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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

E.G.Meherhomji

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We welcome the following new members (membership numbers given in brackets): Vikrant V. Soni (3468), S.Subba Raju (3469), Shesh Ratan Jaiswal (3470), Krishna V.Sindhe (3471), Ajit Kulkarni (NRI Member, 3472). Three players who had discontinued earlier have rejoined: Rajesh K. (3212), M.Avirah (3118) and B.Mohanakrishnan (2052).

Overall, the slight lull which appears to have come about in our growth in terms of membership, and participation of our players in tournaments seems to be overcome. Our advertisements appeared in Black and White and Chess Mate. Two Special Samtani Memorial Tournaments were started as mixed postal/email tournaments with 15 participants each and, at the time of writing, an email section is being finalised. Seven new 4-player and one 7-player postal tournaments were started.

We appeal to our members to (a) participate in more tournaments both in the domestic and international sectors (but see that you don't overburden yourself!) and (b) spread the word about AICCF amongst your friends who are interested in chess.

Dr. Alok Saxena and Shri H.P.Chole have joined the team of Tournament Directors. Dr. Saxena is the new TD for the 1507 Chamiponship Tournament. All correspondence in 1507 should be to him instead of Mr. Suresh Mody. Five new tournaments have been allotted to Shri Chole as TD.

E.G.Meherhomji

Hon. Secretary-cum-Treasurer



S.M.Mody, Mrs Urmila Chatterjee, P.S.Dabholkar, A.Chatterjee and E.G.Meherhomji during the AICCF meeting on 14 Jan 2007

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

It is heartening to see enthusiastic members like Pervez Mandviwala, Mohan Jayaraman, Shams Khan, Dr. A.B.Surveyor, P.B.Dhanish and others sending their games for publication and submitting articles.

Since nearly a year we were trying to persuade AICCF President Dr. A.B.Surveyor to send his AutoChessOgraphy. You see it at last in this issue, and he has taken pains to send us all the important CC games he played from 1979 to 1991 during his reign as Correspondence Chess Champion of India (at a time when AICCF was yet to be formed). We urge other members to follow his example and send us their memorable games even if played a long time ago.

You will find interesting decisive King moves not only in the feature article *Attack by King Move!* but also in the Games Section. Witness the beauty of 41...Kg8!! in Aaron-Surveyor (p. 42), 24...Kh8 in Mehta-Surveyor (p. 43), 20...O-O-O in Potrata-Dhanish (p. 47) and the unusual 13...Kf7!? in Gala-Khan (p. 48).

We are reverting to bi-annual publication of the Bulletin. It is difficult to find time away from work and family life to continue with quarterly publication. I am returning to Mumbai in April after a year's stay in France. Please send your letters to my Mumbai address (the email address is unchanged).

Dr. A.Chatterjee
Editor

APPLICATION FORM FOR AICCF MEMBERSHIP

Mail to:

Shri E.G.Meherhomji, Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Brahmand Phase II, A-6, G-3, Azad Nagar, Sandoz Baug P.O., Thane (W) 400 607

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AICCF Email Tournaments: Both type A and B are started from time to time. Send your request to Shri Santhosh Paul by email at <earalil@gmail.com>
 See also announcement of Special Tournaments on p.9

Tournament Directors (TDs): There are different TDs for different tournaments. When you have a claim, dispute or query make sure you contact the TD allocated for your tournament (as mentioned in the start list of your tournament).

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Adjudication: When the tournament you are playing in reaches the adjudication date you MUST send a complete report to the TD similar to the form included in the inside back cover of this bulletin.

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AICCF Championships: The AICCF championships (15-player) are conducted from time to time. Qualified players are the current champion, players at the top of the Rating Chart and 2 donors. The 6th AICCF Championship (1506) is completed and the 7th Championship (1507) is in progress. P.B.Dhanish of Calicut is the current AICCF Champion.

AICCF Bulletin: Submit articles for publication, Letters to the Editor, Comments etc. to Dr. A.Chatterjee by email <DrAmbar@gmail.com> or by post: 11 Sriniketan, Anushakti Nagar, Mumbai 400 094. Games for publication (preferably with notes) should be sent by email to Games Editor, Anil Anand <anilanand_2940@yahoo.com> with copy to Dr. Chatterjee or by post to Dr. Chatterjee.

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www.geocities.com/ganesh_chess_aiccf
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International Section: To play in ICCF Tournaments you must become a member of the International Section of AICCF (fees Rs. 300/- for 2 years or one time donation of Rs. 1500/-, to be sent to Shri Meherhomji). For ICCF tournaments contact Dr Alok Saxena, C-102, Mahavir Sadhana, Plot 18-E,F,G, Sector 14, Nr. Palm Beach Road, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai 400 705 Email: alokasaxena@rediffmail.com Phone: 022-64503139. One can play by email or webserver (even by post, though this is not common now). The fees for the requested tournament must be sent to Shri Meherhomji, Treasurer.

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Webserver/Email/Postal Individual 11-player	13 CHF (Rs. 455/-)
Webserver/Email/Postal Master Norm	40 CHF(Rs. 1400/-)
Webchess Open	12 CHF (Rs. 420/-)

For further details refer to **International Section** (p. 63).

There are some ICCF tournaments like the Afro Asia Zone Tournaments where you can play for free (see website (c) below). There are Team Tournaments such as the ICCF Olympiad (Email-Postal or Web-server) and Friendly International Tournaments, both of which are ICCF rated. Announcements regarding these are sent to members by email. It is important to send your email address to Dr. Saxena so that he can keep you updated on these team events.

ICCF allocates a unique ID number to you when you play in your first ICCF event. You can locate this ID by searching at either of the ICCF Websites (a), (b):

ICCF Websites

(a) <http://www.iccf.com> (b) <http://www.iccf-webchess.com>
Afro-Asia Zone: (c) <http://www.iccf-europa.com/aa/index.htm>

ICCF Ratings

ICCF ratings are entirely separate from AICCF ratings and are computed in a different way. Note however that games played in the AICCF Championships are also ICCF rated. An ICCF rating is given to a participant after he completes 12 games. This rating is considered *provisional*. A regular or *fixed* rating is given only after the completion of 30 games. You can find your ICCF rating at the ICCF websites (a), (b).

- For general enquiries contact Shri Meherhomji.
- All payments (both AICCF and ICCF related) must be sent to Shri Meherhomji. The method of payment is Bank Draft, Mumbai Cheque or Money Order. Cheques/Drafts must be in favour of "All India Correspondence Federation" and payable in Mumbai.
- For further information about International Tournaments contact Dr. Alok Saxena.

To receive copies of AICCF Bulletins that you may have missed or to get free extra copies for friends, contact Shri E.G.Meherhomji or Dr. A.Chatterjee.

AICCF SPECIAL TOURNAMENT WITH MULTIPLE SECTIONS IN MEMORY OF H.J.SAMTANI

Two sections of the 2nd Samtani Memorial Tournament have already been started and a third email section is being finalised.

Meanwhile, readers will be happy to note that we are still open to fresh entries for this series of tournaments.

This tournament is a golden opportunity for new as well as veteran players to make a big jump in rating **and there is no entry fee**. There will be play by post as well as email possible.

Mixed postal/email sections will comprise 15 participants with 5 generous prizes in each section!

First Prize: Rs. 1000/-	Fourth Prize: Rs. 150/-
Second Prize: Rs. 500/-	Fifth Prize: Rs. 100/-
Third Prize: Rs. 250/-	

For participants who desire to play exclusively by email, there will be separate sections with prizes setup according to the number of players.

To participate in these tournaments, just drop a post card or send an email to Shri Meherhomji <pourushah@vsnl.net> giving your name, address and email address (if any). New members, who are yet to play in their first tournament, are also welcome. The only restriction is that participants in the AICCF Championship 1507 are not eligible to play.

Sixth AICCF Championship, 1506

P.B.DHANISH IS AICCF CHAMPION!

	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	P.B.Dhanish	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
2	S.K.Somani	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
3	AG Nagaradjane	1/2	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	11 1/2
4	SM RaviPrakash	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	10
5	N.Neelakantan	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 1/2
6	P.S.Dabholkar	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
7	DrDRKS Rao	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	7
8	Dushyant Tyagi	0	0	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	7
9	A.Dutta Gupta	0	0	0	0	1	0	1/2	1	0	0	1/2	1	1	1	1	6
10	Anirudh Trehan	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	6
11	Prabhanandan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
12	V.Shivdasani	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	0	1	1	4
13	S.S.Ramaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	3
14	R.K.Chauhan	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2 1/2
15	K.Prabhakar	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2

The adjudicator's decision in the last pending game of the tournament, Somani – Dhanish is a win for P.B.Dhanish who thereby emerges AICCF Champion. Actually Dhanish and Somani are tied at 13 points each, but the tie break rules evaluate Dhanish as the winner in view of his win in the personal encounter.

Former Champion S.K.Somani thus emerges runner-up and A.G.Nagaradjane, the first AICCF Champion is 3rd. There was an appeal from S.M.Ravi Prakash against the decision of his loss on technical grounds, to S.K.Somani. However the AICCF Management Committee upheld the decision of TD, M.B.Mulla in awarding the game to Somani since the position was not submitted for adjudication by Ravi Prakash within the stipulated period. In spite of this, Ravi Prakash is clearly in the 4th spot with a good margin.

The victory of P.B.Dhanish is all the more accentuated by the fact that this was his *debut* in the AICCF Championships. At the outset, he was a newcomer and certainly not amongst the favourites to win the Championship. His success amidst so strong a field could only have come about through hard work and patience. His game against Somani is remarkable in that he was at the receiving end during most of the game. Somani left out several drawing lines hoping to drive home his advantage. But Dhanish's judgement proves that he had a

superior grasp of the intricacies of the bishop vs. knight endgame that emerged. We leave P.B.Dhanish to tell us the story of his win against Somani.



Somani, S.K



Dhanish, P.B.

Somani, S.K - Dhanish, P.B.
AICCF Championship 1506
 French Tarrasch, C05

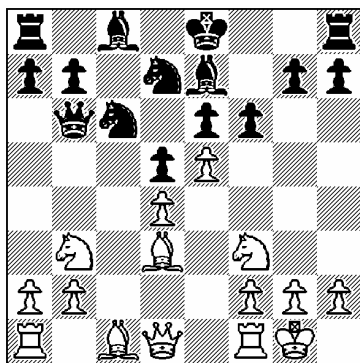
The game that made me AICCF Champion! When I started playing this tournament, I had never hoped to be the champion. I had missed T-1505. I had not applied thinking that I will not be eligible on the basis of rating. With 1506, finally I was in the elite club of AICCF!

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6

Previously, I had played b6 against Mr Somani in T-7226 and lost quickly:

6...b6 7.Ne2 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.O-O Nc7 10.f4 c4 11.f5 Qe7 12.fxe6 Nxe6 13.b3 b5 14.a4 Nb6 15.axb5 Qd7 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Ne4 Qxb5 18.N2g3 a6 19.Nf5 Nc8 20.Qf3 Ra7 21.Be3 Rc7 22.d5! 1-0 (see AICCF Bulletin, Aug 2000)

7.Ngf3 Qb6 8.O-O cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.Nb3 f6 N



Novelty played unknowingly. We had started the game in Aug 2003 when I was not familiar with the databases available on the internet (I am not sure they were available then). Now, I find several games with 10...a5. For example, Rachels-Short, Manila Interzonal 1990 continued 11.a4 Nb4 12.Bb5 O-O 13.Re1 Qd8 14.Bf4 Nb8 15.Rc1 N8c6, draw on move 25

11.Bf4 Nb4

Aiming to exchange off White's attacking Bishop. But Black loses time in the process. Simply castling appears possible, but I was afraid of a King side attack.

12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Rc1 Nxd3

Played in July 2004, almost one year since the game started! Here, I got a reply only to my second reminder.

14.Qxd3 Bd7

If 14...Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qb5+ Nd7 17.Ne5!

15.Rfe1

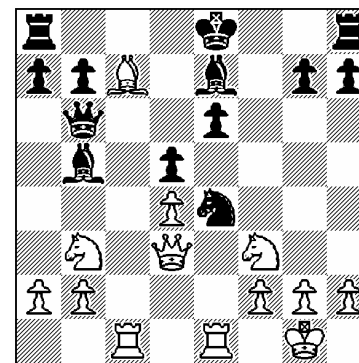
Missing the chance to take the initiative. 15.Bc7 Bb5 16.Qe3 Qa6 17.Rfe1 Ne4 +=

15...Ne4

Not 15...O-O 16.Bc7 Qb5 17.Qxb5 Bxb5 +/-

or 15...Rc8 16.Ng5 O-O 17.Be5 g6 +/-

16.Bc7 Bb5



17.Qd1

Again, a passive move. Qe3 appears more active

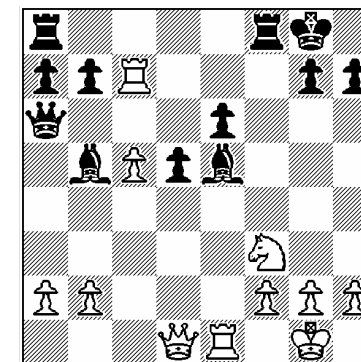
17...Qa6 18.Be5 O-O

Dangerous is 18...Qxa2 19.Nbd2 Bd3 20.Bxg7 Rg8 21.Ne5 Rxc7 22.Nxd3 Nxd2 23.Qxd2 +=

19.Rc7 Bf6

Not 19...Rf7 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Raf8 22.a3 Bd3 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Bd6 +/-

20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Bxe5



22.Rxe5

Interesting was 22.Nxe5 Rac8 23.Re7 Rce8 when 24.Rxc7+ does not work 24...Kxc7 25.Qg4+ Kh8

22...Rac8 23.Re7 Rce8 24.R5xe6 Qxa2

Finally, the pawn is captured.

25.h3

Since 25.Rxc7+ Kxc7 26.Qd4+ Kf7 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Qe5+ Kg8 is only a draw

25...Rxe7

Here again, there was some delay and I got a reply only to my second reminder. By then, it was Sept 2005! Of course, with the postal system as it is, it is difficult to blame anybody for the delay. Recently, in T-1507, I was missing several PCs and to check what is happening, I sent 5 PCs to myself from different places. I received back only three of them!

26.Rxe7 Bc6 27.Qc1

Strong was 27.Qc2 Qc4 28.Qxc4 dxc4 29.Ne5 Rf5 30.g4 Kf8 +=

27...h6

27...Qa4 28.Qg5 Rf7 29.Rxf7 Kxf7 30.Qh5+ +=

28.Nd4 Rf7

28...Qc4 29.Qxc4 dxc4 30.Nxc6 bxc6 31.Rxa7 Rf5 32.Ra1 Rxc5 33.Rc1 and probably the rook ending must be drawn

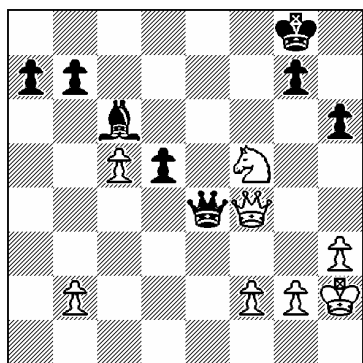
29.Rxf7 Kxf7 30.Qf4+ Kg8

Here, in Feb 2006 there was no reply and I made a claim. Mr Somani showed proof of reply and the claim was not granted. However, the TD Mr MB Mulla instructed us to continue the game by email, with copies of the emails sent to him. I don't know the reason for this, perhaps it was a prophylactic measure to prevent further disputes.

31.Nf5

Now, white could have drawn with 31.Ne6 Qxb2 32.Qf8+ Kh7 perpetual check. But he appears to be looking for more.

31...Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Qe4



When playing this move, I was praying that White may exchange queens!

33.Qxe4

White appears to be winning a pawn. But I realised that the ending is better for Black. There are possibilities of an outside passed pawn. Also, the Bishop is stronger in such open positions with less number of pawns.

33...dxe4 34.Nd6 Kf8

By this time, I had completed all my other games in T-1506, the last game being the win against Dr. D.R.K.S.Rao published in the May 2006 Bulletin. Earlier, I had conceded draws to Mr. A.G.Nagaradjane and Mr. N.Neelakantan. Mr. Somani had several games remaining, so I could not predict my chances. I hoped that he would also draw a couple of games and hence I thought I had reasonable chances. I asked Dr. Chatterjee about the tie-break rules, and he sent me the details. It was only after the final position was submitted for adjudication, that I found in the Aug 2006 Bulletin that Mr. Somani had won all his other games! Then the tie-break rules became critical, and luckily the position was adjudicated a win for me.

Not 34...b5?? 35.Nc8

35.Kg3

Maybe White could have drawn with 35.b4 Ke7 36.Nc8+ Ke6 37.Nxa7 Kd5 38.b5 Bd7 39.c6 bxc6 40.Nxc6 Bxc6 41.bxc6 Kxc6 42.Kg3 Kd5 43.Kf4 Kd4

35...Ke7 36.Kf4

36.Nc8+ Ke6 (36...Kd7 37.Nxa7 Ba4 38.b4 Kc7 39.b5 b6 40.cxb6+ Kxb6 41.Nc8+ Kxb5 42.Nd6+ Kc5 43.Nxe4+ +/-)

37.Nxa7 Bd7 38.b4 Kd5 39.Kf4 g5+ 40.Ke3 h5

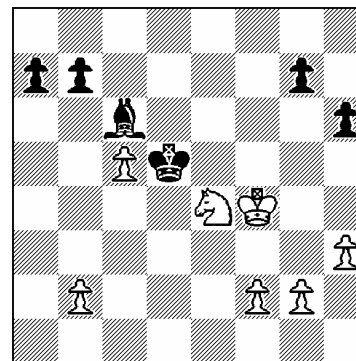
36...Ke6

Not 36...g5+ 37.Ke5 +-

37.Nxe4

White has won the pawn, but he will not be able to maintain it for long.

37...Kd5



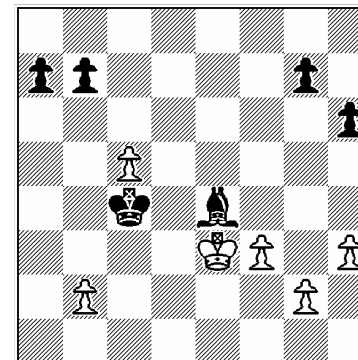
38.Ke3?

I think this is the losing move.

38.f3 Kc4 39.Nd2+ Kxc5 40.Ke5 a5 41.Nb3+ Kb4 42.Nd2 a4 43.Kd6 g5 44.Ke5 (44.g4 Bxf3 45.Nxf3 Kb3 46.Ne5 Kxb2 47.Kc5 a3 48.Nd3+ Kb1 49.Nb4 a2 50.Nxa2 Kxa2 -) 44...Kc5 45.g3 b5 (45...Bxf3 46.Nxf3 Kc4 47.Nd4 +/-) 46.f4 b4 47.f5 a3 48.f6 Bd5 49.Ne4+ Kc6 50.bxa3 bxa3 51.Nc3 a2 52.Nxa2 Bxa2 53.f7 (53.h4 gxh4 54.gxh4 -) 53...Bxf7 54.Kf6 Be8 55.Kg7 h5 56.g4 and Black cannot win

38...Kc4 39.f3 Kb3

Here, I spent several days checking whether I could win the King and pawn ending after 39...Bxe4?



Position after variation
39...Bxe4?

A) 40.Kxe4 a5 41.Ke5 (41.Kf5 Kb3 42.Kg6 Kxb2 43.Kxg7 a4 44.f4 a3 45.f5 a2 46.f6 a1=Q 47.f7 -) 41...Kxc5 -+

B) 40.fxe4 Kxc5

B1) 41.e5 Kd5 42.Kf4 Ke6 43.Ke4 a5 44.Kd4 a4 Black wins 45.g4? g5 (45...b5? 46.Kc5 Kxe5 White wins) 46.Ke4 b5 47.Kd4 b4 48.Kc4 a3 49.bxa3 bxa3 50.Kb3 -+

B2) 41.Kf4

B2a) 41...Kd4 42.Kf5 a5 43.e5 (43.Kg6 a4 44.Kxg7 b5 -) 43...Kd5 44.Kg6 Kxe5 45.Kxg7 b5 (45...h5 46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4 Kf4) 46.Kxh6 b4 47.g4 a4 48.g5 a3 49.bxa3 bxa3 50.g6 a2 51.g7 a1=Q 52.g8=Q

B2b) 41...Kd6 42.Kf5

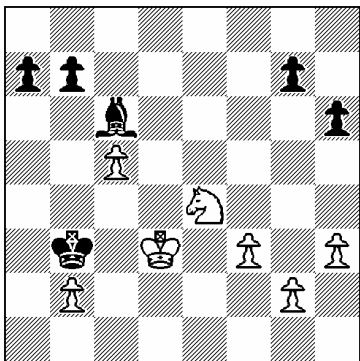
B2b1) 42...Ke7 43.Kg6 Kf8 (43...a5 44.Kxg7) 44.h4 a5 45.Kf5 b5 46.Ke6 Ke8

B2b2) 42...a5 43.Kg6 b5 44.Kxg7 Ke5 45.Kxh6 a4 46.g4 b4 47.g5 a3 48.bxa3 bxa3 49.g6

I invite readers to check the analysis and show me a Black win if available.

40.Kd3

40.Kd4 a5 41.Nd2+ Kc2 42.Nc4 a4 43.Ne3+ Kxb2 44.Kc4 a3 45.Nd1+ Kc2 46.Nc3 -+

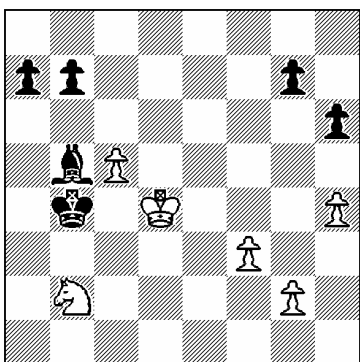


Position after 40.Kd3

40...Bb5+!!

The exclamation marks were awarded by my opponent in his reply, showing that he had not expected this move.

41.Kd2 Kxb2 42.Nd6 Bc6 43.h4 Bd5 44.Kd3 Kb3 45.Kd4 Bc6 46.Nc4 Kb4 47.Nb2 Bb5



Submitted for adjudication on 15 Aug 2006 with the following analysis: The position is open with unblocked pawns on both sides, more suitable for the bishop compared to the knight. Black has an outside passed pawn which can be stopped only by sacrificing the knight. If White tries to capture the black kingside pawns, the black bishop will prevent the White pawns from queening. When the White king moves away, the Black king will capture the c5 pawn and queen his remaining b7 pawn. If the White king tries to capture the b7 pawn, it will be protected by the bishop.

Adjudicator's decision: **0-1**

Play might have proceeded along the following lines :

48.Nd1

(48.f4 a5 49.g4 a4 50.Nxa4 Bxa4 51.f5 Bb3 52.g5 hxg5 53.hxg5 Ba2 54.f6 gxf6 55.g6 Be6 56.g7 Kb5 White is in zugzwang)

48...a5 49.Ne3 a4 50.Nd5+ Kb3 51.Nc3 a3 52.h5 a2 53.Nxa2 Kxa2 54.Ke5 Kb3 55.Kf5 Kc4 56.Kg6 Kxc5 57.Kxg7 Bd3 58.Kxh6 b5 59.Kg7 b4 60.h6 b3 61.h7 Bxh7 62.Kxh7 b2 and queens.

ICCF CONGRESS, DRESDEN

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The ICCF Congress 2006, in conjunction with meetings of the ICCF Executive Board and Management Committee, took place at the Ramada Hotel, Dresden, Germany, from 14th to 20th October 2006.

I attended the Congress as delegate for India. This is the first time I was attending a Congress (except when I was myself an organiser for the Mumbai Congress) and it became possible since I was resident in Europe during 2006-7.

The Congress was expeditiously arranged and hosted by the Deutscher Fernschachbund (BdF) as part of their 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Dr. Fritz Baumbach and Annemarie Burghoff took very good care of all the delegates and we felt so much at home throughout.

Apart from the official meetings and discussions, the Congress is a place to meet old friends and make new ones. Med Samraoui and Alan Borwell were ever so friendly despite being busy with official matters. The cheerful face of Pedro Hegoburu was always prominent on the dais. Gian Maria Tani, Per Söderberg, Dinand Knoll, Ruth Anne Fay, Tunc Hamarat, and all old friends, so well remembered the Mumbai Congress and recounted the good times. Joseph Mykvetica, Esko Nuutilainen, Luz Marina (always with a video-camera), Søren Peschardt, Gerhard Binder ... it was a lively gathering. Everyone sends their greetings to our AICCF friends, P.M.Dalvi, Mehli Mulla, Alok

Saxena, P.S.Dabholkar, E.G.Meherhomji, T.Pavan Kumar, N.R.Anil Kumar, Vikrant Chole, H.P.Chole and N.G.Pandalai who they met in Mumbai. New acquaintances, Russell Pegg, Raymond Boger, Richard Hall, Andrew Dearnley, Marjan Semri became good friends immediately. Marjan and I have agreed to share information on our respective websites. Richard Hall will be contributing articles for the AICCF Bulletin.

Brief highlights of the Congress (for details see the ICCF Website):

The Congress opened with the welcome by Dr. Fritz Baumbach, BdF President, Mr. Lehman, Mayor of Dresden and Mr. A.Schlya, President of the German Chess Federation. The chess tradition of the city of Dresden was at once apparent. Not only were they hosting the ICCF Congress, they would be hosting the FIDE Congress and Olympiad, 2008. The ICCF President, Med Samraoui referred to the prominence of Germany in chess and CC. In his speech he went on to say that his main focus would be to initiate and implement measures required to improve ICCF performance and service. This was actually his first Congress as President, having missed the 2005 Congress due to a travel problem.

The Deputy President and Development Director, Max Zavanelli (USA) announced his retirement from the post and all his

ICCF activities in view of preoccupation with his business.

The Membership and Services Director reported that Algeria and Ghana have become the 65th and 66th member federations of ICCF. Awards were presented: Med Samraou (GER) and Ivan Bottlik (HUN) – ICCF Honorary Membership; certificates and medals to World CC Champions Ivar Bern (NOR) and Christophe Leotard (FRA); Ms Olga Sukhareva (RUS), Ladies World CC Champion; Bertl von Massow Gold awards to Per Söderberg (SWE), Dr. Fritz Baumbach (GER), Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA) and Georg Walker (SUI) and Silver to Karel Glaser (CZE), Pedro Hegoburu (ARG) and Zdenek Nyvlt (CZE).

The ICCF accounts were presented by Ruth Ann Fay and matters related to the 2004 figures incumbent on the resignation of the previous Finance Director were being sorted out. A Finance Committee was formed and reported back to Congress immediately.

An important highlight was the presentation of the ICCF Webserver system by Alan Borwell, Chairman of the WDSC (Webserver Development Steering Committee) and systems programmer Martin Bennedik (GER). As readers will note, I am also a member of this committee and so this was interesting for me.

The following posts and appointments took place: George Pyrich (SCO) as Deputy President and Development Director; Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit (GER) as Finance Director, Marco Caressa (ITA) as Title Tournaments Commissioner;

Gino Figlio (PER) as Webserver Commissioner; Dmitry Lybin (BLR) as Chairman Arbiter Council and Per Söderberg (SWE) as Chairman Appeals Committee. Per immediately proposed the name of Dr. Ambar Chatterjee (IND) as a member of the Appeals Committee which was approved.

Some of the proposals of the President's Council include money prizes, remuneration for work, better use of new technologies, ICCF Diamond Book. Other agenda were as follows: Title Qualifications, Tournament Rules, Ratings, Rule Matters, Webmaster and Internet, Title Awards (20 GM, 49 SIM, 36 IM, 3 Lady GM, 3 Lady IM and 5 CC Arbiter – sadly none from India!), Marketing and Publication, ICCF Archives, Zonal Matters (each zone), World Tournaments, Tournament arrangements, External matters, Internal matters, Future meetings, Minutes.

While declaring the Congress closed, the ICCF President looked forward to the next meeting in Spain, 2007.

A very successful Congress, with a lot of serious discussion and decisions that will have an important bearing on the future of Correspondence Chess. There was also time for a memorable boat trip on the river Elbe, city excursions, a blitz tournament and a team match, ICCF vs. Technical University of Dresden. I won my game rather satisfactorily ... unfortunately ICCF lost on overall points.

I end the article with some photographs which give an overview of the Congress.



Reception in the hotel lobby



Opening Speech: ICCF President Med Samraoui



CC World Champion Ivar Bern receives his certificate



Martin Bennedik (L) and Alan Borwell: Presentation of ICCF Webserver



Søren Peschardt shows us his certificate flanked by Pedro Hegoburo(L) and Med Smraoui



Marjan Semri (R) ponders his move in the Blitz



Per Söderberg, Dinand Knoll, Ambar Chatterjee and Raymond Boger



Med Samraoui with the German CC Team

Postal, Email or Webserver?

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One of the interesting, and controversial issues discussed at the ICCF Congress was the question of format of the World Championship in the context of postal, email and webserver play. We are facing exactly the same problems for the AICCF Championships.

By the time it was announced that Ivar Bern had become the 17th ICCF World Champion, Joop van Oosterom was already the 18th ICCF World Champion. This happened because of the slower play by post-cards in the earlier championship. Can such a situation be considered desirable? Can we have a World Champion whose tenure is measurable in negative days? The future is clear. Postal play will be eased out. But at the moment we still have players who made the qualifications by postal play and they must be given the option of playing by post.

But how can we have a tournament combining postal, email and webserver play? The solution being strongly advocated by people like Per Söderberg (SWE) is the use of nodes. A person living in the same country as the player, would receive his post-cards or emails and enter the moves into the webserver, and similarly forward the move of the opponent.

While such a system sounds workable and indeed has actually been allowed in the past, there are several additional questions: What happens when the nodal person takes vacations or is ill (etc.) and fails to act *without appointing a replacement*? What if the nodal person can't input the move on the day it arrives and waits (say) till the Sunday when he is free? What if the postcard sent doesn't reach the node? These and other issues are bound to crop up.

Suppose the nodal person receives a move that is impossible and can't be input to the webserver... what is he supposed to do now? Worse would be if the node noticed a blunder and then phoned his friend to check, thereby sidestepping a clerical error. These issues could be sorted out if specific rules are framed for the actions of the nodal persons. At this time no such rules are in force.

Why are people still interested to play by post (even in advanced countries) when web access is easy. Why would anyone want to play by Email? These are some issues discussed in a recent TCCMB (The Correspondence Chess Message Board) post. I thank P.B.Dhanish in drawing my attention to this post.

At one extreme is the view that postal chess can be completely stopped. This has to happen sooner or later, so why not now (for Olympiads and World Championship cycles)? There are arguments against allowing technology to rule. The real question is that of postal players who have achieved qualifications in postal events for a WC final. ICCF must honour its "contract" with these players and accommodate those players in the format proposed.

Some have argued in favour of the concept of mixed events (And that is in effect what we did for the present AICCF Championship, 1507). It is thought that perhaps the time rules on the server could be made to mimic the rules for postal play. People who have presented these arguments seem to think that the reason why some players don't want to play on the webserver is because of the time controls. To me this is a bit surprising. Actually the current time controls are perhaps too generous already as many have noticed.

Playing by post is expensive. Playing by webserver, for those who are already connected is effectively free.

The argument in favour of nodes is: one player using post plays another player using server or email. You shall be allowed to play using your own favorite mode. No one is forcing anyone. Everything goes via the server.

Sounds fine, but it ignores the problems with the rules for nodes that I mentioned above. Another message in the post brings out the problem even more distinctly: What happens if a postal player who has access to a computer? He, or a friend, could log on to the website and see his opponents move, but his clock does not officially start until he "receives" the move through the post.

Some people have wondered why any player would like to play by email instead of webserver. (Players in some countries, notably Cuba apparently have only email access and not full web access. I don't know if this is still true in 2007). One reason could be the use of an internet computer at office which is blocked by firewall from the webserver. Another couple of reasons were mentioned. One was 'fear of getting started' possibly arising out of a lack of familiarity with the internet. Another was for players who are playing many games and want to distribute the 'workload' of games.

I expect ICCF can formulate rules to take care of problems and can go ahead with organising the WC as webserver with nodes. It seems the best workable solution and would keep everyone happy !

PROBLEM SECTION 10

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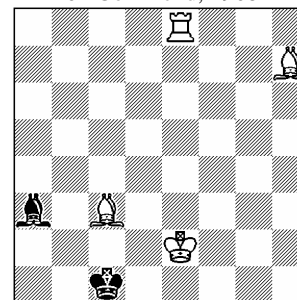
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In this section we see four problems showing the theme *Opposition*. The problems with this theme highlight a duel between a white and a black piece. As usual, we start with a simple miniature. This time too, like section 9, I have included a three mover that is considered a classic. Solve the problems and enjoy the duels between chess pieces. The solutions are on p. 56.

Niharendu Sikdar

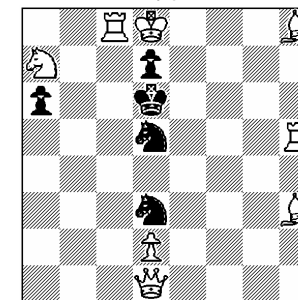
British Chess Magazine
6th Commend, 1968



Problem 1: Mate in two

Rev. A.C. Reeves, S.J.

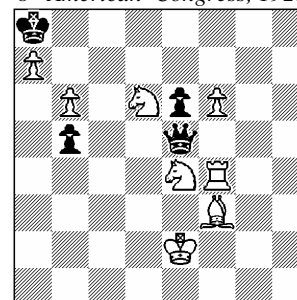
The Tablet
1962



Problem 3: Mate in two

A. Bottachi, 1st Hon. Mention

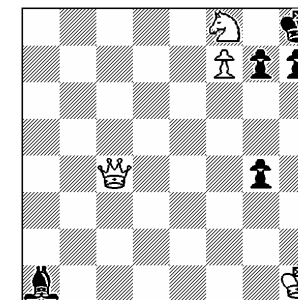
Meredith Section,
8th American Congress, 1921



Problem 2: Mate in two

S. Loyd

Leipziger Illustrierte Zeitung
1869



Problem 4: Mate in three

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Dr. A.B.Surveyor

We had published a few details about our President, Dr. A.B.Surveyor in the AICCF Bulletin May 2006, p.11. Here you can read more details in a complete Auto-chess-o-graphy.

Name: Dr A B Surveyor

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Mother Tongue: (Parsi) Gujarati

Family: Wife (Married 1962). Daughter (born 1968) is PhD in Molecular Biology and MBA. She is resident in USA since 1990. My son-in-law is a US citizen and qualified with PhD in Industrial Engineering. They were married in Mumbai, 1997. My grandson is 4yrs old, and grand-daughter is just 11 months.

Profession: Dentistry. Consultant: Jaslok and B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospitals, Mumbai. Visiting Professor: Dr. D.Y.Patil Dental College and Hospital, Pune; Emeritus Professor: Govt. Dental College and Hospital, Mumbai. Past President Maha State and Vice-Pres Ida, Mumbai; President, Indian Academy Of Oral Medicine and Radiology. I have been a member in the faculty of Dentistry, Univ of Mumbai. Former consultant: Colgate Palmolive; Consulting Oral Physician: Nicholson Dental Clinic and Doctor's Dental Clinic.

CCAI (Correspondence Chess Association of India):

Tournament	Result	Rank
149/A 1968-70	+3 -1 =1	2 nd
161/A 1969-71	+5 -0 =1	1 st
215/A 1972-74	+4 -0 =1	1 st
SF/C 1974-76	+4 -1 =1	2 nd
NCCC 1976-78	+10 -3 =0	?
NCCC 1979-80	+9 -0 =4	1 st
NCCC 1981-82	+7 -1 =3	1 st
NCCC 1983-84	+13 -0 =1	1 st
NCCC 1985-86	+14 -1 =0	1 st
NCCC 1989-91	+12 -1 =2	1 st

The 4th consecutive win in the National Correspondence Chess Championship (NCCC) in 1985-86 was a record. I did not play NCCC 87-88 as I was out of India. At this time our veteran player Veteran Player, R P Paul expired. In 1991 I set an all-time record by winning the National for the 5th time, more so as I was out of touch for

two years. Also, I achieved a phenomenal rating of 1534, unequalled in CCAI nor in AICCF. Mr. V.D.Pandit sent this information to the Guinness Book of World Records and the same is placed on their Data on File, but as CC is not covered by them, it can be published if considered later on. In fact when I was in London, I had the pleasure of having tea in their office. During this tournament (NCCC 1989-91) we lost a very devoted player, A.Goswamy, a gem of a man. He was Hon. Secy. Of CCAI for many years till past 90 yrs of age! We also lost S.S.N Joshi. Both were from Bikaner.

CCAI games: At this stage it would be impossible for me to go through a plethora of NCCC games where I stood 1st for 5 consecutive times (I say 5, if you ignore the event which I could not play being out of India). So, I am sending all of them with a request to have them annotated by Games Editor, Anil Kumar Anand.

OTB Performance:

National B 1967Poona	+6-5=3	?
National B1969Bangalore	+7-4=3	13 th
National Open S K Vaidya, 1969		=1st
Maha State Sr1963	+8-2=0	1 st
Maha State Sr1966	+9 -1=0	1 st
Maha State Sr1968	+7 -1=2	2 nd
Maha State Open 1984	+8 -3=0	5 th
Dadar Chess Circle Annual N Billimoria Chess Trophy	Won the trophy record 14 times	
Dadar Chess Circle Promotion Khory Chess Shield	Won, record 9 times	
1964: Won vs. GM Mark Taimanov in a simultaneous where he won against all the 27 others!		
1981: Won vs. GM V.K.Bagirov in simul. where he had +22 -1 =3		
All Parsi Chess Bapava Zavary Chess Trophy	Won, record 4 times	
Univ of Bombay Teachers Principal K M Kundnani Trophy	Won, record 3times	
Indian Dental Association J D Kapadia Chess Trophy	Won all 4 times	

In the 1969 National B I did not qualify to National A as only 10 players were promoted at that time. This was changed to 14 only later!

In 1972-73 I was in USA for post doctoral work at University of Pennsylvania. Here I was appointed as Hon coach in chess for a university population of 35,000!

In 1976 I and all Senior Profs in Medical/Dental Colleges were transferred during Emergency to various colleges in the State. I was sent to Nagpur. After 4 long years I succeeded in getting a re-transfer to Bombay (as Mumbai was known then).

National Jr was held in Nagpur at the Univ. Hall. I was appointed as one of the Experts and I watched young Barua play and we even analysed some games.

AICCF Performance:

I played only one AICCF Tournament and that was the AICCF Championship 1505. My score was +5 -7 =2. Though my rating rose from 800 to 1011, it is still a poor show. I can attribute this (50%) to:

1. Playing CC chess after 10 long years. 2. Far more professional involvement than when I was a full-time Govt servant. 3. I am told one does consult Computers but I am not so PC savvy; I haven't even learnt how to use Fritz 7 though it is with me since 2-3 yrs. (As the rules, were then, use of computers was not allowed in AICCF. It was allowed only from Feb. 2005 –Ed.) But these are excuses even if genuine. The bottom line is, I played BADLY! Still I really miss playing chess both CC and OTB. Dadar Chess Club closed down soon after Dr Hathiram's death. We all miss him so much. But I do study chess religiously for about 1 hour every morning, going through games from books, Chess Mate and of course AICCF Bulletins. God willing, some day I hope to return to chess.

Favorite First Move: Earlier 1. e4 Since many yrs 1. c4

Favorite Opening (as Black): French, Mod. Benoni, Dutch

Favorite Chess Players: Fischer, Alekhine, Kasparov (in that order)

Favorite Annotator: Alekhine (out & out)

AICCF Bulletin: The Bulletin has grown from strength to strength. Hats off to my friend, Ambar for bringing out a world class Bulletin. A great improvement from earlier issues (considering both AICCF and CCAI), with due respects to the previous editors, but then, technology was not as advanced. Present Bulletins put to shame those of CCAI, which were lousy, very irregular and full of errors.

Managing Committee: Exemplary! Specially, work put in by Mr. Meherhomji, the dynamic Secretary, right from the inception of AICCF. Also, all Committee Members. Mention must be made of our founder President, late Haresh Samtani, who put our Federation on a very sound footing. We badly miss him and his guidance. But our current President (*i.e. Dr. Surveyor himself! –Ed.*) is more of a figure head!

About Chess: Thank God there is chess in this world. It cures depression, prevents suicide and has the power to make men happy!!

But is a grave danger to those who completely give up chess after gaining great laurels; best example, Paul Morphy who committed suicide.

About Draws:

Not victory or defeat
If played without a flaw
Each move you calmly meet
Heading straight for a Draw!

Composed by me, being inspired by Rudyard Kipling's verse:

Not joy or sorrow
Is our destined end or way
But to act that each tomorrow
Finds us further than today!

My Interesting Games:

(Ed: Dr. Surveyor has done our readers a great service by sending us his entire collection of games played in the National Correspondence Chess Championships of CCAI. These games are being annotated by Games Editor Anil Anand and you will see them in the Games Section of this and future Bulletins. Here we print the 2 games that Dr. Surveyor won against Russian Grandmasters in simultaneous play.)

GM Vagirov, V.K.

Surveyor, Dr. A.B

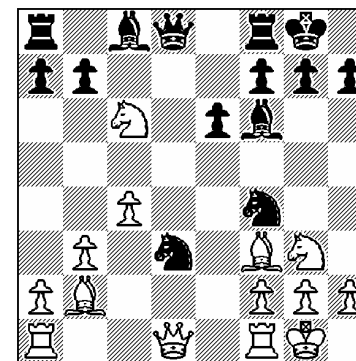
Simultaneous 1981

French Rubestein, C10

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nd7
4.Ngf3 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Ngf6 6.Ng3
c5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.b3
cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Be2 Nd5
12.Bb2 Nf4 13.Bf3 Bf6 14.c4?
Ncd3 15.Nc6

[see diagram]

15...Nxb2! 16.Qxd8 Bxd8
17.Nxd8 Rxd8 18.Rab1 Nfd3
19.Ne2? 19...Rb8 20.Nc3 Bd7
21.g3 Ne5 22.Be4 f5 23.Bg2
Nbd3 24.f4 Ng4 25.h3 Ne3
26.Rf3 Nxd2 27.Rxd3 Bc6
28.Rbd1 Rxd3 29.Rxd3 Ne1
30.Re3 Nf3+ 31.Kf2 Nd4 32.Rd3



Position after 15.Nc6

32...Nc2 33.Rd2 Na3 34.Ke3
Kf7 35.Ne2 Ke7 36.Nd4 Be4
37.g4 g6 38.h4 a6? 39.Rh2 Kd6
40.h5 e5 41.c5+ Kd5

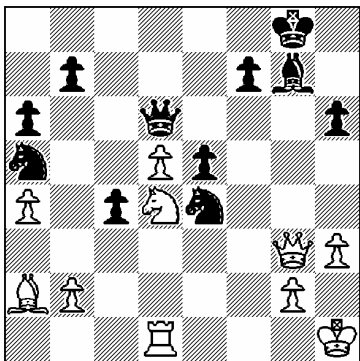
Played under time pressure. All other games were already finished. The GM and I were playing one to one.

42.fxe5 Kxe5 43.Nf3+ Kd5
44.Ng5 Nc2+ 45.Kf4 Nd4!
46.Nxh7 Ne6+ 47.Kg3 f4+
48.Kh4 Ke5 49.Re2 f3 50.Re1
Kf4 51.Nf6 g5+ 52.Kh3 Nxc5
53.b4 f2 54.Rf1 Kf3 55.bxc5
Bd3 56.Rxf2+ Kxf2 57.Nd7 Re8
58.Nf6 Re3+ 59.Kh2 Bf1 0-1

GM Taimanov, Mark
Surveyor, Dr. A.B.
Simultaneous

Modern Benoni, A66

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5
exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4
Bg7 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3
10.Qxf3 a6 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.O-O
O-O 13.a4 Re8 14.Bd2 Re7
15.Rae1 Qc7 16.Kh1 Rae8
17.Bd3 c4 18.Bb1 Nc5 19.f5
Nb3? 20.Bg5 gxf5 21.Qxf5 Re5
22.Qf4 Rxf5? 23.Qxg5 Re5
24.Rf5 h6 25.Qg3 Nh7 26.Rxe5
dxe5 27.Rd1! Qd6 28.Ba2 Na5
29.Ne2 Nf6 30.Nd4? Nxe4!



31.Qxg7+? Kxg7 32.Nf5+ Kf8
33.Nxd6 Nf2+ 34.Kg1 Nxd1

35.Bxc4 Nxb2 36.Be2 Nxa4
37.Nf5 Nc3 38.Bg4 Nxd5
39.Nxh6 b5 40.Bc8 Nc7 41.Kf2
Nc4 42.Ke2 a5 43.Bf5 a4
44.Bb1 Nd5 45.Kd3 Nf4+
46.Kc3 Nxg2 47.Nf5 Nf4 48.h4
Nd5+ 49.Kd3 a3 50.h5 Nf4+
51.Kc3 Nd5+ 52.Kb3 Nd2+
53.Kc2 Nxb1 54.Kxb1 b4 55.h6
Kg8 56.Ka2 Nc3+ 57.Kb3 a2
58.Kb2 b3 59.Ne3 Kh7 60.Ng4
e4 61.Ka1 f5 62.Ne3 f4 63.Nd1!
f3 64.Ne3 Kxh6 65.Kb2 f2?
66.Ng4+ Kg5 67.Nxf2 Kf4
68.Ka1 Nb5 0-1

White resigns at last, or as they say in Russian, zdaiyousya. This game was published in Gam-e-Gamshed weekly.

ATTACK BY KING MOVE!

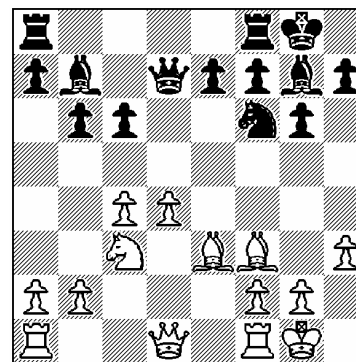
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King moves (in the opening and middle game) are generally for defence. You castle for safety, and you don't move the King unless you are forced. However, there are instances when a King move could be considered "attacking". Well, its not as if the King is thrown into the attack, but you could be clearing the way for your rooks, or as in the second game below, making sure of escaping a check at a later stage. The two games featured in this article are given to illustrate this theme. The games are instructive, but not perfect and in each case we leave out some important variations for the reader to work out as an exercise. Please send me your solutions and comments about the article.

Alekhine, A.A. - Euwe, Dr. Max
World Championship Game 22
1937

Reti Opening, A09

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.e3 Nc6
4.exd4 Nxd4 5.Nxd4 Qxd4
6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d3 c6 8.Be3 Qd7
9.d4 g6 10.Be2 Bg7 11.h3 O-O
12.O-O b6 13.Bf3 Bb7



14.a4!

Thanks to Alekhine's energetic play in the opening, White enjoys more space and his minor pieces control the centre. Still, it is hard to find a good plan to break Black's defensive setup. Alekhine embarks upon a

strategy of queenside play. His two bishops are nicely placed for this.

14...Rad8 15.a5 Qc7 16.Qb3
Nd7 17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra7

White controls the a-file.

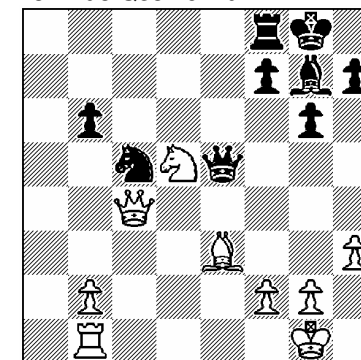
18...Ra8 19.Rfa1 e6 20.Rxa8
Bxa8 21.d5!

There we have it. White was building up for this central break and decides the time is right for it.

21...cxd5 22.cxd5 Nc5 23.Qc4

23.Bxc5 Qxc5 24.Na4 Qa5 25.Qxb6
wins a pawn directly but leaves
Black with some counterplay after
25...Qd2

23...exd5 24.Bxd5 Bxd5
25.Nxd5 Qe5 26.Rb1



26...Na4!

Counter attack.

27.b3

27.b4 Nb2 28.Qc6 is similar to the text.

27...Nb2 28.Qc6 b5! 29.Bf4

This is perhaps not the most accurate move but succeeds because of Black's next. Instead

29.Bc5 Rd8 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Qxb5 +/-

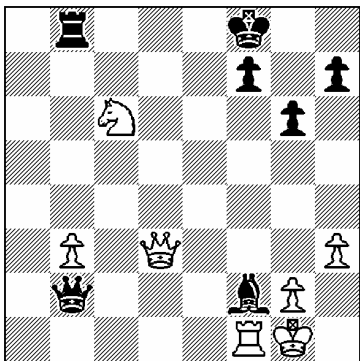
29...Qe6?!

29...Qe2 and Black holds on.

30.Qxb5

The complications begun with 21.d5 are over. White has won a pawn, but the win is not straightforward.

30...Qe4 31.Rc1 Nd3 32.Qc4! Qe2 33.Rf1 Nxf4 34.Qxf4 Qb5 35.Qf3 Rb8 36.Rb1 Qa6 37.Rd1 Qa3 38.Rb1 Qa2 39.Qd3 Bd4 40.Rf1 Qb2 41.Ne7+! Kf8 42.Nc6 Bxf2+



43.Kh2!

An interesting King move! Alekhine refers to this move as beginning an attack. Beginning an attack with a King move...! If instead:

(a) 43.Rxf2 Qc1+ 44.Qf1 Qxc6 45.Rxf7+ Kg8 46.Rf3 the win would be very problematical.

(b) 43.Kh1 Re8 44.Qf3 Re1!

43...Re8 44.Qf3 Re2 45.Nd4!

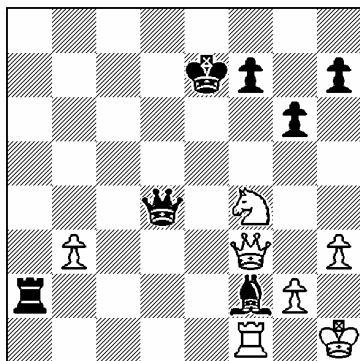
Rd2 46.Ne6+ Ke7

Kg8 47.Qa8+ mates

47.Nf4 Qd4 48.Kh1!

"Only this quiet move, which had to be calculated a long time before, justifies the attack started by 43.Kh2" (Alekhine). The threat is 49.Ne2.

48...Ra2



49.Ne2

This was what Alekhine visualised 'long before' and it certainly wins the game. However, readers are invited to examine the diagram position to see if they can find an even stronger move! (send your comments to the Editor).

49...Ra1 50.Qb7+ Kf6

50...Kf8 51.Nxd4 Rxf1+ 52.Kh2 Bg1+ 53.Kg3 Bf2+ 54.Kg4 +-

51.Nxd4 Rxf1+ 52.Kh2 Bg1+

53.Kg3 Bf2+ 54.Kf3 Bxd4+

55.Ke4 Rd1 56.Qd5?! Ke7

57.g4 h5 58.gxh5 f5+ 59.Kf3

Rd3+ 60.Ke2 Re3+ 61.Kd2 Re4

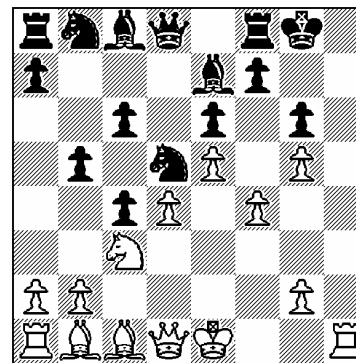
62.hxg6 1-0

Breyer, G. - Esser

Budapest, 1917

Queen' Gambit, Semi-Slav, D31

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.f4 O-O 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Bb1 b5 9.e4 Be7 10.Ng5 h6 11.h4! g6 12.e5 hxg5?! 13.hxg5 Nd5

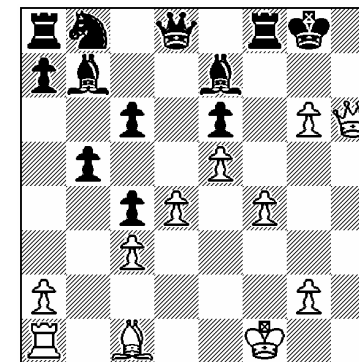


14.Kf1!!

The 'attacking' King move that forms the theme of this article. It is indeed a move that requires a lot of courage and foresight to actually play on the board. White has sacrificed a piece and his trump card is a mating attack along the h-file. In the main variation (which White perceives as forced), he sees that Black will have a Bishop check on h4 and moves his King in advance at a time when Black has no good move available. Readers are asked to examine the diagram position and see if any defence exists for Black. Send your comments to the Bulletin Editor.

14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bb7 16.Qg4 Kg7 17.Rh7+! Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg7 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Bxg6 fxg6

21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.g6

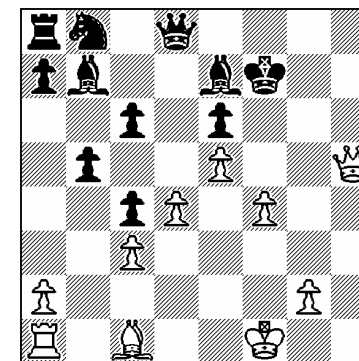


Now we see the point of 14.Kf1. With the K still at e1 Black would have had available Bh4+ followed by Qe7.

23...Rf7

Only move to stop mate.

24.gxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qh5+



25...Kg7

A final problem for the reader. Black could have played 25...Kg8. How would the game proceed in this case?

26.f5 exf5 27.Bh6+ 1-0

BLUNDERS AND ERRORS!

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The article "Blunders!" (August 2005) proved to be interesting for our readers. By popular demand we are bringing out a second article on the same theme.

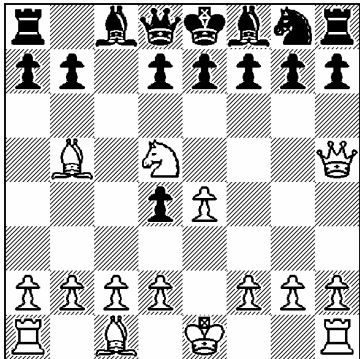
Here are a few short games featuring blunders amongst Grandmasters and International Masters in modern tournament play.

Smirin (GM) - Afek (GM)
1992

Sicilian, Rossolimo, B30

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qb6
4.Nc3 Nd4 5.Nxd4 cxd4 6.Nd5
Qd8

Obviously not 6...Qxb5 7.Nc7+
7.Qh5



7...a6?

7...e6 or g6 can also be met by
8.Qe5 threatening Nc7+. The
correct move is 7...Nf6.

8.Qe5 f6

The threat of Nc7+ is a killer.

8...e6 9.Nc7+ Ke7 10.Nxa8

9.Nc7+ Kf7 10.Qd5+

10...e6 11.Nxe6!;

10...Kg6 11.Ne6 Qe8 12.Qf5+
Kf7 (12...Kh6 13.d3+ g5
14.Bxg5+ fxg5 15.Qxg5#)
13.Ng5#
1-0

Yemelin V. (GM) 2550
Jobava B. (GM) 2596
2003

Sicilian Rauser, B60

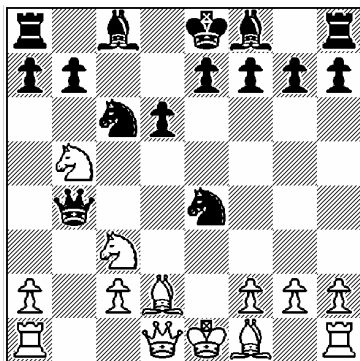
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bg5 Qb6
7.Be3 Qxb2?!

Black may be confusing with the
poisoned pawn variation 1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6
8.Qd2 Qxb2. Taking the pawn is
too risky here.

8.Ndb5 Qb4

After 8...Nb4 the ugly looking
King move 9.Kd2! wins.

9.Bd2 Nxe4?



9...Rb8 10.Rb1 Qa5 11.Bd3 and
White has a fine game.

10.a3!

The Black Queen cannot
continue to defend the Knight at
e4. If 10...Nxc3 11.Nc7+ Kd8
12.axb4 Nxd1 13.Nxa8 Nb2
14.Bc3 wins

1-0

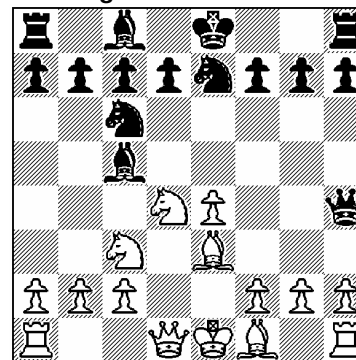
Kulaots K. (GM) 2531
Geller. J 2417
2002

Scotch Game, C45

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.Nxd4 Qh4 5.Nc3 Bc5

The "book" line is 5...Bb4 6.Be2
etc.

6.Be3 Nge7?



7.Nf3! Qh5 8.g4! 1-0

Black loses a piece.

Socko B. (GM) 2585
Ernst S. (IM) 2459
2002

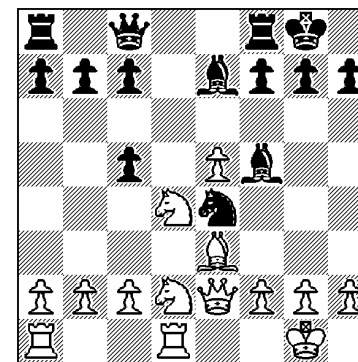
Ruy Lopez, C67

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6
4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6
dxc6 7.dxe5 Ne4 8.Qe2 Bf5
9.Rd1 Qc8 10.Be3

This move (deviating from the
book moves 10.Rd4, 10.Nd4,

10.g4 or 10.Nh4) must have
confused Black.

10...Be7 11.Nbd2 O-O 12.Nd4
c5?



Loses a piece by 'forcing' White
to carry out his threat. 12...Nxd2
was called for.

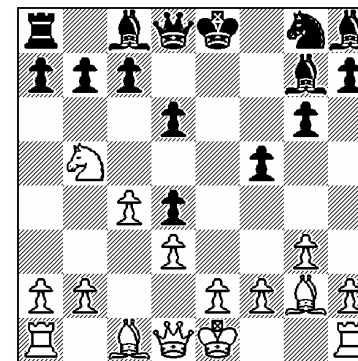
13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Qd3! 1-0

Black loses the pinned Knight.

Beim V. (GM) 2555
Schmittziel E. (GM) 2497
2002

English Opening, A26

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 f5 6.Nf3 Nd4?
7.Nxd4 exd4 8.Nb5 d6



9.c5! Bd7

9...dxc5 10.Bf4 +-

10.Qb3 Bc6 11.cxd6 Bxg2?

Its already too late for Black to save the game. Eg: 11...cxd6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nxd6+! Qxd6 14.Qb7 +-; 11...Bxb5 12.Qxb5+ c6 13.Qxb7 +-

12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Qe6+ Kc6 14.d7+

14...Kxc7 15.Bf4+ mates;
14...Kc5 15.b4+ Kxb4 16.Bd2+ mates

1-0

One can distinguish an error and a blunder. The latter is often 'one move deep', a blatant *faux pas* for which the retribution is swift and conclusive. Errors could be more subtle, involving poor judgement or neglect of a nuance in the position resulting in a loss of the game or allowing the opponent to escape with a draw where he should have lost.

In 1964, BBC broadcast a series entitled *My Gravest Error* as part of their weekly radio chess 'Magazine'. Two of the games featured Dr. Max Euwe, the Dutch GM who was World Champion from 1935 to 1937. In one game he was the one to profit from the opponent's error and in the other he was at the receiving end.

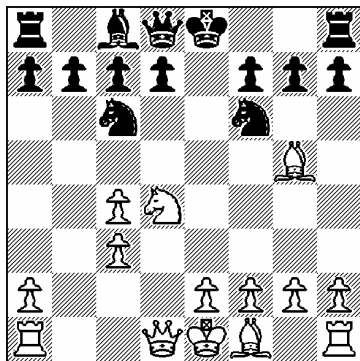
**Kottnauer, C. - Euwe, M.
Groningen, 1946**

English Opening, A28

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4

To plan an opening trap against an ex-World Champion might

seem an unlikely plan. But this is precisely what Kottnauer did! He had in mind a variation with which he already had two successes.

4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Bg5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3**7...Ne5?!**

This is the trap White planned and Euwe falls headlong into it. Correct is 7...h6! followed by Ne5

8.f4!

Kottnauer's secret weapon.

8...Ng6

The main point of the trap is 8...Nxc4? 9.e4! and the double threats of Bxc4 and e5 force Black to play 9...Ne3 10.Qe2 Nxf1 after which 11.e5 gives White a strong attack e.g. 11..O-O 12.Nf5!! Kottneur-Holas, Zlin, 1945.

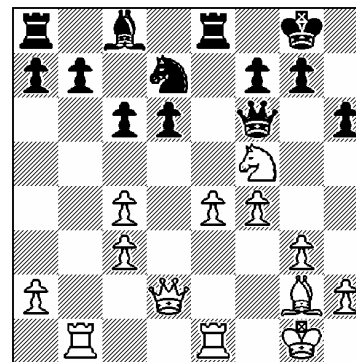
8...Neg4 9.e4 Ne3 10.Qe2 Nxf1 11.e5 +- is similar.

Did the ex-World Champion see these variations. Obviously he did since 7...Ne5?! meant that he did not know the trap.

Kottnauer: 'For a while I was blaming myself for having played

8.f4 too quickly. I had carried it out perhaps with too much confidence, and scared him off. But the game is still advantageous for White. The Knight at g6 is very badly placed...'

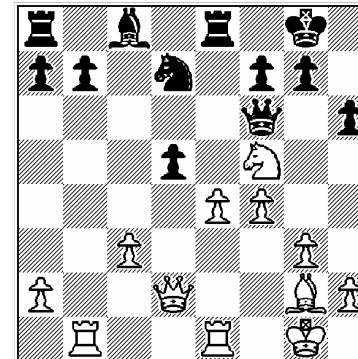
9.g3 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Bg2 O-O 12.O-O d6 13.Rb1 c6 14.Qd2 Re8 15.e4 Nf8 16.Rfe1 Nd7? 17.Nf5!



Kottnauer: 'Black is now not only strategically outplayed, but, in addition, is losing at least a pawn. So the variation has succeeded after all! But this was not enough. I could dimly see the outline of an elegant and decisive combination. I was going to get not only an extra pawn, but a passed pawn! The combination involved the sacrifice of a piece...'

17...d5 18.cxd5 cxd5

Poor Kottnauer is blinded by the possibility of playing an elegant 'combination' against his World Champion opponent. He could now have simply played 19.Qxd5 Nb6 20.Qd4! +/-



Instead he played:

19.exd5? Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qxf5 21.Re8+ Nf8

Kottnauer: 'Now should come the point 22.Rxf8+ and Qd8 mate. But what is this?? *The Queen's file is blocked by my own Pawn!* The rest of the game is only a formality.

22.Qe1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qd6 24.Bh3 Bxh3 25.Rxa8 Qxd5 26.Kf2 Qxa2+ 27.Ke1 Qb1+ 28.Kd2 Bg4 29.Qxa7 Qd1+ 30.Ke3 Qe2+ 31.Kd4 Kh7 0-1

After 32.Rxf8 Qf2+ -+

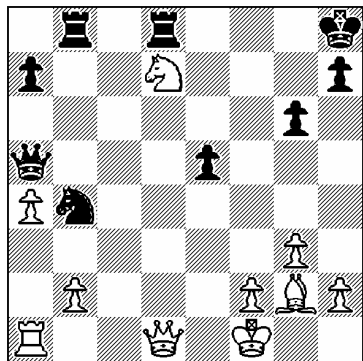
Vasily Smyslov is profiled in the AICCF Bulletin November 2002 (HERITAGE – Episode 13 by Nagesh J.) His win here, at the cost of Dr. Euwe's error effectively ended the latter's career (at age 52). Euwe never played again in a Candidates tournament.

**Euwe, M. - Smyslov, V.
Candidates Tournament
Zurich, 1953**

Gruenfeld Defence, D72

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nb6 7.Ne2 c5 8.d5 e6 9.O-O O-O

10.a4 Na6 11.Na3 exd5 12.exd5 Bf5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Be3 Rc8 15.d6 Bd3 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bg2 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 Nd7 19.Nc4 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxc5 Qa5 22.Be3 Rfd8 23.Ne4 Bxd6 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Bd4 Be5 26.Nd7 f6 27.Bxe5 fxe5



The obvious move now is 28.Qd6. It threatens 29.Qf6+ followed by Nxb8 and also prepares a mating net in combination with Ba3-e6. If Black plays 28...Rb6, then 29.Qe7 followed by Nf6. Furthermore, after 28...Rbc8 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Bh3 Qa6+ 31.Qxa6 Nxa6 32.Nf6+ winning back the exchange with a sound pawn to the good. After 28.Qd6 Black will be forced to exchange Queens with 28...Qa6+ 29.Qxa6 Nxa6 30.Nxb8 Rxb8. Euwe looked at this ending for a few minutes: a pawn up; bishop against knight. The prognosis was good, but against a tough endgame player like Smyslov there would still be hard work to do.

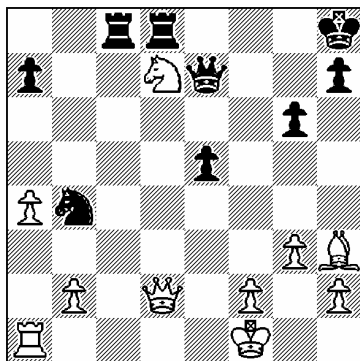
This was his first appraisal. If he had settled for simplicity and played this move, undoubtedly he would have won. But then he

began looking for more. 28.Qd2 seemed very solid with the idea of maintaining the knight at an advanced outpost by moves such as Rd1 and Bh3. Would be wise to play in this way, exchange down for a pawn?

Euwe went back to looking at 28.Qd6. Could there be something more? 28.Qd6 Qa6+ 29.Qxa6 Nxa6 30.Nxe5 threatening two knight forks (Nf7+ and Nc6). But Black could answer 30...Rd2 which saves both threats and wins the b-pawn.

And now comes the error. In Euwe's own words, "So I returned to my 28.Qd2 line and herein lay my grave error. I quite forgot that in the first line with 28.Qd6 Qa6+ 29.Qxa6 Nxa6 30.Nxb8 I could regain the exchange by simply playing Rxb8. My analysis of 30.Nxe5 instead of Nxb8 had so fascinated me that it had overshadowed and obliterated my original calculation."

28.Qd2? Rbc8 29.Kg1 Qc5 30.Bh3 Qe7



White's faulty judgement can now clearly be seen. The knight is not an "advanced outpost" piece anymore. Its pinned condition has become a liability. Black will play Rc7 and Nc6-b8. So Euwe gives up the knight, to no avail of course.

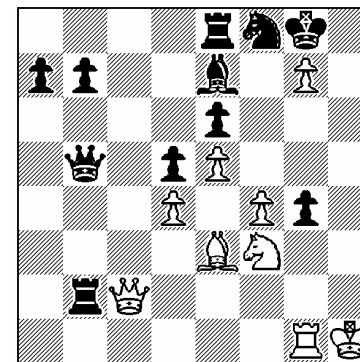
31.Qe2 32.Bxd7 Qxd7 33.Qxe5+ Kg8 34.Qe4 a5 35.h4 Qd5 36.Qg4 Rf8 37.Rd1 Qf3 38.Qc4+ Qf7 39.Qc5 Qf5 40.Qc4+ Qf7 41.Qc5 Qf5 42.Qc4+ Kg7 43.Qd4+ Qf6 44.Qc5 Rf7 45.Rd2 Qe7 46.Qc3+ Rf6 47.Rd4 Nc6 48.Rd5 Qe6 49.Rc5 h5 50.b3 Kf7 51.Rb5 Qd7 52.Kg2 Qe7 53.Qc4+ Kg7 54.Qd3 Kh6 55.Rd5 Rf7 56.Rd6 Ne5 57.Qe3+ Kh7 58.Rb6 Qc7 0-1

No article about blunders can be complete without mention of the two most recent ones. Kramnik-Topalov World Championship Match Game 2 where both sides missed an obvious mate and the Kramnik – Deep Fritz match where Kramnik overlooked mate in 1!!

Topalov, Veselin
Kramnik, Vladimir
WCC Match 2006
QGD Slav, D19

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.O-O Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.e4 O-O 11.Bd3 Bh5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Qe3 Bg6 15.Ng5 Re8 16.f4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 f5 18.Be3 Nf8 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.g4 Qd7 21.Rg1 Be7 22.Nf3 Rc4 23.Rg2 fxg4 24.Rxg4 Rxa4 25.Rag1 g6 26.h4 Rb4 27.h5

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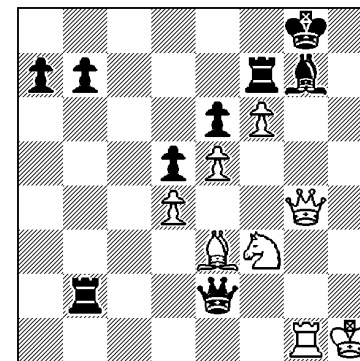
31.gxf8Q+ Bxf8

Correct is 31...Kxf8. Kramnik doesn't see 32.Rxg4+ Bg7 33.Qc7 with mate on g7. On 33...Qf1+ there is 34.Ng1.

32.Qg6+

Topalov doesn't see it either! Now Kramnik went on to win, but not before Topalov missed more opportunities.

32...Bg7 33.f5 Re7 34.f6 Qe2 35.Qxg4 Rf7



And here Topalov could play 36.Qh5! which should win. For example,

(a) 36.Qh5 Rb3 37.Rxg7+ Rxg7 38.fxg7 Rb1+ 39.Bg1 Kxg7 40.Qg5+ Kh7 41.Qe7+ Kh8 42.Qf6+ Kg8 43.Qxe6+
(b) 36.Qh5 b5 37.Rg3 Qxe3 (37...Rb1+ 38.Bg1) 38.fxg7 Rb1+ 39.Kh2 Rb2+ 40.Kh3 Rxg7 41.Ng5

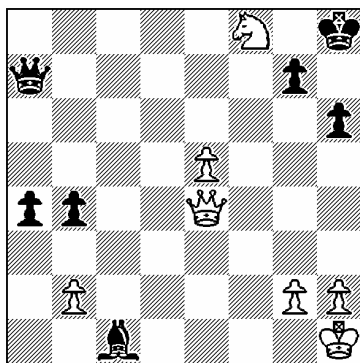
36.Rc1 Rc2 37.Rxc2 Qd1+ 38.Kg2 Qxc2+ 39.Kg3 Qe4 40.Bf4 Qf5 41.Qxf5 exf5 42.Bg5 a5 43.Kf4 a4 44.Kxf5 a3 45.Bc1 Bf8 46.e6 Rc7 47.Bxa3 Bxa3 48.Ke5 Rc1 49.Ng5 Rf1 50.e7 Re1+ 51.Kxd5 Bxe7 52.fxe7 Rxe7 53.Kd6 Re1 54.d5 Kf8 55.Ne6+ Ke8 56.Nc7+ Kd8 57.Ne6+ Kc8 58.Ke7 Rh1 59.Ng5 b5 60.d6 Rd1 61.Ne6 b4 62.Nc5 Re1+ 63.Kf6 Re3 0-1

Kramnik played a six game match against the computer program Deep Fritz in, Germany from Nov 25 to Dec 5, 2006, losing 2-4 with 2 losses and 4 draws. Here is Game 2:

Deep Fritz 10 - Kramnik, V. Man vs Machine Game 2 27.11.2006

Queens Gambit Accepted, D10
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.Nc3 b4 6.Na2 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Bxc4 e6 9.Nf3 a5 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Nc1 Ba6 12.Qe2 h6 13.Be3 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd7 15.Nb3 Be7 16.Rc1 O-O 17.O-O Rfc8 18.Qe2 c5 19.Nfd2 Qc6 20.Qh5 Qxa4 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Bxc5 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qf3 Rf8 26.Qe4 Qd7 27.Nb3 Bb6 28.Rfd1 Qf7 29.Rf1

Qa7 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Nd4 a4 32.Nxe6 Bxe3+ 33.Kh1 Bxc1 34.Nxf8



34...Qe3??

34...Kg8 35.Ng6 Bxb2 36.Qd5+ Kh7 37.Nf8+ Kh8 38.Ng6+ draw

35.Qh7# 1-0

Susan Polgar called it the 'blunder of the century'. Surely, even a beginner can spot the mate in 1. The "explanation" given at the ChessBase website is that the position with a White knight at f8 is unusual. Apparently, Kramnik had thought of 34...Qe3 as a winning move when playing 29...Qa7. If 35.Qxe3 Black wins easily with his distant pawn. After 35.Qxb4 Qe2 or 35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Nf8+ Kg8 Black also wins eventually.

Has the ability of a World Champion diminished in the computer era? One can't imagine Alekhine, Capablanca or Bobby Fischer making such an error even in a blindfold game!

CC WORLD CHAMPION IVAR BERN

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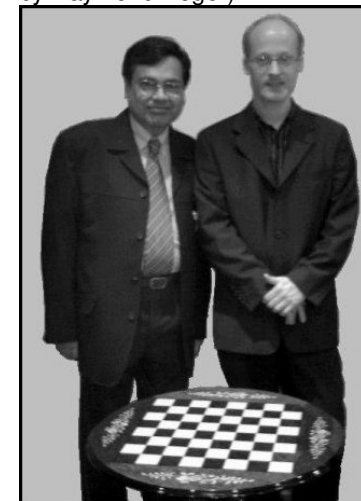
When Ivar Bern the Norwegian player completed all his games in the CC World Championship Final (started March 2002) with 10.5/16 it became clear that he would be the 17th World CC Champion. However the slowness of conventional post card play led to the winner of the 18th World CC Championship, **Joop van Oosterom**, being announced before the declaration of Ivar Bern's victory in the 17th Championship!

Ivar Bern was born on 20 January 1967. His specialisation is psychology and he works in school administration. In over the board play he has an IM title. His CC career began in 1986 when he started playing in the Norwegian CC Federation. In 1988 he became CC Champion of Norway. In ICCF, he earned his titles IM title in 1991 and became GM in 1993. He played both OTB and CC during these years and was the winner of the Norway Open (OTB) in 1986, 1989 and 1990. In the Norwegian Championship he finished 3rd in 1989 and 1990.

The long road to the 17th World CC Championship started with a 10.5/16 score in the 1/2-final (1989-1995). In the 3/4-final he had the same score and barely

qualified for the final amongst a tough field of players.

Ivar Bern learnt chess at the (relatively late!) age of 8 years. He was influenced by the Danish GM Bent Larsen, but he mentions Aaron Nimzowich's *My System* and *Secrets of Grandmaster Play* by John Nunn and Peter Griffiths as the books that impressed him later. (See the e'zine ICCF AMICI Issue 08 by Raymond Boger).



Ivar Bern with Dr. Chatterjee
at the ICCF Congress 2006

I was very happy to meet Ivar at the ICCF Congress, Dresden, October 2007. I found him to be a very unassuming and friendly person. I learnt that he plays the

guitar, has played earlier in a rock band called the *Swamp Babies* and his current band is called *Swv*. We wish Ivar all the best in his future chess activities! Here is one of Ivar Berne's decisive games from the World Championship.

Bern, Ivar (Norway)

Lecroq, Michel (France)

17th CC World Championship

King's Indian Defence, E99

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.Rc1

13.a4 is often played line.

13...Ng6 14.c5

An idea of Kozul.

14...Nxc5 15.b4 Na6

For the sacrifice of one pawn White has opened lines, and the N on a6 is far away from the white kingside. 15...Nd7? 16.Nb5

16.Nd3

This move, seen in Piket - Kasparov, Linares 1997 protects the b4 pawn and hopes to create strong pressure along the c file.

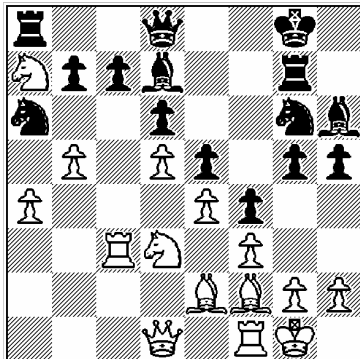
16.Nb5 Bd7 17.Nxa7!? (17.Qa4 g4! 18.fxc4 f3 19.gxf3 Nf4 20.Qd1 h5! 21.Kh1 hxc4 22.Nc3! - Kozul, Z-Fedorowicz, J/ Wijk aan Zee 1991 (40)) 17...Rf7 (17...Nxb4 18.Qb3) 18.Qc2 Qf6 19.Bxa6 bxa6 20.Qxc7 Be8 21.Qa5 Rfxa7 22.Bxa7 Rxa7 23.Rc8 Kf7 24.Qb6 Qe7 unclear 0-1 (45) Gurevich, D-Leitao, R/ Groningen 1996

16...h5 17.Nb5 Bd7 18.a4 Bh6 19.Rc3

19.Nxa7?! g4 and Black has an attack.

19...Rf7 20.Nxa7 Rg7 21.b5!!

Novelty. Usual is 21.Nb5



21...Nc5 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Bxc5 g4!? 24.fxc4

24.d6?? g3! 25.dxc7 Qh4 26.h3 Bxh3 27.gxh3 Qxh3

24...Qg5!?

(a) 24...hxc4 25.Bxc4 b6 26.Nc6 Bxc6 27.dxc6 Qxd1 28.Bxd1 bxc5 29.Bb3+ Kh7 30.Kh1 +/-

(b) 24...b6 25.Nc6 Bxc6 26.dxc6 bxc5 27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 28.gxh5 Nh4 29.g3 +/-

25.b6 cxb6 26.Bxb6 hxc4 27.Bb5 f3 28.Bxd7 Rxd7 29.g3 Nf8 30.h4 Qg6 31.Qb1 Nh7 32.Nc8 Nf6

Not 32...Rxa4?? 33.Qb5

33.Rc4 Qe8 34.Qc2 Bf8 35.Bf2 Rg7 36.Rc1 Qg6 37.d6 Qe8 38.Qb2 Ra6 39.Rc7! Rxc7 40.dxc7! Qxc8 41.Qxe5 Bg7 42.Qe7! Ne8 43.Qd8 Ra8 44.Qd5+ Kh8 45.Rc5 1-0

Black resigns instead of waiting for 45...Bf8 (45...Nf6 46.Qf7 Kh7 47.Rf5 Qf8 48.Rxf6 Qxf7 49.Rxf7 Kh6 50.Rd7 Bf6 51.e5) (45...Nxc7 46.Qf7) 46.Qd4+ Kh7 (46...Ng7 47.Rh5+ Kg8 48.Rh6 Qxc7 49.Qd5+ Qf7 50.Rh8+ Kxh8 51.Qxf7) 47.Rh5+ Bh6 48.Qb6 Ra6 49.Rxh6+ Kg7 50.Qd4+! Kxh6 51.Qh8+ Kg6 52.Qg8+ Kf6 53.Qf8+ Kg6 54.Qf5+

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We start this issue with three games of the veteran player Dr. Surveyor. They were played in the National Championships of CCAI. (See p. 25).

W: Aaron, Arvind

B: Surveyor, Dr.A.B.

NCCC 1985-86

Benoni Opening, A70

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5

4...b5! Blumenfeld Counter gambit used famously by Alekhine against Tarrasch at Pitsyan, 1922.

5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Bf4 a6 9.a4 Nh5 10.Be3 f5 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Qc2 O-O 13.Bc4 f4 14.O-O h6 15.a5 Qc7 16.Bh4 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 g5 18.e5! Bf5

18...gxh4 19.Nxh4 Qg7 20.e6 Qg4 21.Nf3 Re8 unclear

19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Qg7 21.Ne6 Qxe5 22.Qf3 Bg6 23.Nxf8 Kxf8 24.Rfe1 Qg7 25.Qb3

25.Qh3! threatening the backrank. Qg4 would have presented Black more problems of development, especially the knight Nb8.

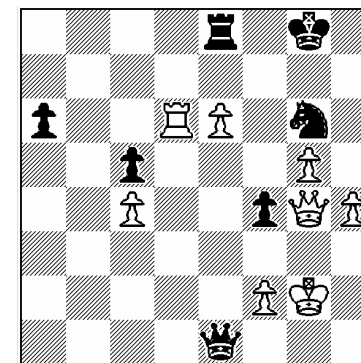
25...Qc7 26.Re6 Bf7 27.Qh3 Nd7 28.g4?!

28.Rh6! would be more troublesome for Black e.g. 28...Nh6 (28...Ng7 29.Re1

continues the attack.) 29.Rxf6 Nxf6 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qxf6 +- **28...b5 29.axb6 Nxb6 30.b3?** 30.Rxa6! Rxa6 31.Bxa6 Bxe6 32.dxe6 Nf6 33.g5 Qh7 34.e7+ Qxe7 35.Qh6+ unclear.

30...Nxc4 31.bxc4 Bxe6 32.dxe6 Nf6 33.Qh8+ Ng8 34.Re1 Qe7 35.h4 Re8 36.g5 Qg7 37.Qh5 Ne7 38.Qg4 Ng6 39.Rd1 Qe5! 40.Rxd6 Qe1+

40...Qxd6?? 41.Qf5+ Kg7 (41...Ke7 42.Qf6#) 42.Qf7+ Kh8 43.Qxe8+ Kg7 44.Qf7+ Kh8 45.Qxg6 +- **41.Kg2 Kg8!!**



42.e7

42.Rd3 Qe4+ 43.Qf3?? (43.Rf3 Qxf3+! 44.Kxf3 Ne5+ wins.) 43...Nxh4+

42...f3+ 1-0

W: **Mehta, Bikram**
 B: **Surveyor, Dr.A.B.**
NCCC 1985-86
 Dutch Stonewall, A92

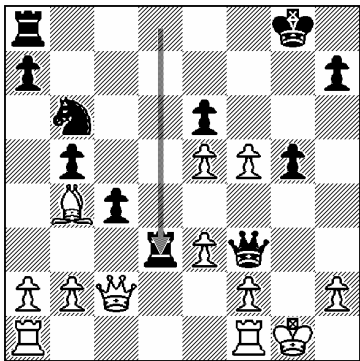
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 f5

An aggressive 3rd move transforming to a Dutch defense like formation.

4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.O-O O-O 7.Nbd2 Ne4 8.Ne5 Nd7 9.Qc2 c6 10.Nd3 Bf6 11.Nf3 dxc4 12.Nde5 b5 13.Nxc6 Qc7 14.Nce5 Nb6 15.g4 g5 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Bb4 Rfd8 20.e3??

Leaving gaping holes at d3 and f3. 20.gxf5 Rxd4 21.Nf3 Rg4+ 22.Kh1 was playable.

20...Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qf3! 22.gxf5 Rd3!!



23.fxe6?

23.f6 Qg4+ 24.Kh1 Qe4+ 25.f3 Qxe5 26.Qg2 Nd5 27.f4 unclear.

23...Nd5 24.Bc5 Kh8 25.Rfd1 Nf4! 0-1

A clever mating idea! If 26.exf4 gxf4 27.Rxd3 cxd3 cannot stop mate.

W: **Patil, Ravi**
 B: **Surveyor, Dr.A.B.**
NCCC 1989-91

Ruy Lopez, Schliemann, C63

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5

Schliemann Defense or Jaenisch Gambit. Black aims to open the f-file quickly for the purpose of attack..

4.Nc3

The safest move is to play 4.d3.

4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 fxe4 6.dxe4 d6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Qe2 Bd7 (0-1) Levin,Alexander -Marshall,FJ, DSB-13 Kongress, 1902.

4...Nf6 5.exf5

5.Qe2 Nd4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.exf5+ Be7 8.Ne4 Capablanca-Marshall,New York,1909

5...Nd4 6.Nxe5 Bc5 7.O-O c6 8.Be2 O-O 9.Nf3 d5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.d3

The logic of the position demanded a little more enterprise by White.

11.g4 h5 12.d3 would be livelier.

11...Bxf5 12.Bf4 b5 13.a3 Qe7 14.Qd2 Rae8 15.Rfe1 Qd7 16.h3?

16.Nd1 Bg6 17.c3 to dislodge the Bishop would be a better idea.

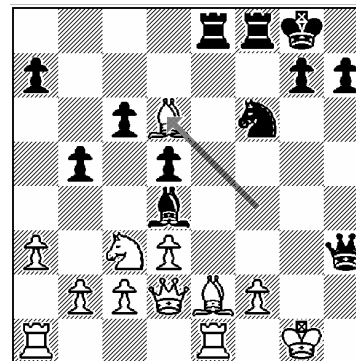
16...Bxh3! 17.gxh3 Qxh3 18.Bd6?

[Diagram, next page]

18.Bf1 Qh4 19.Rxe8 Nxe8 20.Be3 was necessary.

18...Nd7?!

Dr. Surveyor probably missed the tactical shot 18...Bxf2+! 19.Kxf2 Ne4+ which would have won instantly.



Position after 18.Bd6 ?

19.Bd1 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Rf6 21.Qe8+ Nf8 22.Bxf8 Qg3+ 23.Kh1 Qh4+ leads to inevitable mate. 0-1

W: **Chandra, Sailesh**
 B: **Saxena, Alok**
AICCF EM 7295
 Sicilian Keres, B81

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4

Sicilian Scheveningen, Keres attack.

6...h6

6...Nc6 7.g5 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Nd7 9.Be3 a6 10.Be2 Qc7 11.f4 Nc5 Keres,Paul - Bogoljubow,Efim, Salzburg, 1943. White won on move 32.

7.h4 Be7 8.g5

8.Rg1 d5 9.exd5 (9.Bb5+ Kf8! 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Bd2 Bf6 favours Black.) 9...Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Be3 Nc6 12.g5 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bd7 Ljubojevic-Timman match 1967.

8...hxg5 9.Bxg5 Nc6 10.Qd2 d5 10...a6 11.O-O-O Bd7 12.f4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Bc6 14.Rg1 Qa5

15.Bh3 Qc5 16.Qd3 b5 17.f5 b4 18.Be3 Qa5 19.Qc4 Bb7 20.fxe6!! Vladimirov-Epishin, USSR, 1987.White won on move 29.

11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.O-O-O Rb8 13.exd5 cxd5

Black is already better with open b and c files.

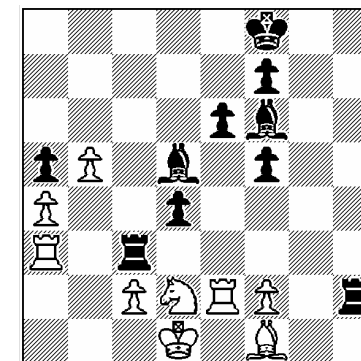
14.Qe3 Qa5 15.Bxf6 gxf6

15...Bxf6 16.Rxd5!

16.h5 Qb4 17.b3 Bc5 18.Qf3 Bd4 19.Nb1 Be5 20.a3 Qc5 21.h6 d4 22.Rh4 Bb7 23.Qd3 Bd5 24.b4 Qc7 25.h7 f5 26.Nd2 a5 27.b5 Rc8 28.Re1 Kf8 29.a4 Bf6 30.Rh5 Qc5 31.Rh3 Qb4 32.Qa3 Qxa3+ 33.Rxa3 Rxh7

The exchange of Queens doesn't stem Black's attack.

34.Kd1 Rh2 35.Re2 Rc3



36.Ra1

36.Rxc3 dxc3 37.Nb3 Bf3 wins for Black.

36...d3 37.cxd3 Rxd3 38.Rb1 Bf3 39.Ke1 Bc3 40.b6 Rd7 41.Rb3 Bxe2 42.Rxc3 Bxf1 43.Nxf1 Rh4 44.Ne3 Rxa4 45.Rc5 f4 46.Nc4 f3 47.Nxa5 Ra1+ 0-1

W: **Salgaocar, Sameer A**
B: **Pandit, Vijay D.**

1501 Championship, 1995-97
Gruenfeld Defence, D87

Notes by V.D.Pandit

AICCF First Corr. Chp. 1995-97
Annotations by Mr. V. D. Pandit,
the former Bulletin Editor of
AICCF. He says, "What does a
player feel when he loses a
winning game? Ask Sameer!"

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3
Bg7 7.Bc4 O-O 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.O-
O b6 10.Be3 Na5 11.Bd3 c5
12.dxc5?!

Upto now I was replying from the
Book. Now, for the first time I
was made to set up the pieces on
the board. The Book gives
12.Qa4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bd7. I was
surprised to see that I lose a
pawn now.

12...bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qc7 14.Bd4
e5 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qa4 Nc4
17.Bg5

Made my task of regaining the
pawn easier!

17...Nb2 18.Qc2 Nxd3 19.Qxd3
Bc4 20.Qc2 Bxe2 21.Qxe2
Qxc3 22.Rac1 Qa5 23.Rc4 Rac8
24.Rfc1 Qa6 25.g3 Rc7 26.Qc2
Rxc4 27.Qxc4 Qxc4 28.Rxc4
Ra8

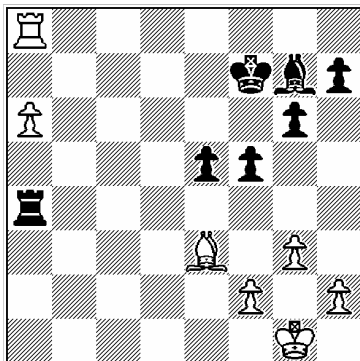
With this I proposed a draw
which Sameer declined.

29.a4 Rb8 30.Rc7 f6

30...Ra8 31.Be3 a6 would be
the better way rather than
surrender the pawn meekly-
Games Ed.

31.Be3 a6 32.Ra7 Rb4 33.Rxa6
Rxe4 34.Ra8+ Kf7 35.a5 Ra4
36.a6 f5

Black is now losing.



37.a7

37.Kg2! would have ended
Black's threats and would have
won the game for White. Now
Sameer offered following
conditional moves. If **37...f4**
38.gxf4 if **38...exf4 39.Bb6??**
(Correct was **39 Bf4!**) which I
readily accepted and replied:

37...f4 38.gxf4 exf4 39.Bb6 f3!
(If **40.h4 Ra1+ 41.Kh2 Be5+**
42.Kh3 h5 Mate is inevitable-
Games Ed.) White resigns.

0-1

All DRAWS need not be boring
as the following game shows.

W: **Danzanvilliers, Patrick**

B: **Mandviwala, P.G.**

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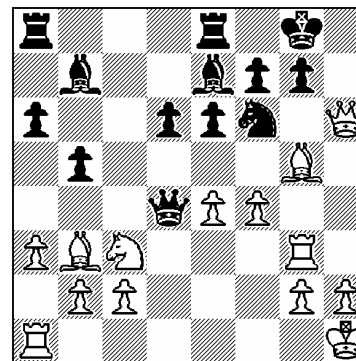
Sicilian Sozin, B87

Notes by P.G.Mandviwala

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6
7.Bb3 b5 8.O-O Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7
10.Re1 O-O 11.Qg3 Nh5 12.Qh3
Nf6 13.a3 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6
15.Qg3 Nh5 16.Qh3 Nf6 17.Bg5
Bb7 18.Re3 Qc5 19.Rg3 Qe5
20.Qh4 Rfe8

20.Rfc8 should be studied, I think
Re8 is overprotecting the Bishop
which would be going anyway.

21.f4 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 h6 23.Qxh6!
Nxe4!!



23...Qxc3 bxc3 gxh6 25.Bxf6+
Kf8 could be considered, but
after very long thought, I gave
preference to **23...Nf6xe4**

24.Nxe4 gxh6 25.Bf6+ Kf8
26.Bxd4 Bxe4 27.Rh3 d5
28.Rxh6 f6 29.Re1 Kg7 30.Rh4
Kg6 31.Re3 Rh8

Now I am relieved after facing a
very good attack on K side by
White.

32.Rxh8 Rxh8 33.Kg1 Bd6
34.g3 e5 35.fxe5 fxe5 36.Bb6
Rb8!

36...Kf5 should also be
considered.

37.Rxe4! dxe4 38.Be3 Be7
39.h4 Bd8 40.Bd5 Kf5 41.Kg2
Bb6 42.Bg5 Rf8 43.Be7 Re8
44.Bg5 Rf8 45.Be7 Re8 46.Bg5
Rf8

Draw by threefold repetition!

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Another of Shams Khan's
miniatures, this time at the
expense of an overseas player.
The game was played in a
thematic tournament.

W: **Khan, Shams**

B: **Hebbelynck, Denis**

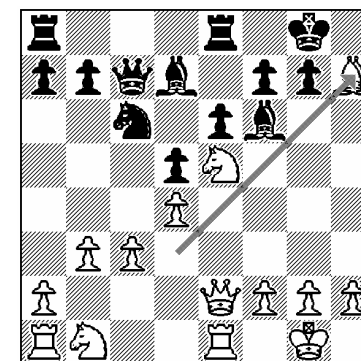
TH19-018, THORG

QP Colle System, D05

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6

A routine Queen's pawn game.

4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Nc6 6.O-O cxd4
7.exd4 Bd6 8.c3 O-O 9.Re1 Re8
10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.Bg5
Be7? 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Bxh7+!



A bolt from the blue!!! Black is
caught unawares! A strong
Bishop sacrifice leading to a
forced win!

14...Kxh7 15.Qh5+ Kg8
16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Re3 Bg5
18.Rh3+ Bh6 19.Rxh6+ gxh6
20.Ng6# 1-0

The next game is annotated by
our newly crowned king of the
AICCF championship 1506.

W: **Potrata, Janko**

B: **Dhanish, P.B.**

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French Winawer, C17

Notes by P.B.Dhanish

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 cxd1?

Reputed to be a bad move. I had played 5...Ba5 against A.G.Nagaradjane in T-1506 (see Bulletin, Feb 2006, page 36) without much success and I was in a mood to experiment.

6.axb4!?

6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Bb5 Ba5 8.Qg4 looks more active: Games Ed.

6...dxc3 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Bd3 Nd7

8...Qc7 9.O-O Nbc6 10.bxc3 Ng6 Buytaert-Westerweele, 1959

9.O-O Nc6 10.Re1 Nxb4

11.bxc3 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Nc5

I avoided castling because of 12...O-O 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Bd6 and the Bishop's position is intimidating. Also, Ra4

12...f6

12...Rg4 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.Rxe5 Rf5 Nunn-Eingorn, Reykjavik, 1990, 1-0 Move 25

12...O-O 13.Ra4 f6 14.Rg4 Nxe5

15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Rxe5 Rf5

17.Qe2 g6 18.Bh6 Kf7 19.h4 Bd7

20.Rb4 a5 21.Rxb7 Rc8

22.Rxf5+ exf5 23.Qb2 a4 24.Qb5

Ke6 25.Rb6+ resigns: Nunn,John - Eingorn,Vereslav, Reykjavik, 1990: Games Ed.

13.Re3 Bd7 14.Nd2 h5

Black is forced into extreme steps to defend his kingside. The idea is to give back the pawn at an opportune moment by Ne4, thereby exchanging off the attacking pieces.

15.Rh3

More dangerous appeared to be 15.Rg3 g6 16.Nf3 Qb6 17.Ng5 Qb3 18.Qd2, etc.

15...g6 16.d4

If 16.g4 Bb5 and not 17.gxh5? Qg5+ 18.Rg3 Qxh5.

16...Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Ba3

Bb5 19.Qb3 Qd5 20.Qb4?

O-O-O

Castling into the danger zone. But fortune favours the brave!

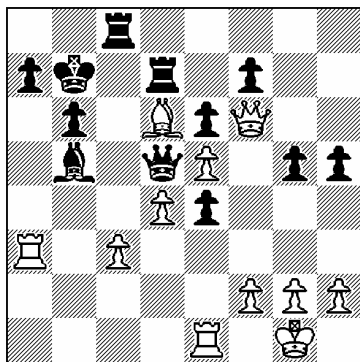
21.Qe7

My opponent played this move within hours. He might have thought that White is winning, but the attack soon fizzles out. However, 21.Qa5! a6 22.Bd6 Qc6 23.c4! Bxc4 24.Rc3 looks more dangerous to Black though the end result is far from clear: Games Ed.

21...Rd7 22.Qf6 Rhd8 23.Be7

Re8 24.Bd6 b6 25.Re3 Kb7

26.Ree1 Rc8 27.Ra3 g5!



And now Black is on the attack. (If 28.Qxg5? Rxd6 wins a piece due to the pin on the Queen: Games Ed.)

28.Rea1 a5 29.Qh6 h4 30.h3

Bd3 31.Qh5 Qb5 32.Qd1 f5

33.Rb3 Qd5

Now the threat is g4, opening lines to the king. White decides to give up a pawn, trying to drum up counterplay.

34.Rb2 Rxc3 35.Qa4 Rd8

36.Be7 Rdc8 37.Qxa5

If 37.Bxg5 Rc2 38.Raa2 R8c4 39.Qa3 Qxd4

37...Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Qxa5 39.Rxa5

R1c2

Forcing further simplification

40.Raa2 Rxb2 41.Rxb2 Rg8

Black has an outside passed pawn and threatens to create another passer at e3. White cannot defend both threats even with opposite coloured bishops. The rest is easy.

42.Bc5 b5 43.Ra2 g4 44.hxg4

fxg4 45.Ra3 Kc6 46.f3 Kd5

47.fxg4 Rxg4 48.Rc3 Rg3

49.Be7 Kxd4 50.Rc8 e3

51.Bxh4 Rg7 52.Be1 52...Be4

White resigns.

0-1

W: **Gala, K.L.**

B: **Khan, Shams**

AICCF T.No 7296

Sokolsky(Polish) Opening, A00

1.b4 d5 2.a3 Nd7 3.e3 e5 4.Bb2

Ngf6 5.c4 a5 6.bxa5 Rxa5

7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.d4 e4 9.Qc2 f5

10.Ne2 N7b6 11.Nec3 Be6

12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Qb3 Kf7!?

How often does one see a piece being defended by a King? It also conceals a small trap.

14.Nd2

14.Qxb7? Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bd5! traps the hapless Queen.

14...Nb6 15.Nc4 Bd5 16.Qc3

Nxc4 17.Bxc4 c6 18.O-O Bd6

19.f3 Qh4!

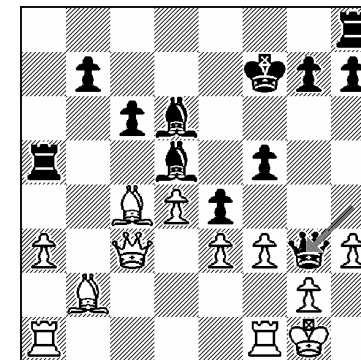
The beginning of a strong King-side attack.

20.h3

20.Qxa5?? Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Bg3+

22.Kg1 Qh2#

20...Qg3!!



21.fxe4

Is 21.Qxa5 really bad? Let us see if it can be demonstrated. 21.Qxa5 Qh2+ 22.Kf2 Bg3+ 23.Ke2 Bxc4+ 24.Kd1 Kg6! 25.fxe4 Qxg2 26.Qxf5+ Kh6 -+ The actual game follows a similar pattern.

21...Qh2+ 22.Kf2 fxe4 23.Qxa5

Bxc4 24.Qf5+

24.Ke1+ Bxf 1 25.Qf5+ Ke7

26.Qxe4+ Kd8 27.Kxf1 Re8

28.Qh4+ Kc7 29.Qg5 is very

complicated though Black's position is more dynamic.

24...Ke7 25.Qxe4+ Kd8 26.Ke1

Re8 27.Qh4+ Kc7 28.Rf3 Bd5

29.Qf2 Bxf3 30.Qxf3 Rf8 31.Qe4

Qg3+ 32.Kd2 Rf2+ 33.Kc3 Re2

34.Bc1 Qe1+ 35.Kb3 Qd1+

36.Kc3 b5 37.Qd3 b4+ 0-1

38.axb4 Qe1+ 39.Bd2 (If

39.Kb3/Kc4 Qxb4 mate)

39.Qxa1+ 40.Kb3 Qd1+ loses a piece.

The next game is a textbook illustration of the dangers of early pawn-hunting and the damage that can be unleashed by a Rook on the 7th rank.

W: **Anand, Anil Kumar**

B: **Gala, K.L.**

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QGD Semi-Slav, D31

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e4!?

Introduced to master practice by the great attacking wizard Frank Marshall. I was in a mood to experiment against the higher-rated opponent.

4...dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Qxg2?!

This is dubious. MCO recommends 8...Na6 9.Bd6 e5 10.Nf3 Bg4 = or 8...Na6 9.Bc3 Nf6 10.Nf3 Bd7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Bd3 Qg4 13.Qc2 Qf4 14.b4!c5+-Sokolov - Akopian, Groningen, 1991 or 8...c5 9.Bxc5 Qxg2 10.Bf3 Qg6 11.Bd6 Ne7 12.Nh3 Nf5 13.Rg1 Qf6 14.Ba3 Qe5+ 15.Kf1 Nc6 18.Qd3 Qd4 19.Bxc6+ bc6 20.Qe2 Qh4 21.Ng5 Qxh2 22.Rd1 +- Vladimirov - Monin, USSR, 1980 8...Nd7 9.Nf3 c5 10.Bc3 Ngf6 11.Qd6 Qc6 12.Qg3 O-O 13.Rd1 Nh5 14.Qh4 g6 15.Rxd7! Qxd7 16.g4 Qd8 17.gxh5 Qxh4 18.Nxh4 e5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rg1 Re8 21.Nf3 f6 22.Rxg6+ Kf7 23.Rg3 Bd7 24.Nd2 Rh8 25.Ne4 b6 26.Rf3 f5 27.Bxe5 Rh4 28.Nd6+ resigns: Marshall,FJ -Schlechter, Carl, Monte Carlo, 1902.

8...Na6 9.Bc3 Ne7 10.Nf3 O-O 11.O-O f6 Marshall,FJ - Schrader, Edward 1/2-1/2

9.Bf3 Qg5 10.Bd6 Nd7 11.Qc2 Nh6 12.Ne2 Qf6 13.Be4 Nf5! 14.Bxf5 exf5?! 15.O-O-O Nb6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Nd4 O-O-O 18.c5 Rxd6!

Trying to eliminate the messy Bishop as soon as possible

19.cxd6 Bd7 20.Qc5 Rd8 21.Re7! Kb8 22.Nf3 Qh6+

I had considered 22...Qxb2+ 23.Kxb2 Na4+ 24.Ka1 Nxc5 25.Rxf7 and felt that the position was favourable for White.

23.Kb1 f6 24.a4!

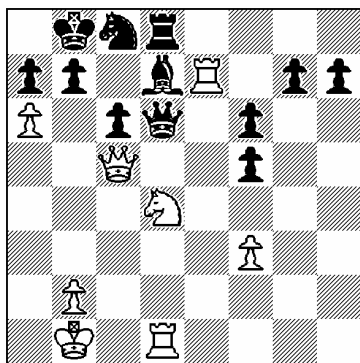
Combining attack and defense 24...Nxa4? 25.Qa5 Nb6 26.Re3! **24...Qh3 25.Nd4 Qg2 26.a5 Nc8 27.f3 Qxh2**

27...Nxe7? 28.dxe7 Rc8 29.Qd6+ Rc7 30.e8=Q+ Bxe8 31.Qxc7+ Kxc7 32.Ne6+ with mate to follow with 33.Rd8.

28.a6 Qxd6

Having eliminated the crucial pawn at last, but...

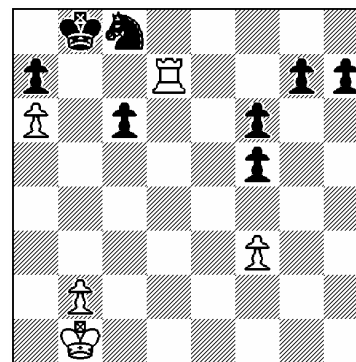
29.Nxc6+!



29...Qxc6 30.Qxc6 bxc6

30...Bxc6 31.Rxd8 is also no good.

31.Rexd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7



When the smoke clears White has a clear advantage with a dominating active Rook against a passive Knight. The extra Black pawns don't really matter in the ensuing endgame.

32...g5 33.Rb7+ Ka8 34.Rxh7 g4 35.fxg4 f6 36.Rc7 Kb8 37.Rxc6 f5 38.Rf6 Kc7 39.Rxf5 Kb6 40.Rg5 Kxa6 41.Kc2 Nb6 42.b3 Kb7 43.Rxg4 Kc6 44.b4 Nd5 45.Kb3 Ne3 46.Rg6+ Kb5 47.Rg5+ Kc6 48.Ka4 Kb6 49.Rg6+ Kb7 50.Kb5 Nd5 51.Rg7+ Kb8 52.Kc5 Nf4

The last trap.

53.Kc6 1-0

AICCF WEB FORUM

Shri P.B.Dhanish, AICCF Champion has created a forum for our members located at:

<http://pub22.bravenet.com/forum/1819609228>

The forum is a good place to start discussions and expect replies that are not "official". For ICCF, the forum **Correspondence Chess Message Board - TCCMB** has proved very popular. Please feel free to connect to the above website. If you wish to post a reply and join the discussion, you will need a password. You can get your password by sending an email to the Bulletin Editor at <DrAmbar@gmail.com> or P.B.Dhanish on <pbdhanish@gmail.com>



READERS WRITE

CORUS 2007

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for the email with the pdf file as attachment. The issue is wonderful.

I intend to send a couple of my interesting games for publication in the Bulletin after they are completed. One is a Sicilian Poisoned Pawn with variations similar to that played by Anand in Corus 2007, once with Black vs. Motylev and another with White vs. Loek Van Wely.

However, in the meantime, I request you to publish, for the enjoyment of our readers, the following game Vasein Topalov vs. A Shirov, Corus 2007 as a logical follow up to my notes to the game Mohan Jayaraman – Kammang Lhouvum published in the AICCF Bulletin, February 2005, p. 27. Here Topalov shows a strong improvement for White in the same variation of the Gruenfeld Defence.

Here is what was written at the official tournament website (www.coruschess.com) about the game:

Another swashbuckling victory for Veselin Topalov, one more fantastic result of superb home cooking, and the third loss in a row for Shirov. The two had a theoretical duel in the Gruenfeld exchange, with the Bulgarian trying an idea of Krasenkov, starting with 17.Bh6 and culminating in 25.Qd4! the new move from Topalov and his second, Cheparinov. This idea puts the entire line under a cloud for black, as it looks quite bad, and no improvements are available as of yet. If black tries 25...Rf7 there follows 26.Rxf7 Qxf7 27.Bd2 hitting Na5 and Bc3 is coming with dire consequences for black. The mischievous white knight, combined with the weakness of the black king make the second player's defense work very difficult. After 29.Ng3, heading for e4 Shirov could have tried 29...Re8 30.Ne4 Rxe4

31.Qe4, although now the ending would have been just as bleak considering the passed d-pawn and the lingering king problems. Another futile try for black would have been 36...Rf8 but 37.Bxf8 Qxf8 38.Qd4 Nd6 39.Qe5 is curtains also. 39...Nd8 was the final shortcut to the game (39...Nc5 would have prolonged the fight), 40.Qd6! was the last nail in the coffin, forcing resignation on the next move. The game won the daily expert prize.

Mohan Jayaraman

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Ed: Here is the game -

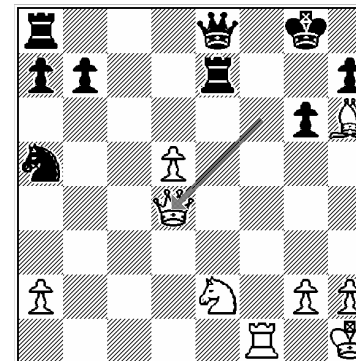
Topalov, V. – Shirov, A.

Corus 2007

Gruenfeld Defence, D89

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3
Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3
O-O 10.O-O Bg4 11.f3 Na5
12.Bd3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Be6 14.d5
Bxa1 15.Qxa1 f6 16.Qd4 Bf7
17.Bh6 Re8 18.Bb5 e5 19.Qf2
Re7 20.f4 exf4 21.Qxf4 Qb6+
22.Kh1 Bxd5 23.exd5 Qxb5
24.Qxf6 Qe8 [Diagram]

25.Qd4! Rd8 26.h3 Rf7 27.Rxf7
Qxf7 28.Qc3 b6 29.Ng3 Nb7
30.Ne4 Qe7 31.Nf6+ Kf7
32.Nxh7 Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kf7
34.Ng4 Kg8 35.Qd2 Re8 36.Qf4
Qd6 37.Qf2 Qc5 38.Qg3 Qd4
39.Kh2 Nd8? 40.Qd6! Ne6
41.Be3 1-0



PREFERS EMAIL

Dear Editor,

I was very happy to receive the Start List of the Special Tournament SP-PM-001. But I was disappointed to see that it is a Postal tournament. Since I'm always travelling from one place to another, it is impossible for me to play by post.

Can you please let me know if I can play all my games via Email or not. I would like to know if there is any specific category for email players.

Malla Nooka Raju

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The Special Tournaments SP-PM-001 (1802) and SP-PM-002 (1803) are basically postal tournaments with the option to play specific games by email by mutual agreement with the opponent. In your case this will not be practical and hence we have replaced your name. You could play in the regular

AICCF email tournaments (contact Shri S.M.Paul, earalil@gmail.com). In addition we are also trying to start an email section for the Special Tournament series and we can include your name for this.

A NEW CHESS BOOK

Dear Editor,

Mr Carlos Tortoza (from Brazil) informs me about his following chess book:

Check Mate and Word Games Postal Chess: Chess, Friendship and Philosophy

Author: Carlos Tortoza

Published by: Outskirts Press

Price: \$18.95 (about Rs 850/-)

Language: English

ISBN: 1598002880

Published On: Sept. 26, 2006

Pages: 200 (Paperback)

Dimensions: 9.0x 6.0x0.5 inches

Procure from: amazon.com

The Plot: Two players having different age groups & different professions are playing a game of correspondence chess. During the course of the game, they exchange their views on various topics which forms the text of the Book.

Interested members can order the book from amazon.com

V. D. Pandit

Mumbai

PDF FORMAT APPRECIATED

Dear Editor,

It was good to be able to download the new AICCF bulletin as one single pdf file.

N Neelakantan

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Dear Editor,

I have just seen the Online Version of the Aug'06 AICCF Bulletin. It is simply superb. The PDF Version makes it a lot more easy to view the Bulletin online.

I really appreciate all the hard work which has gone behind to make our Bulletin one of the BEST CC magazines in the world. Kudos to you and your selfless dedicated team for the untiring effort to present the reader with a lot of interesting articles (not just raw game scores) to choose from. Congratulations for producing such a beautiful Bulletin for our readers/members!

T. Pavan Kumar

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ANIL ANAND WRITES

Dear Editor,

Can we not have the AICCF Championship organised parallelly by Email?

After some deliberations we decided to start the present AICCF Championship, 1507 as a postal tournament with the option of Email play by mutual consent. Of course, NRI players like you who want to play 100% email are shut out. This decision was made because we still have players who do not have Email. On the other hand there are players who have Email but prefer to play by post. Most these players (see comments of P.B.Dhanish in Readers Write, AICCF Bulletin, August 2006, p. 42) would be happy to play by Webserver. ICCF will allow our Championship to be played on the ICCF Webserver free of cost and we are seriously considering this from the next Championship. In the meantime you could play in the Santani Memorial Special Tournament where an Email only Section is likely to be started soon.

For my article "Forgotten Heroes - Akiba Rubenstein" (AICCF Bulletin, August 2006, p. 28), I had sent you a block heading where a fly was shown at the top of Rubenstein's name - which was Akiba's complaint during one of his tournaments! However you seem to have edited it out.

Sorry, I didnt notice the fly. Would have been a nice touch!

The Games Section that you have put up as a link at the website gives the few annotated and important games. But, as Mr.

Dabholkar has pointed out, the games are indeed few.

The crosstable link is quite wonderful. The idea of this was not solely mine but came as a result of discussions I had with Mr. Umesh Nair from US. But, admittedly, the end product is very good and I am sure all AICCF lovers will like it. My felicitations to all those who were involved in this project. But I would like to see all the completed games displayed via a web-link. Is that possible?

Another idea is to provide a link to the personal rating itself. I have seen International Email Chess Group (IECG) give the rating performance of each player for each tournament.

Looking forward to the pdf of next bulletin soon.

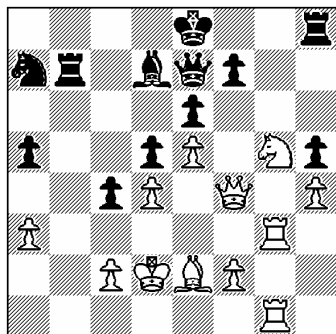
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We are planning to include the Ratings at the cross- tables website soon. ICCF (and IECG) have the game scores as links on the cross tables. For webserver games the scores are available within the computer data base and it's easy to put a link to it. Our games are played by post and email. To get these games typed as PGN files will require a full time games archivist. However, we can put an effort for the Championship and Special Tournament Games. For this we require the cooperation of our members to send the game scores.

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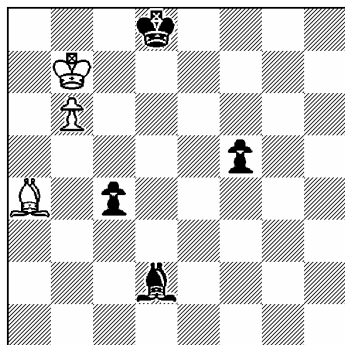
CORCHEGIMMIC 35



White to play and win

Bogolyubov – Reti 1925
1.Bxh5 (1.Nxf7 is similar) **c3+**
 1... O-O 2.Nf3+ mates
 1...Rxh5 2.Nxf7 as below.
2.Ke3 Rxh5 3.Nxf7 Qxf7
 3... Bc6 4.Nd6+ Kd8 5.Rg8+
 Kc7 6.R1g7
4.Rg8+ Ke7 5.Qxf7+ Kxf7
6.R1g7#

CORCHEGIMMIC 36

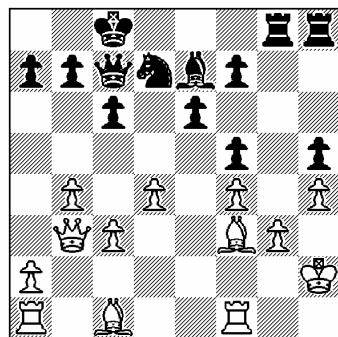


White to play and draw

Anil Anand writes, "Looks impossible at first and I failed to solve it. When I saw the idea behind the solution I shook my head in disbelief! Here is the amazing solution:

1.Ka6! Kc8 2.Ka7! Be3 3.Ka8! Bxb6 4.Bb3!! ½ - ½

CORCHEGIMMIC 37



Black to play

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PROBLEM SECTION 10

Solutions to Problems (see p. 24)

Suresh M. Mody

Problem 1

The problem shows a duel or 'Opposition' between the white rook and the black bishop. The aim of the rook is to reach the first rank to mate the king. The bishop foils all attempts to reach there through four open files. Every time the bishop foils the attempt resulting in four interesting tries involving moves by the rook. There are two more tries with the white king moving out to open the e-file for the rook. Then there is the amazing key!

Tries:

1.Rb8? for 2.Rb1, Bb4!
 (not 1...Bb2; 2.Bd2 mate)
1.Rd8? for 2.Rd1, Bd6!
1.Bf8? for 2.Rf1, Bxf8!
1.Rg8? for 2.Rg1, Bc5!
1.Kf1/f3? for 2.Re1, Be7!

Key: 1.Ra8!

Threat: None

Variations:

1...Bb2 2.Bd2
1...B-any other 2.Ra1

Attempts of the white rook to mate the black king on five different squares on the first rank are neatly foiled by the less powerful black bishop. 1.Kf2? is not considered a try as it is defeated by both 1...Be7 and 1...Bc5+. 1.Kd3? is also defeated by 1...Be7 as well as

1...Kb1! The surprising key is a waiting move putting black in zugzwang. The theme Opposition consists of such tussles between a white and a black piece. This interesting problem, like other miniatures in this series, is sourced from Mr. Sikdar's excellent book on miniature two movers – "Seven is the Limit".

Problem 2

This problem shows the duel between the mighty black queen and the white knight that is pinned in the set position. Surprisingly the knight emerges successful.

Key: 1.Rg4!

Threat: 2.Rg8

Variations:

1...Qh2+ 2.Nf2
1...Qg3 2.Nxg3
1...Qg5 2.Nxg5
1...QXf6 2.Nxf6
1...QXd6 2.Nxd6
1...Qc5 2.Nxc5
1...Qc3 2.Nxc3
1...Qb2+ 2.Nd2

The white knight proves a match for the powerful black queen. The threat forces the queen to move and unpin the knight that fires the B+N battery. The eight variations provide a complete

white knight tour. Thus this is also a task problem as it shows the maximum possible moves by a knight.

Problem 3

This problem like the earlier one depicts a duel between a queen and a knight with the colours and the result reversed. Like the first problem the most interesting feature is in virtual play (play after tries). After each try, a random move of the knight on d5 permits one or more mates, but a specific move of the knight defeats the try.

Tries:

1.Qa1? Nc7!
1.Qa4? Nb6!
1.Qb1? N(5)b4!
1.Qc1? Nc3!
1.Qe1? Ne3!
1.Qf3? N(5)f4!
1.Qg4? Nf6!
1.Qg1? Ne7!

Key: 1.Qb3!

Threat: 2.Qxd5

Variations:

1...Nc7 2.Qb6
1...Ne7 2.Qb8
1...N(5)b4 2.Rh6

In the set position, mates are provided for 1...Pa5 and 1...N(3)-any - 2.Nb5 and 2.Be5 respectively. Thus white has to find a move that provides mates for all the moves of the knight on d5. All the tries and the key have this common aim. The tries and the defences depict a duel between the white queen and black knight – the essence of the

theme - opposition. In case of the tries, a random move of the knight gives rise to one or two mate threats defeated by a specific move of the knight.

This problem can be used as an example of several other themes. The book from which I have sourced this problem has included it in the chapter on 'tries' under the category 'tries with a common aim'. The defences to the tries show all the eight possible moves of the knight forming a complete knight wheel. Thus the problem can be used as an example of accomplishment of a task.

The key move threatens mate by 2.Qxd5. Any move of the knight will give black the control of the square d5 making it an adequate defence. However a random move of the knight gives rise to three new threats (unlike one or two after the tries) – 2.Qb8, 2.Qb6 and 2.Rh6. Such threats are called 'contingent threats'. Three specific moves of the knight can each take care of two defences allowing a mate in two. In fact the three moves can be seen as defences that separate the threatened mates. Thus the problem can also be used to show the theme of threat separation or Fleck theme we had seen in the last issue.

There is still one more interesting aspect of the problem. If a random move of a piece allows the other side an opportunity to mate, one can say that the move

introduces an error that can be exploited by the opponent. A specific move of the piece that stops the threatened mate is termed as a 'correction'. 'Correction' is also a very important theme that we shall see in a future article in this series.

This problem and all its interesting features prove the point I tried to make in the first article in the series. I reproduce a part of the paragraph for your convenience.

"Most chess players do not try to solve problems. Even a few who try them, treat them like puzzles. The puzzle is solved when one finds the correct opening move of White (known as the **key**), mate set up by the key (known as **threat**) and mating lines for every defence of Black. A set of Black defence and White's reply to it constitutes a **variation**. A chess problem, however, offers a lot more enjoyment than just the satisfaction of cracking a puzzle. If one stops after getting the correct key and all possible variations, one misses the real pleasure of solving a chess problem. Once one gets initiated into the finer points of chess problems, understands them in depth and enjoys the pleasures derived from them, one is likely to develop greater interest in them."

Problem 4

The problem shows the duel between the white queen and the black bishop. It is considered a classic found in three of my sources. It is nicknamed "the love chase". Let us see the solution.

Key: 1.Qf1

Threat: 2.Qb1
 (for 3.QXh7)

Variations:

1...Bb2 2.Qb1 Pg6
3.Qxb2
1...Bc3 or d4 2.Qd3
Pg6 3.Qxc3/d4
1...Be5 or f6 2.Qf5 Pg6
3.Qxe5/f6
1...Pg3 2.Ng6+, Pxd6
3.Qh3

We have not considered 1...Pg6 in the variations as it is a weak defence leading to a short mate (mate in moves fewer than the challenge) - 2.Qxa1.

The problem is highly admired by connoisseurs. A critic has praised it in these words – "The strikingly fine activity of the queen against the bishop has never been brought out. The position is a jewel in simplest setting."

RESULTS AND RATINGS

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The following pages are printed directly from our computer database. Please check your results and report any discrepancies to Dr. A.Chatterjee. Rating queries should include a table with Tournament Number, Opponent's Name, Opponent's Colour, Opponent's Rating, Result, Points Gained or Lost. In the event of a result not reported, it is necessary to write to the concerned Tournament Director as well.

Erratum: 7284 Pranab Bhowmick 1-0 Ananda Vittal.

New Tournament Directors: Dr. Alok Saxena (email address <alokasaxena@rediffmail.com>) has taken over as Tournament Director in the 1507 Championship. The previous TD, Mr. Suresh Mody did not have email. Shri H.P.Chole has joined our band of Tournament Directors.

NEW TOURNAMENTS STARTED

4-Player Double-Game Tournaments

4306 Meherhomji, Tyagi, Pranab Bhowmick, M.R.Morewekar (Adj. Date: 30-11-09)

4307 Meherhomji, Sudhir, Dutt, H.P.Chole (Adj. Date: 30-11-09)

4308 Meherhomji, H.P.Chole, K.Babu, Rohan Saxena (Adj. Date: 30-11-09)

4309 Dutt, Sudhir, Wahee, K.Babu (Adj. Date: 30-11-09)

4310 Meherhomji, Wahee, Mahesh Kulkarni, K.Shiva Kumar (Adj. Date: 30-06-10)

4311 Meherhomji, Wahee, Rohan Saxena, Shripad C. Hegde (Adj. Date: 30-06-10)

4312 Meherhomji, A.De, Wahee, G.P.P.Kishore (Adj. Date: 30-06-10)

7-Player Single-Game Tournaments

7299 Meherhomji, A.De, N.J.Dave, K.Rajesh, Wahee, H.P.Chole, G.P.P.Kishore (Adj. Date: 30-06-10)

Samtani Memorial Special Tournaments

Please note that the Special Tournaments SP-PM-001 and SP-PM-002 are given Tournament Numbers 1802 and 1803 respectively.

In both tournaments there are prizes as follows:

1st Prize	2 nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Prize	5th Prize
Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 250/-	Rs. 150/-	Rs. 100/-

1802 (SP-PM-001) Meherhomji, A.De, A.Trehan, Rajesh K., J.P.Dinakaran, Shalaka Somani, Rohan Saxena, G.P.P.Kishore, player replacing Nooka

Malla, Srinath T., Shripad C. Hegde, Vikrant Soni, S.Subba Raju, Shesh Rattan Jaiswal, Krishna Sindhe (Adj. Date : 30-06-2010)

1803 (SP-PM-002) Meherhomji, B.S.Dutt, Pandavakrishna, T.Chandran, M.Avirah, N.Sudhir, A.V.S.Nambiar, S.N.Wahee, Dr. Alok Saxena, H.P.Chavan, K.Shiva Kumar, A.K.Bansphore, H.P.Chole, Km. Manali Tendulkar, Ramakrishna P. (Adj. Date : 30-06-2010)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

`1' means `won over'; `0' means `lost to'; `=' means `drew with'; `(both)' means `both the games'; `w/d' means `withdrew'; `nr' means `no result'; `n/s' means `non-starter'.

4-Player Double-Game Tournaments

4291 Gala = Shams Khan

4294 Wahee nr(both) Amol Agarwal

4296 Meherhomji = Sudhir; Sudhir 1 Meherhomji

4300 Wahee 1 Meherhomji

4304 K.V.S.Sastry 0(both) A.D.Gupta & V.B.Shetty; Anpazhakan 1(both) K.V.S.Sastry

4305 Anil Anand 1(both) Anpazhakan & Prabhanandan; Shams Khan = Anil Anand; Anpazhakan 0 Shams Khan

7-Player Single-Game Tournaments

7289 Dutt 0 T.Chandran

7291 Shams Khan 1 Anil Anand; Ganapathi 1 Lhouvum; Ganapathi 0 Saxena A.; Unni C.S. 0 Ganapathi; Saxena A. = Sayed Padsha

7293 Shams Khan 1 Dutt

7295 Sailesh Chandran & Anil Anand 1 Gala; Ganapathi 1 V.B.Shetty; Gala 0 Ganapathi; Anil Anand = Sailesh Chandran; Ganapathi 0 Saxena A.; V.B.Shetty = Anil Anand

7296 Meherhomji 1 Samuel

7297 Pandavakrishna 1 Nambiar; Nambiar 1 Dutt; Dutt 0 Pandavakrishna

7298 Debajit Dey w/d

COMPLETED TOURNAMENTS

4294 Meherhomji 6, Dinesh H. Dave 4, Wahee 0, Amol Agarwal 0
Congratulations, E.G.Meherhomji on winning this tournament with a perfect score of 6/6

RATINGS

The top 24

1	Somani S.K.	1479	9	Nagaraj Dr A.	1243	17	Shivdasani V	1142
2	Nagradjane	1435	10	Saxena Vaibhav	1239	18	Dalvi P.M.	1141
3	Dhanish P.B.	1386	11	Saxena RGD	1194	19	Reddy Mookiah	1133
4	Satheesan M.	1383	12	Dabholkar P.S.	1188	20	Gala K.L.	1118
5	Neelakantan N.	1325	13	Anil Kumar N.R.	1158	21	Chauhan R.K.	1112
6	Chatterjee A.	1278	14	Salgaocar S.A.	1158	22	Saxena Dr A.	1112
7	Ravi Prakash	1267	15	Rao Dr D.R.K.S	1152	23	Anil Anand	1108
8	Tyagi D.	1252	16	Trehan Anirudh	1146	24	Pandit V.D.	1107

Full Rating Table

Aaron Arvind	800	Chole Vikrant H.	919	Hule Subhash M.	682
Agarwal Amol	647	Choudhari C.L.	500	Hule Yamini M.	708
Agarwal Avinash	436	Chouhan Hemendra	723	Iyer Preethi G.	662
Anil Anand	1108	Dabholkar P.S.	1188	Jadhav Dinesh V.	416
Anil Kumar N.R.	1158	Dagaonkar Nagesh	685	Jain Suresh	723
Anpazhakan S.	533	Dalvi Prasad M.	1141	Jaiswal Shesh R.	800
Avirah M.	800	Das Barun	981	Jamindar Peeyush	612
Babu K.	800	Dave Dinesh H.	788	Jayaraman Mohan	902
Bajpai N.K.	862	Dave Dr N.J.	438	Joy Kumar Vineet	670
Baksha Ansar K.	436	De Ashutosh	1042	Joy P.O.	522
Bansphore Ajay K.	1014	De Gautam	1049	Juneja Madan Lal	501
Bhattacharjee	840	Deshpande Atul R.	622	Kalsekar A.G.	800
Bhave Milind N.	1034	Deshpande Y.G.	495	Kamat Nikhil	784
Bhowmick Pranab	1097	Devlekar C.R.	632	Kanishka T.N.	889
Bhowmick Sgt. P.	931	Dey Debajit	736	Kapoor Dr R.K.	732
Bobby V.S.	643	Dhanish P.B.	1386	Kapoor Lalit	475
Bose Samir Kumar	800	Dinakaran J.P.	847	Khan Shams	965
Chandran Sailesh	859	Dutt B.S.	515	Kini Harish	400
Chandran Sgt MC	1050	Fernandes S.A.	800	Kishore G.P.P.	800
Chandran T.	811	Gala K.L.	1118	Kulkarni Ajit	800
Chandrashekar	611	Ganapathi Cdr R.	1076	Kulkarni Mahesh G	629
Chatterjee B.	800	Gaonkar V.G.	800	Kulkarni S.P.	747
Chatterjee Dr A.	1278	Gautam Parvesh	554	Kumar Awani	1021
Chatterjee Urmila	800	Goyal Munish	494	Kumar K.Shiva	836
Chaudhuri Ajoy	800	Gupta Abhisek	598	Kumar Manjesh	551
Chaudhuri T.K.	625	Gupta Anirudh D.	1044	Kumar P.R.	400
Chauhan Rakesh K.	1112	Gupta Vijay Kumar	400	Kumar Pavan T.	803
Chaurasia V.	800	Hardia Chhaya	762	Kumar Rabindra	577
Chavan Hrishikesh	875	Hardia Maya	708	Kumar Shirish	704
Chole H.P.	1045	Hegde Shripad C.	800	Lakshminarayana	962

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Lhouvum Kammar	825	Pinge Shankar	667	Shukla N.P.	415
Malla Nooka Raju	800	Prabhakar Krishna	1015	Sindhe Krishna V.	800
Mandviwala Pervez	893	Prabhanandan K.	1095	Singh Er Baldev	737
Manoj Kumar P.K.	939	Prasad Krishna M.	629	Singh Jatinder	624
Meherhomji E.G.	933	Rajesh K.	800	Singhai Vikas	749
Mehta Bikram	590	Rama Rao lmandi	800	Sirohi Narendra	400
Mistry Yezad K.	471	Ramakrishna P.	800	Somani Km Shalaka	906
Miyani Ketan P.	708	Ramamurthi K.V.S.	677	Somani Smt Rashmi	958
Modak Deodutta M.	893	Raman R.	544	Somani Sunil K.	1479
Mody Suresh M.	772	Ramaya Selvi S.	973	Soni Vikrant V.	800
Mohamed M.K.	926	Randeria V.S.	459	Sreejith K.S.	604
Mohan C.S.	668	Rao Dr D.R.K.S	1152	Srinath T.	800
Mohanakrishnan B.	800	Rao E. Vijay Ravi	797	Subba Raju S.	800
Morewekar M.R.	800	Rath Bijay K.	804	Sudhir N.	696
Mukherjee T.K.	400	Ravi Prakash S.M.	1267	Sukumaran K.C.	780
Mulla Mehli B.	800	Reddy Mookiah	1133	Sundararajan S.	400
Murali R.C.	767	Rekh Ketan S.	400	Surveyor Dr A.B.	1011
Muruges V.	800	Sadashiva V.	863	Talukdar Gaurav	699
Nagaraj Dr A.	1243	Sahiyar Diniyar	800	Tendulkar Anjali	816
Nagesh Havanur	800	Salathia H.S.	478	Thakkar Mudit	804
Nagesh J.	400	Salgaocar S.A.	1158	Thakur G.S.	922
Nagradjane A.G.	1435	Samuel V.	441	Thangkhiew G.	831
Nalladaru K.A.	548	Saravanan K.S.	736	Theza K.L.Keerthi	513
Nambiar A.V.S.	458	Sarkar D.	1031	Torvekar G.P.	400
Nambiar Vivek	599	Sarkar Shyamal	765	Trehan Anirudh	1146
Nayak Satya S.	423	Sarma Akash Das	1031	Trivedi Kalapi B.	400
Neelakantan N.	1325	Sarma Anish Das	913	Tyagi D.	1252
Niranjan M.V.	657	Sarma Atish Das	991	Umashankar Cpl N.	522
Nishanth H.M.	400	Sastry K.V.S.	613	Umesh Nair	1018
Pable Kum. Amisha	528	Satheesan M.	1383	Unni C.S.	645
Padhi Prem P.	400	Saxena A.	1112	Vaidya Piyush H.	627
Padsha Sayed	955	Saxena Rakesh GD	1194	Valsan K.	494
Pai Dr. Dinkar	802	Saxena Rohan	800	Venugopalan C.	690
Palaniappan S.	752	Saxena Vaibhav	1239	Virwani Ajay	697
Pandalai N.G.	400	Semeel V.S.	680	Vishwakarama G.	729
Pandavakrishna Y.	1083	Senthilnathan S.	628	Vittal T.R.Ananda	737
Pandit Vijay D.	1107	Sharma M.P.	654	Vyas Nilesh J.	888
Pathak Pramod B.	954	Sharma Vinod	885	Wahee S.N.	524
Patil Abhijit A.	907	Shetty V.B.	967		
Paul Santhosh M.	990	Shivdasani Vijay	1142		

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Tournament Entries

ICCF World Cup XV

Anil Anand and Shams Khan have entered the prestigious ICCF World Cup XV tournament (Email and Webserver. Preliminary sections started from November 2006. There are handsome cash and book prizes for the winners as well as qualification incentives!

60yearsBdF-WS30 (15 Nov. 2006 - 15 Nov. 2008)

This tournament is started as part of the 60 year celebrations of the German Correspondence Chess Federation. The winner and the 2nd of every group are qualified for the next round.

Saxena, Alok (IND, 1890), Gülker,Lorenz (GER, 2000), IM Josefsson,Kenneth (SWE, 2301), DelaCalle, Israel (PER, 2302), Grochowski,Mariusz (POL, 2231), IM De Carlos Arregui, Inigo (ESP, 2348), Serfling, Rainer (GER, 2000), Simakhin, Aleksey Kostantinovich (RUS, 2416), Rosner, Dirk (GER, 2061)

10th AfroAsian Zonal Champs Prelim from 20 Jan 07 on Webserver

Group B: Kayis, Cahit Sadi (TUR, 2120), **Dutta Gupta, A.** (IND, 2263), Selen, Dinçer (TUR, 2210), Selen, Cemile (TUR, 1900), Gassouma, Mohamed (TUN, 1900), Jordaan, Wayne (RSA, 1900), **Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez** (IND, 2095), IM Noble, Mark F. (NZL, 2437), Moori, Hirotaka (JPN, 1689), Boler, Huseyin (TUR, 1900), Atkins, Dr. Kerry (AUS, 1900), Lung, Shun-wai (HKG, 1900), **Shetty, Vishwanath B.** (IND, 1900)

Group F: Tanti, Joe G. (AUS, 2312), Ozudogru, Hassan (TUR, 1900), Bonnie, Opu (NGR, 1900), Kaabi, Mejd (TUN, 2357), Pekin, Tolgay (TUR, 2191), Baser, Burak (TUR, 1900), Ould Ahmed, Samy (ALG, 2193), Johnston, Allan (HKG, 2048), **Kumar, Pavan Tumuluri** (IND, 1839), Ozkan, Ismet (TUR, 1900)

Group G: Oppermann, Ron (RSA, 2153), Oktaylar, Derya (TUR, 1900), SM Satıcı, Aydin (TUR, 2354), Dempster, Dave (AUS, 1936) IM Henri, S. James (AUS, 2338), Nas, M. Akif Bahaddin (TUR, 1900) **Saxena, Alok** (IND, 1890), Caliskan, Ismail (TUR, 1999), Igdir,

Gencay (TUR, 1900), Celikkale, Bora (TUR, 1900), Okay, Koray (TUR, 1900), Gurmen, Attila (TUR, 2191), Scott, Rueon (RSA, 1864)

Webserver Thematic Tournaments 2007

We can forward the entry of any members who wishes to participate. Note that games played in ICCF Thematic tournaments are unrated.

Theme N°	Entries not later than
1	01.02.2007
2	01.04.2007
3	15.05.2007
4	15.09.2007
5	01.11.2007
6	01.12.2007

Themes:

1	Latvian Gambit, C40	1.5254 5755 2.7163 6765
2	Sicilian Morra Gambit, B21	1.5254 3735 2.4244 3544 3.3233 4433 4.2133
3	Blackmar-Diemer Gambit D00	1.4244 4745 2.5254 4554 3.2133 7866 4.6263
4	Marshall Attack, C89	1.5254 5755 2.7163 2836 3.6125 1716 4.2514 7866 5.5171 6857 6.6151 2725 7.1423 5878 8.3233 4745
5	Nimzoindian, E20-59	1.4244 7866 2.3234 5756 3.2133 6824
6	English Opening Lalic Variation, A37	1.3234 7776 2.7273 6877 3.6172 3735 4.2133 2836 5.7163 5756 6.1213 7857 7.2224 4745

Recent Results

ICCF OLY-16 Preliminaries Section 1

Pervez Mandviwala 1 Fayne Terence (IRELAND)
 Pervez Mandviwala 0 Hribersek Joze (SLOVENIA)
 Pervez Mandviwala 0 Lahlum (NORWAY)
 P.S.Dabholkar 0 Sande (NORWAY)
 Danzanvilliers (FRANCE) ½ Pervez Mandviwala
 Farkas (HUNGARY) 1 Pervez Mandviwala
 Salter 1 P.S.Dabholkar
 Shams Khan replaced Dr. A.Chatterjee in this tournament:
 Turati (ITALY) 1 A.Chatterjee/Shams Khan
 A.Chatterjee/Shams Khan 0 Tórtora (BRAZIL)

ICCF XVII Olympiad Preliminaries Section 05

Saxena, Alok ½ Córdoba, Hugo Feliciano (ARGENTINA) - board 3
 Tiits, Tõnu (ESTONIA) 1 Dabholkar, Pandharinath Suryak. - board 1

Gala, K.L. 0 Sapundjiev, Ing. Georgi (BULGARIA)- board 2
 Thomsen, Keld (DENMARK) 1 Gupta, Aniruddha Dutta - board 5
 Gala, Khusal Laxmichand ½ Hervet, Gilles (FRANCE) - board 2
 Aniruddha Dutta 0 Quartambel, Giovanni (ECQUADOR) - board 5
 Søgaard, Ove (DENMARK) 1 Dabholkar, P.S. - board 1
 Runting, Tim E. (AUSTRALIA) 1 Gala, K.L. - board 2
 Liebert, Ervin (ESTONIA) 1 Saxena, Alok - board 3
 Pedersen, Henrik B. (DENMARK) 1 Saxena, Alok - board 3
 Dabholkar, P.S. 0 Walsh, (ARGENTINA) - board 1
 Philippe (FRANCE) 1 Dabholkar, Pandharinath Suryak - board 1
 Tinture, Laurent (FRANCE) ½ Gupta, Aniruddha Dutta - board 5
 Albert (NETHERLAND) 1 Dabholkar, P.S. - board 1
 Schuster, Jüri (ESTONIA) 1 Gupta, Aniruddha Dutta - board 5
 Mauricio (ARGENTINA) 1 Gala, Khusal Laxmichand - board 2
 Serradimigni, Robert (France) 1 Saxena, Alok - board 3
 Gala, Khusal Laxmichand 0 Siigur, Jüri (ESTONIA) - board 2
 Ramírez, William (ECQUADOR) 1 Nair, Umesh Board 6
 Nair, Umesh 0 Lauk, Ülar (ESTONIA) Board 6
 Trivedi, Kalapi B. 0 Merilo, Jaan (ESTONIA) Board 4
 Canepa, Edwin (ECQUADOR) 1 Trivedi, Kalapi B. Board 4
 Yakushev, Vladimir Sergeevich (BELARUS) 1 Trivedi, Kalapi B.

Other Results

Josefsson (SWEDEN) ½ A.Saxena This game was played for 100 moves and drawn under 50 move rule of FIDE (FIDE-rule 9.3.)
 A. Saxena 0 De La Calle (ISRAEL)

INDIA-BCCA Friendly International

Saxena,A. 1 Smyth, Sandy; Smyth, Sandy ½ Saxena, A.; Graham Stuart 0 A Saxena

Recent Games

We give here some games of our players in ICCF Tournaments. Some of them are mere exploitation of gross blunders.

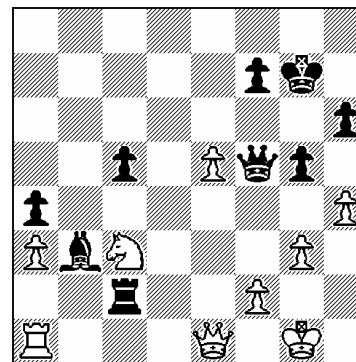
Broniek, Mariusz
Anil Kumar Anand
EM/O/174

Petrov's Defence, C43

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4
 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Bd6 6.0-0
 Bxe5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Be2 Nc6
 9.Re1 Bf5 10.Bf3 Nb4 11.Na3 0-
 0 12.Qd4 Nca6 13.c3 c5 14.Qd2
 Nd3 15.Re3 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 Nc7
 17.Rd1 Qh4! 18.Bxd5 Nxd5

19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Qb3 Rxd1
 21.Qxd1 Rd8 22.Qc1 Qa4
 23.Re1 h6 24.b3 Qa5 25.Qb2 b5
 26.Rc1 a6 27.Nb1 Rd5 28.c4
 bxc4 29.bxc4 Rd4 30.Qb3 Be6
 31.Qb8+ Kh7 32.Qb2 Qd8
 33.Qc2+ g6 34.Nc3 Rxc4
 35.Qe2 Qd4 36.Qe1 a5 37.Kh1
 Rb4 38.Rd1 Qf4 39.Kg1 Rb2
 40.a3 Rc2 41.Rb1 a4 42.h3 Bb3

43.h4! Kg7! 44.g3 Qf5 45.Ra1
 g5



46.h5? Qf3 47.Rc1 Rxc1
 48.Qxc1 Qxh5 49.Qe3 Bd5!
 50.Kf1 Qh1+ 51.Ke2 Bc4+
 52.Kd2 Qb7 53.Qe4 Qb2+
 54.Qc2 Qxa3 55.Qxa4 Qb2+
 56.Qc2 Qb4 57.Kc1 Bf1 58.Qd2
 Qd4! 59.Qxd4 cxd4 60.Ne4 Bd3
 61.Nd2 Kg6 62.Nb3 Kf5 63.Kd2
 Bc4 64.Nxd4+ Ke4! 65.Nc2 h5!
 66.Ne1 h4 67.f3+ Kxe5 68.gxh4
 gxh4 69.Ke3 h3 70.Kf2 Kf4
 71.Nc2 Be2! 72.Nd4 Bd1!
 73.Kg1 Bxf3 74.Kh2 Bg4
 75.Nc6 f5 76.Ne7 Ke4 77.Ng8
 Ke5 78.Nh6 Kf6 79.Ng8+ Kf7
 80.Nh6+ Kg7 0-1

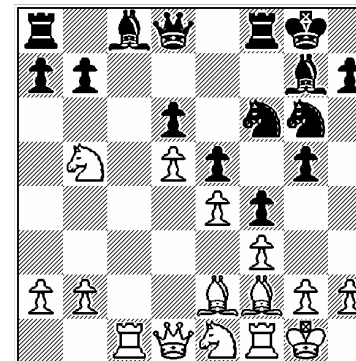
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Coast, Peter

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King's Indian, E99

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-
 O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7
 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5
 13.Rc1 Ng6 14.c5 Nf6 15.cxd6
 cxd6 16.Nb5



16...a6?

Simply losing the exchange. But even after 16...b6 (16...Ne8 17.Nxa7 +-) 17.Nd3 White is comfortably placed ±
 17.Nc7 Rb8 18.Ba7 Bd7
 19.Bxb8 Qxb8 20.Ne6 Bxe6
 21.dxe6 Rd8 22.Qb3 Ne7
 23.Nd3 d5 24.Nc5 dxe4 25.fxe4
 Qa7 26.Qxb7 Qxb7 27.Nxb7 1-0

In the next game Dabholkar has an easy time picking up 2 of White's pawns after 22.g3? however it is not until move 73 that his opponent finally resigns!

Anders, Moborn (SWE)

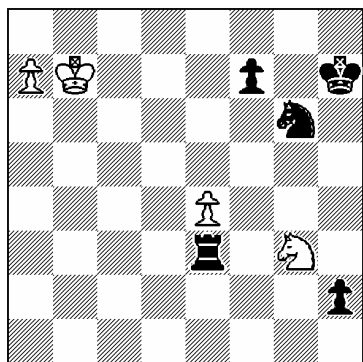
Dabholkar, P.S. (IND)

SVE-ICCF,ZONE 4 Friendly

Benoni, A75

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5
 d6 5.Nc3 exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.e4
 Bg7 8.Be2 O-O 9.O-O a6 10.a4
 Bg4 11.Bf4 Re8 12.Nd2 Bxe2
 13.Qxe2 Nh5 14.Be3 Nd7 15.a5
 Bd4 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Nb6 Rb8
 18.Rad1 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qh4
 20.Qd2 Ng4 21.h3 Ngf6 22.g3?
 Qxh3 23.Rfe1 h6 24.f3 Qxg3+
 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Nf4+
 27.Kf2 Rbd8 28.Nc4 N6h5

29.Re3 g5 30.Rh1 Kg7 31.Rb1
Re7 32.b4 cxb4 33.Rxb4 Rc7
34.Nd1 Rdc8 35.Ndb2 Nh3+
36.Ke1 N5f4 37.Reb3 Ng2+
38.Kf1 Nh4 39.Nxd6 Rc1+
40.Ke2 Nf4+ 41.Ke3 Re1+
42.Kd4 Ne2+ 43.Kd3 Nc1+
44.Kd4 Nxb3+ 45.Rxb3 Rcc1
46.Ndc4 Re2 47.d6 Kf6 48.Kc5
Rec2 49.Kb6 Ng6 50.Ne3 Rc6+
51.Kxb7 Rxd6 52.Nd3 Rd7+
53.Kxa6 Rc6+ 54.Kb5 Rb7+
55.Kxc6 Rxb3 56.Nd5+ Kg7
57.N3b4 Rxf3 58.a6 Ra3 59.Kb7
g4 60.Nc2 Rb3+ 61.Kc7 g3
62.Nce3 h5 63.a7 Ra3 64.Kb7
h4 65.Nf5+ Kh7 66.Nde3 g2
67.Nxg2 h3 68.Nge3 h2 69.Ng3
Rxe3



70.Nh1 Rb3+ 71.Kc7 Ra3
72.Kb7 Kh6 0-1

White's 18.Nxe4?? allows Alok Saxena to pick up a piece:

Stuart, Graham - Saxena, Alok
BCCA-India Friendly

Nimzo_Indian (Rubenstein), E58
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3
c5 5.Bd3 O-O 6.Nf3 d5 7.O-O
Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7
10.cxd5 exd5 11.a4 Re8 12.Ba3

c4 13.Bc2 Ne4 14.Qe1 Qd8
15.Bxe4 Rxe4 16.Nd2 Re8
17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxe4?? f5 19.f3
fxe4 20.fxe4 Bg4 21.Qf2 Bh5
22.Rab1 Qd7 23.e5 Bg6
24.Rbe1 Qe6 25.Qf3 Ne7 0-1

The next 3 games are draws by
Mohan Jayaraman.

Sanchez Carol, Jesus

Jayaraman, Mohan

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Sicilian Rauser, B54

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 Nc6 6.Nc3 e5
7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 O-O 9.Qd2 a5
10.Bb5 Na7 11.Bd3 Be6 12.Rd1
Nc8 13.a4 Nb6 14.Qf2 Nfd7
15.Bb5 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4
17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 b6 19.c3
Rc8 20.Qc2 Rc6 21.O-O Qb8
22.Nd2 Rfc8 23.Rd1 Qb7 24.Nf1
Nc5 25.Ng3 g6 26.Ne2 b5
27.axb5 Qxb5 28.Nc1 Rb8
29.R1d2 Qc4 30.Nd3 Nb3
31.Rd1 a4 32.Qf2 Rcc8 33.Nb4
a3 34.bxa3 Ra8 35.Rb1 Rxa3
36.Rdd1 Nc5 37.Qe1 Rb3
38.Nd5 Bd8 39.Rxb3 Nxb3
40.Qf1 Qxf1+ 41.Kxf1 f5 42.Rb1
Na5 43.Ke2 Kf7 44.Kd3 Ke6
45.Bh6 Rc5 46.Rb8 Kd7 47.g4
fxg4 48.fxg4 Rc8 49.Rb5 Ke6
50.h3 Rc5 51.Rb8 Kd7 52.Be3
Rc8 53.Rb4 h5 54.g5 Ke6 55.h4
Ra8 56.Rb1 Rc8 57.Rb5 Ra8
58.Rb4 1/2-1/2

Contreras Poblete, Juan A.

Jayaraman, Mohan

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QP Opening, D02

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3
Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.O-O
Bd6 8.Re1 Bxf4 9.exf4 O-O
10.Nbd2 Na6 11.Ne5 c5 12.f5 c4

13.Qh3 exf5 14.Qxf5 Qc8
15.Qxc8 Raxc8 16.c3 Rfe8
17.Re3 Nc7 18.Rae1 Nh5 19.g3
f6 20.Ng4 Kf7 21.f4 g6 22.Kf2
Rxe3 23.Rxe3 Re8 24.b3 b5
25.b4 Ra8 26.a3 a5 27.Re1
axb4 28.axb4 Kf8 29.Ne3 f5
30.Rc1 Nf6 31.Rc2 h5 32.Ke2
Ne4 33.Nd1 Kg7 34.Nf1 Ra1
1/2-1/2

Jayaraman, Mohan

Lehnert, Ronald

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Queen's Gambit Accepted, D27

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6
4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.O-O a6 7.a4
Nc6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Nc3 Be7
10.Rd1 O-O 11.d5 exd5
12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Rd8
14.Qc4 Be6 15.e4 Ne5 16.Nxe5
Qxe5 17.Be3 b5 18.axb5 axb5
19.Qxb5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Qxd5
21.Qe2 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 c4
23.Bb6 Re8 24.Rd1 Qc6 25.Bd4
Bf6 26.Qf1 Bd8 27.Re1 Rxe1
28.Qxe1 h6 29.Qc3 Qd5 30.g3
f6 31.f3 Be7 32.h4 h5 33.Kf2
Kf7 34.Bb6 g5 35.hxg5 fxg5
36.Qh8 g4 37.Qh7+ Ke8
38.Qg6+ Kd7 39.fxg4 Qd2+
40.Kf3 Qd1+ 41.Kf2 Qxg4
42.Qf7 Qg5 43.Qxc4 Qf6+
44.Kg2 Qxb6 45.Qe4 Qxb2+
46.Kh3 Qb5 47.Qd4+ Kc8
48.Qe4 Qc5 49.Qe6+ Kd8
50.Qe4 Qc8+ 51.Kh2 Qg4
52.Qc6 Bf8 1/2-1/2

After 3 patient draws, this game
was decisive for Mohan
Jayaraman. His opponent
appears to have been
demoralised after the loss of a
pawn on the 18th move to play
badly on the next turn

(19...Ra8?) and completely go
astray with 22...Ra8??

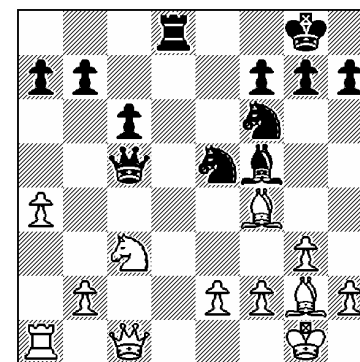
Jayaraman, Mohan

Taylor, Randy

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Queen's Gambit, D17

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7
7.Nxc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5
Nxe5 10.Bf4 Rd8 11.Qc1 Bd6
12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.Bg2 O-O
14.O-O Rfe8 15.Rd1 Qc5
16.Rxd8 Rxd8



17.Be3 Qd6 18.Bxa7 Nc4 19.b3
Ra8? 20.bxc4 Rxa7 21.e4 Be6
22.Qe3 Ra8?? 23.e5 Qd8
24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Rb1 Qe7
26.Qb6 Rc8 27.Qxb7 Qa3
28.Ne4 Qxa4 29.Nd6 Rf8
30.Bxc6 Qa2 31.c5 Qc2 32.Qb4
Qg6 33.Bg2 h5 34.c6 h4 35.c7
Qc2 36.Qb6 hxg3 37.hxg3 g6
38.Be4 1-0