## **Nasty surprises**

EVERY YEAR Cuba organises grandmaster, master and reserve tournaments in a memorial to its genius son, Jose Capablanca, world champion from 1921 to 1927. This year the GM section resulted in a joint tie for first between O. Romanishin of the USSR and Cuba's own G. Garcia, ahead of among others U. Andersson (Sweden), E. Ermenkov (Bulgaria) and I. Dorfman (USSR).

Cuba 1977. Capablanca Memorial

## KINGS INDIAN DEFENCE

Romanishin (USSR)	Valides (Cuba)
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	d6
3. Nc3	e5
4. dXe5	

Theory gives this move and the subsequent queen exchanges as being fairly innocuous, but in Romanishin's opinion White has chances for advantage by playing in the centre, Black having lost the right to castle.

4.		dXe5
	Q×d8 ch	K×d8
	Nf3	Nfd7
7.	Ng5	Ke8
	f4!?	Bb4
9.	Bd2	eXf4
10.	0-0-0	h6
11.	Nf3	Nc5?!
12	e31	

Romanishin does not care to regain his pawn by 12,B×f4 when the Cuban would have 12... B×c3 in reply, but instead he begins his plan of opening the central files.

12.		fXe3
13.	BXe3	Ne6
14.	Nd5	Na6
15.	Bd3	Bc5
16.	BXc5	NaXc5
17.	Rhel	Kf8

But on no account the interpolation 17... N×d3 ch 18,R×d3 and then 18.... Kf8 for White has 19,N×c7! N×c7 20,Rd8 ch mating.

18. Bc2

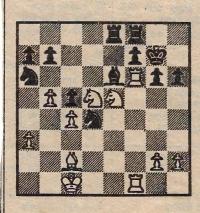
Renewing the threat of 19,N×c7.

18.		g6
	Ne5	Kg7
20.	b4	Na6
21.	Rfl	Rf8
22.	a3	c5

On 22. . . . c6 23, Nf6 Nac7 24, Nfd7 is winning.

23.	Rf6	Nd4
24.	Rdfl	Be6
25.	b5	Rae8

Black is intending to answer 26,b×a6 with 26. . . . B×d5! discovering an attack on White's knight which is unprotected on e5. But Valides is in for a nasty surprise.



26:	NXg6!	B×d5
27.	cXd5	fXg6
28.	RXg6 ch	Kh7
29.	Rgf6 d. ch	Kg7
Kg		11.5
	Rg6 ch	Kh7
	RXf8	RXf8
		VV10
34.	Rb6 d. ch!	

Excellent judgment. Rather than reach an ending with 32,Rf6 ch Kg7 33.R×f8 K×f8 34.b×a6 when with 34...b6! Black is probably no worse off, Romanishin demands more from his position, even if it means sacrificing a piece.

32.		NXc2
	R×b7 ch	Kg6
34.	KXc2	Nb8
35.	R×a7	Rd8
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The variation 35... Rf2 ch 36, Kb3 R×g2 37, Rb7 high-lights the sorry position of Valides's knight.

36.	Ra8	Kf5
37.	a4	Ke5
38.	a5	Rg8
39.	Kc3	KXd5
40.	a6	Re8
41.	a7	Resign
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Now here's a game of Romanishin's from the same event which should warm the flexible hearts of any Pirc defence lovers. The strong Russian I. Dorfman, as White, wastes a little time preventing Romanishin from castling (9, Bb5 ch!?) and then makes an interesting decision to find his own king a haven among the remnants of his kingside pawns. However, one miscalculation turns the haven into a death trap. . . (!)

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I. Dorfman	O. Romanishir
1. Nf3	g6
2. e4	Bg7
3. d4	d6
4. Nc3	Bg4
5. Be3	Nc6
6. d5	Ne5
7. Be2	NXf3 ch
8. g×f3	Bh5
9. Bb5 ch	Kf8
10. 0-0	e6
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11. dXe6	fXe6
12. Be2	Qh4
13. Kh1?	THE PART OF THE



13. . . . B×f3 ch! 14. Resigns

On 14, B×f3 Be5! mates. Of course 13, Kh1? was a gross blunder (perhaps 13, f4!?) but with Black only having a couple of pieces out and his king stuck on f8 . . . well you just don't expect a combination do you!

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