

Boris Spassky

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A man who is willing to commit suicide has the initiative.

~Boris Spassky

We can compare classical chess and rapid chess with theatre and cinema - some actors don't like the latter and prefer to work in the theatre.

~Boris Spassky

Which do I prefer? Sex or chess? It depends on the position.

~Boris Spassky

Bobby Fischer has an enormous knowledge of chess and his familiarity with the chess literature of the USSR is immense.

~Boris Spassky

I try to help developing junior chess. When I lived in USSR, I got a lot of free help from very good coaches - now I am trying to repay that debt.

~Boris Spassky

When you play Bobby, it is not a question if you win or lose. It is a question if you survive.

~Boris Spassky

Often, in the Ruy Lopez, one must be patient, wait and carry on a lengthy and wearisome struggle.

~Boris Spassky

I still hope to kill Fischer

~Boris Spassky

When I am in form, my style is a little bit stubborn, almost brutal. Sometimes I feel a great spirit of fight which drives me on.

~Boris Spassky

After I won the title, I was confronted with the real world. People do not behave naturally anymore - hypocrisy is everywhere.

~Boris Spassky

I also follow chess on the Internet, where Kasparov's site is very interesting.

~Boris Spassky

In my country, at that time, being a champion of chess was like being a King. At that time I was a King and when you are King you feel a lot of responsibility, but there is nobody there to help you.

~Boris Spassky

The power of hanging Pawns is based precisely in their Mobility, in their Ability to create acute situations instantly.

~Boris Spassky

Time control directly influences the quality of play.

~Boris Spassky

Nowadays the dynamic element is more important in chess - players more often sacrifice material to obtain dynamic compensation.

~Boris Spassky

The best indicator of a Chess Player's form is his ability to sense the Climax of the game.

~Boris Spassky

Recently I saw Kasparov and he looked to me as still young and potent champion.

~Boris Spassky

For example, computer defends well, but for humans its is harder to defend than attack, particularly with the modern time control.

~Boris Spassky

There is only one thing Fischer does in Chess without pleasure: to lose!

~Boris Spassky

Nowadays there is more dynamism in chess, modern players like to take the initiative. Usually they are poor defenders though.

~Boris Spassky

The computer age has arrived, and it influences everything: analysis, preparation, information. Now a different talent is required - the ability to synthesize ideas.

~Boris Spassky

I think that the World Champion should try to defend the quality of play more than anyone else.

~Boris Spassky

I don't want ever to be champion again.

~Boris Spassky

The Soviet Union was an exception, but even there chess players were not rich. Only Fischer changed that.

~Boris Spassky

The place of chess in the society is closely related to the attitude of young people towards our game.

~Boris Spassky

I don't play in tournaments, but I follow some.

~Boris Spassky

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