



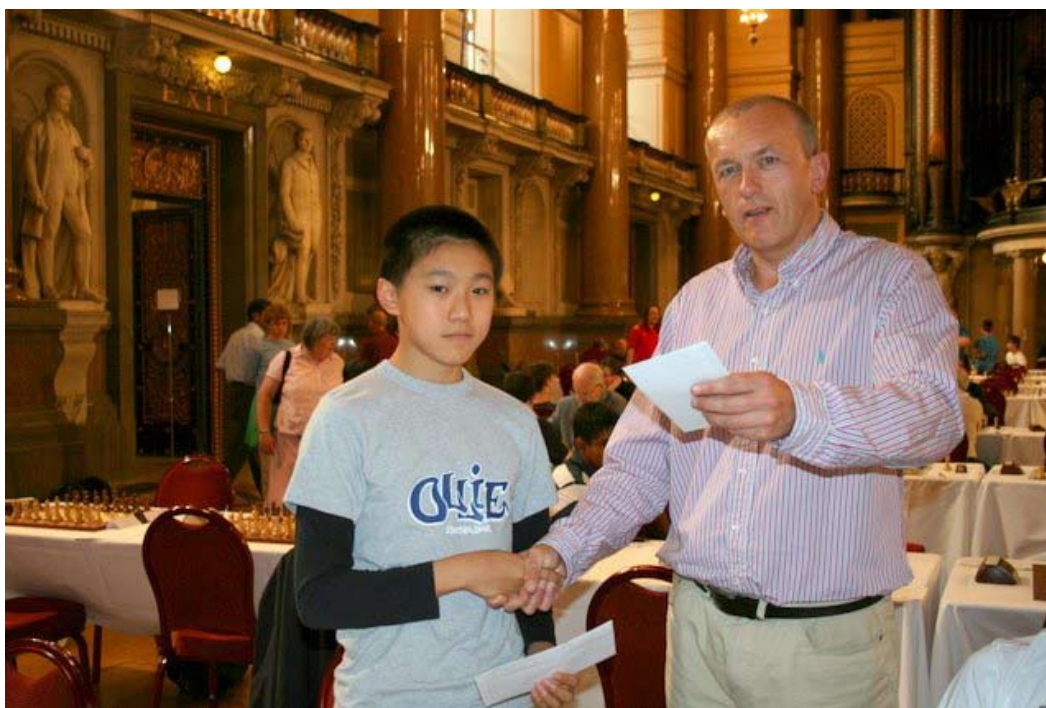
# The Right Move



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## YATELEY MANOR SCHOOL SPONSORS NATIONAL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT



A new sponsor has appeared on the English chess scene, although the name will be very familiar to all those involved with junior chess. Yateley Manor School is the new sponsor of the national schools championship 2008/9.

Headmaster Francis Howard said:  
“We have a long history of supporting the involvement of young people in chess and we are delighted to be sponsoring this prestigious event.”

Yateley Manor was one of the first

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schools in the country to employ a full-time director of chess and regular chess events are organised at the school, including the South of England Championships. Yateley Manor also offer chess scholarships to promising players between the ages of 5-13.



Yateley Manor could have jumped on board at just the right time. The free chess sets from Holooid Plastics are just about to start rolling off the production line and into schools nationwide, so after a year or so we can expect a huge increase in the number of schools participating in this event.

The ECF are very grateful for this sponsorship.



## British Championship 2008

I doubt if the British Championships has ever been held in more splendid surroundings than St Georges Hall, Liverpool – the largest neo-classical building in Europe. Almost all the play was in the main concert hall with the control desk



*The Magnificent Playing Hall*

underneath the organ! Players had to be warned not to spend too much time admiring the architecture to the detriment of their timing!

This year points earned in the junior sections went towards selection for the 2009 junior events with no bonus for taking part in “overage” events. So, some strong, competitive sections were seen. Week one saw the U16s, U 13s and U11s.

23 players took part in the U16s, all but one having received international recognition. After 4 rounds Sam Osborne of Ireland was the sole leader with a 100% score whilst James Adair, James Foster and Ilya Iyengar led the U15s with 3 points. Round five saw wins for Sam and

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the two James' and in round six James Foster held Sam to a draw whilst James Adair took the lead in the U15s with a win over Dominic Foord.

By now Sam was guaranteed the U16 trophy and in the final round drew with Nathan Talbot; but James Foster took full advantage of the white pieces to defeat James Adair and take the U15 title.

Girls' champions were Lateefah Mes-sam-Sparks (U16) and Sheila Dines (U15).



*Play in Progress*



*Radha Jain*

The U13 event was more predictable, Felix Ynojosa thoroughly justified his grading to win with 6½ out of 7 only failed to win when he had to take a bye to play in the British. Brandon Clarke was second only losing to Felix and ending 1½ points ahead of Gordon Scott, Jennifer Ehr and Ali Roy who shared third. The girls' title was shared by Jennifer and Ali.

In the U11s there was no clear favourite (and if I were a betting man I would have lost money!!) There was no player on 3/3 and it wasn't until round five that a clear leader emerged. Roy Zhang held this position for a short time but in round six was beaten by James Bowler who reached 5 points where he was joined by Megan Cleaves. Their game resulted in a very blocked opening leading to the inevitable draw and they were joined by Isaac Sanders who defeated Peter Andreev. This

accounted for both cups!

The U8 championship is a one day event and has 6 30 minute games. Rohan Shiatis held the lead right up to the final round when he was defeated by William Claridge-Hansen. The pair were joined



*Resident Coach Nick Nixon in action*

on 5 points by Mark Kenyon. Rebecca Swestun won the girls' title.

The U9 is played over two days and has seven one hour rounds. This was won by Ravi Haria (who had come 4th in the U11s) on 6½ points from Joris Gerlagh on 6. Their game was an excellent match and Ravi remarked after winning "I hope I don't have to play him again." Ironically they played in round two of the U10s! The girls' champion was Yasmin Giles.

Week two saw a further three championships with the U14s being the senior one. This was another very tight event with Anand Krishnan holding a half point lead going in to round five but he was defeated by Sam Walker who was joined in the lead by Saravanan Sathyanandha and Akash Jain. These two played in round six and drew whilst Sam floated down to play, and beat, Ilya Iyengar. Going in to the final round with a half point advantage Sam had black against Akash and was held to a draw whilst Saravanan beat

Anand to join Sam on 5½ points. Astghik Stepanyan won the girls' title.

The U12s title was never in doubt with Felix Ynojosa only conceding one draw (so he could play in the rapid play) and



*Nigel Davies congratulates Sheila Dines*

Henrik Stepanyan coming runner up a point behind. Rahda Jain won the girls title comfortably.

The Under10s was also closely fought. Jake Breindal established a half point lead in round three and held this until round five. At this point he was unlucky to lose on time to Joseph McPhillips who went on to win his final two games beating the number two seed, Ravi Haria and



*A birthday party for Lateefah Messam Sparks*

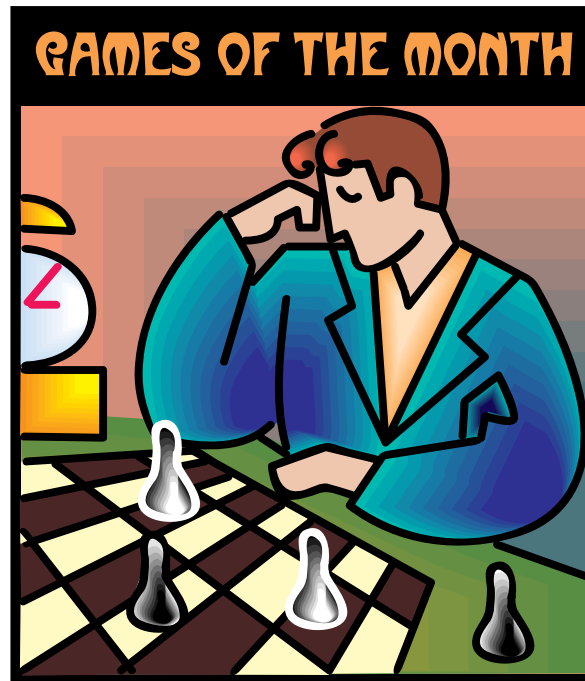
wrapping the title up by defeating James Walsh in the final round. Ravi also won his final game to finish runner up. Katherine Shepherd was girls' champion.

Our older juniors did well in the British Championships with Stephen coming 3rd= only half a point behind the winner whilst Gawain Jones and Thomas Rendle were a further half point behind. Stephen was U21 champion whilst James Hanley and Yang Fan Zhou shared the U18 title with 6 points. Felix Ynojosa won a rating improvement prize. The Major Open always attracts a lot of juniors. George Salimbeni was 3rd= whilst Sheila Dines, Charlie Fry and Philip Makepeace shared 6th place with Sheila being crowned British U18 girls' champion. We hope to see all these players (and more) in the British Championships at Torquay in 2009. With juniors barred from the rated championships Richard Lobo won the week two morning tournament, Xi-yang Guo was runner up in the week one morning whilst Noah Schlesinger was third in the week two afternoon.

It has proved a most enjoyable week with some very good chess from our "new" stars. Some enjoyable evening events – the week two junior blitz had 4 championship and 11 major open players out of 24 - and some excellent coaching from Nick Nixon; courtesy of the John Robinson Trust. We are all looking forward to Torquay in 2009 where hopefully even more juniors will attend.

*Peter Purland*





This is how they play chess in the British Championship. Do not adjust your sets!

S Barrett (2251) - S Dilleigh (2131)

[D05]

### The Colle

British Championship (5.23), 01.08.2008

We move away from the top boards for the Game of Round 5. This is a violent and very entertaining King hunt!

**1.d4 e6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.e3 d5 4.♙d3 c5 5.b3**

The Colle and Colle–Zukertort systems work best when Black has played an early ...d7–d5 and castled short, mainly because it's easier for White to establish a Knight on e5. Once the Knight has been launched, the f–pawn is free to go, enabling the major pieces to funnel over towards the black King. The relative simplicity of these ideas attracts a lot of players and as we will

see here, can be employed to devastating effect.

**5...♗c6 6.0-0 ♙d6 7.♙b2 0-0 8.♗e5! ♚c7 9.♗xc6!?**

9.f4 would be more in keeping with the spirit of the opening, but Barrett's approach is also appropriate, planning to open fire with his Bishops. I suppose White was worried about 9...♗b4!

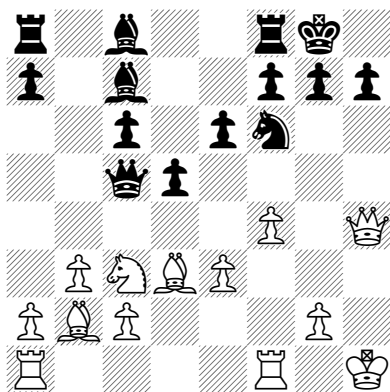
**9...bxc6 10.dxc5 ♙xh2+**

10...♙xc5 11.♙xf6 gxf6 12.♚h5 f5 13.♗d2→ (13.♚g5+ ♔h8 14.♚f6+ ♔g8)

**11.♔h1 ♙e5 12.♗c3N**

The improvement was needed, if the continuation of the following game is anything to go by: 12.♙d4 ♙xd4 13.exd4 e5 14.dxe5? (14.c3 ♚e8 15.♗d2 exd4 16.cxd4 ♚f4) 14...♚xe5 15.c3 ♗g4 16.g3 ♚h5+ 17.♔g2 ♚h2+ 18.♔f3 ♚e8 19.♗a3 ♚e3+ 0-1 *Larochelle, M–Hua Lefong/Montreal 1999.*

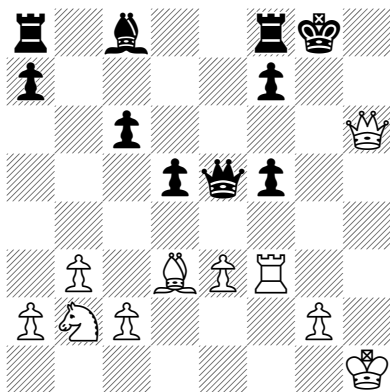
**12...♚a5 13.♚e1 ♚xc5 14.f4 ♙c7 15.♚h4**



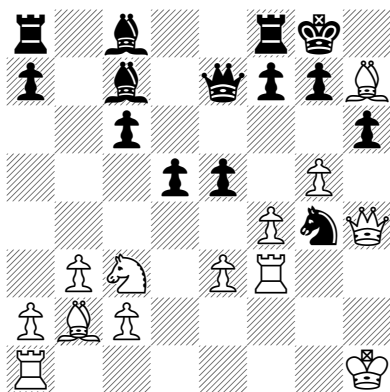
The attackers are in the penalty box and it is a question of finding the net.

**15...h6 16.♖f3 ♔e7**

I must say I don't see an immediate win for White after 16...e5 17.♘a4 (17. fxe5 ♙xe5 18.♘a4 ♔e7 19.♙xe5 ♔xe5 20.♖af1 ♔h5) 17...♔e7 18.fxe5 ♙xe5 19.♖af1 ♙xb2 20.♘xb2 ♔e5 21.♖xf6 gxf6 22.♔xh6 f5 23.♖f3



What happens is worse for Dilleigh.  
**17.g4 e5 18.g5 ♘g4 19.♙h7+!**



The opening salvo.

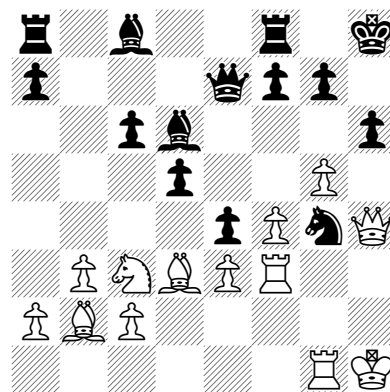
**19...♔h8**

19...♔xh7 20.g6+

**20.♖g1 ♙d6**

20...d4 was a better defensive try.

**21.♙d3 e4**



His sense of danger should have told him that opening the long diagonal wasn't such a good idea. White needs no further encouragement.

**22.♘xd5! cxd5 23.♖xg4 ♔g8**

23...♙xg4 24.♔xh6+ ♔g8 25.♔xg7#

**24.♙f6!**

When most of your pieces are *en prise*, why not put ALL of them *en prise*?

**24...hxg5**

24...♙xg4 25.♔xg4 exd3 (25...h5 26.♔xh5) 26.♙xe7 dxc2 27.♖f1 ♙xe7 28.gxh6 g6 29.♖c1 ♖ac8 30.f5 ♔h7 31.♔d4 ♖g8 32.♔xa7+-

**25.♖h3 gxh4 26.♖xg7+**

Very rough treatment for Steve Dilleigh at the hands of another Steve. **1-0**



Michael Surtees (2182) -  
Jovanka Houska (2405)

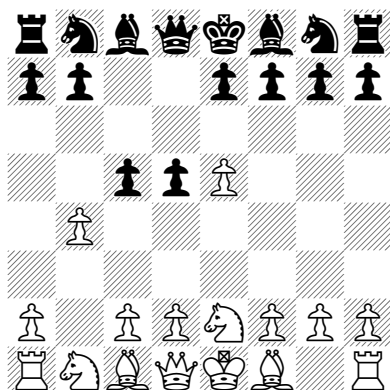
**[B10]**  
**Caro Kann**

British Championship, 04.08.2008

Experimental play in chess should always be applauded. The innovator lays himself open to ridicule, because new ideas rarely succeed immediately. Mike Surtees is always looking for something new, although whether he will find it with 1...c6 and 2...f6 is doubtful.

Occasionally he comes out with a real gem and this is one such game.

**1.e4 c6 2.♘e2 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4!?**



Already the game has entered the Twilight Zone, although I was watching and Houska took the pawn right away. White's idea has a sound positional basis. By getting rid of the pawn on c5 he can take over the centre.

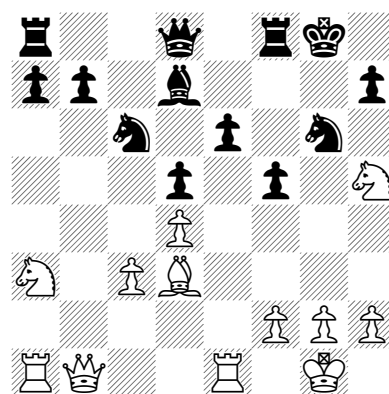
**4...cxb4**

Off the top of my head, I wonder whether 4...b6 is a good move.

**5.d4 ♘c6 6.a3 e6**

An earlier Surtees' game went 6... bxa3 7.c3 e6 8.♘f4 ♘ge7 9.♙xa3 ♘g6 10.♘h5 ♙d7 11.♙d3 ♙xa3 12.♘xa3 0-0 13.0-0 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.♙b1! f5

16.♙xb7 (16.♙e1!



keeping up the pressure, may well have been better.) 16...♙b8 17.♙a6 ♙b6 18.♙a4 ♙g5 19.♙d1 f4 20.♙e2 ♘h4 21.♙g4 Surtees, M–Arkell, K/Bradford 2002 when 21...f3! is very good for Black.

**7.axb4 ♙xb4+ 8.c3 ♙a5?!N**

The computer engines show good for Black, but I do not like this move at all, which loses touch with the K-side dark squares.

Thus 8...♙e7 9.♘g3 ♙d7 10.h4 f5 11.♙d3 a6 12.♘d2 ♘h6 13.♘f3 ♘f7 Richmond, P–Lee, G/England 1999; or even 8...♙f8 were better.

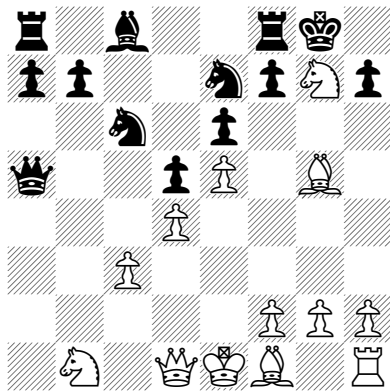
**9.♘g3 ♘ge7 10.♘h5!**



This is in many ways the winning move. I was watching: Houska started to look very uncomfortable. You know if

you lose such a game it is probably going to be published, as White's opening play is remarkably original.

**10...0-0 11.♔g5 ♖c7 12.♗xa5!! ♗xa5 13.♘xg7!**

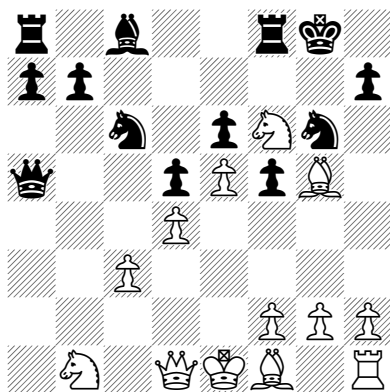


The shock effect continues with a breathtaking double sacrifice, exposing the black King.

**13...f5**

13...♔xg7 14.♕f6+ ♔g8 15.♗g4+! (15.♗h5 ♖d8 16.♕d3 ♔f8 17.♗xh7 ♔e8) 15...♘g6 16.♗g5! is the main point. You will not find a defence here for Black 16...♘xd4 (16...♗b6 17.♕d3 ♘cxe5 18.dxe5+-) 17.♕d3! ♗a2 18.cxd4+-

**14.♘h5 ♘g6 15.♘f6+±**



White's compensation is enormous.

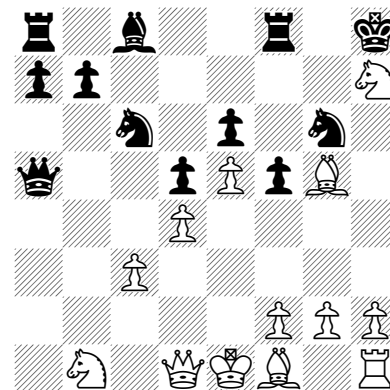
**15...♔h8**

Taking the Knight hardly solves

Houska's problems, but may at least have enabled some counterplay: 15...♗xf6 16.♕xf6! b5!? 17.♗c1 ♖b8 18.h4 b4 19.♗h3 (19.h5) 19...bxc3 20.♘xc3. White retains an attack if Black isn't careful.

However, because of the N which is pinned on c3, the white K has no good escape square. To wit: 20.♘xc3 ♘xd4 21.h5 (21.f4 ♘b3 22.♗c2 d4 23.♗a2 dxc3 24.♗xa5 ♘xa5 25.♗xc3 ♘xf4+-) 21...♘f4 22.♗g3+ ♔f7= So Black does have chances.

**16.♘xh7!**



Man on fire. What lurks beneath that hat?

**16...♗c7**

16...♔xh7 17.♗h5+ ♔g7 18.♗h6+ ♔f7 19.♗h7+ ♔e8 20.♗xg6+ ♖f7 21.♕e2 ♘e7 22.♕xe7 ♔xe7 23.♕h5 is just lost for Black.

**17.♘xf8 ♘xf8 18.♕f6+ +- ♔g8 19.g4**

Ripping open the last defences of the black King.

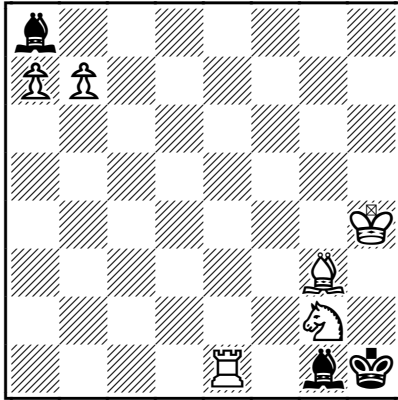
**19...f4 20.♕d3 b5 21.g5 b4 22.♗h5 ♘e7 23.g6**

In every respect, a worthy winner of game of the day. **1-0**



# AUGUST'S PUZZLE SOLUTION

chosen by  
**Andrew Martin**



**Sam Loyd 1876**

White to play and mate in three.

**1.bxa8N!**

A very nice key move, after which Black has no choice!

**1...Kxg2 2.Nb6 Kf3 3.a8B# 1-0**

**SEPTEMBER PUZZLE**

White to play and DRAW.  
One of my favourite puzzles.



**St. George's Hall for the British Championship**

# NCJS Young Masters 2008

**Report by Yang-Fan Zhou**

The NCJS Young Masters 2008 tournament at Millfield School, July 15 – 20, was a great experience and excellently organised. GM Matthew Turner was the tournament director with the help of Peter Turner. Geoff Jones was the Chief Controller. Despite having only 19 players in a 10 round tournament each round was hard fought with only 27 draws in 90 games.

The time control was two hours each, with 2 rounds each day (except for the first and last round). Most competitors lived together in the school accommodation. The tournament was FIDE-rated and for U25's. This was my first year in this tournament; Ankush had won the previous year.

By the 3rd round only the top 4 seeds (Peter Roberson, Ankush Khandelwal, Tim Seymour and I) were on full points and I lost a drawn/better ending for me to Tim when I over-pushed for a win. However, Tim was unfortunate enough to go on to lose the next 4 rounds! Peter and Ankush decided on a quick draw. I managed to recover from my loss the next day in a close win against Peter followed by a draw against Ankush.

After round 5 Ankush and dark horse Grant Bucher lead the pack with 4 points. Surprisingly Grant managed to gain a full point against Ankush who played a little too aggressively. He then held a firm

draw against Peter despite his efforts.

It was my turn to face Grant on round 8. I had drawn my round 6 game to James Adair and was on five points. Grant had an extra half point and a large pack followed us closely with 4½.

I was finally in the lead after a win against Grant. The next round I found myself playing Sharan Soni. I found out Sharan was preparing for me with the help of GM Matthew Turner! I was definitely not prepared to take on Matthew's prep so I decided to play 1.Nf3! I maintained my lead by a narrow half point with just one more round to go.

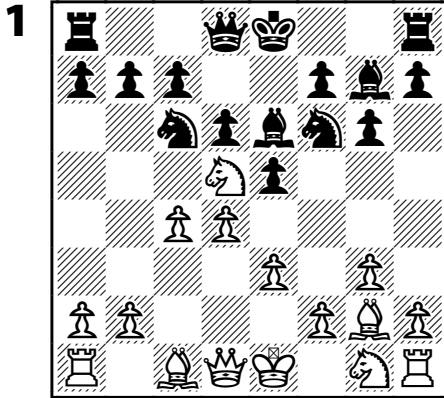
In the final round I played Phil Makepeace who had drawn 6 of his 9 games! He had got himself the title of Draw Master! To guarantee myself first place I knew I needed to work hard for a win – it turned out I was working hard for the draw! After Phil generated an attack I played quite accurately to hold onto the half point.

Peter Roberson and James Adair also got a draw to finish on 7 points. Ankush forced through a win against Athman who was playing hard for the grading prize.

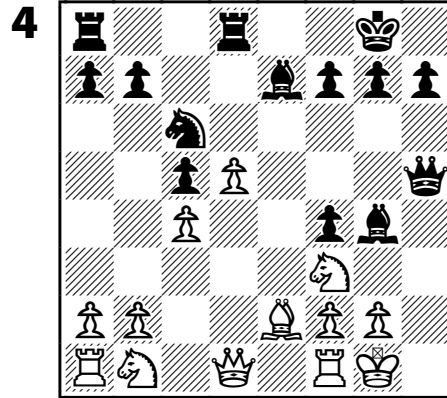
Ankush and I finished joint 1st= on 7½ with Peter and James on joint 3rd place with 7 points. Harry Streeter and Dashiell Shaw shared the grading prize with 5 out of 10. Definitely a great tournament, highly recommended!

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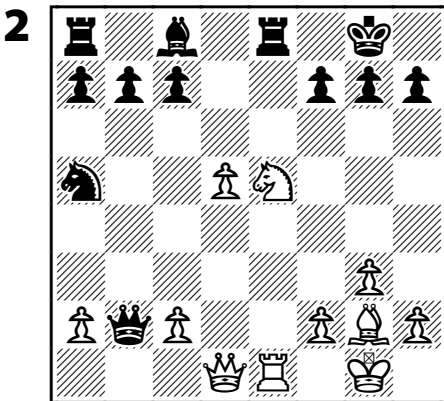
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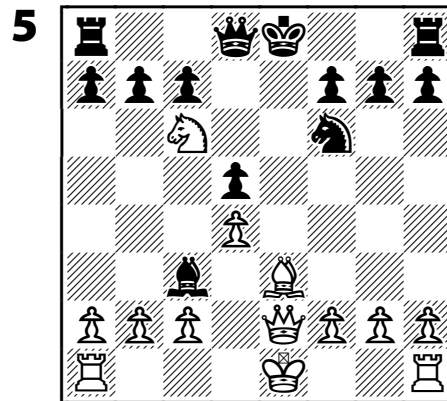
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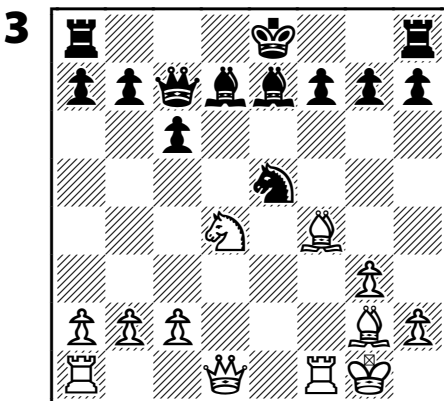
Black to move and win.



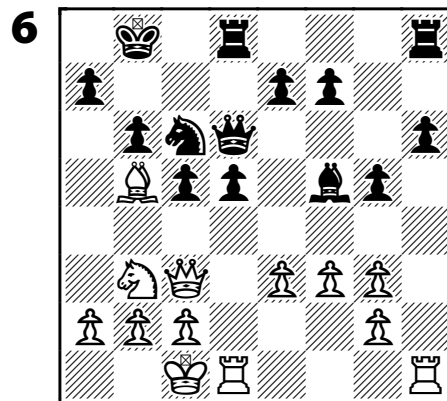
White to move and win.



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White to move and win.



Black to move and win.

Answers are on the last page.

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## Best Answers to Quizzes on page 11

1. 1. Nxf6+.
2. 1. Nc4.
3. 1. Qh5.
4. 1... Rd6.
5. 1. Bd2+ Ne4 2. Nxd8.
6. 1... Nb4.

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*All the great players, including the current ones, have said that one of their primary ways of improvement came from playing lots of games—lots of games.*

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