 points]

A10 Savielly Tartakower, annotating the game Hrdina-Tartakower (0-1, 24) in *My Best Games of Chess, 1905-1930* p. 60 (G. Bell & Sons 1953). This answer will also reappear in Question 27.

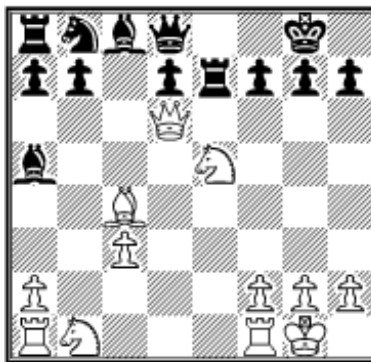
Q11 Listed below are several chess-related pseudonyms. Give the real name of the person who wrote, composed or played under each false name: [1 point each]

- a. Sudi
- b. Silex
- c. Vis Maior
- d. M. Ham Nawkins

A11

- a. Sudi: Emil Richter (1894-1971), Czech IM.
- b. Silex: János Bartsch, (1858-1905), Rumanian problemist.
- c. Vis Maior: Karel Traxler (1866-1936), Czech problemist.
- d. M. Ham Nawkins: William Shinkman (1847-1933), American problemist, considered one of the two best of his time, along with Sam Loyd.

Q12 The position below is from a game between two prominent masters, played under unusual circumstances, *sans voir* while traveling:



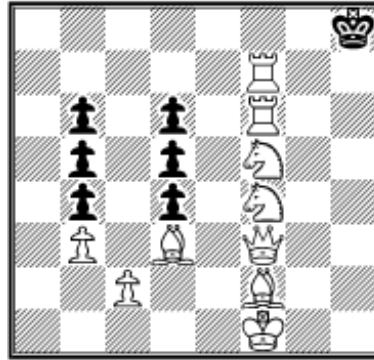
The conclusion was **14.Nxf7! Rxf7 15.Qd5 Nc6 16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Re1! 1-0**. We ask: [2 points each]

- a. Who were the players?
- b. Where were they going?

A12

- a. Baron Ignatz Kolisch and Polish master Simon Winawer.
- b. From London to Epsom, England, to watch a horse race during a break in the London 1883 tournament. (source: tournament book by J.I. Minchin, p. xlv).

Q13 The position below appeared on the title page of a famous book on chess:



The book was written by the world's strongest player of the time. What was the title of the book? [2 points]

A13 *Nouveau Traité du Jeu des Échecs*, by Louis Charles de la Bourdonnais, published in Paris, 1833. We also accepted *New Treatise on the Game of Chess*.

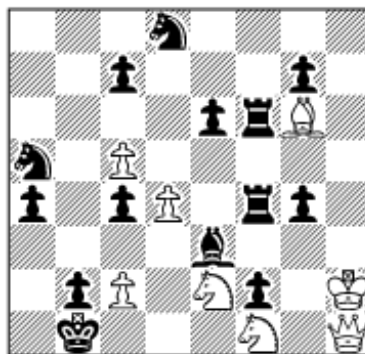
Q14 In one unusual year, both the men and ladies' British Champions happened to be employees of the same person, who had brought them to England from another country. Who was their employer? [2 points]

A14 Sir Umar Hayat Khan, a Punjabi nobleman, who employed the man Mir Sultan Khan and the woman Fatima as servants. Both were victorious in their respective championships in 1933.

Q15 What member of the British Parliament met Paul Morphy at breakfast on the morning of June 4th, 1859? [2 points]

A15 Richard Cobden. (Source: *BCM*, 1/1981, p. 28, Ken Whyld's "Quotes and Queries" column, item 4151.)

Q16 In a certain 19th-century master game, Black moved only his queen for 73 straight moves. Name the year of this game and the players involved. [1 point]



1 Nd2+ Ka2 2 Nc3+ Ka3 3 Ndb1+ Kb4 4 Na2+ Kb5 5 Na3+ Ka6 6 Nb4+ Ka7 7 Nb5+ Kb8 8 Na6+ Kc8 (this is the position shown in the question) 9 Na7+ Kd7 10 Nb8+ Ke7 11 Nc8+ Kf8 12 Nd7+ Kg8 13 Ne7+ Kh8 14 Kg2 mate.

Once again, answers such as "Napoleon's escape from Moscow" were also acceptable. And of course, another part of the convoluted Q27.

Q18 Who wrote: "Actually, if Black does not find a way to strike back at those Three Musketeers, he will find himself nicely wrapped and ready for the trashcan by move 15." [2 points]

A18 Tiger Hillarp Persson in his *Tiger's Modern* p. 15 (Quality Chess Books 2005). A surprisingly difficult question that stumped everyone. Apparently wannabe historians are not interested in recent events or literature.

Q19 In 1932 the Elo ratings used today did not exist, but a German master published a ranking list of leading chess players. Not surprisingly, Alekhine was #1 and Capablanca #2. Five different players were listed as tying for positions 8-12. Who were they? [2 points]

A19 Euwe, Flohr, Sultan Khan, Tartakower and Vidmar. The list was prepared by German master Alfred Brinckmann. (*BCM*, 1/1932, p. 22)

Q20 Grandmaster Paul Keres had an unusual hobby. What was it? [2 points]

- a. studying train schedules
- b. pressing flowers and leaves
- c. spelunking
- d. playing the bassoon
- e. collecting postcards of zoos

A20 a, studying train schedules. Actually Keres studied schedules of train, airplane, and ship lines, according to *Soviet Chess 1917-1991* by Andrew Soltis, p. 221.

Q21 One of our traditional match-matching questions. Match each chess duel from the left-hand column to its correct score on the right: [1 point each]

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| a. Kieseritzky-Schulten, 1850 | A. 18-7 |
| b. Jurgschat-Thomas, 1923 | B. 5-4 |
| c. Burn-Bellingham, 1900 | C. 8½-1½ |
| d. Tinsley-Müller, 1891 | D. 10½-6½ |
| e. De la Bourdonnais-McDonnell, 1834 | E. 112-39 |

A21

- a. Kieseritzky-Schulten, 1850: 112-39. (source: *Zagadka Kieseritzky'ego* by Lissowski and Macieja)
- b. Jurgschat-Thomas, 1923: 10½-6½. (source: *Hundert Jahre Schchzweikämpfe 1851-1950* by Dr. P. Feenstra Kuiper)
- c. Burn-Bellingham, 1900: 5-4 (source: *Amos Burn: A Chess Biography* by Richard Forster)
- d. Tinsley-Müller, 1891: 8½-1½ (source: Kuiper)
- e. De la Bourdonnais-McDonnell, 1834: 18-7 (source: *De la Bourdonnais versus McDonnell, 1834* by Cary Utterberg. Note: this score refers only to the first of the six matches in this series, not to the overall total of 51½-33½ for all six.)

Q22 The Löwenthal-Harrwitz match of 1853 was unusual for the time, in that it enforced a time limit. Which of the following was it? [2 points]

- a. 20 moves per hour
- b. 5 moves per half-hour
- c. 60 minutes for any one move
- d. 24 moves in 4 hours
- e. 20 minutes for any one move
- f. 6 hours per player for the whole game

A22 e, 20 minutes for any one move. (source: *Paul Morphy: The Pride and Sorrow of Chess*, by David Lawson, p. 108)

Q23 In the opening scene of a movie, a man is shown analyzing a chess position. Suddenly he is shot by an off-camera assailant, who leaves by a secret passage. Before dying, the victim manages to leave a clue to his killer's identity, by removing all pieces from the chessboard except a bishop. Name the film. [2 points]

A23 *The Chinese Cat* (1944), one of the many Charlie Chan movies, with Sidney Toler playing the famous sleuth. The killer's name was Deacon, hence the clue of a piece symbolizing a church officer.

Q24



This picture shows a page from a 13th-century manuscript. Credited to a king noted for his wisdom, it is believed to be the first written document about chess in a European language. In what language was it written? [2 points]

A24 Galician, a dialect of northwestern Spain. The king was Alfonso X of Castile and León, called in English Alfonse the Wise.

Now there will be those of you out there who will protest that either Spanish or Castilian should have also been acceptable. No. Galician was a distinct dialect and was the only correct answer.

Q25 At the 1959 Candidates Tournament, Bobby Fischer's second was Danish GM Bent Larsen. However, Fischer had earlier asked someone else to be his second, but that person declined. Who was this? [2 points]

A25 Dutch GM Jan Hein Donner (source: *Russians versus Fischer*, 2nd ed., p. 73)

Q26 Fashions in chess openings change with the years. What starts as a “dubious experiment” may become a “promising innovation” and eventually a standard book line, perhaps only to fall into obscurity or disrepute decades later. However, this uncertainty has never stopped

chess writers from expressing strong opinions. A student of chess history and opening theory can often date such a theoretical verdict to within a few years. Below are several, some contradictory of each other, preceded by the moves to which they refer. Match each quote with the year it was published, choosing from the following years: 1847, 1909, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1938, 1946, 1965, 1971, 1999. [1 point each]

A. Referring to **1.d4 c5**:

a. "The advance of this pawn is rightly considered inferior ... On the first move it constitutes in my opinion a grave positional error, for White at once obtains a great advantage in position simply by advancing the centre pawns."

b. "After this White does not seem to have anything better than to turn into the Sicilian Defense by 2.e4."

B. Referring to **1.d4 f5**:

a. "[An] antiquated and, in our opinion, fundamentally unsound defense."

b. "The Dutch Defense is ... a difficult opening, though its complete correctness has been proven annually in practice."

C. Referring to **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 g6**:

a. "The Dragon Variation ... leads to extremely complex positions with excellent chances for both sides."

b. "[A] much more important development ... casts a cloud over the soundness of the entire Dragon Variation ... Black must react promptly and vigorously — just how is not quite clear."

D. Referring to **1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5**:

a. "It is still a risky opening for White to employ, especially when Black decides to meet the challenge head-on and hang on to his extra pawn."

b. "At one time the King's Gambit was regularly defended by accepting it and then playing g7-g5, a move which fatally weakens the King's side and which I call the 'Suicide Move'."

E. Referring to **1.e4 b6**:

a. "Black's present move ... though disapproved of by the earlier writers, may be made by the second player without harm, if followed speedily by e7-e6 and c7-c5."

b. "The Queen's Fianchetto Defense ... [is] definitely inferior."

A26

- 1a: 1927
- 1b: 1909
- 2a: 1925
- 2b: 1971
- 3a: 1946
- 3b: 1965
- 4a: 1999
- 4b: 1931
- 5a: 1847
- 5b: 1938

Quite the headache for most contestants, with no one getting every part correct.

Sources as follows:

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a. “The advance of this pawn is rightly considered inferior ... On the first move it constitutes in my opinion a grave positional error, for White at once obtains a great advantage in position simply by advancing the centre pawns.” — Alekhine in 1927, *My Best Games of Chess 1908-1923*, p. 103.

b. “After this White does not seem to have anything better than to turn into the Sicilian Defense by 2.e4.” — Emanuel Lasker in 1909, annotating Von Freymann-Tartakower, in the book of the St. Petersburg 1909 tournament.

2. Referring to **1.d4 f5**:

a. “[An] antiquated and, in our opinion, fundamentally unsound defense.” — Alexander Alekhine in 1925, *The Book of the New York International Chess Tournament 1924*, p. 259. Ironically, Alekhine played the Dutch both before and after writing this.

b. “The Dutch Defense is ... a difficult opening, though its complete correctness has been proven annually in practice.” — Ken Smith in 1971, *Dutch Defense*, p. 3.

3. Referring to **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 g6**:

a. “The Dragon Variation ... leads to extremely complex positions with excellent chances for both sides.” — Walter Korn in 1946, *Modern Chess Openings*, 7th edition, p. 331.

b. “[A] much more important development ... casts a cloud over the soundness of the entire Dragon Variation ... Black must react promptly and vigorously — just how is not quite clear.” Walter Korn in 1965, *Modern Chess Openings*, 10th edition, p. 183

4. Referring to **1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5**:

a. “It is still a risky opening for White to employ, especially when Black decides to meet the challenge head-on and hang on to his extra pawn.” — John Nunn in 1999, *Nunn’s Chess Openings*, p. 285

b. “At one time the King’s Gambit was regularly defended by accepting it and then playing g7-g5, a move which fatally weakens the King’s side and which I call the ‘Suicide

Move’.” — Siegbert Tarrasch in 1931, *The Game of Chess* (published in German as *Das Schachspiels*), p. 309

5. Referring to **1.e4 b6**:

a. “Black’s present move ... though disapproved of by the earlier writers, may be made by the second player without harm, if followed speedily by e7-e6 and c7-c5.” — Howard Staunton in 1847, *The Chess-Player’s Handbook*, p. 383.

b. “The Queen’s Fianchetto Defense ... [is] definitely inferior.” — Reuben Fine in 1938, *Modern Chess Openings*, 6th edition, p. 80.

Q27 Consider the following: The composer of the problem given in Question 17 assigned names to certain squares in that problem. One square bears the name of a city (City #1) where a tournament (Event #1) was played and in which the player who is the correct answer to Question 10 was awarded a Brilliancy Prize.

Another city (City #2) was also featured in the problem given in Question 17. Exactly twenty-one years later from the date on which Event #1 began (Date #1 – same month & day, but not the same year), a namesake of one of the persons to whom reference is made in Question 6 (and note that the “reference” might be in the question or the answer) tied for first with one other player (Player #1) in an event (Event #2) that took place in City #2.

Player #1 was also a chess instructor. On Date #1 (same month & day, but of course in a different year) a student (Player #2) of Player #1 suffered a major defeat in a match (Event #3).

Now, please note that while it may appear that there is more than one correct answer for any one part of the question, there is only one set of answers that will be correct for all ten parts of the this question.

Identify [1 point each]:

- a. City #1
- b. City #2
- c. Event #1 (Location & Year)
- d. Event #2 (Location & Year)
- e. Event #3 (Location & Year)
- f. The players in the specified Brilliancy Prize game in Event #1
- g. Date #1
- h. Player #1
- i. Player #2
- j. The opponent of Player #2 in the specified match

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This question was easier than it appeared. If you did not allow yourself to become intimidated or overwhelmed by the intricacies, it gave up its answers without an undue amount of frustration. We think.





- City #1 – Paris, France
- City #2 – Moscow, Russia
- Event #1 (Location & Year) – Paris, 1930
- Event #2 (Location & Year) – Moscow, 1951



- Event #3 (Location & Year) – New York, 1997
- The players in the specified Brilliancy Prize game – Tartakower-Halberstadt
- Date #1 – May 11
- Player #1 – Mikhail Botvinnik
- Player #2 – Garry Kasparov
- The opponent of Player #2 in the specified match – Deep Blue

Questions 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33

Identify the person in each image [4 points each]

The section that has broken many a would-be winner...

<p>Q28</p> 	<p>A 28 Yakov Estrin</p> <p>Perhaps the easiest of the group. Not Bohatirchuk, Lajos Steiner, Boris Spassky, Viktor Korchnoy, Miark Liburkin, Efim Geller, Efim Bogoljubow, Rabar</p>
<p>Q29</p> 	<p>A 29 Slavoljub Marjanovic</p> <p>Definitely the most difficult for entrants to identify. Not Svetozar Gligoric, Vlastimil Hort, Curt Hansen, Hulak, Lothar Schmid, Jakobsen, Genna Sosonko, Tony Miles, Alexander Lagunov</p>
<p>Q30</p> 	<p>A 30 Vitaly Chekhover</p> <p>Again, not so hard. But not Botvinnik, Carlos Torre, Capablanca, Yates, Max Euwe, Rey Ardid, C.H. O'D. Alexander</p>
<p>Q31</p> 	<p>A 31 Lembit Oll</p> <p>Not Sergio Mariotti, Hans Ree, Walter Browne, Bellin, Jaime Sunye, Mikhail Gurevich, Eleazar Jimenez</p>

<p>Q32</p> 	<p>A 32 Victor Chepizhny</p> <p>Not James Tarjan, Dennis Quaid, Alexander Alekhine, Goran Todorovic, Taylor Kingston (!), Bobby Darin, Yasser Seirawan, Mark Taimanov, Ventzislav Inkiiov, Grigoryan, Clarke</p>
<p>Q33</p> 	<p>A 33 Tonu Oim</p> <p>Not Ludek Pachmann, Alexander Alekhine, Paul Keres, Rauzer, Veresov</p>

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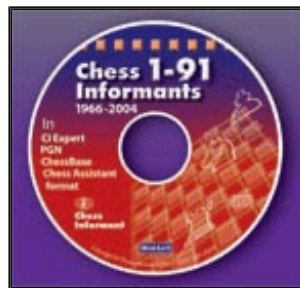
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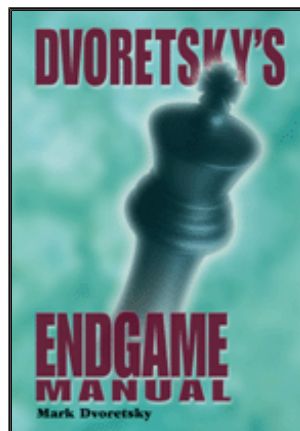
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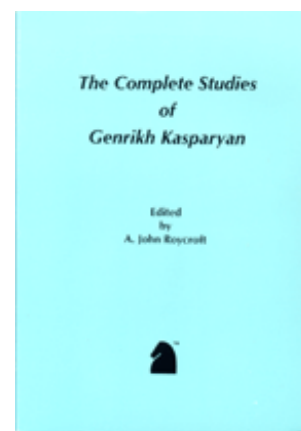
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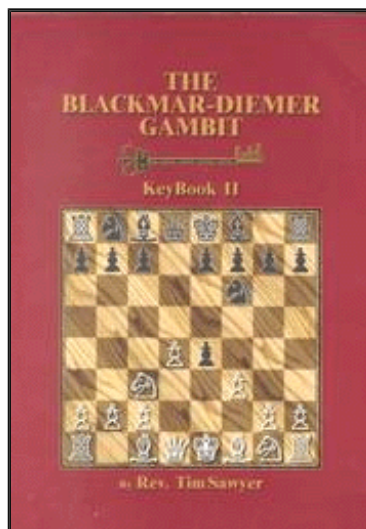
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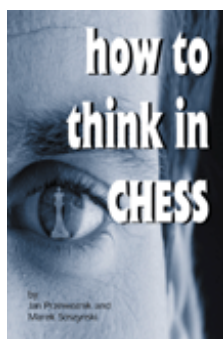
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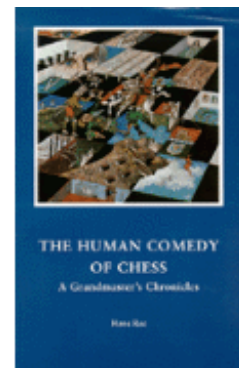
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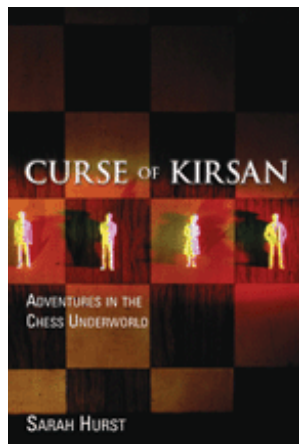
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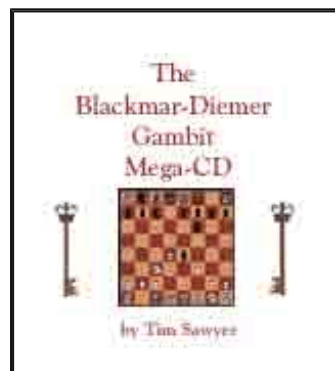
One of the greatest books ever written about a world championship match. Take a trip with the Magician from Riga as he invites you to share his thoughts and feelings as he does battle for the world title.

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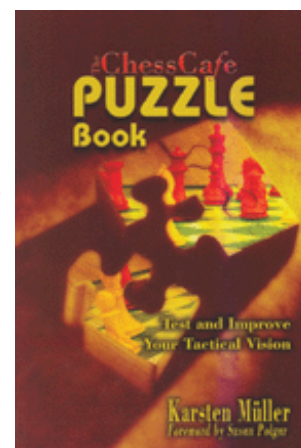
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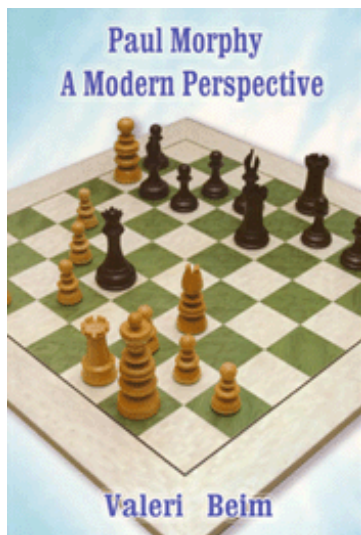


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Paul Morphy: A Modern Perspective **by Valeri Beim**



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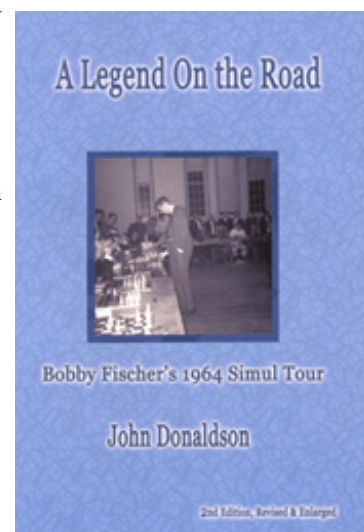
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Legend on the Road **by John Donaldson**

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In 1964 Bobby Fisher wasn't a complete unknown, not with six U.S. Championships to his credit including a scintillating 11-0 in the 1963/64 affair- but U.S. chess players had never had a real opportunity to see him in action up close. During his 1964 exhibition tour, he barnstormed the U.S. and Canada from coast to coast, and his entertaining lectures, high level of play and personable manner won him many new admirers.

This is a comprehensive look at the tour with newspaper reports, magazine articles, personal reminiscences and lots of games, many of which have never been published before. This second edition features new material including a recently rediscovered exhibition in Indianapolis, first-hand accounts from San Francisco, Little Rock and Pittsburgh.



With over 190 games - many annotated! - and almost two dozen photos, it is a treasure trove for every Fischer fan.

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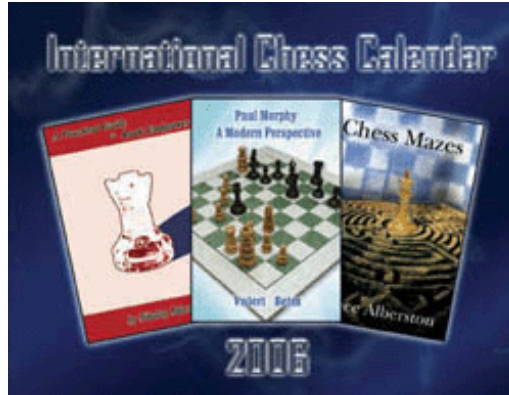


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