

The Right Move

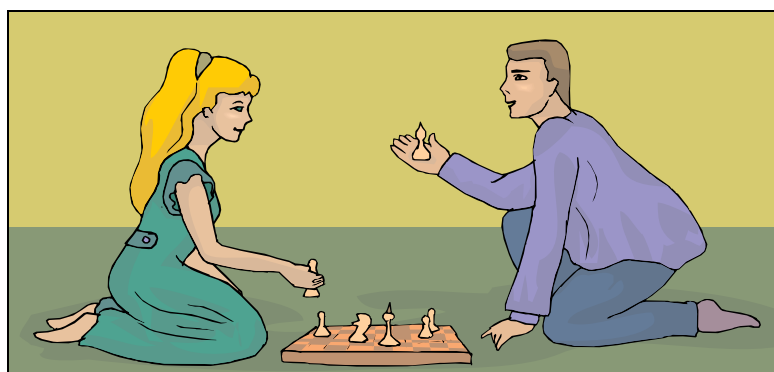


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Juniors at Chess!



Junior Squad Championships 2010

This year we had a new venue and a very successful one. We were guests of the Royal Wolverhampton School which is an independent boarding school. As well as a good playing set up with a large playing area and two parents' rooms upstairs with café and wifi we were able to use both boarding and dining facilities, both of which were offered at a very competitive rate. No one could complain about a decent three course meal with drinks for £4!

We are hoping to return in 2011 although, as Easter is very late, we will have to check dates carefully.

On to the chess! There were 106 players competing in four age groups and as this was the last event in the John Robinson Grand Prix there was some keen competition in some age groups although the winner was decided in others. The Under 16 group was a little disappointing numbers wise but there was a lot of good, exciting chess played. I remember with pleasure an excellent win by Richard Weaving over Georg Vikanis. In the end Richard was unable to force a win against Adrian Archer-Lock whilst James Foster was able to defeat Abigail Pritchard. This gave James first place, Richard second, Adrian third whilst Jamie Horton and Henrik Stepanyan tied for fourth.

The U14 was a really close affair (as it had been at U12 last year) although James Bowler managed to go through the tournament unbeaten just conceding

draws to William Foo and Amy Hoare. This put him a full point ahead of the chasing pack of 5 players, Henry Broadley, Eugene Daley, William Foo, Amy Hoare and Roy Zhang. This left Eugene Daley as GP runner (Felix had already won it) to make up for his narrow miss last year.

U12 was by far the largest tournament with over half the players (55) and proved a hard fought affair. Three players shared the title on 5/6 – Conor Murphy (who beat the other two but conceded draws to Daniel D'Souza-Eva and Ravi Haria,) Tarun Malhotra and Leo Tsoi. Conor also won the Grand Prix. In joint fourth were Ravi Haria, Harry Li and David Redman.

I feel this is a strong year group, especially the U11 part who contributed 4 of the top 6.

Finally the U10s was won by Matthew Wadsworth, who only dropped half a point against Michael Gilbert, from John James Daley (2nd) who only lost to Matthew, Florian Garland-Hoff (3rd) who

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

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It's a great pleasure to have you along this month. Meanwhile, please send in your games/stories/reports etc. to:

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We are here to help you!

Thanks, Andrew



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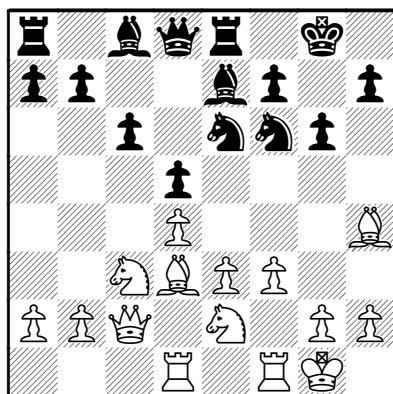
Rapport, Richard (2444) - Portisch, Lajos (2519)

[D36]

Szentgotthard GM, 03.03.2010

In the following interesting match-up, veteran chess legend Lajos Portisch struggles with Black against prodigy Richard Rapport. Rapport is the 5th youngest player at 13yrs and 11 months to qualify as a GM. The opening looks good for White, but by using his experience and staying optimistic, Portisch turns the tables and in the end obliterates the white King.

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Be7 7.e3
Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Nge2 Ne6
10.Bh4 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.f3 Re8
13.Rad1**



GAME OF THE MONTH



13...b6

13...Nh5 seems like an effective alternative: 14.Bf2 (14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.e4 Nef4÷) 14...Bf8 15.Kh1 a6 16.Qd2 Bh6 17.g4 Nf6 18.h4 Bf8 19.g5 Nh5 20.Ng3 Neg7 21.Kg2 f6 22.Nxh5 Nxh5 23.f4 Bg4 24.Rde1 Qd7 25.Rh1 Bb4 26.Qc2 Re7 27.Reg1 Rf8 ♯ Hasanova, E (2265)-Guseva, M (2261)/Nojabrsk 2005.

14.Kh1 Bb7 15.Bf2 Qc8 16.e4

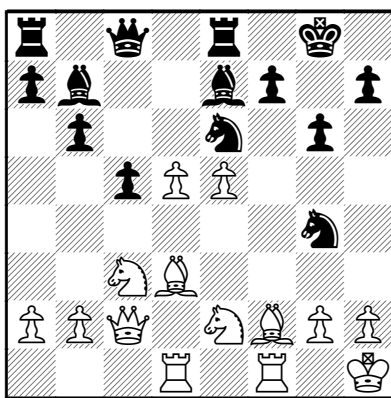
Standard play in the Exchange Variation has seen White making all manner

of preparatory moves, trying to find the right moment for e3-e4. Portisch understands that the central pawns are a severe danger to him and has stationed his pieces as best he can to talk White out of the advance. The first critical moment has been reached.

16...dxe4 17.fxe4 c5 18.e5 Ng4

18...c4 19.Bf5! is interesting only for White.

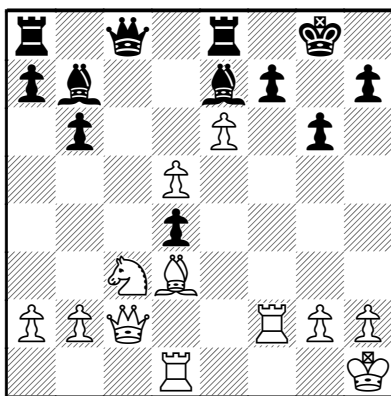
19.d5



The pawns look terrifying, but Portisch keeps cool.

19...Nxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Nd4 21.Qd2?!

White misses his chance. With 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.e6!



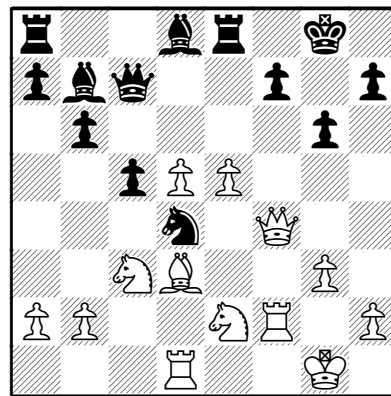
he has every opportunity to wipe Black out: 22...fxe6 (22...Rf8 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Qf2+ Kg7 26.Ne4!±;

22...dxc3 23.exf7+ Kg7 24.fxe8Q Qxe8 25.Qxc3+ Kh6 26.Rf3+-) 23.Bxg6 Rf8 24.Rxd4! Rxf2 25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Qxf2 Kxh7 27.Qf7+ Kh8 28.Rg4 Qg8 29.Qh5+ Qh7 30.Qe5+ It's a bit surprising that the young man overlooks this shot. Too much respect for his opponent perhaps?

21...Bh4

In the end, provoking g2-g3 will make all the difference, so this is an important moment to note.

22.g3 Bd8 23.Qf4 Qc7 24.Kg1

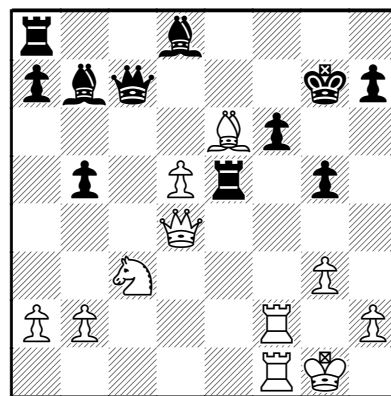


24...g5

Not 24...Rxe5 when 25.d6 overloads the black Queen 25...Qxd6 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qxb7.

25.Qg4 Rxe5 26.Nxd4 cxd4

27.Qxd4 f6 28.Bf5 b5 29.Be6+ Kg7 30.Rdf1

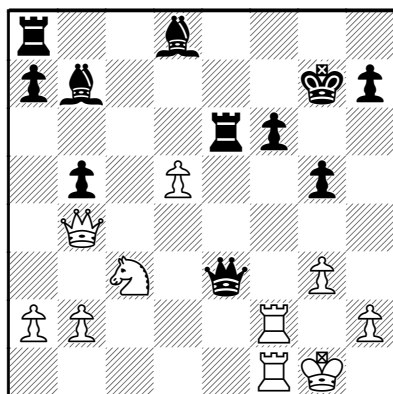


Black's game has been hanging on a thread for the past ten moves or so, but there will be a surprising twist in the tail.

30...Qb6! 31.Qg4 Qe3 32.Qb4

32.Nd1 Qd3.

32...Rxe6!



Black seizes his chance! Until now Black's ambitions have been purely defensive, but when the counterattack comes, it comes with tremendous force.

33.dxe6 Qxe6 34.Nxb5

34.Qxb5 Bb6-+

34...Qd5 35.Rf3 Bb6+ 36.Kg2 Re8

37.Nd6 Re2+ 38.Kh3 h5 39.Nf5+

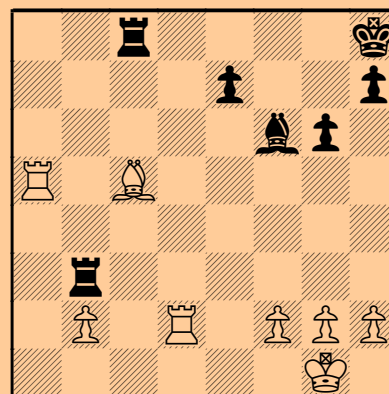
Qxf5+ 0-1

It's mate after 40 Rxf5 Bg2! I suppose the lesson to be learned here is perseverance and one develops this quality best by believing in one's own ability. When a player is positive, the sky is the limit!



PRIZE

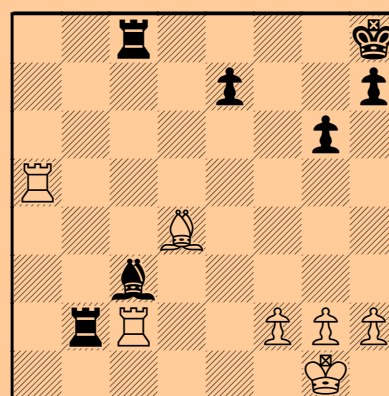
APRIL (ANSWER)



After 1...Bc3 White resigned. Was that the right thing to do? **1...♔c3!?**

[From the game Tischbierek-Wahls, Bremen 1998. 1...♖xb2 was the alternative: 2.♖xb2 ♔xb2 3.♔f1 ♔f6 when the draw is imminent.]

2.♖c2! Resigns was definitely NOT the right move. White survives after 2.Rc2. **2...♖xb2** [2...♔xa5 3.♔d4+ ♔g8 4.♖xc8+] **3.♔d4+!**



Maybe this is the move that is difficult to see. **3...♔g8 4.♖xb2**

♔xa5= 1/2-1/2

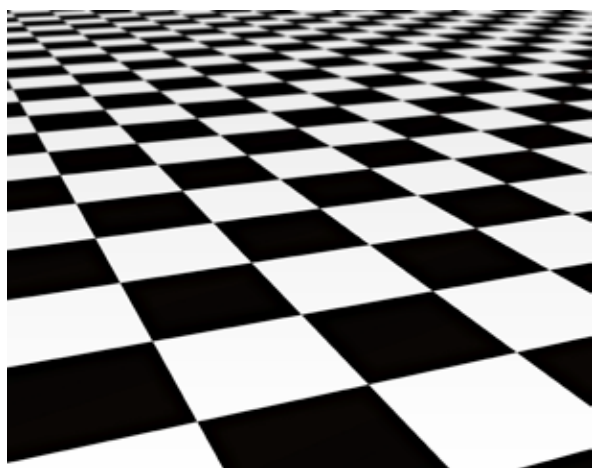
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also lost to Matthew and drew with Michael and Beatrice Steele (4th) who lost to Matthew and Seth Tsang.

Rohan Bansal, Matthew Fanning and Aditya Mavinkurve all gained their second squad norms although surprisingly no one got a first norm. Finally I would like to thank all at Royal Wolverhampton School for their hard work before and during the event, it has been so easy to work with them. The arbiting team of Marc Shaw and Gerald Jacobs worked quietly and efficiently whilst Victor Cross was always on hand to help. Alec Webster took the entries and sorted out the finances whilst without the support of parents and players we would not have an event; my grateful thanks to all of you.

Finally in 2012 we are due to move south. If anyone has any ideas regarding a venue for the event (ideally for two years) please could they let Marc Shaw know.

Peter Purland



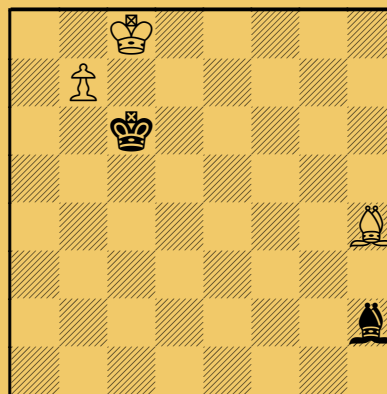
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Winning with Bishops of Opposite Colour

Centurini

1847



I never tire of the following beautiful example. White must find the way to drive Black's Bishop off the h2-b8 diagonal.

1.Bh4 Kb6 2.Bf2+ Ka6 3.Bc5!

Forcing Black's Bishop out of the corner in order to gain a tempo: 3.Be3 Bd6 4.Bg5 Kb5 5.Bd8 Kc6 6.Be7 Bh2 has not achieved the aim.

3...Bg3

3...Be5 4.Be7; 3...Bf4 4.Be7.

4.Be7 Kb5 5.Bd8 Kc6

The original position is revisited except that Black's Bishop is on a more exposed square.

6.Bh4!

Gaining the vital winning tempo.

6...Bh2 7.Bf2 Bf4 8.Ba7

Bh2 9.Bb8! Bg1 10.Bg3 Ba7

11.Bf2! 1-0

Superb!

DISTANT DANGER

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1	f4	d5
2	e3	Nf6
3	Nf3	g6
4	b3	Bg7
5	Bb2	Nbd7
6	c4	e6
7	Qc2	c5
8	Nc3	0-0
9	h4	dx4
10	Bxc4	Qe7

by Sondar

Vader Mekon surveyed the scene. He stood on the battlements of his high palace and looked out on the plain. In the distance he could see the Jedic hordes, massed and menacing, but far, far away. To his left he spied a chip backed by a straightener, and to his right, diagonally across the plain, he spotted the fair Helena, who had slid off the back ranks and was aiming at – what? Above her was a jester and above that a long-sword. Vader Mekon thought he could also see another long-sword lurking in the bushes, just behind the jester, but he could not be sure and anyway, they all seemed a long way away.

Then he looked at his own defences and noted with satisfaction the long-sword, a riddler, a straightener and the green torens all clustered around him. Not far off was his consort Amazonia. In the past he would have sent her off on a punitive raiding mission, but now he preferred her by his side, safe, secure, impregnable.

In fact, he had already made peace overtures to the Jedic horde early in the conflict, but they kept banging on about past grievances, past injustices, which should have been dead and buried (along with the Jeds themselves) long ago. Just how far back did they expect him to go? To the Klingon era? Or maybe someone was going to resuscitate those poor benighted earthlings. Ho! Ho! That would be a puzzle for the geneticists: “create a race of intelligent humans which will not self destruct within 3 millennia”. Vader Mekon chuckled at his little joke, juxtaposing the words “intelligent” and “human” in the same sentence. No, certain things were clear and obvious. The solar system existed; Mekonta was its capital; and he, Vader Mekon, Lord of the Darkside, was the supreme ruler – was, is, and always would be.

Vader Mekon shuffled off to bed muttering to himself, and left the defences of the palace to his underlings.

He was awakened some hours later by a loud banging and furious shouting. He rushed, or rather staggered, out of bed to survey the damage. It seemed there had been a fracas outside the palace where a chip had advanced on the far left, and had been destroyed by a riddler. A straightener then killed the riddler and was in turn pulverised by a green toreen. Vader Mekon cursed himself for leaving the defences of his palace in the hands of minions, who were wont, acting on their own, to react with unparalleled ferocity and at the same time with unparalleled stupidity. Just because the enemy offers battle, that doesn't mean you have to accept it! Now there was a huge gash in the palace walls and a jester had leapt in to threaten invasion by the distant Helena!

Vader Mekon mopped his brow and considered his options. He could order his toreen to advance, which would save the toreen, but do nothing to stop Helena invading and sacking the palace. No, he would have to support the poor midget in some way. He could advance a toreen to block Helena, but then the central toreen would fall to a long-sword and the defences would be overrun.

Swiftly Vader Mekon ordered his last riddler to move to the aid of the toreen, then sank back in his chair. The damage had been repaired; the Jedic forces were held at bay and would soon be repulsed with heavy losses.

Suddenly a jester sprang into the middle of the fray and aimed a savage blow at Amazonia. But this was madness: the jester would be cut down long before he reached her. Pah! Were the Jedic foes hoping that Vader Mekon was so senile that he would use his own riddler to destroy the jester? Of course not! That job could easily be done by a toreen. The jester was slain and fell to earth, writhing in fury, a bloody sacrifice to the god of war. But then a long-sword, whose presence Vader Mekon had noted but not comprehended, emerged from the rear of the Jedic army, rushed across the plain and struck down the defending riddler. The long-sword then turned upon Amazonia, who, however, was quite able to defend herself and, after a brief struggle, the long-sword was hurled to the ground. Amazonia leapt upon his prostrate body and yelled in triumph while the army cheered her on. Yet, glancing at her Lord for approval, she read from his ashen face that all was not well and the howls died in her throat. A hush descended on both armies, one side transfixed in horror, the other scarcely daring to hope. Helena freed herself from her moorings, rose into the air, and, speeding across the plain, struck the edge toreen with such force that he was thrown completely out of the palace. She then landed on the space next to Vader Mekon and gazed deep into his terrified, defeated eyes; and at that point the lights went out all over Mekonta.

Frydek Mistek 2010

Monday 29th March

The party met at some unearthly hour and consisted of three leaders, Victor Cross, Peter Purland and Bernie Hoare who very kindly volunteered to come so we could take our girls. We had three girls; Megan Cleeves, Chantelle Foster and Amy Hoare; two FIDE-rated players Matthew Daggitt and Steven Jones; ten U14s, Peter Batchelor, Nicholas Clanchy, Miles Edwards-Wright, Daniel Noel, Ramsay Pyper, Raunak Rao, Gautham Reddier, Frank Sabin, Kazuki Topham and Pierre Weller; three U12s, Raphael Kalid, Conor Murphy and Otto Pyper. Everyone was there by 0450 and we proceeded to check in. We had some problems there as they have changed the age limits and all 12-16s had to be reregistered. This was done for free and with no complaints but it took time. We then went straight through security out to the gate and on to the plane. The flight was very smooth and we arrived 10 minutes early. Local transport was negotiated safely (although Frank was shut out of a Metro) and we got the Euro City straight to Ostrava. However, disasters, there was no restaurant car or even a drinks seller. We survived and caught our local to Frydek where Vasha met us. We then settled down in the hotel and had our evening meal before our first meeting and some free time before bed.

Tuesday 30th March

Today we had our lie in – 0815 breakfast!! We were on the road just after 0900 and went to the OKD Museum of Mining in Ostrava. We started off our tour by going underground. The mine is used for training and the former 622m shaft has been capped at 5m but you are still underground and have to wear hard hats – a problem for Megan and her headgear! We were shown various mining techniques from early times to the equipment used when the mine shut in 1991. The guide only spoke Czech but was good. Vashek translated and I added what information I knew, which kept the players well informed. We then visited the mine rescue headquarters and museum, (the biggest one in Europe) where, as well as seeing some well presented displays the players were able to sample the training course (although not in dense smoke!) All had one go although Matthew definitely decided chess was easier whilst the smaller party members sped round time after time. We then looked at the pit head baths, the chapel to St Barbara and the reconstruction of the first use of bituminous coal for fire which occurred here 22000 years ago. Then it was time for lunch which was soup followed by chicken escallops (which went down well in both ways) and souvenir buying. Next stop was the Avion shopping mall and 135 minutes of shopping (or sleeping and reading for the chairman). Finally it was back to the hotel, evening meal, meeting and some non consultation inter room chess before bed. This was won by Nick

and Ramsey from Steven and Matthew.

Wednesday 31st March

We were up at 0700 and in breakfast for 0730. The coach left at 0830 and we spent the morning visiting two castles. The first was Stramberk and the second Stara Jicin. At Stramberk we walked through the village then climbed the steps to the tower which is all that remains of the fortress. We had a walk up the tower looking at the oubliette and the spiral staircase before going out on the viewing platform. There were good views over the valley despite some rain. We then did souvenir buying before returning to the coach and moving on to Stara Jicin. Here the castle dates back to the 12th century (the oldest in Moldavia) and was owned by the same lord as Hukvaldy and Halstein. The castle was destroyed by an accidental fire in the seventeenth century and has been decaying ever since. The gate tower was rebuilt in 1995 and we saw the exhibition in that and also wandered through the ruins. We then walked back to the town for lunch – a very handsome repast of garlic soup and cheese and ham in breadcrumbs. We then had a fairly long drive to our usual swimming pool where we enjoyed ourselves in pool, hot tub and sauna. Our final stop was Tesco's for some supplies after which I went to sort out the payments to the organisers while Victor took the group in to Mistek. After dinner we had our usual meeting then split in to football watchers and chess fanatics until the usual bed time. The 10 second event was won by Raunak and Raphael.

Thursday 1st April

The wake up call was 0730 today with an 0800 breakfast. We then went to the National House where they had a (relatively) short opening ceremony before start of play. The numbers seemed to be slightly up but the number of countries was down. We had a very good first round with 11½/16 followed by a second round of 9/16. Both U12s and girls were on 5/6 with no losses whilst 5 of the U14s were undefeated. At lunch time we had team photos and then played football and most of us returned to the hotel at 1845 in time for dinner at 1930. In the evening we had "Millionaire" with three rooms getting 500,000 and a play off later in the week.

Friday 2nd April

The usual wake up was greeted with foul weather. We had breakfast at 0800 then made our way in to the playing area. The morning round was our worst so far with only 7 points being scored and we went to visit the Marian Church at lunch to ask for divine help. We were given a lift in cars and had a very interesting tour of a beautiful church. Something helped us in the afternoon as we scored 10 points including 8 wins! This boosted us above our team target by a point. Our leading players are Amy Hoare (3½) in the girls, Conor Murphy (3) in the U12s and Pierre Weller (3) in the U14s. We then made our way home and, after dinner, did some problem solving before the usual bed time. Our top problem solvers were Steven and Matthew.

Saturday 3rd April

Today was nice and sunny and we were

up at the usual time. And went down to breakfast. We then went to the hall for 0900 start. Chantelle won the best game prize for round three, hopefully only our first prize. The morning went fairly well and we scored $9\frac{1}{2}$ points with Conor winning and Pierre drawing although Amy lost and was overtaken by Chantelle who beat Megan. As there was only a one hour break for lunch we had no football. The afternoon session started well although it ended poorly so we only scored $7\frac{1}{2}$. However Conor drew to reach $4\frac{1}{2}$ and was joined by Raphael, Chantelle drew and was joined on $4\frac{1}{2}$ by Amy whilst Pierre won and also reached $4\frac{1}{2}$. We returned to the hotel for the evening meal and then came back for the simul. 13 of our players managed a game and we had draws from Megan against Sergei Bereziuk (IM 2399), Pierre and Amy against Dimitry Lubin (IM 2413) and Nicholas against Michal Luch (IM 2403). We then walked home and had some free time before going to bed.

Sunday 4th April

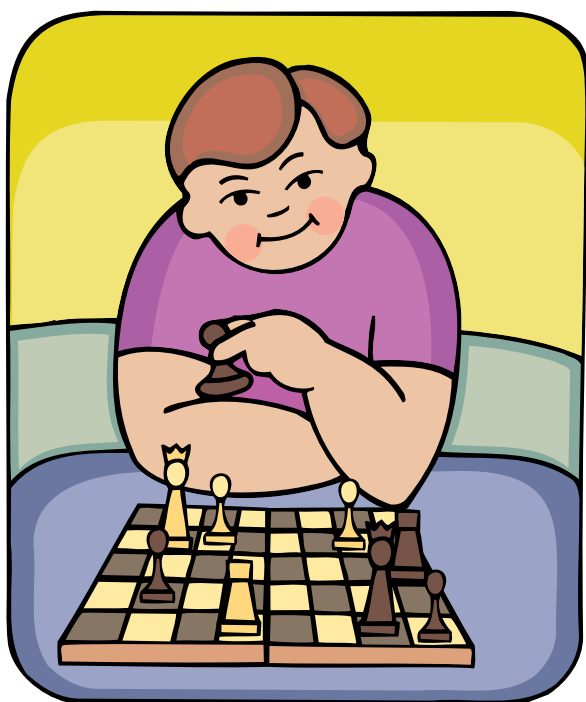
This turned out another good day weather wise and is always the crunch day for our hopes of prizes. We have 5 on $4\frac{1}{2}$ so there are hopes remaining. Meanwhile the others will be striving to reach their targets. We were consistent today scoring 8 in each round but the high point had to be Steven Jones who, having recovered from a poor start reached $3\frac{1}{2}/6$ and went on to record two further wins today making five wins on the bounce and reaching $5\frac{1}{2}$. In the U14s only Peter (on 5) is in with a chance of a

prize, in the U12s Conor on 6.5 and Raphael on $5\frac{1}{2}$ both have good chances of prizes whilst in the girls Amy on 6 and Chantelle on $5\frac{1}{2}$ should be in the prizes. We will probably fall just short of our target unless we have a very good round tomorrow. On the social side we played Belarus at soccer and lost 5-4 (Pierre 2, Frank and Kaz) but it was a good game and very close at the end. The evening activity was preparation and we also went to bed half an hour earlier as the round starts at 0800!

Monday 5th April

Unfortunately this was not a good day for outdoor activities and in the afternoon we were forced to cancel the town trail. However in the chess we were far more successful. The first piece of good news was the U12 leader had drawn leaving the way open for Conor to win the tournament if he could win. Although he confessed it was not his best game of the tournament he did enough to win and become champion. Raphael also won and claimed third place. In the girls the top player won and could not be caught so both Amy and Chantelle settled for draws to gain second and third place respectively. Megan also won and came fifth. In the U14s Peter won and hoped and, in fact, secured sixth place. Steven lost and was just outside the prizes but nevertheless had a very good tournament. In the team tournament we came second equal but were third on tie break but still got a cake that sufficed all of us except Steven. We had one great surprise at the prize

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JUNIOR CHESS OPENINGS

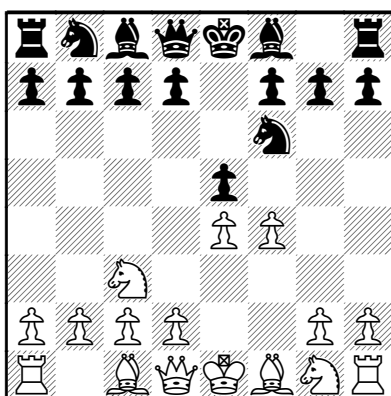
VIENNA GAMBIT

Kogan, Artur (2515) - Garcia Luque, Agustin (2335)

[C29]

Suances open, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4!?



This is the Vienna Gambit, an ideal opening for young players as it teaches the art of attack. In the style of the King's Gambit White develops quickly, opens

the f file and tries to attack f7. White also sets a couple of early traps.

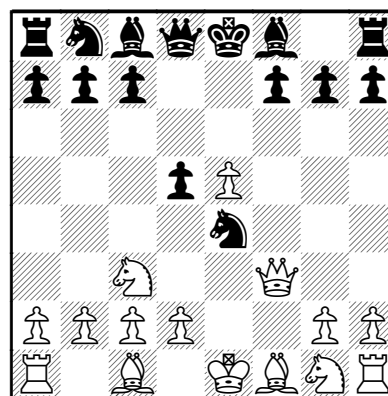
3...d5

3...exf4? is very bad for Black, as his Knight must return to base. 4.e5 Ng8 (4...Qe7 5.Qe2 Ng8); Meanwhile 3...Nc6? 4.fxe5 Nxe5 5.d4 leaves White in full command of the centre.

4.fxe5 Nxe4

Now White has tried both 5 d3 and 5 Nf3, but maybe it is time to revisit a very old idea of Rudolf Spielmann.

5.Qf3!?

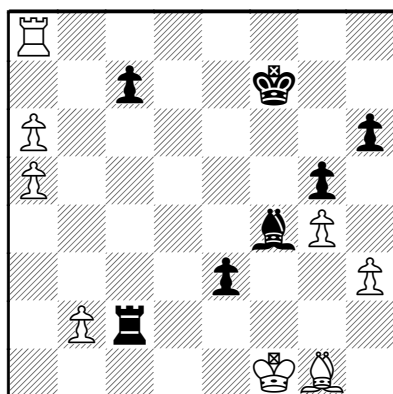


A real surprise. A similar idea exists in the Latvian Gambit: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 Nxe5 Qf6 White can sometimes transfer his Queen to g3 to aid a Kingside attack. You will see from the coming games that even very strong players have lost to this aggressive plan.

5...Nxc3

5...Nc6 6.Bb5 Nxc3 7.dxc3 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qe4+ 9.Qxe4 dxe4 10.Bf4 h6 11.Ne2 g5 12.Be3 Bg7 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.Nxc6 a6 16.Bc4 Bxc6 17.Bxe6 Rd8 18.0-0 Bd5 19.Bf5 0-0 20.a3 b6 21.g4 Rfe8 22.h3 Bc4 23.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Be6 25.Bxe6+ Rxe6 26.a4 Kf7 27.a5 b5 28.Rd8 Be5 29.Ra8 Rc6 30.Kf1 b4 31.cxb4

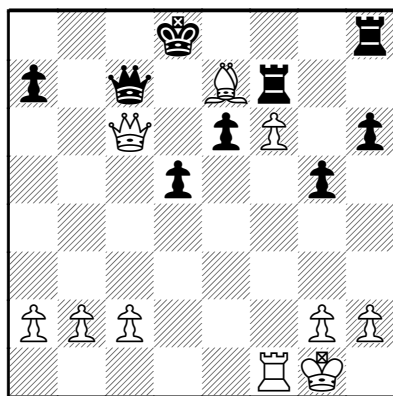
Rxc2 32.b5 Bf4 33.Bg1 e3 34.bxa6



1-0 Nakamura,H (2658)-Yermolinsky,A (2511)/Stillwater 2007.

6.dxc3 Nc6

6...Be6 7.Qg3 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Ng5 Qd7 10.Bb5 0-0-0 11.0-0 h6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Be3 g5 14.Rf6 Be7 15.Rf7 Rdf8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Raf1 Qe8 18.Qg4 Kd7 19.R7f6 Bxf6 20.exf6 Rf7 21.Bxc5 Qb8 22.c4 Qe5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Qa4+ Kd8 25.Qc6 Qc7 26.Be7+

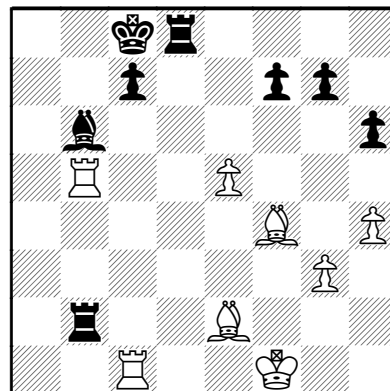


1-0 Belkhodja,S (2423)-Le Borgne,P (2000)/Queven 1999.

7.Bf4

7.Qg3!? Be7 8.Nf3 is very interesting.
7...Be6 8.Nh3 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qg4 10.Qe3 0-0-0 11.Nf2 d4 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxg4 Nxc2+ 14.Kf2 Nxe3 15.Nxe3 Rd2+ 16.Be2 Bc5 17.Rhc1

Bb6 18.Ke1 Rxb2 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 Rd8 21.a4 Ba5+ 22.Kf1 h6 23.h4 a6 24.Rac1 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Rc5 Bb6 27.Rxb5 1-0



Ideas are what we need to win chess games. I hope this small article puts a useful idea in your way.

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giving when Megan became Miss Frydek Mistek 2010. She looked fetching in her tiara! We were also lucky in the raffle with Nicholas, Raunak and Ramsay winning prizes. With the rather foul weather we were forced back to the hotel until it was time to go bowling where we met the Holusa Family and enjoyed two hours bowling before returning to the hotel for evening meal. We then had a chat about selection and gave out our prizes before some time for packing prior to going to bed at 2245.

Tuesday 6th April

We had a real lie in with an 0900 breakfast followed by packing and a last trip in to town. The journey back was painless and we landed in Gatwick on time at 2255 where the players dispersed.

Peter Purland

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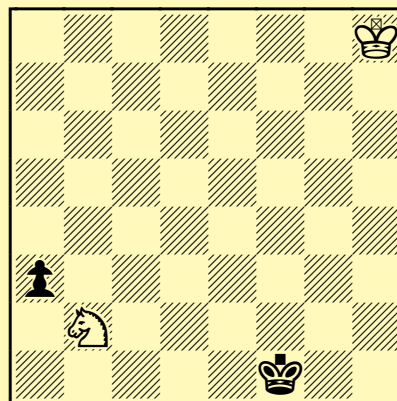
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ANSWER

MARCH PUZZLE



Can White, to move, successfully stop the Black pawn?

1.Nc4 No, unfortunately not, but he can try.

1...a2 2.Nd2+ Ke2 3.Nb3 Kd1!

The killer blow, taking up the diagonal opposition to the Knight and simply threatening ...Kc2.

4.Kg7 Kc2 5.Na1+ Kb2 0-1

Best Answers to Quiz on page 12

1. **1. Nxc6**
2. **1. Ng5+ (1.Nd6+ Bxd6 2.Qe6+ Kf8 3.Bxd6+)**
3. **1... Ng4**
4. **1... Bc2 2. Qa3 Nd3 3.Bg5 f6**
5. **1. Rh3**
6. **1.Rxe7 Nxe7 2.Qxf6+ Kg8 3.Bc3**

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