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(World Chess Federation)

announces

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATES

Semi-final Match

ROBERT J. FISCHER, U. S. A. International Grandmaster  
and

BENT LARSEN, Denmark, International Grandmaster

Chief Arbiter - Paul Klein, Ecuador  
(F.I.D.E. International Judge)

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HOUSTON FINE ARTS CENTER

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### WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

Temple Buell College and Colorado chess players are proud to be hosts to this Candidates Match for the Chess Championship: an unprecedented event for the United States and focus of attention throughout the world as it pairs in direct competition two of the most imaginative and dynamic figures in chess annals.

Commencing at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 1971, and thereafter on Thursdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays at the same time, the match will continue until one contestant gains five and one-half ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) points. If game is not concluded by 9 p.m., an adjournment is declared and play will be resumed the following day at 4 p.m. (except Fridays at 3:30 p.m.) No games on Saturdays.

Upon adjournment the player whose turn it is seals his next move and delivers it to the Arbiter; on resumption of play the position of pieces is reestablished and clocks set at elapsed time. Special dual chess clocks are so designed that they record only the time elapsed of player whose turn it is to move.

Time limit during match play for each player is a minimum of 40 moves in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours (adjournment after 5 hours). During adjourned games contestants play at minimum average rate of 16 moves an hour. Choice of colors is decided by lot prior to game 1; and also game 11 if necessary. This match is scheduled for 10 games; if score is then tied, the first player scoring a full point in games 11 through 16 is declared winner.

Scoring is accomplished as follows:

- A. Won game is "1" point.
- B. Drawn game is " $\frac{1}{2}$ " point.
- C. Lost game is "0" point.

The Auditorium at Houston Fine Arts Center where games will be played will have a display board on stage where players and moves may be observed. There will be no talking or smoking, and no cameras or chess sets in playing area at any time during games, and there must be no extraneous noise. THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED. Foote Music Hall in the same building will also have a display board on stage indicating each move, and analysis and discussion by experts will be carried on in this area.

Admission to each principal game is by ticket only, and admission to adjourned games by ticket "rain check". Persons with season tickets will present them to Cashier for each principal game to obtain his daily ticket and "rain check".

### The King of Games and the Game of Kings

Over 800 years old, Chess has been described in many ways, but Lubosh Kavalek, who will give a simultaneous chess exhibition in Denver on July 31 at the Bannock Student Center of Metro College, becomes lyrical: "All chess players know how magnetic the Royal Game is. But we don't know exactly why! Maybe the substance of a chess-magnet is too abstract, too large, too incomprehensible. We know there is logic and perfection in chess. There is also fantasy, art and creation. There is democracy and fair play. There is a special language, an adherence to fashion and style. There is modesty, courage and vanity. There is the pleasure of victory. There is elegance, beauty, mystery and magic. There is time, motion and life. Yes, life!"

Chess is a game of war played on a marked surface between symbolic armies of a certain composition. Although there are other games of a warlike nature, with pieces being besieged or captured, in chess the opposing sides represent the four main branches of a military force once used in a certain part of the ancient world: chariotry, elephant corps, cavalry and infantry.

Chess teaches discipline to young people and other qualities valued in America, such as perseverance, foresight, and a sense of reward for hard work. Knowledge is also important, and today's chess player cannot rely on the old trodden paths well known to the masters of a generation before, although the rules of the game are universal throughout the world. The game now is infinitely more complicated; the smallest mistake is punished, and the most subtle good move is rewarded.

A national sport in Russia, subsidized Soviet players have dominated world chess for over 25 years; promising young players are identified and cultivated in elementary schools, then given years of the best possible training for international competition. Many Russians maintain that their skill at chess reflects the natural superiority of Soviet culture; and it is estimated as many as four million Russians engage in organized competition.

The winner of the Fischer-Larsen series will meet the winner of the Petrosian-Korchnoi match being played simultaneously in Moscow. A twelve-game finals match in September between the winner of these two series will determine the challenger for the world title now held by Boris Spassky of the USSR. The world title match will be a 24-game event to be played in the spring of 1972, and the winner will hold the title until 1975.

Other chess events held in Colorado:

- Al Wallace Memorial Tournament - in the Spring
- Denver Open Tournament - July 4 weekend
- Colorado Open Tournament - Labor Day weekend
- Denver Chess League - October through March
- Colorado Junior Championship - Christmas Holidays
- Denver Chess Club - daily at downtown YMCA
- Gates Rubber Company Club - Friday nights, open to all

## B I O G R A P H I E S

ROBERT J. FISCHER (28)  
U. S. A.

A unique colossus in chess history! He made his mark early - nationally, in 1957 at the age of 14 when he became U. S. Champion; internationally, when he achieved Grandmaster status a few months later.

He has done so many amazing things in his chess career that it hardly seems possible his achievements can surprise us; yet his latest incredible triumph has left the chess world dumfounded once again.

A few years ago Fischer's 11-0 sweep of the U. S. Championship excited the imagination. Less than a year ago he dazzled us again with the way he romped to victory over a field which included many of the world's leading grandmasters in the Interzonal Tournament at Majorca, Spain. But these were just warmups for this spring's feat: his amazing 6-0 sweep over Russian Grandmaster Mark Taimanov in the quarter-finals of the World Championship Candidates matches at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, Canada.

"Bobby" Fischer has never before persisted in following the prescribed 3-year course for world championship contenders; this time, however, he may go all the way.

BENT LARSEN (36)  
Denmark

One of the most active and successful tournament players in the world today, and at the very peak of his career, this out-going and engaging international personality is determined that he will be the next champion.

Former World Champion Botvinnik says "Larsen is a great talent and in my view he has real prospects of winning the Candidates Matches. He is a very exact player, full of determination." Known as an aggressive, unorthodox player, a fighter to the last move, Larsen is always looking for an opportunity to complicate the struggle. Playing without a second, Larsen won his quarter-final match against Grandmaster Wolfgang Uhlmann of East Germany by the comfortable score of 5½ to 3½.

This is Larsen's third try for the world title. He played in the candidates matches in 1965 and lost out in the semi-finals. The same thing happened in 1968. Now the two players with the greatest tournament records in recent years are facing each other. Whatever the result, each of these players from the Western World will be backing the winner in his struggle with the Russians. In their latest encounter, in the Interzonal Tournament in Spain last year, Larsen was the victor. Can he do it in a 10-game series? We will soon know.