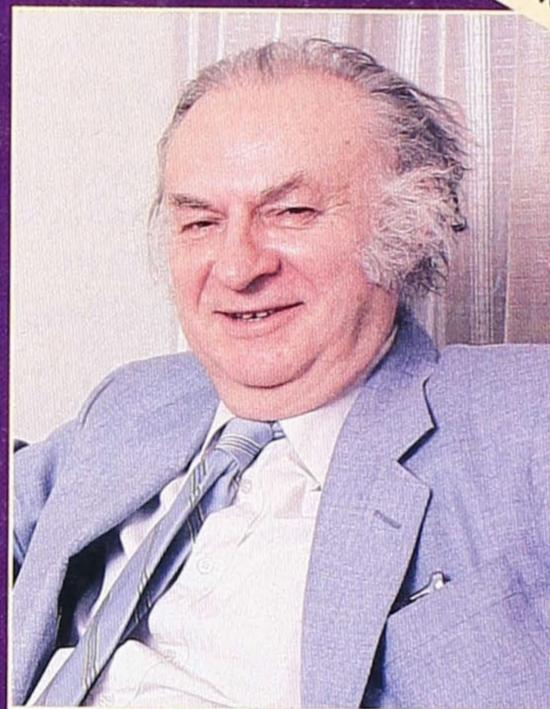


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While the questions haven't been asked for close to 50 years, they will remain unanswered. What if Fine had won A.V.R.O. outright? What if he had played Alekhine in 1939? What if he had taken part in the FIDE World Championship Tournament in 1948?

As a young teenager, Reuben Fine hustled nickels at the Manhattan Chess Club, and usually won enough of them to help feed his family. When asked to stop (an affront he never forgot, but eventually forgave), he did — and promptly moved his base of operations over to the Marshall Chess Club. He gained notice first by winning the club's "B" Championship in 1929-30, by finishing second in the 1931 New York State Championship, and by winning the first of his seven U.S. Open titles in 1932 — all before the age of 18!

After repeating as the U.S. Open Champion in 1933, he had to be part of the Olympic team (anything else would be unthinkable), and as third board on the winning team, he scored 6-1-6, and his international star began to ascend. In just four more years he would be engaged as World Champion Euwe's second, in the latter's return match against Alekhine during the last two months of 1937.

Pillsbury and Marshall notwithstanding, the European chess community had not seen anything like this from an American since the days of Paul Morphy, almost 80 years earlier. Through Hastings 1937-38, Fine placed first or tied for first 12 times in international competitions, followed by three second place finishes, two third place finishes, and a tie for fourth place in Hastings 1937-38. His only

dismal result was in Kemeris/Riga 1937. A month later, Fine announced his engagement to Miss Keesing, and a month after that, he finished second in Semmering/Baden, behind Keres, but ahead of Capablanca, Reshevsky, Flohr, Eliskases, Ragozin and Petrov [Korn, *Meet the Masters*].

Even so, in these 22 international events (including three Olympiads), Fine scored an impressive 120-21-82, or 72.6%! Quite understandably, he was considered one of the top six players in the world. The late Arpad Elo, in his work, *The Rating of Chess Players, Past & Present* (1978), gave Fine a rating of 2660 for his best five-year period of activity, and this was undoubtedly the period considered.

GREATEST TRIUMPH

And yet, Fine's greatest triumph — and perhaps disappointment — was yet to come.

After a brief respite from tournament play (he was preparing the 6th edition of *Modern Chess Openings*, which quickly became known as the "Chessplayer's Bible"), Fine returned to Europe to play in what was to be his last event on foreign soil — A.V.R.O. 1938. By his own admission, this was to be his swan song, his last appearance as a chess professional; he had decided that it was time to finish his education. No more lessons at \$2.50 an hour; no more matches for \$10.00 stakes (Compare that to Fischer's five mil!); no more book royalties totalling \$3.00 a year.

And there was a decided change in his play. Previously contented to wait for small opportunities to present themselves, Fine played spirited chess at A.V.R.O., seized an early lead and held on to tie for 1st place, equal with

Keres, but second on tiebreaks which made Keres the "official" challenger for the World Championship title, held by Alekhine.

That match never took place. World War II did. International chess stood still until 1946, and so did many careers. Fine went to work for the war effort, first as a translator (French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Yiddish and German), and then for the Department of the Navy, first as part of a team which tried to determine where German U-Boats were most likely to surface, and later

as part of a research team concerned with "Kamikaze bombings."

Fine was far from inactive in chess during this period. A prolific writer, he turned out chess book after chess book: *Practical Chess Openings*, *The Ideas Behind the Openings*, *Chess the Easy Way*, *Basic Chess Endings*, *Chess Marches On!*, *The World's a ChessBoard*. By the end of the 1940's, more than 100,000 copies of his books had been sold (by 1976 that figure had passed the 500,000 mark).

He won the U.S. Open three more times, he wrote "Game of the Month" for *Chess Review*, and he laid claim to being the "fastest player alive" by winning almost every rapid transit, blitz, or speed event he entered.

CROSSROADS

But in 1946, there was another crossroads. After the war ended, life resumed. Botvinnik challenged Alekhine. Alekhine died. Fine suggested a six-player challengers tournament; FIDE waffled. Fine suggested that he and Keres should be considered co-champions; FIDE waffled. Fine suggested a "Western World Championship" match between Reshevsky, Euwe, and himself; there were no backers. Nothing seemed to be moving in any direction.

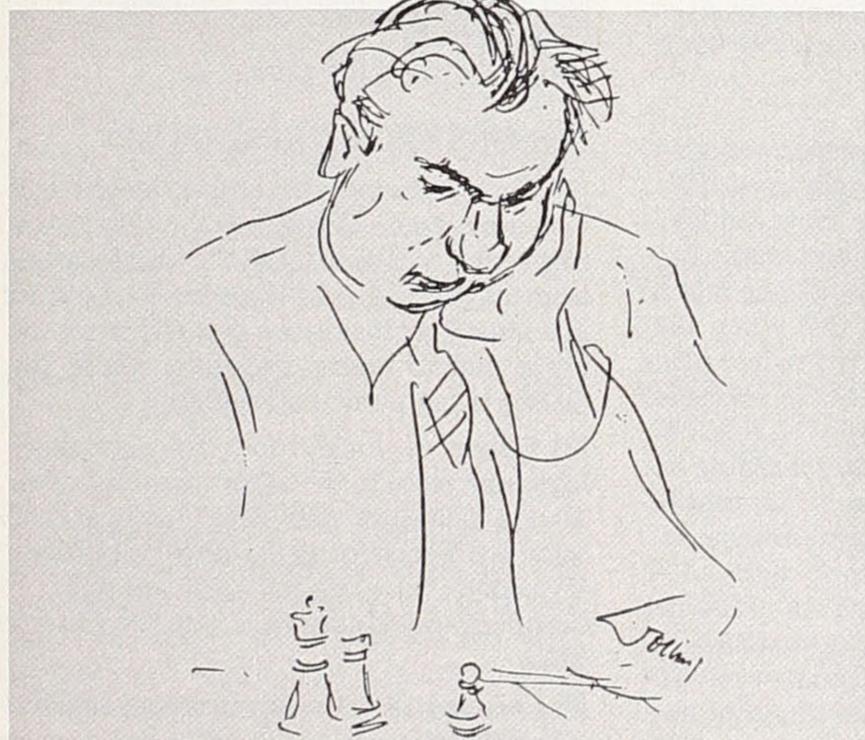
Should he devote another year of his life preparing for a match / tournament which may or may not take place at any time in the near future?

He chose to earn his doctorate, and did so in 1948.

And he never looked back.

But we who were weaned on *Chess the Easy Way*, and we who still read the latest incarnation of the "Chessplayer's Bible" and we who learned the basics in *Basic Chess Endings*, and we who consider "Fine" books (clear, clever, and to the point) to be trusted friends — we are doomed to look back to 1948 forever. . . .

Reuben Fine entered St. Luke's-Roosevelt Medical Center on January 25th, after suffering a severe stroke. On March 26th, he died from complications developed from pneumonia. He was married and divorced four times, and is survived by his son Benjamin, his wife Marcia, his daughter Ellyn Fine Halpert, and a stepson, Harry DeMell. ♣



DR. REUBEN FINE, a psychologist by profession and inclination, mopes over every game as if he were sure to lose. Many unwary rivals have been misled.

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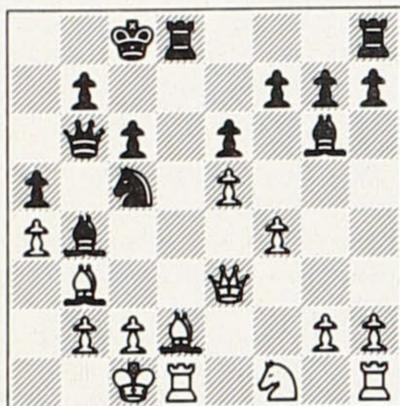
Matches		
Opponent:	Year:	Score:
Herman Steiner	1932	5½-4½
Arthur Dake	1933	6-4
I.A. Horowitz	1934	6-3
Gideon Stahlberg	1937	5-3
Herman Steiner	1944	3½-½
Miguel Najdorf	1948	4-4

CARO-KANN DEFENSE [B18]

W: Mario Monticelli
B: Reuben Fine

Syracuse 1934

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. Nf3 e6 7. Bc4 Nf6 8. Qe2 Nbd7 9. Ne5 Nxe5 10. dxe5 Nd7 11. f4 Bc5 12. Bb3 a5 13. a4 Qb6 14. Bd2 0-0-0 15. Nf1 Bb4 16.0-0-0 Nc5 17. Qe3



17. ... Rd3 18. cxd3 Nxb3+ 19. Kc2 Bc5 20. Qh3 Nd4+ 21. Kc1 Qb3 22. Ne3 Qxd3, White resigns.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED [D66]

Orthodox Variation
W: Reuben Fine
B: Geza Maroczy

Zandvoort 1936

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Be7 5. Bg5 Nbd7 6. e3 0-0 7. Rc1 c6 8. Bd3 h6 9. Bf4 dxc4 10. Bxc4 Nh5 11. Be5 Nxe5 12. dxe5 Qxd1+ 13. Rxd1 g6 14. g4 Ng7 15. Ne4 a6 16. h4 b5 17. Be2 c5 18.0-0 Bb7 19. Nf6+ Bxf6 20. exf6 Ne8 21. g5 Bd5 22. Ne5 Nd6 23. f3 Nc4 24. Bxc4 Bxc4 25. Nxc4 bxc4 26. Rc1 Rab8 27. Rf2 Rb4 28. a3 Ra4 29. Rc3 Rd8 30. Rfc2 Rd5 31. f4 e5 32. Rxc4 Rxc4 33. Rxc4 exf4 34. exf4 hxg5 35. hxg5 Rd2 36. Rxc5 Rxb2 37. Rc8+ Kh7 38. Rf8 Rb7, Black resigns.

SLAV DEFENSE [D12]

W: Reuben Fine
B: William Winter

Nottingham 1936

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 Bf5 5. Nc3 e6 6. Nh4 Be4 7. f3 Bg6 8. Nxc6 hxg6 9. g3 Bd6 10. f4 Ne4 11. Nxe4 dxe4 12. Bd2 Qe7 13. a3 Nd7 14. Qb3 Rb8 15. Qa4 a6 16. Be2 g5 17.0-0-0 f5 18. fxc6 Qxc6 19. c5 Bc7 20. Bxa6 bxa6 21. Qxc6 Kd8 22. Qxe6 Qf6 23. Qd5 Ke7 24. Bb4 Rhc8 25. Kb1 Nf8 26. g4 a5 27. Bc3 g6 28. gxf5 Qxf5 29. Qc4 Ne6 30. Rhf1 Qh5 31. d5 Nxc5 32. d6+, Black resigns.

RETI SYSTEM [A09]

W: Mikhail Botvinnik
B: Reuben Fine

Nottingham 1936

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Na3 c5 4. Nxc4 Nc6 5. b3 f6 6. Bb2 e5 7. g3 Nge7 8. Bg2 Nd5 9.0-0 Be7 10. Nh4 0-0 11. Qb1 Rf7! 12. Nf5 Be6 13. f4! exf4 14. gxf4 Nb6! 15.

Reuben Fine: October 11, 1914 — March 26, 1993

Year	Tournament	Rank	Player	Games			Points	
				+	-	=	+	-
1929-30	New York (Marshall CC, B Section)	1	?	?	?	?	13	3
1931	Rome (New York State Championship)	2	12	6	1	4	8	3
1931-32	New York (Marshall CC Championship)	1	14	10	2	1	10½	2½
1932	Minneapolis (USA Open)	1	12	8	0	3	9½	1½
1932	Pasadena	7-10	12	2	3	6	5	6
1932-33	New York (Marshall CC Championship)	1	14	10	0	3	11½	1½
1933	Detroit (USA Open)	1	14	12	1	0	12	1
1933	Folkestone (Olympiad)	-	-	6	1	6	9	4
1933	Syracuse (New York State Championship)	3-4	12	7	2	2	8	3
1933-34	New York (Marshall CC Championship)	1	12	8	0	3	9½	1½
1934	Chicago (USA Open)	1-2	10	7	1	1	7½	1½
1934	Syracuse	3-4	15	8	2	4	10	4
1934-35	Mexico City	1-3	13	11	1	0	11	1
1935	Milwaukee (USA Open Preliminary)	1	10	6	0	3	7½	1½
1935	Milwaukee (USA Open Final)	1	11	6	0	4	8	2
1935	Warszawa (Olympiad)	-	-	5	4	8	9	8
1935	Lodz	2-3	10	3	0	6	6	3
1935-36	Hastings	1	10	6	0	3	7½	1½
1936	New York (USA Championship)	3-4	16	7	1	7	10½	4½
1936	Zandvoort	1	12	6	0	5	8½	2½
1936	Nottingham	3-5	15	5	0	9	9½	4½
1936	Oslo	1	8	6	0	1	6½	½
1936	Amsterdam (AP)	1-2	8	4	1	2	5	2
1936	Amsterdam (ASB)	1	4	3	0	0	3	0
1936	Bussum	1	5	4	0	0	4	0
1936-37	Hastings	2	10	7	1	1	7½	1½
1937	Stockholm	1	10	7	0	2	8	1
1937	Moskva	1	8	4	1	2	5	2
1937	Leningrad	1	6	3	0	2	4	1
1937	Margate	1-2	10	6	0	3	7½	1½
1937	Oostende	1-3	10	6	3	0	6	3
1937	Kemer/Riga	8	18	6	5	6	9	8
1937	Semmering	2	8	2	0	12	8	6
1937	Stockholm (Olympiad)	-	-	9	1	5	11½	3½
1937-38	Hastings	4-5	10	3	0	6	6	3
1938	New York (USA Championship)	2	17	11	2	3	12½	3½
1938	Amsterdam (AVRO)	1-2	8	6	3	5	8½	5½
1939	New York (USA Open Preliminary)	1	7	3	0	3	4½	1½
1939	New York (USA Open Final)	1	12	10	0	1	10½	½
1939-40	New York (Marshall CC Championship)	1	17	13	1	2	14	2
1940	Dallas (USA Open Preliminary)	1	9	5	0	3	6½	1½
1940	Dallas (USA Open Final)	1	9	8	0	0	8	0
1940	New York (USA Championship)	2	17	10	1	5	12½	3½
1940	Salt Lake City (?)	1	8	7	0	0	7	0
1940-41	New York (Marshall CC Championship)	1	16	13	0	2	14	1
1941	Hamilton (New York State Championship)	1	11	6	0	4	8	2
1941	Los Angeles	1	?	?	?	?	?	?
1941	St. Louis (USA Open Preliminary)	1	6	3	0	2	4	1
1941	St. Louis (USA Open Final)	1	10	7	0	2	8	1
1942	New York (USA Speed)	1	12	10	1	0	10	1
1942	Washington, DC	1	8	7	0	0	7	0
1943	New York (USA Speed Preliminary)	1	12	?	?	?	10	1
1943	New York (USA Speed Final)	1	12	11	0	0	11	0
1944	New York (USA Speed Preliminary)	1	12	11	0	0	11	0
1944	New York (USA Speed Final)	1	12	10	1	0	10	1
1944	New York (USA Championship)	2	18	13	1	3	14½	2½
1945	New York (USA Speed)	1	12	9	0	2	10	1
1945	Hollywood (Pan American Tourney)	2	13	6	0	6	9	3
1945	Hollywood (Speed Tourney)	1-3	20	?	?	?	?	?
1948-49	New York (International)	1	10	7	0	2	8	1
1951	New York (Wertheim Memorial)	4	12	5	2	4	7	4
1951	New York (Special Masters)	1-2	6	3	0	2	4	1

Be4! Bxc4! 16. bxc4 Nxc4 17. Bc3! Nd4!
18. Nxd4 cxd4 19. Bxh7+ Kf8! 20. Bb4
d3!! 21. Bxe7+ Rxe7 22. Qxd3 Qxd3 23.
exd3 Nb6 24. Be4 Rd8 25. Rac1 Nd5 26.
a3 Red7 27. Kg2 b6 28. Kf3 Nc7 29. Ke3
Na6 30. Rc3 Nc5 31. Rf2 Rd4 32. f5 Ra4
33. Rg2 Rad4 34. Rf2 Ra4 35. Rg2 Rad4
36. Rc4 R4d6, draw.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED [D37]

W: Reuben Fine
B: Emanuel Lasker

Nottingham 1936

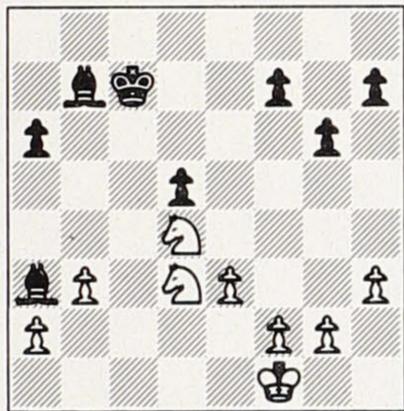
1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Be7
5. e3 0-0 6. Bd3 dxc4 7. Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 a6
9. Qe2 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. dxc5! Bxc5 12.
e4 Nbd7 13. Bg5 h6 14. Bh4 b4 15. Na4
Be7 16. Rfd1 Nh5 17. Bxe7 Qxe7 18. Rac1!
Ndf6 19. g3 a5 20. Nc5 Rfc8 21. Nxb7
Qxb7 22. Ne5 Rxc1 23. Rxc1 Rc8 24.
Rxc8+ Qxc8 25. Qc2! Qb7 26. Qc6! Qa7
27. Qc8+ Kh7 28. Nc6 Qc5 29. e5+ g6 30.
exf6 Nxf6 31. Qb7 Kg8 32. Be2 Nd5 33.
Ne5, Black resigns.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE [E14]

W: Reuben Fine
B: Savielly Tartakower

Zandvoort 1936

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Be7
5. e3 0-0 6. Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8. b3 c5 9.
Bb2 Nc6 10. Rc1 Rc8 11. Qe2 Qc7 12. cxd5
exd5 13. Nb5 Qb8 14. dxc5 bxc5 15. Bxf6
Bxf6 16. Rxc5 Nb4 17. Rxc8 Rxc8 18.
Nbd4 Nxd3 19. Qxd3 Qd6 20. Qd2 Qa3
21. h3 g6 22. Rb1 Be7 23. Qb2 Ba6 24.
Qxa3 Bxa3 25. Rd1 Kf8 26. Ne1 Bb7 27.
Nd3 a6 28. Rd2 Ke7 29. Rc2 Kd6 30. Kf1
Rc7 31. Rxc7 Kxc7



32. b4 Bc6 33. Ke2 Kb6 34. Nc2 d4 35.
Nxa3 Bxg2 36. Nf4 dxe3 37. Nxc2, Black
resigns.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED [D46]

Semi-Meran Defense
W: Reuben Fine
B: Sir G. A. Thomas

Hastings 1936-37

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Nbd7
5. e3 c6 6. Bd3 Bd6 7. 0-0 0-0 8. e4 dxe4
9. Nxe4 Nxe4 10. Bxe4 Qc7 11. Qe2! Bf4
12. Bxf4 Qxf4 13. Rad1 Rb8 14. Rd2 Nf6
15. Bc2 Qc7 16. Rfd1 c5 17. Qe5! Qxe5 18.
dxe5 Ne8 19. Ng5 g6 20. Rd8 b5 21. cxb5
Nc7 22. Ne4 Nd5 23. Nf6+ Kg7 24. Rxf8
Kxf8 25. Nxd5 exd5 26. Rxd5 Be6 27.
Rxc5 Bxa2 28. b3 Ke8 29. Kf1 Kd7 30. Ke1

Rb6 31. Kd2 a6 32. bxa6 Rxa6 33. Kc3,
Black resigns.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE [E72]

Fianchetto Variation
W: Reuben Fine
B: George Koltanowski

Hastings 1936-37

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6
5. g3 0-0 6. Bg2 Nc6 7. Nge2 e5 8. d5 Ne7
9. 0-0 Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. Qd2 Nf6 12. f3
Kh8 13. Bh6 Bxh6 14. Qxh6 fxe4 15. fxe4
Bd7 16. h3 Neg8 17. Qe3 h5 18. Nc1 Qc8
19. Kh2 Kg7 20. Nd3 Nh6 21. Qd2 Qe8 22.
c5 Qe7 23. b4 Nh7 24. Qe3 Qg5 25. Qxg5
Nxc5 26. b5 Rxf1 27. Rxf1 Rf8 28. Rxf8
Kxf8 29. c6 Bc8 30. Nb4 Ke8 31. cxb7
Bxb7 32. Nc6 a6 33. Bf1 axb5 34. Bxb5
Bxc6 35. Bxc6+ Kd8 36. Kg2 Ng8 37. h4
Nf7 38. a4 Ne7 39. Bb7 Kd7 40. a5 Nd8
41. a6 Nc8 42. Nb5 Nb6 43. Na7, Black
resigns.

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE [E37]

Capablanca Variation
W: Movsa Feigin
B: Reuben Fine

Hastings 1936-37

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 d5
5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 Ne4 7. Qc2 Nc6 8.
e3 e5? 9. cxd5! Qxd5 10. Bc4 Qa5+ 11. b4
Nxb4 12. Qxe4 Nc2+ 13. Ke2 Qe1+ 14.
Kf3 Nxa1 15. Bb2 Be6 16. d5 0-0-0 17.
dxe6 fxe6 18. Kg4? Qxf2! 19. Bxa1 h5+
20. Kh3 g5! 21. Bxe6+ Kb8 22. Nf3 g4+
23. Bxg4 hxg4+ 24. Kxg4 Qxg2+ 25. Kf5
Rh5+ 26. Kf6 Rf8+ 27. Ke6 Qg8+, White
resigns.

DUTCH DEFENSE [A90]

W: Reuben Fine
B: Alexander Alekhine

Margate 1937

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Bb4+
5. Bd2 Be7 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. d5 Ne5 8. Qb3
0-0 9. Nh3 Ng6 10. dxe6 dxe6 11. Rd1 c6
12.0-0 e5 13. c5+ Kh8 14. Ng5 Qe8 15.
Ne6 Bxe6 16. Qxe6 Bxc5 17. Qxf5 Rd8 18.
Qc2 Qe6 19. Na4 Be7 20. a3 Rd4 21. h3
b5 22. Nc3 a5 23. Be3 Rxd1 24. Rxd1 b4
25. axb4 axb4 26. Na4 Nd5 27. Bc5 Qf7
28. e3 Rc8 29. Qc4 Qf8 30. Bxe7 Ngxe7
31. e4 Nf6 32. Qxb4 Rd8 33. Rxd8 Qxd8
34. Nc5 Qd6 35. Qc3 h6 36. Nd3 Nd7 37.
h4 Ng6 38. Bh3 Ngf8 39. b4 h5 40. Nc5
Nf6 41. Qc4 Qe7 42. Nb3 Qd6 43. Na5
Qd2 44. Nxc6 Qe1+ 45. Bf1 Nxe4 46. Qe2
Qxe2 47. Bxe2 g6 48. Nxe5 Nc3 49. Bd3
Kg7 50. f4 Nd5 51. b5 Kf6 52. Kf2 Nb6
53. Ke3 Na4 54. Kd4 Ne6+ 55. Kd5 Nc7+
56. Kc6 Ne6 57. b6 Nd8+ 58. Kd7 Ne6 59.
b7 Nac5+ 60. Kc8, Black resigns.

FRENCH DEFENSE [C17]

Winawer Variation
W: Reuben Fine
B: Mikhail Botvinnik

AVRO, Amsterdam 1938, Round 1

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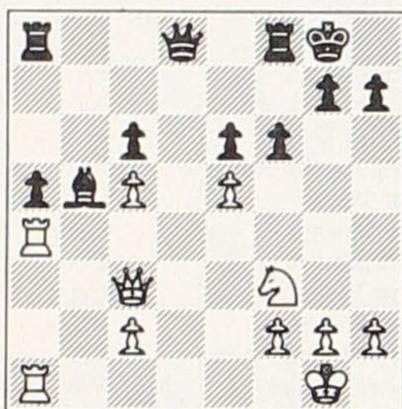
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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. dxc5 Ne7 6. Nf3 Nbc6 7. Bd3 d4 8. a3 Ba5 9. b4 Nxb4 10. axb4 Bxb4 11. Bb5+ Nc6 12. Bxc6+ bxc6 13. Ra4 Bxc3+ 14. Bd2 f6 15. 0-0-0 16. Bxc3 dxc3 17. Qe1 a5 18. Qxc3 Ba6 19. Rfa1 Bb5



20. Rd4 Qe7 21. Rd6 a4 22. Qe3 Ra7 23. Nd2 a3 24. c4 Ba4 25. exf6 Qxf6 26. Rxa3 Re8 27. h4 Raa8 28. Nf3 Qb2 29. Ne5 Qb1+ 30. Kh2 Qf5 31. Qg3, Black resigns.

FRENCH DEFENSE

[C17]

Winawer Variation

W: Reuben Fine

B: Salo Flohr

AVRO, Amsterdam 1938, Round 5

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. Bd2 Ne7 6. Nf3 Nf5? 7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. Bd3 Nh4 9. 0-0 Nc6 10. Re1 h6 11. Na4 Bf8 12. Rc1 Bd7 13. Nxh4 Qxh4 14. c4! dxc4 15. Rxc4 Qd8 16. Qh5 Ne7 17. Rd4 g6 18. Qf3 Qc7 19. Nc3 Nf5 20. Nb5 Qb6 21. Rxd7!! Kxd7 22. g4 Nh4 23. Qxf7+ Be7 24. Bb4 Rae8 25. Bxe7 Rxe7 26. Qf6 a6 27. Rd1 axb5 28. Be4+, Black resigns.

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

[E34]

Capablanca Variation

W: Jose Capablanca

B: Reuben Fine

AVRO, Amsterdam 1938, Round 10

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 d5 5. cxd5 Qxd5 6. Nf3 c5 7. Bd2 Bxc3 8. Bxc3 Nc6 9. Rd1 0-0 10. e3 b6 11. a3 Bb7 12. dxc5 Qxc5 13. b4 Qh5 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. Rd7 Rac8! 16. Qb2 Rfd8! 17. Rxb7 Ne5! 18. Be2 Nxf3+ 19. Bxf3 Qe5!! 20. Qxe5 Rc1+ 21. Bd1 Rcxdl+ 22. Ke2 Rld2+ 23. Kf3 fxe5 24. Rxa7 e4+ 25. Kg3 Ra2 26. Ra6 Rdd2 27. Rf1 Rdb2 28. Rxb6 Rxa3 29. b5 Kg7 30. h4 Rab3 31. Kf4 Rxb5 32. Rxb5 Rxb5 33. g4 Rb4 34. Rc1 Rb2 35. Kg3 Kf6 36. Rc4 Ke5 37. Rc8 Kf6 38. Rg8 h6 39. g5+ hxg5 40. Rxc5 Rb8 41. Kh3 e5 42. Rg1, Draw.

RUY LOPEZ

[C76]

Neo-Steinitz Variation

W: Reuben Fine

B: Alexander Alekhine

AVRO, Amsterdam 1938, Round 13

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5. 0-0 Bd7 6. c3 g6 7. d4 Bg7 8. dxe5 Nxe5 9. Nxe5 dxe5 10. f4! Bxa4 11. Qxa4+ Qd7 12. Qxd7+ Kxd7 13. fxe5 Ke6 14. Bf4 Rf8

15. Nd2 Bxe5 16. Nb3 Bxf4 17. Rxf4 b6 18. a4 Ke5 19. g3 Nf6 20. Nd2 Nh5 21. Rf2 Ke6 22. a5! Ra8 23. Raf1 Rhd8 24. Nf3 Ke7 25. axb6 cxb6 26. Ng5 h6 27. Rxf7+ Kd6 28. Nf3 g5 29. Nd4 Re8 30. Rh7 Rh8 31. Rff7 Rxh7 32. Rxh7 Rf8 33. Rxh6+ Nf6 34. Nf3 Kc5 35. Nd2 g4 36. Rg6 Nd7 37. Rxc4 Ne5 38. Rg5 Kd6 39. Rf5 Rd8 40. Nf3 Nd3 41. Rd5+ Ke7 42. Rxd8 Kxd8 43. b3 Ke7 44. Nd2 a5 45. Kf1, Black resigns.

RUY LOPEZ

[C86]

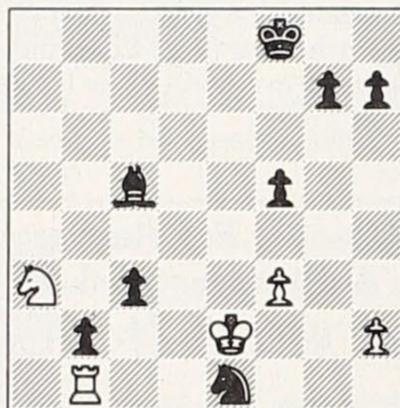
Worall Attack

W: Reuben Fine

B: Paul Keres

AVRO, Amsterdam 1938, Round 7

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6. Qe2 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. a4 Bg4 9. c3 0-0 10. axb5 axb5 11. Rxa8 Qxa8 12. Qxb5 Na7 13. Qe2 Qxe4 14. Qxe4 Nxe4 15. d4 Bxf3 16. gxf3 Ng5 17. Kg2 Rb8 18. Bc4 exd4 19. cxd4 Ne6 20. d5 Nc5 21. Nc3 Nc8 22. Re1 Kf8 23. Re2 f5 24. Nb5 Nb6 25. b3 Nxd5 26. Nd4 Nb4 27. Bd2 d5 28. Bxb4 Rxb4 29. Nc6 dxc4 30. Nxb4 cxb3 31. Nd5 Nd3 32. Rd2 b2 33. Rd1 c5 34. Rb1 c4 35. Kf1 Bc5 36. Ke2 Bxf2 37. Ne3 c3 38. Nc2 Ne1 39. Na3 Bc5



40. Kxe1

"It is scarcely exaggerating to suggest that Reuben Fine came within one move of becoming the first world champion from the United States."

40. Rxe1! Bxa3 41. Kd3 Bb4 42. Kc2 g6 (42. ... Kf7 43. Re5 Kf6 44. Rb5 Bd6 45. Rb6 Ke7 46. Rb7+) 43. Re6 Bc5 44. Rc6 Bd4 45. Rc7 was the drawing method.

40. ... Bxa3 41. Kd1 Bd6 42. Kc2 Bxh2 43. Rh1 Be5 44. Rxh7 Kf7 45. Rh1 g5 46. Re1 Kf6 47. Rg1 Kg6 48. Re1 Bf6 49. Rg1 g4 50. fxc4 f4 51. g5 Bd4 52. Rd1 Be3 53. Kxc3 Bc1 54. Rd6+ Kxc3 55. Rb6 f3 56. Kd3 Kf4 57. Rb8 Kg3, White resigns.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

[B42]

Four Knights

W: Abraham Kupchik

B: Reuben Fine

Metropolitan Chess League, New York 1939

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nf6 6. Be2 Bb4 7. Nxc6 dxc6 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8 9. f3 e5 10. Bd2? Be6 11. 0-0-0 Nd7 12. a3 Bc5 13. Rhe1 Kc7 14. Bf1 Bf2 15. Re2 Bd4 16. Reel a5 17. Be3 Bxe3+ 18. Rxe3 Nc5 19. a4 g5 20. b3 g4 21. fxc4 Bxc4 22. Be2 Be6 23. Rf1 Rhg8 24. Rf2 Rad8 25. Bh5 Rd7 26. Ref3 Rg7

27. h3 Kd8 28. Kb2 Ke8 29. Re3 Rd4 30. Be2 Ke7 31. Bf1 Rg8 32. Kc1 Rgd8 33. Rfe2 Rb4 34. Re1? Bxb3! 35. cxb3 Nxb3+ 36. Kb2 Rd2+ 37. Ka3 Nd4, White resigns.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

[B80]

Scheveningen Variation

W: Reuben Fine

B: Miguel Najdorf

New York International 1948-49

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. g3 b5 7. Bg2 Bb7 8. 0-0 e6 9. Qe2 Nbd7 10. a3 Qc7 11. f4 Rc8 12. h3 Qc4 13. Qf2 d5 14. e5 Bc5? 15. Be3 Ne4 16. Nxe4 dxe4 17. Nb3! Qxc2 18. Nxc5 Qxf2+ 19. Rxf2 Nxc5 20. Rc1 Nd7 21. Rxc8+ Bxc8 22. Rc2 0-0 23. Bxe4 f6 24. Bd4 fxe5 25. fxe5 Rd8 26. Rc7 Nf8 27. Bc5 Bd7 28. Ra7 Be8 29. Bd6 Bg6 30. Bc6 Bd3 31. b4 h5 32. Rxa6 Rc8 33. Kf2 h4 34. gxh4 Ng6 35. Kg3 Kh7 36. h5 Nh8 37. Kf4 Nf7 38. Bc5 Rc7 39. Bf3 Bc4 40. Be4+ Kh6 41. Bf5 Ng5 42. Bg6 Nxh3+ 43. Kg3 Ng5 44. Ra8, Black resigns.

RETI SYSTEM

[A09]

W: George Kramer

B: Reuben Fine

New York International 1948-49

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 c5 4. Bxc4 Nc6 5. b4 e6 6. b5 Nce7 7. Nc3 Nf6 8. 0-0 Ng6 9. d3 Be7 10. h3 0-0 11. a4 Kh8 12. Re1 Nd7 13. Qb3 b6 14. Be3 Bb7 15. a5 bxa5 16. Ra2 Bd6 17. Rea1 Bc7 18. Ne2 Qe7 19. Bd2 Nb6 20. Bxa5 f5! 21. Bxb6 Bxb6 22. Ng3 Nf4 23. Rb1 fxe4 24. dxe4 Rad8 25. Qe3 Qf6 26. Kh2 g5! 27. e5 Qg7 28. Rh1 Nxc2 29. Kxc2 Rxf3, White resigns.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

[D35]

Exchange Variation

W: Reuben Fine

B: I.A. Horowitz

New York International 1948-49

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Bg5 c6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. cxd5 exd5 7. Nc3 Bd6 8. Bd3 0-0 9. 0-0 Re8 10. Qc2 Nf8 11. Rfe1 Bg4 12. Nd2 Be6 13. Nf1 Ng6 14. f4 Bd7 15. Ng3 Rc8 16. f5 Nf8 17. e4 dxe4 18. Ncxe4 Be7 19. Bxf6 Bxf6 20. Nd6! Rxe1+ 21. Rxe1 Qa5 22. Kf1 Rb8 23. Nxf7 h6 24. Qb3 Kh7 25. Nh5 Bxf5 26. Nxf6+ gxf6 27. Re7 Kg6 28. Ne5+ Kg5 29. h4+, Black resigns.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

[D51]

W: Reuben Fine

B: O. Esteiger

Simultaneous Exhibition, Cuba 1951

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 c6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. cxd5 cxd5 7. Bd3 Be7 8. Nf3 a6 9. Qc2 b5 10. 0-0 Bb7 11. Rac1 Rc8 12. Qe2 0-0 13. a4! b4 14. Nb1 Qa5 15. Ne5 Nb6 16. b3 Rxc1 17. Rxc1 h6 18. Bf4 Rc8 19. Rxc8+ Nxc8 20. Qc2 Bf8 21. Nxf7!! Kxf7 22. Bc7 Nb6 23. Bg6+ Kg8 24. Nd2 Be7 25. Nf3 Nfd7 26. Be8! Nc5 27. Qg6! Bf6 28. Ne5 Nxb3 29. Ng4! Bxd4 30. exd4, Black resigns.