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**Minsk Trip 30th
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2010**

Sunday May 30th

At the appointed time of 5.45 a.m. everyone had arrived at Heathrow T4, all the visas had been received and there was no queue at the check-in desk... what a start! We sat together on the A319 Airbus flight to Prague but on the Prague – Minsk

flight (Boeing 737) we all had either aisle or window seats. Maybe there was a method but it did seem mad. Our passports were examined minutely in Minsk, some using a magnifying glass. Gennady, our contact from Frydek-Mistek, Victoria, the wife of the chess school director and her son Vlad, wanted to practise his English met us in arrivals.

Their currency not being available in England we all queued to change our money. After I had changed £500 for the Junior Squad the cashier was exhausted and went off for a coffee break leaving the team standing there. We decided not to wait and to change theirs later because the bus was waiting. I now know what it feels like to be a millionaire; I got around 2,000,000 Roubles in exchange. As usual we discovered that transport was cheap, but apparently it is more expensive for Americans and Russians.

Our accommodation was in the BTNU University almost opposite their answer to Harrods. Our first impressions were of a city with wide open dual carriageways right into the centre, wide pavements and cycle-ways, occupied almost exclusively by people under thirty and older men in shiny expensive suits. There were trees, grass and parks throughout the city and in one of these was a fairground. We couldn't resist and enjoyed the big wheel, the twisting shells and another ride called the kolobok which translates to "pancakes" and involved spinning around upside-down while fastened securely in a harness. This left us with an appetite and we dined at a restaurant a

short walk from our hotel where all the food was laid out waiting to be selected. Some were braver than others and a meal containing just chips and roast potatoes was vetoed. After a meeting we went to bed to discover the design flaw in the hotel. Victoria had told us the new metro system, of which they were very proud, was thirty metres below ground. On the evidence of regular earthquakes in our fourth floor rooms it is not deep enough!

Monday 31st May

Gennady met us in reception and took us to find somewhere open for breakfast. We found a café in our block and he translated some items of the menu. Various combinations of fried eggs, bread and cheese were served and some was consumed. At the third attempt we managed to change money for the team and were then taken to the chess school on the tube. 3 stops on the blue line then 2 stops on the red line seemed simple enough. We then entered "School No. 11 Sport Children Junior School of Olympic Reserve for Chess & Checkers". The chess room was

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equipped with fifty wooden chess tables with inlaid chess piece decorations. We played their second team and lost 3-5 at 1½ hours each + 30 sec./move. We had our chances but didn't take as many as we should have and committed a couple of mistakes in better positions. It was a good warm-up and we knew we could play better against their first team in the afternoon. We ate at a café round the corner from the chess school (you will forgive me for not giving it its full title!) and could again order by pointing at the food. We played much better against a stronger team in the afternoon, winning 5½-2½ overall and 4½-1½ on the top five boards. We then found our own way back on the tube, patronised the same restaurant near the hotel and after our meeting went to bed.

Tuesday 1st June

After a twenty-five minute lie in (such generosity) we returned to our café for breakfast for the pancakes we had ordered yesterday. Those filled with apple went down better than those filled with chicken, probably because of the onions and spices. Adam helped us verify we really had apple when he found a stalk in his. After a tube journey to the chess

school and some shopping for souvenirs, drinks and chocolate, Victoria took us on a walking tour of the old town, called Trinity Suburb. Someone walked past us in a Nazi uniform and we realised we were on the verge of trespassing on a film set. We also visited the WW II Museum where many touching stories highlighted some of the consequences of war and the enormous resilience and resourcefulness of the human species. Lunch at McDonald's proved popular after we negotiated their different interpretations of a familiar menu.

Our chess match today was at the Republic Chess School of Olympic Preparation, a stronger team than we had faced thus far. We lost 3-5 but again had chances and could easily have drawn or won with just one or two more accurate moves at crucial stages. We were really impressed with the standard of chess offered. It is rare on a first visit to get such closely matched contests and we could not have asked more of our hosts. We were less impressed with the toilets where no toilet paper was provided; you had to use torn-up computer pairing lists instead. We were amazed at the laxity of the rules on mobile phones. We lost count of the number of parents who had their



phone go off while watching games. Later the nearby pizza restaurant was reluctant to serve us but we persevered and eventually got separate tables and a combined bill. We went back on a bendy-bus and entertained the locals with a game on the pivot point which mainly involved falling over. No changes were necessary and we even managed to get off at the right stop for our hotel. It was good to see the city as we travelled through it, a privilege not offered on the tube. After our meeting and a little free time we were ready for bed.

Wednesday 2nd June

At breakfast the usual girl who spoke some English was not there. Dominic and Daniel knew some Russian and were working through the menu when a waitress approached with a mobile phone. They had rung up the absentee and our order was made in a mixture of English and Russian to her and then relayed to the waitress after a hand-over. The fact that we got most of what we wanted was a minor miracle.

The weather had been hot with the occasional shower and today was forecast to be 27 degrees centigrade for our city tour by coach. The English speaking guide was excellent and treated us to the best bits of an "ancient" and modern city dating from 1067 with the oldest building still standing built in the 1650's. 9/10 of the city had been destroyed during WW II so it currently has an open, modern feel with grass, parks, wide tree-lined avenues, cycle paths and pavements. Much of the city centre around Independence

Prospekt was rebuilt during the 1950's and 60's but there are many ongoing construction projects and cranes everywhere. We saw the latest developments: the European Championship Velodrome, the National Library and the new Ice Rink and Ice Hockey Stadium where Victoria complained it was cold. We saw two contrasting churches, one with a modern icon of such a recent saint that many people in the city were her contemporaries. After an enjoyable and informative three hours we returned to the café near the chess school for lunch.

Before the chess today, a 7 Round 15 Minute tournament, we decided we couldn't live without replenishing our supplies of drinks and chocolate. Suitably equipped we got stuck into the chess. Our round scores ranged from 3½/8 to 6/8 (twice). Marcus and Aidan were in the leading group all the way with Aidan just pipping Marcus to a medal in round seven.

Our gastronomy rating had been slipping since MacDonald's and it reached a new low with micro-waved hot dogs at the chess club. These were followed by cakes and prepared us for the eagerly anticipated football match. 8-a-side required no substitutions for us and the team was well organised and committed. The match followed a familiar course; we took the lead, they got a last minute equaliser, we were level after extra-time and since it then went to penalties you know what happened next. During the match gifts were exchanged with our hosts Victoria, Andre the Director and

Gennady the Arbiter. We were told they were impressed with our team and were invited to return, and sooner rather than later. After the tube back to the hotel and a short meeting it was time for bed.

Thursday 3rd June

We were ready by 8.45 and packed by 9.30 before a 9.35 breakfast. At the café we were ready for anything now but were still surprised. After a short wait they just brought breakfast without us even ordering it. Hot cheese, tomato and ham on bread went down well with most of us and were washed down with grape juice well disguised as cranberry.

Victoria met us outside at 10.45 with a mini-bus to take us to the airport. We said our goodbyes at a deserted departures set-down point. Inside the terminal I produced a sheaf of notes and could only get Euros in exchange. So many of their smaller notes are worthless in real terms.

At the gate we were scanned with our entire luggage before checking anything in, then scanned again with just cabin baggage not twenty yards away. We then boarded the bus to be taken to the plane, just thirty yards away! Czech Airlines had chartered a Belair plane for our journey and we were greeted with a sweet before take-off. The flight was smooth and the four and a half hours at Prague airport passed quickly while playing Cheat and visiting KFC. The staff could not stand the tension of the card game and went shopping. Rolls were again handed out with hot and cold drinks on our final flight and the tracking screen displayed decorative green loops as we were kept waiting over Kent for our turn to land. We were soon reunited with our bags and then our parents at an efficient Heathrow T4.

R.V.Cross
4.6.10



EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

**by Andrew Martin
International Master**

Welcome to the latest edition of the Right Move for August 2010. I am very glad that all ECF members are now receiving this publication. I would like to thank Lorin D. Costa for his kind contributions to this issue and all others who have offered to help. Your assistance will make this a better magazine! Please keep sending in your articles! Write to me at: a.martin2007@yahoo.co.uk



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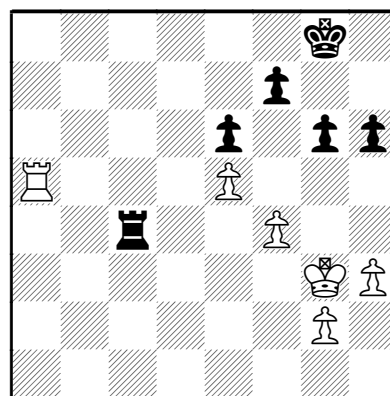
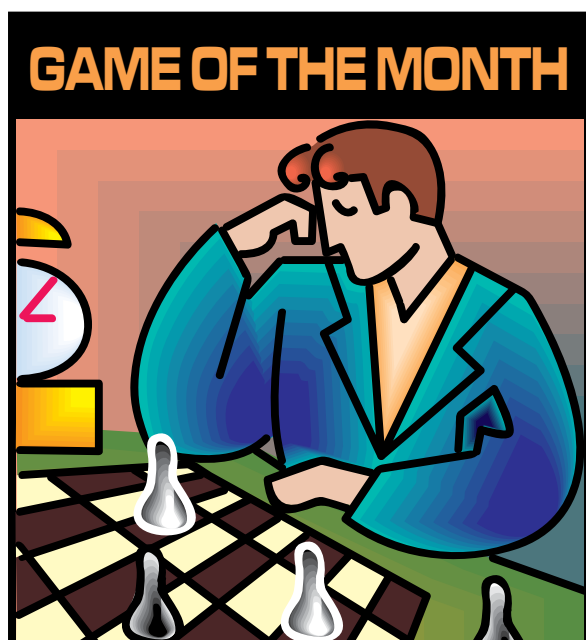
Ponomarev (2737) - Carlsen (2813)

[D87]

Amber 2010 Rapid, Nice 2010

This month's game features a notorious recent Rook endgame. Ponomarev will have nightmares about what happened, but we can all learn from Carlsen's will to win.

**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 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7
11.Rb1 Rd8 12.Bf4 Be5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5
14.Bb3 Ng4 15.Ng3 Qf4 16.h3 Nf6
17.e5 Nd5 18.Ne2 Qe4 19.Ng3 Qf4
20.dxc5 Be6 21.Qd4 b6 22.Ne2 Qf5
23.cxb6 Nxb6 24.Qf4 Rac8 25.Qxf5
Bxf5 26.Rbd1 Bd3 27.Rfe1 a5 28.Nf4
Bc4 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Re4 Bxb3
31.axb3 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Rb1 33.c4 Rxb3
34.c5 Nd7 35.c6 Nb6 36.Rd4 Rc3
37.Nd5 Nxd5 38.Rxd5 Rxc6 39.Rxa5
Rc4 40.Kg3 e6 41.f4 h6**



Who could believe Ponomarev would lose this position, a top Grand-

master! White's pawn structure is a little more exposed, but there is very little else to bite on. All players can learn from Carlsen's attitude. He constructs the following plan:

1) Apply psychological pressure by not offering a draw. Play to the death. Fischer used similar methods.

2) Isolate and try to win the e5-pawn.

3) Advance the e- and f-pawns thereafter. The problem for White is that he has no corresponding plan to get counterplay. Still, he can and should draw.

42.Kf3

Surely 42.h4 g5 43.hxg5 hxg5 44.fxg5 Kg7 45.Kf3 should hold the position.

42...Rc3+ 43.Kf2?!

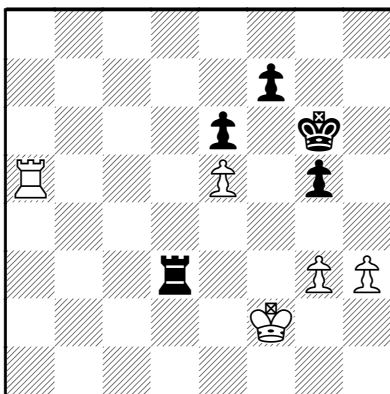
He must take positive action: 43.Kg4 Kg7 44.g3 (44.h4?? h5+ 45.Kg5 Rg3#) 44...g5 45.h4=

43...g5 44.fxg5 hxg5 45.Ra4 Kg7

46.Rg4 Kh6 47.g3

47.h4!

47...Kh5 48.Ra4 Kg6 49.Ra5 Rd3



50.h4

White can draw with 50.Rb5 Rd5 (50...Kf5 51.Rb7) 51.Rxd5 exd5 52.Ke3 Kf5 53.Kd4 Ke6 54.h4 gxh4 55.gxh4

f6= It's amazing he misses this chance, although it was a rapid game.

50...gxh4 51.gxh4 Rd7 52.Ke3 Rb7

53.Kf4 Rb4+ 54.Kg3 Kf5 55.Ra7 Rg4+

56.Kf3 Rg7 57.Ra5 Rg1 58.Rb5

58.Ra7 Kxe5 59.Rxf7 Rf1+

58...Ra1 59.Rc5 Ra3+ 60.Kf2 Ke4

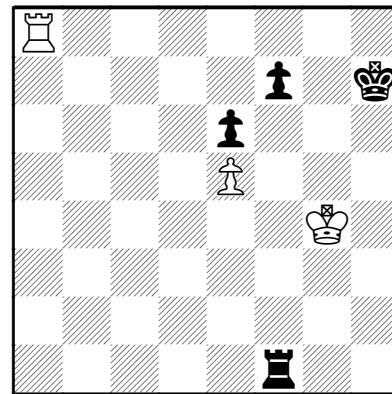
61.h5 Ra8 62.Kg3 Kf5 63.Kh4 Ra4+

64.Kg3 Rg4+ 65.Kf3 Rf4+ 66.Kg3 Kg5

67.h6 Rg4+ 68.Kf3 Rh4 69.Rc7 Kg6

70.Rc8 Rxh6 71.Kg4 Rh1 72.Rg8+ Kh7

73.Ra8 Rf1



At this stage, I am sure that White was completely hacked off.

74.Ra2 Kg6 75.Rg2 Rf5 76.Re2 Kg7

77.Kg3 Kf8 78.Re4 Ke7 79.Kg4 Kd7

80.Rd4+ Kc6 81.Rd6+ Kc7 82.Rd1

Rxe5 83.Rf1 f5+ 84.Kg5 Kd6 85.Kf6

Re4 86.Rd1+ Kc5 87.Rd8 f4 88.Kg5

e5 89.Kg4 Re3 90.Rd1 Kc4 91.Rd2 f3

92.Kg3 e4 93.Kf2 Rd3 94.Ra2 Kd4

95.Ra4+ Ke5 96.Kg3 Rd2 97.Ra5+ Kd4

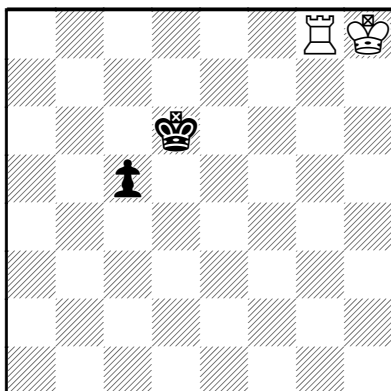
98.Ra4+ Ke3 99.Ra3+ Ke2 100.Kf4 f2

0-1

Let us all be inspired by this marathon example. Fight to the death!

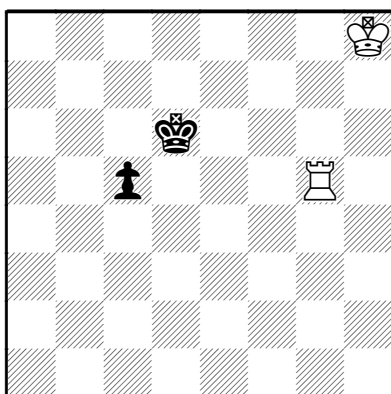


PUZZLE ANSWER for JULY



**White to play.
What result?**

1.Rg5!



An excellent and instructive move, cutting off the black King. White wins now:

1...c4

1...Kc6 2.Kg7 Kb5 3.Kf6 Kb4 4.Ke5 c4
5.Kd4 c3 6.Rc5.

2.Kg7 c3 3.Rg3 c2 4.Rc3 1-0

Secondary Schools' Tournament

This was held in conjunction with the primary schools' championships at Pontins Brean Sands and comprised 2 U18 and 3 U16 teams (who played an apa together) as well as 5 U14 and 5 U12 who combined to play a form of Swiss tournament.

In the U18s Queen Elizabeths went in to the final round half a point ahead of King Edward's Camp Hill whilst in the U16s King Edward's Birmingham only dropped 3 points in the first 4 rounds and were already champions. King Edward's Camp Hill (who had already beaten Queen Elizabeth's in their match won handsomely in the final round to take the title by a single point whilst in the U16s King Edward's Birmingham were followed home by Torquay Boys and Queen Elizabeth's.

The U14s and 12s had two rounds to go and in the U14s RGS Guildford had a two point lead. This was cut to a single point going in to the last round so there was everything to play for. Both sides had to play down and Queen Elizabeth's made short work of The Hall whilst King Edward's resisted strongly against RGS which enabled Queen Elizabeth's to squeeze home by half a point with Torquay coming third.

In the U12s King Edward's Birmingham had a 4½ point lead and looked

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EPSCA SCHOOLS' FINALS 2010

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These were held at Pontins, Brean Sands on July 6th and 7th. As usual there were 8 teams in both U9 and U11 competitions whilst this year there were 4 in the small schools (which was a one day competition). With apas drawn randomly it is impossible to judge much from the first couple of rounds although from the semi-final results Eltham College had to be U11 favourites.

After 3 rounds Eltham was in the lead by 1½ points but still had their two nearest rivals to play and these were scheduled for the final two rounds. The fourth round saw Eltham stretch their lead to 2 points but with three rounds to go this is certainly not decisive. Even the 3½ point lead from round five could be whittled away in the final two rounds as there are three teams within a point vying for 2nd place. Two of these, Nottingham and Homefield played in round six whilst the third, Hallfield, played Eltham College.

Nottingham defeated Homefield 4½—½ and Eltham College won 4-1. They needed one point against Homefield to be champions and Conor Murphy quickly ensured this with his seventh straight win. The only other straight winner was the board 4 of Eltham Arul Gupta. Nottingham gained another convincing win to come second whilst Hallfield were third.

In the U9s 4 teams were within two

points of each other but round four saw this lead widen with Homefield taking a two point advantage over The Hall who were a point ahead of Nottingham High. A whitewash by The Hall saw them overtake Homefield by a point with two rounds to go.

Both teams won 4-1 in the penultimate round and The Hall secured a three and one half to one and a half victory over Nottingham High in the final round. The task of gaining 4½ in their last game proved too much for Homefield who had to settle for second, half a point ahead of Heathside in third.

In the small schools Langley Prep A and Heathside Prep established an early lead with Langley being one point ahead at the “turn round” and the two of them due to play in the final round. By the time this was reached, Langley Prep was two points ahead but still needed to score 1½ to be sure of the victory. The first two games went to Heathside making the score 16 all. Tension mounted as the final two games drew to an end and both ended up as wins for Heathside making them clear winners by 18 points to 16.

Thanks must be given to Tony Corfe and Traci Whitfield who put so much effort in to making this tournament so enjoyable and successful.

Peter Purland

ECF U18/U13 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

This year the ECF U18/U13 County Championships were held at Wilson's School, Wallington on Sunday 27th June 2010. Despite the rival attractions of England playing Germany in the world cup, 196 players took part, 96 in the U18, 96 in the U13 and 4 reserves in a small reserves tournament. The U18s played a 2 round Jamboree with 75 minutes per move whilst the U13s had 4 rounds with 30 minutes each on the clock.

As in previous years the U18 open was a 12-board event with the teams having an even spread of ability – Berks, Kent, Sussex and Warwicks all had average grades in the range 150 to 145. After the first round the event still looked close with Berks and Kent leading with 8/12 followed by Sussex and Warwicks on 6½. The second round, though, was much more one sided – only Berkshire had a positive score, with 8 wins and 4 draws, resulting in a clear victory by 4½ points from holders Kent. This appears to be the first time Berkshire has won this event since its inauguration in 1950. There was only one entry in the U18 Girls event, so Surrey won this title by default. This team then competed in the U18 minor tournament, which they won but were ineligible for the title which was taken by Sussex.

There were eight entries for the 6-board U13 Open, with Surrey 1st team being favourites with an average grade of 143 compared to second ranking Kent and Berks at 133. After 3 of the 4 rounds it was still very close – Surrey had scored 13½/18 point compared to Kent's 13 and Berks 11½. However a strong last round by Surrey 1st team in which they only lost points the Surrey 2nd team led them to finish first with 18½/24 ahead of Berks coming second with 16 points

U18 Open (12 board): 1st Berks 18/24; 2nd Kent 13½; 3rd = Warwicks and Sussex 12 5th Hants 8½, 6th Surrey 8

This is the first time that Berkshire has won this tournament

U18 Minor (6 board): 1st Surrey Girls (U18 Girls Champions) 9/12; 2nd Sussex 8½ (U18 minor Champions) 3rd Hants 3½ 4th Kent 3

U13 Open (6 board): 1st Surrey I 18½/24; 2nd Berks 16; 3rd Kent 15; 4th Surrey II 14; 5th Warks 9½; 6th Greater Manchester 9, 7th Bucks 7½; 8th Sussex 6½.

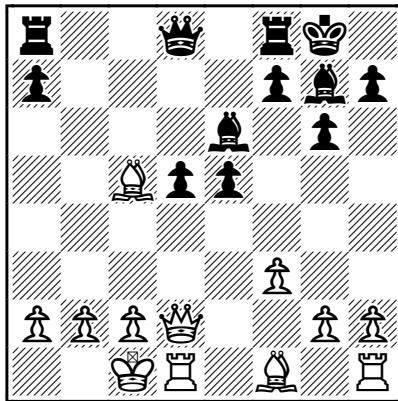
U13 Minor (6 board): Kent Girls 18½/24 ((U13 Girls Champions); 2nd = Surrey GC and Surrey EO (Surrey EO U13 Minor Champions on Board Count); 4th Hants 14½, 5th Kent 9½, 6th Sussex

9, 7th Greater Manchester 8½, 8th Greater Manchester Girls 4.

Games:

Sam Porter (Surrey) vs James Holland (Berks) ECF Under 18 Championships Bd3 (Round 2), 27.06.2010

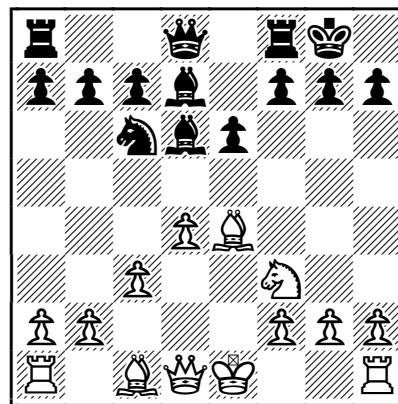
- 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7
7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.exd5 Nxd5
12.Bd4 e5 13.Bc5 Be6 14.Nxd5
cxd5**



- 15.Bb5 Rb8 16.Bc6 d4 17.Bxa7
Qc7 18.Bxb8 Qxc6 19.Qb4
Rc8 20.Kb1 Bf8 21.Qxf8+ Rxf8
22.Bxe5 Rc8 23.Bxd4 Qxc2+
24.Ka1 Ra8**

Chetan Mehta (Surrey) vs William Graham (Sussex) ECF Under 18 Championships Bd12, round 1 27.06.2010.

- 1. d4 e6 2. e3 Nf6 3. Bd3 Nc6 4. c3
d5 5. Nf3 Bd6 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. e4
dxe4 8. Nxe4 Nxe4 9. Bxe4 Bd7**



- 10. Bxh7+ Kxh7 11. Ng5+ Kg6 12.
h4 f6 13. h5+ 1-0**

Report by Organiser: Neill Cooper



Prizes were awarded by Grandmaster John Nunn



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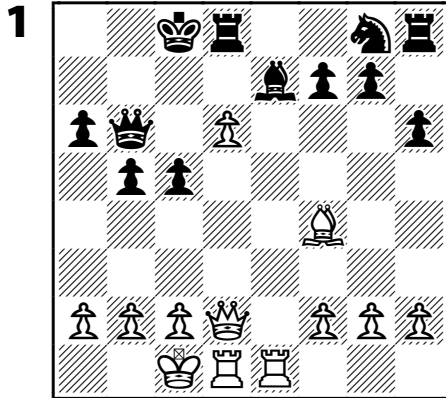
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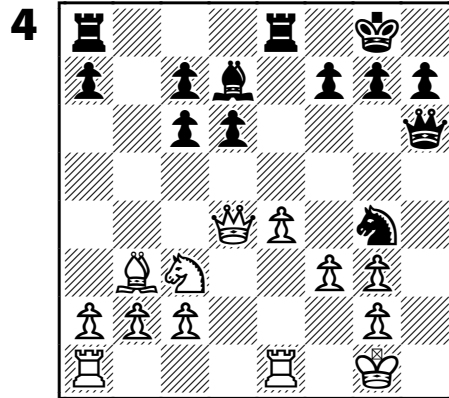
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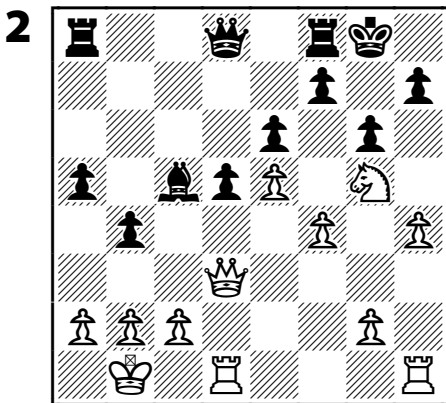
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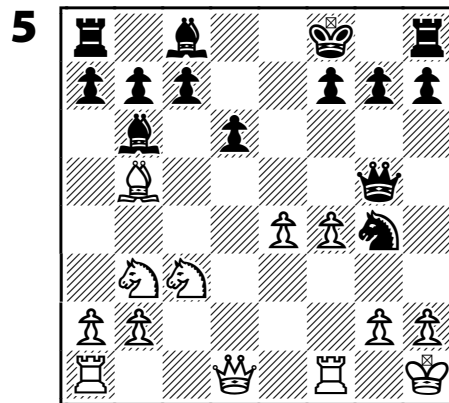
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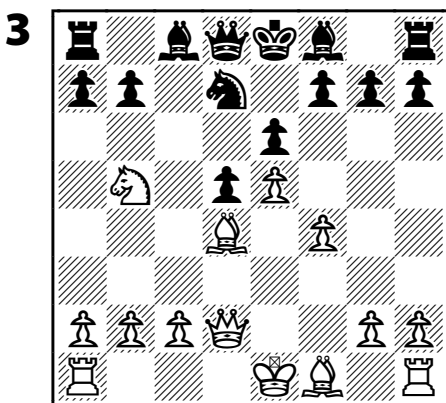
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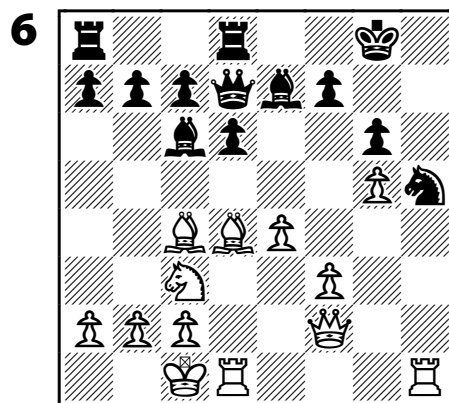
White to move and win.



Black to move and win.



White to move and win.



White to move and win.

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D'COSTA's Column...

PART II

Lesson Two

Shiatis,Rohan - Claridge-Hansen,William

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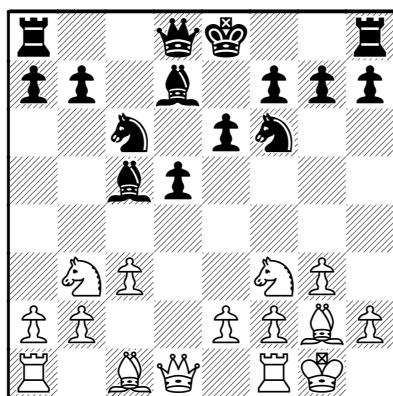
World Champs Trial U12, March 14, 2010
 Attacking from a blocked position. Here another pupil of mine, 10-year old William Claridge-Hansen, demonstrates how to attack from a blocked position. Sometimes the game can appear boring and closed, but you still have to be alert to spot combinations and tactical ideas! This is shown excellently in the following game.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 d5
5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3

Solid but passive. White should be trying to open the g2-Bishop with c4 ideas.

6.c4 dxc4 7.Qa4 cxd4 8.Ne5 and although White is 2 pawns down, he has a lot of pressure on c6 and greater development.

6...Bd7 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5



9.Nb3

I will describe this as a 'junior' move but requires some explanation as to why this isn't such a good

move. Although it gains a tempo by attacking the c5-Bishop, white will now struggle to play c4 or e4 ('pawn breaks' to open up the position for White's Bishops, especially the one on g2) whereas the Knight on d2 would have helped support either of these pawn advances.

9.c4 was better, or even;

9.Qc2 0-0 10.e4 trying to open the position.

9...Bd6 10.Nfd4 0-0 11.h3

With such a move White now realises he can't play e4 or c4, and so waits.

11...Nxd4

11...e5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.c4 Be6 was also possible, trying to take over the centre.

12.cxd4 h6 13.Bd2 Qe7 14.e3 Bb5

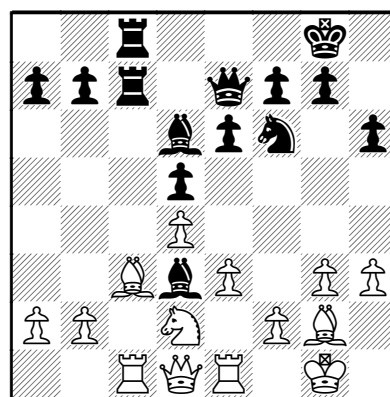
15.Re1 Rac8

Very sensible from Black, but White is rock solid so how is either side going to do anything constructive?

16.Bc3 Rc7

Preparing to double Rooks. The Rook on f8 was the only piece not involved, so Black calmly gets it into the game.

17.Rc1 Rfc8 18.Nd2 Bd3!



Those who play the French Defence may be aware of this idea. The Bishop was good on b5, exerting pressure on the a6-f1 diagonal, but it is better placed on the b1-h7 diagonal, where it controls e4 (White's pawn break).

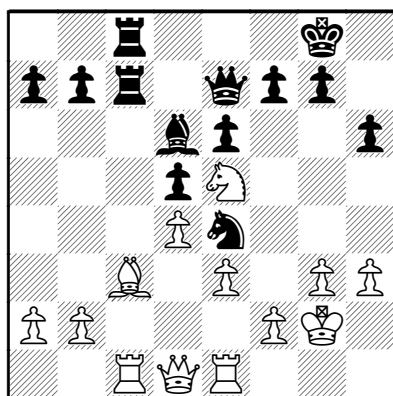
19.Nf3

19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Bb4 and White has an isolated pawn on d4, which can be strong but here Black is well placed to attack on the d4 and c3 squares, as well as down the c-file.

19...Be4 20.Ne5

A good idea, when you have less space to exchange pieces. However White isn't out of the woods yet...

20...Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ne4!



A lovely centralising move attacking c3 and preparing f6.

22.Qb3 Qe8

22...Bxe5 23.dxe5 Qg5 would have won Black a pawn as the threat is Nxc3 and Qxe5. With 22...Qe8 Black is being very sneaky, as white may have assumed black was going backwards. Sometimes though, you have to go backwards in order to go forwards.

23.f3

Now White has moved all his

K-side pawns, but there doesn't seem to be any danger, does there? Its very impressive how Black piles on the pressure from now on in, giving White no time to breathe.

23...Nxg3

23...Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Rxc3 25.bxc3 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Qc6 Is also good for Black, attacking White's weak pawns.

24.Kxg3 f6

Regaining the piece and opening up the e8-h5 diagonal for the Queen. Ingenious, if this is what William intended with 22...Qe8. I'll give him the benefit of the doubt!

25.f4 fxe5 26.fxe5 Qg6+ 27.Kh2 Rf8

Counterattacking and trying to take advantage of White's open King.

28.Rc2

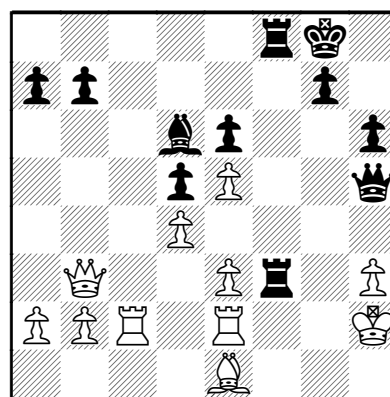
From now on Black plays extremely energetically to hound down the white King.

28.Qc2 was White's only chance, exchanging Queens. 28...Qxc2+ 29.Rxc2 Bb4 30.Kg2 Rfc8 and Black still has pressure.

28...Rcf7! 29.Ree2

Stopping Rf2+.

29...Rf3 30.Be1 Qh5



That Bishop on d6 has been en prise for many moves, but William realises moving it would lose a key move in his attack.

31.Bg3 Rxg3

A lovely way to snare the white King, and a combination well worth knowing.

32.Kxg3 Rf3+ 33.Kg2 Qxh3+ 34.Kg1 Rf1#

It's hard to say White's problems stemmed from playing 9. Nb3 and then having a passive position because he wasn't able to play c4- or e4-pawn breaks, but very well played by Black to take advantage of this!

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comfortable although Magdalen College cut this to 2½ points going in to the final round. However as all teams were playing U14 sides, and King Edward's resisted strongest, they held their lead to finish ahead of Magdalen with The Hall third. What was remarkable was that of the 75 players taking part only Jeff Leung (Torquay U14 board one) won all his six games.

Peter Purland



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Best Answers to Quiz.

1. 1. Qd5!
2. 1. h5!
3. 1. Qc3!
4. 1... c5!
5. 1... Qh4!
6. 1. Rxh5! gxh5 2. Qh4.

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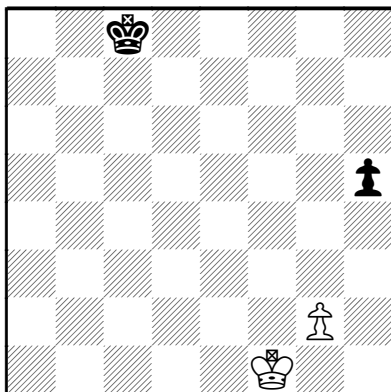
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