

# Know the rules

by Murray Chandler

**P**UT YOURSELF in the arbiter's shoes for the incident that occurred during the recent Taxco World Championship Interzonal tournament in Mexico. Soviet ex-world champion Mikhail Tal and Saeed Saeed from the United Arab Emirates played their adjournment from the wrong position. The difference was not major — a pawn distant from the main theatre of action was misplaced one square — and Tal won as expected. However, when Saeed discovered the error he demanded that the second session be replayed. By then it was about 2.00am and the players had emigrated to the bar. Perhaps marginally under the influence, Tal agreed to replay the adjournment — provided they began there and then! The game was duly replayed and Tal won again. The question is: would you have allowed the game to be started again?

The answer is no. Saeed's resignation ended the game and no appeal should have been allowed. If, on the other hand, he had discovered the mistake while still playing, article 8.4 of the Fide laws states that "the position as it was on adjournment must be set up again and the game continued". A useful 1985 pocket-size version of *The Official Laws of Chess* has just been published by Batsford, so perhaps in future even grandmasters might do well to refresh their memories! The Batsford version also includes sections on international ratings and titles, and on the "Fide regulations for Organisation of Top-Level Tournaments", a set of sensible guidelines for inexperienced organisers. I fear, however, that the chapter "Fide Plan for World Championships" is already dated, such is the frequency with which the rules seem to be changing at present.

While on the subject of books, some recent releases are worth mentioning. Also from Batsford are a couple of facsimile classic reprints of *The Chess Players Handbook* (Staunton) and *Morphy's Games of Chess* (Lowenthal), but at £14.95 apiece these are probably only for collectors. However, *Play the French*, by the American John Watson (Pergamon Press), can be highly recommended to the club player. International master John Watson has an excellent reputation for thoroughness and thought-provoking original ideas. One example is his demolition of a line thought good for White in the Winawer variation, after 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Qd7 5. a3 Bxc3 ch 6. bxc3 b6 7. Qg4 f5 8. Qg3 Ba6 9. Bxa6 Nxa6 10. Ne2 Nb8 11. Nf4 Nc6 12. Nxe6 Qxe6 13. Qxg7 Qg6 14. Qxh8. Watson found 14. ... 0-0-0 15. Be3 Rd7 (intending ... h5 and ... Rh7 trapping the queen) 16. e6 Rd8! followed by 17. ... Nge7 next move and wins.

Another new release is *Tournament Chess*, volume 17 (Tui), edited by myself and IM Nigel Davies. This series comes out four times a year and provides the complete games (about 1300 per issue)

of all top grandmaster tournaments (such as the Mexico Interzonal mentioned above). Before my editor takes an axe to this blatant plug, I should point out that this series is used predominantly by serious players and is not really aimed at the casual browser. For something light and amusing, you'll have to buy the old favourites *How to Cheat at Chess* and its sequel *Soft Pawn* by Bill Hartston, or the libellous spoof *Not the British Chess Magazine*. B2 or not b2 — that sort of thing.

This week's game comes from the 1985 Lloyd's Bank tournament in London, won by the brilliant Soviet Alexander Belyavsky, followed by myself, Nunn, Mestel and Hebden.

## NIMZOWITSCH/LARSEN OPENING

1. b3.

**B STEIN** **M CHANDLER**

1. b3

*An unusual first move, but not a complete surprise to me; Stein and I once played for the same team in West Germany.*

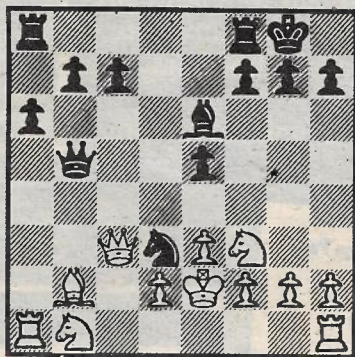
1. ...	e5
2. Bb2	Nc6
3. c4	Nf6
4. e3	d5
5. cxd5	Nxd5
6. a3	Bd6
7. Qc2	Be6
8. Nf3	0-0
9. b4	a6
10. Bc4	

*In view of what happens, 10. Be2 was safer.*

10. ... Bxb4!

*A piece sacrifice which dramatically transforms the game into a tactical melee. Now if 11. axb4 immediately, Black has 11. ... Ndxb4 12. Qc3 Bxc4 13. Qxc4 Nd3 ch 14. Ke2 Nxb2 15. Qc2 e4! with advantage.*

11. Bxd5	Qxd5
12. axb4	Nxb4
13. Qc3	Nd3 ch
14. Ke2	Qb5!



*To meet 15. Qxd3 with 15. ... Bc4; and 15. Ra5 with 15. ... Nf4 double ch 16. Kd1 Bb3 ch 17. Kc1 Ne2 checkmate. Stein chooses the best defence.*

15. Na3	Nf4 dbl ch
16. Kd1	Bb3 ch
17. Nc2	Nd3!
18. Nxe5	Nxf2 ch
19. Kc1	

*The point is that 19. Ke1 is met not by 19. ... Nxh1 20. Ra5 with many White threats, but by 19. ... Ne4!! 20. Qd4 Bxc2 21. Ng6 f6 (stopping Qxg7 mate) 22. Nxf8 Rxf8 23. Rcl Qb3 with advantage to Black.*

19. ... Nxh1

20. Nd3

*A clever resource, stopping 20. ... Qf1 ch. On 20. ... f6 21. Nd4 will follow.*

20. ... Qg5

21. Qxb3 Qxg2

22. Nce1 Qxh2

*I think Black is probably winning, because each pawn that Stein subsequently takes opens up files for my rooks.*

23. Qxb7 Nf2

24. Rxa6 Rad8

25. Kc2 c5

26. Qf3?

*The task would be harder after 26. Bc3.*

26. ... Nxh3

27. Nxd3 Rxd3

28. Kxd3 Rd8 ch

29. Kc4

*On 29. Bd4 Qb8! (clearer than 29. ... cxd4 30. Ra8) followed by ... cxd4 and Black is winning.*

29. ... Qxd2

30. Ra8

*Missing a small tactical point, but White's king was too exposed to survive in any case.*

30. ... Qb4 checkmate

## Contest results

The quiz in the Chess column of July 27 attracted more than 50 entries, but only four got all their answers right. The winners of the main prizes are Ben Alexander, Leonard McLaren, Ben Martin and Ed Wilkinson. Some other entrants will receive consolation prizes.

The answers were:

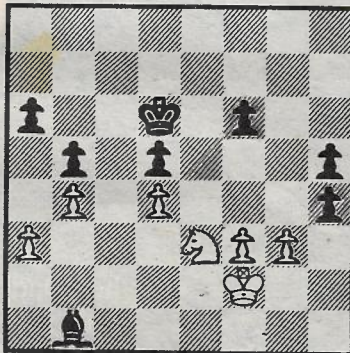
Question 1. The 1984-85 New Zealand Championship was won by Vernon Small.

Question 2. The last book written by Bobby Fischer was *I Was Tortured in a Pasadena Jailhouse*.

Question 3. The USSR beat the Rest of the World 21-19 in London last year.

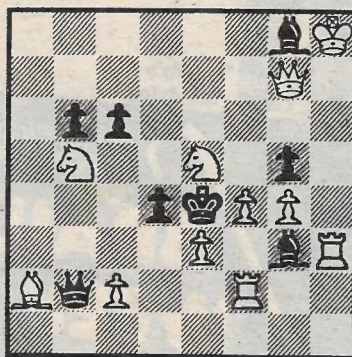
Question 4. Former New Zealand Women's Champion Fenella Foster began her career in Wainuiomata.

Question 5.



In this position, from game nine of the first Karpov-Kasparov match, Karpov (White) played Ng2!!

Question 6.



In this problem, composed by Rudenko and Chepinzy, White forces checkmate in two moves with 1. Nd3. ■