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ALL ENGLAND GIRLS’ Chess Championships—Eastern Region



A calm day, with a lot of new faces and a great deal of chess talent. Thank you to everyone who made the day such a pleasure: especially Sandy, John, Michael, Kishan and Hyacinth who kept everything running smoothly.

The girls that John Crawley brought from Nottinghamshire played exceptionally well, and I expect to see more champions from his clubs.



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The Tournament winners were:

Section	Winner	5
Under 10		
1st	Lauren Smith	2½
Under 10		
3rd	Zoe Spink	3
2nd	Sophie Hudspeth	4
1st	Rhiya Sood	4½
Under 9		
	Katherine Archer	2½
	Olivia Mackenzie	
Under 12		
3rd	Imogen Stables	3
	Ella Macleod	
2nd	Amy Milson	4
1st	Emma Bentley	5
Under 11	Emma Bentley	5
Under 14		
1st	Evie Hollingworth	2½
Under 18		
2nd	Anjali Lakhani	2½
	Hannah Dale	
1st	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	4½

Claire Summerscale



From the Director

Welcome to the March issue of *The Right Move*.

Next month I will be able to announce the section winners of the John Robinson World Youth Grand Prix who will have won the right to compete in the World Youth Chess Championships 2008 and will also receive £200 towards the total cost.

The deadline for submission of information for those who wish to be considered for international junior selection will have passed by the time you read this. I hope to be able to announce those who have been selected to represent England in the next issue.

I hope 2008 has thus far been a successful chess year for you all.

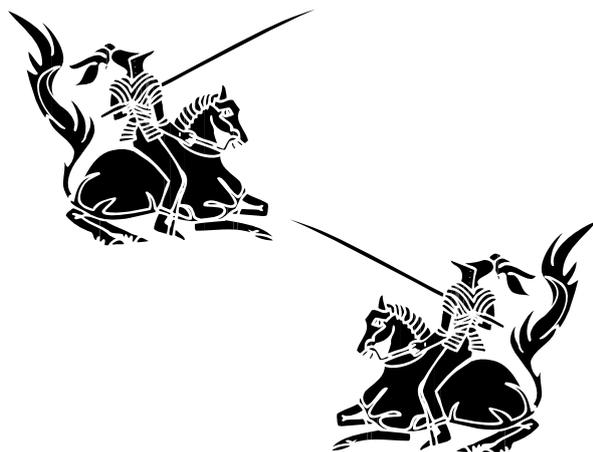
Kind regards,

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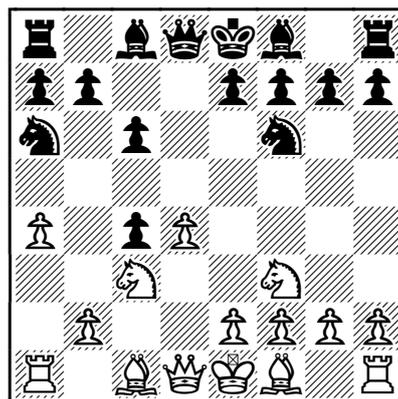
EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

by Andrew Martin
International Master

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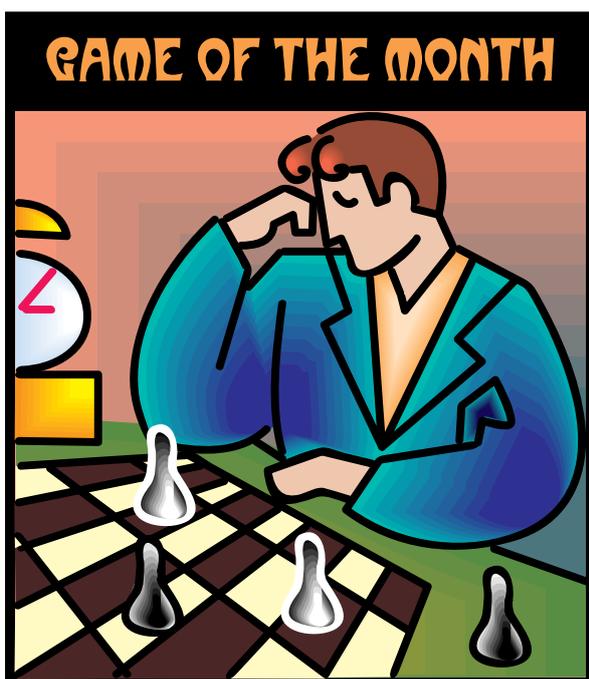
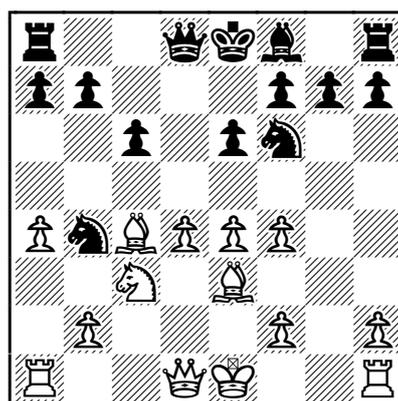
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Andrew



A variation which is rather risky, although Black is often able to soak up the pressure and come out on top.

6. e4 Bg4 7. Bxc4 Bxf3 8. gxf3 e6 9. Be3 Nb4 10. f4



Berkes, F (2601) - Zhang Pengxiang (2622)

[D16]

GM Scheveningen Taiwan CHN, 2006

A Knight isn't always badly placed on the edge of the board, as long as there's somewhere to go or something to do.

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Na6!?

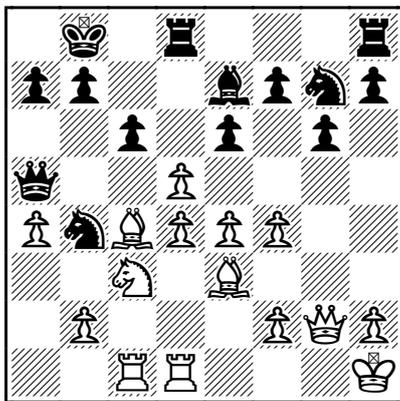
Structure versus the centre and the Bishops. Which is more important? A modern player is more than willing to take a risk in search of the win with Black. There is light at the end of the tunnel for Zhang, as long as he can survive the coming assault. With his pawn

structure in a mess, White is already committed.

Instead 10. Qb3 has also been played. Black should get castled as quickly as possible: 10... Qa5 11. 0-0-0 0-0-0 12. Kb1 Kb8 13. Rhg1 h6 14. Bf4+ Ka8 15. Be5 Nh5 16. h3 Qb6 17. Rd2 f6 18. Bh2 e5 19. Bf7 Nf4 20. Bxf4 exf4 21. Qe6 Na6 22. Qc4 g5 23. Rgd1 Bb4 24. Rc2 Rd6∞ with a roughly level game. *Schaffer, H-Biegel, T Frankfurt 2005.*

10... Qa5 11. 0-0 0-0-0 12. Rc1

After 12. Qe2 Be7 13. Kh1 g6 14. Rac1 Kb8 15. Rg1 Nh5 reaches a position typical for this variation. White has more space and it is an open question whether he can use the pawn structure to stoke a decent initiative. He has to play d4-d5 or f4-f5 at some moment. 16. Qf3 Ng7 17. Rgd1 Qh5 18. Qg2 Qa5 19. d5!

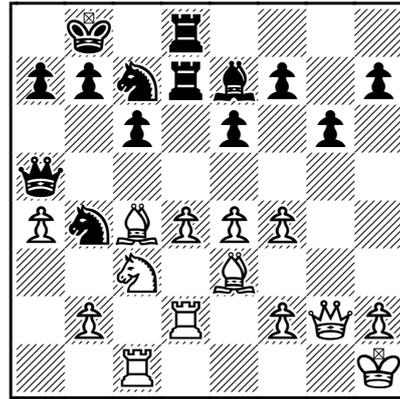


19... exd5 20. exd5 c5 21. Ne4 Nf5 22. d6!? *Lautier, J-Milov, V/Biel 1997.*

12... Kb8 13. Qf3 g6 14. Kh1 Be7 15. Rg1 Ne8

The Knight comes around to shield the King, but Zhang has other employment in mind.

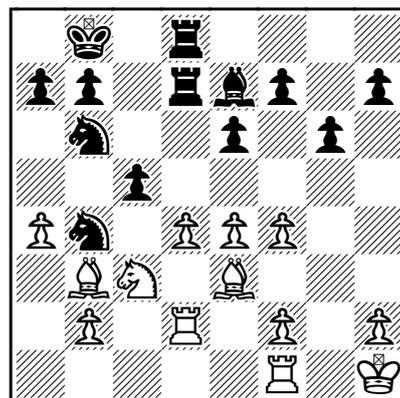
16. Rgd1 Nc7 17. Qg2 Rd7 18. Rd2 Rhd8



Counterplay is enabled against d4. Note the twin horns of Black's own pawn structure, working very well with his remaining Bishop and keeping White's pawn on d4 under restraint.

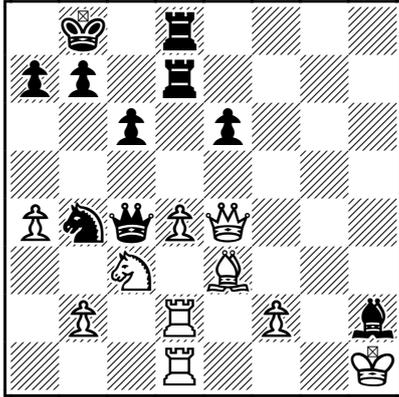
19. Rcd1 Na8! 20. Qh3 Nb6 21. Bb3 Qa6 22. f5

Impatient, but I think he was running out of ideas as to how to attack the Black position. If 22. Qxh7 Bf6! targets d4. The Queen must beat a retreat: 23. Qh3 Nc4! 24. Bxc4 Qxc4 25. Ne2 Rh8 26. Qg2 Qb3=; If 22. Qf1 Qxf1+ 23. Rxf1 and 23... c5̄ is not what White wants.



22... gxf5 23. exf5 Nc4 24. Bxc4 Qxc4

Black infiltrates successfully. **25. fxe6 fxe6 26. Qxh7 Bd6 27. Qe4 Bxh2!**



Bf4+ 33. Rh2 Rxh2#) 30... Ka8! 31. f4 Bxf4+ 32. Rh2 Rxh2#

29... Ka8 30. Qxc4 Rg7 31. Rd4 Bf4# 0-1.

'Potential' is the idea to keep in mind when one is playing Black. That's what your opening system must contain.

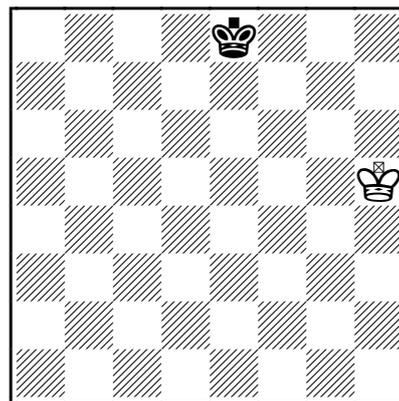
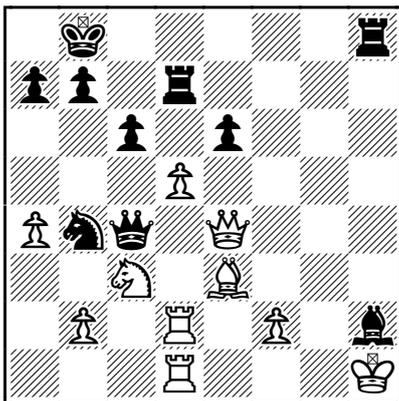
Setting up a brilliant combination.

28. d5

Berkes was relying on this move. He is rudely surprised.

28... Rh8!!

PRIZE PUZZLE for MARCH



A superb idea!

29. Bxa7+

29. Qxc4 Rg7

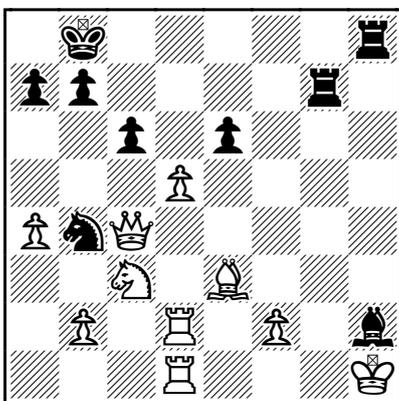
G SUNYER 1923

Your eyes do not deceive you. Two Kings only, but of course there is a twist!

This is a classic **helpmate problem**.

White and Black retract one move each and then helpmate in one move.

If you are confused, White takes back his last move, then Black does the same. After that Black then plays first for the helpmate and assists White to mate him.



forces mate. The evidence: 30. Bxa7+ (30. Qh4 Rxh4 31. Bxa7+ Kc8 32. f3

Send entries (before 20th Mar.) to:

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16th ALDRO INTER SCHOOLS Chess Tournament, February 2008

25 teams of six players took part in this team tournament. The Under 12 section was run as an individual Swiss tournament and very quickly Twickenham Prep showed they had a strong team. They left Aldro (3rd) and Magdalen College (2nd) in their wake.



The Under 10 Major section was an all play all with four strong teams. St. Dunstons coached by Graeme Buckley and Magdalen College both won their matches in round 1, but Aldro



did well in round 2 and 3 to get close to the eventual winners St. Dunstons. The victorious team consisted of Rhi-an Wade, Patrick Middleton, Cameron Reed, Jonathan Eales, Charlie Wood and Thomas Armstrong. Aldro A were 2nd and Magdalen A 3rd.

In a very close Under 10 Minor sec-

tion Thames Ditton were the winners after a superb 6-0 win in round 3. Reigate St. Mary's and Auriol were the unfortunate teams to be leapfrogged but both came a very creditable 2nd=.

The Under 8 Major section was won by Homefield A. In 2nd place were Reigate St. Mary's and 3rd= were Aldro A and Twickenham A.

The Under 8 Minor section was won by Aldro B with Twickenham B 2nd and St James 3rd.



All the teams played in a sporting manner and were a credit to their schools and as an organiser it was good to see a different winning school in each of the five sections.

D.J. Archer



Winton Capital British Chess-Solving Championship 2007-2008

The Final of the 2007-2008 Winton Capital British Chess Solving Championship took place at Oakham School on 16th February. 33 solvers took part, including for the first time all six titled British solvers, and two guests from overseas, Dutch GM Dolf Wissmann and ex-World Champion Piotr Murdzia, from Poland. The British title was expected to be a duel between the defending champion and current World Champion John Nunn and Jonathan Mestel, himself a former World Champion.

The event consists of six timed rounds, each involving a different type of problem, and saw a return to form for Piotr Murdzia, who had a poor 2007 by his elevated standards. Murdzia led throughout, and won the event by a big margin. Nunn had a disastrous second round, dropping 6 of the 10 points on the mates in 3, which left him in 7th place overall, 6 points behind Mestel. A determined fightback fell just short, and Mestel took the title by a ½ point, the fifteenth time he has won the British title. Wissmann pulled ahead of Nunn in the last round to tie with Mestel on points, though with a slower time.

The top scores:



Brian Stephenson



1. GM Piotr Murdzia 59/65
2. GM Jonathan Mestel 51½
3. GM Dolf Wissmann 51½
4. GM John Nunn 51
5. FM Michael McDowell 45½
6. IM Colin McNab 45½
7. GM Graham Lee 38½
8. IM David Friedgood 31½

The full table can be found at:

http://www.bstephen.me.uk/the_final_-_results0708.html

A tough set of problems had been selected, necessary to separate such a strong field. The Reilly two-mover has a generous key that abandons the rook and allows a check. The Sabinin was the easier of the two studies for solving, but claimed notable victims in Mestel, Wissmann and Lee, all of whom dropped 3½ of the 5 points by failing to find the suicidal looking 3.Kb3. The 5-mover by Vetter, where the black queen is decoyed in front of the bishop, proved straightforward for most of the leading solvers, but was enjoyed for its artistry.

The problems and solutions can be found at:

http://www.bstephen.me.uk/the_final_-_problems0708.html

FOUR NATIONS CHESS CHALLENGE

England came second behind Sweden in the Four Nations Chess Challenge, which took place earlier this month.

Following defeat to the eventual winners on day 1, England recovered with victories against Latvia and Norway to take clear second place. Congratulations to Kanwal Bhatia, who made the best score on board 8 on her England debut, and also to David Howell, Simon Williams, Stewart Haslinger and Harriet Hunt, who all made plus scores.

Full details of the event can be found



Harriet Hunt (England) vs. Pia Cramling (Sweden)

on the official web site:

http://www.bergensjakk.no/four_nations_2008/

CAPPELLE-LA-GRANDE



Congratulations to George O'Toole, Samuel Franklin, Danny Hunt, Joseph Quinn and Callum Kilpatrick, who, accompanied by Peter and Gill Turner and various parents made the trip to Cappelle-la-Grande this year and performed excellently.

Their coaches Mark Hebden and Max Devereaux were brilliant throughout.

A full report from the tournament will appear next month.

BINGOLOTTO

BingoLotto will be a weekly game broadcast on digital television channels Virgin1 and Challenge. At least 20% from each ticket sold in the UK will be distributed to sport and recreation projects up and down the country, including hopefully the ECF.

They held a photo-shoot with the programme's presenters Suzanne Shaw and Joe Pasquale in Trafalgar Square on Tuesday 26th February. We were asked to come dressed in our sporting kit. How exactly do you dress as a chess player? Black and White had to suffice, with our main prop being a huge chess board, which we carried around with us.

Women's FIDE Master Rosalind Kieran and I attended the photo-shoot along with representatives from a myriad of other sports and recreations: American football, handball, rowing, angling, judo, ice-skating, lawn bowls, folk dancing, go, to name but a few.



We were fortunate to meet Anthony Fargas, for those of you too young to remember, he was a star of the 1970s

Starsky and Hutch TV show.



Rosalind (L) with Suzanne/other sporting figures.



Anthony in the *Starsky and Hutch* days.



Anthony was there with

the American football squad, who came dressed in full kit.

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BWCA National Girls' Championships and Women's Rapidplay 2008

Nine new champions emerged at this year's National Girls' Championships held by the British Women's Chess Association in the unique Art Nouveau surroundings of the Elmbank Hotel in York on the 9th and 10th February.

Opened by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Irene Waudby, the championships were hard-fought. The atmosphere was concentrated yet sociable, many girls making new friends and gaining from the coaching provided by WGM Jovanka Houska and WFM Sabrina Chevannes. The BWCA Women's Rapidplay proved a challenging tournament on Sunday, 10th and on Saturday a more relaxed Friendly Tournament was held for parents and brothers or sisters of championship competitors. The whole event ran smoothly thanks to the professionalism of International Arbiters Lara Barnes and Alex MacFarlane. Others contributing to the success of the weekend were Christine Emms, Arne Hagesaether, and Peter and Claire Cloudsdale.

Prizes were presented by BWCA President Jovanka Houska for the younger age-groups and by ECF Manager for Finance and Management Services, Cynthia Gurney, for the older age-groups and women. ECF President, Gerry Walsh, said a few words at both prize-givings.

The BWCA would like to thank all those whose help and generosity made this event possible, including York Junior Chess Club, the English Chess Federation, Chess Scotland, the John Robinson Trust, Bettys and

Taylor's Group Ltd., Chess Direct, Fulprint Ltd. and the Elmbank Hotel.

Preparations are already under way for next year when we look forward to welcoming new and returning players. Congratulations to all those who did so well this year, especially the winners and Champions.

Susan McFarland, BWCA Chief Executive



Photograph by Arne Hagesaether

Winners and Champions

Women's Rapidplay:

1st = Sarah Hegarty and Amy Officer

Under 21 Champion:

Sarah Hegarty

Under 16 Champion:

Amy Officer

Under 14 Champions:

Evie Hollingworth and Abigail Pritchard

Under 12 Champion:

Jennifer Ehr

Under 11 Champion:

Phoebe Price

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Katherine Shepherd

Under 9 Champion:

Fiona Howard

Under 8 Champion:

Rebecca Swestun

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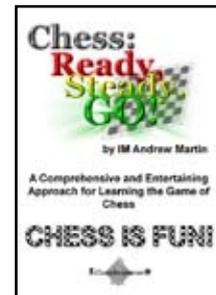
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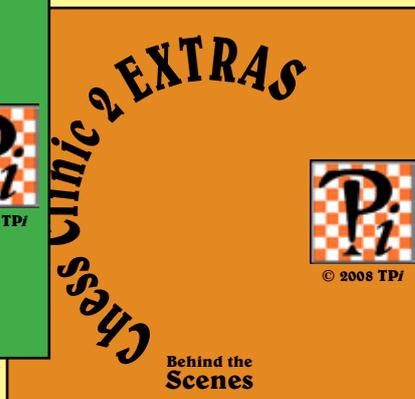
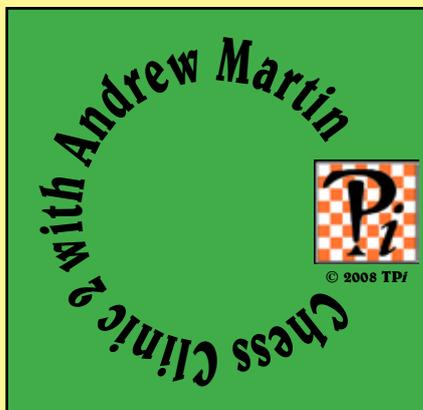
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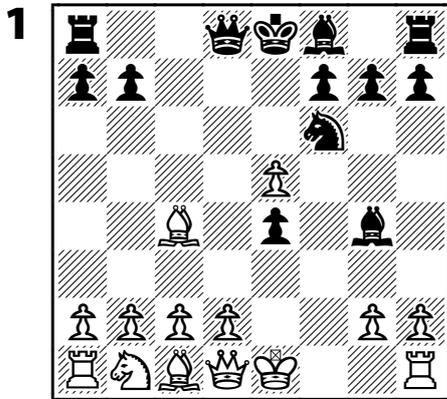
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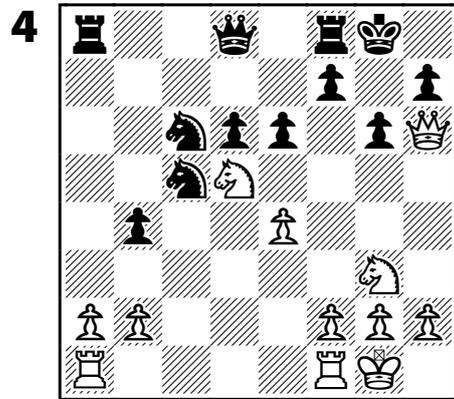
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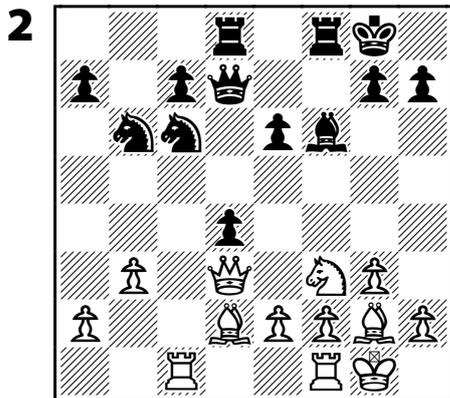
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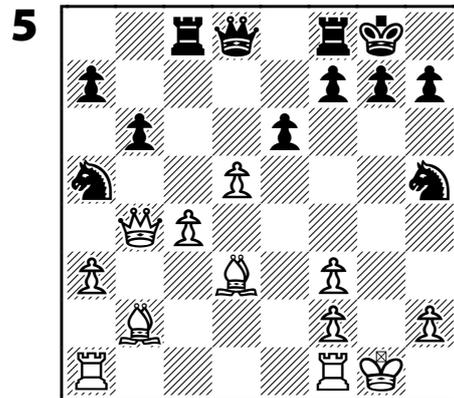
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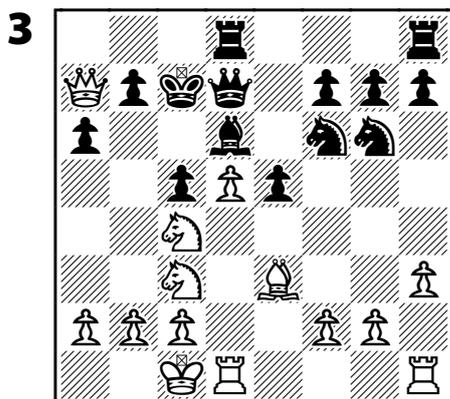
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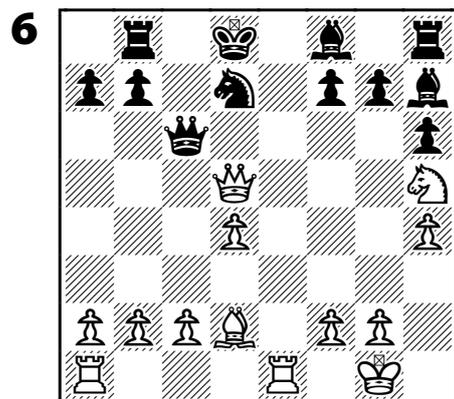
White to move and win.



Black to move and win.



White to move and win.



White to move and win.



JUNIOR CHESS OPENINGS

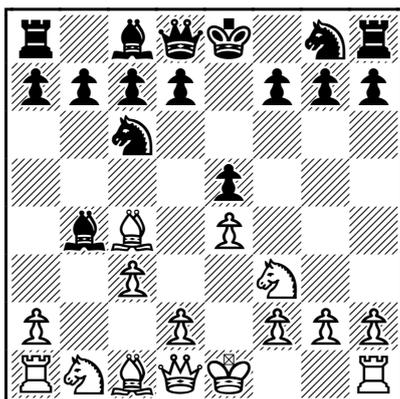
PLAY THE EVANS GAMBIT

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4!?

We saw a game by Nigel Short last month where the Evans Gambit was used to good effect. It's an ideal weapon for the young tournament player who wishes how to learn to attack.

So what are the ideas behind this opening?

4... Bxb4 5. c3



The opening is a battle for TIME and POSITION. In the Evans Gambit White sacrifices a pawn to gain time on the black Bishop and quickly build a centre. Ideas now for White include 0-0, d2-d4 and Qb3, dependant on what Black does.

5... Ba5

You will recall that GM L'Ami chose the solid 5... Be7. After that White hits immediately with 6. Qb3 and has plenty of play for his pawn.

A common move in junior events is 5... Bc5 which I consider to be a mistake, because the Bishop is exposed. White should continue developing rapidly: 6. d4! exd4 7. 0-0! with a big attack in prospect.

6. d4!

6. Qb3 is also possible as is; 6. 0-0 d6 7. Qb3! The f7 square is a familiar target.

6... d6 7. Qb3

Summarizing, and we can only give a very brief introduction here, the Evans Gambit allows White the chance to spring an attack, based on rapid development. It is not an opening for the faint-hearted, but the rewards are all there for the bold young player who is willing to embrace some risk.

Polivanov,A (2391) - Serik,M (2282)

[C52]

Kots Mem Donetsk UKR, Jan. 2008

We'll now take a look at the ebb and flow of the Evans Gambit in practical play.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4 Bxb4

There is nothing to be gained for Black if he declines the gambit. White just gets the initiative on the Q-side free of charge.

5. c3 Ba5 6. d4 d6

After 6... exd4 7. 0-0 dxc3 the strong impression that Black is being far too greedy comes across. White has two promising moves:

8. Qb3.

And, 8. Qd5.

7. Qb3 Qd7

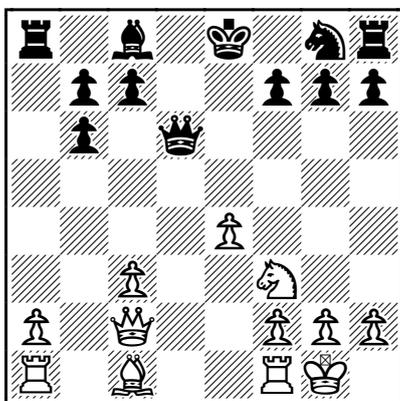
7... Qe7 is answered by 8. d5 with Qb5+ to follow when the Knight moves.

8. dxe5 Bb6

Lasker's recipe. Black concerns himself with stabilizing his position rather than grabbing and hanging onto hot pawns. This is an approach which teaches us a lot about the way to play against dangerous gambits.

White, for his part, must continue to open up the game and to try to attack, now that his pawn structure is markedly worse.

9. Nbd2 Na5 10. Qc2 Nxc4 11. Nxc4 Qe6 12. Nxb6 axb6 13. exd6 Qxd6 14. 0-0



1) White has castled, Black hasn't. In this situation the player with the safer King should attack NOW, before the enemy King gets away.

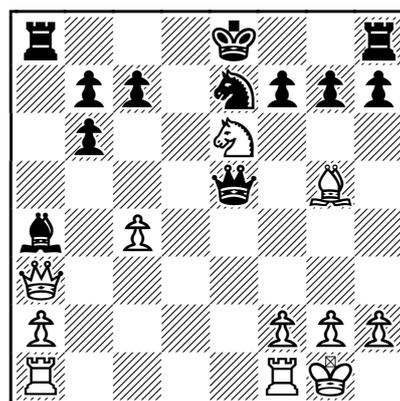
2) White's pawn structure is worse, along-term defect which cannot be repaired easily. Again the indicators point to a White attack, because the longer the game goes on, the more important the ragged pawns become as a feature of the position.

3) Opposite-colour Bishops favour the attacker. Black will not be passive in this respect. His priorities are to get the King out of the centre and then to start to play actively on the light squares.

14... Bg4!?

It's maybe a little too early for an active move like this, although 14... Bg4 is tempting. There are two playable alternatives, one of which I like very much:

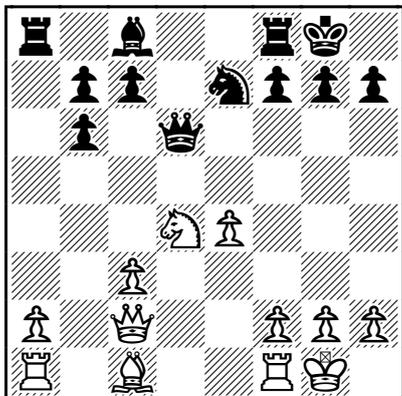
14... Bd7 15. c4 Ba4 is another way to get the Bishop out, but I repeat: Black should be getting castled! After 16. Qc3! Qf6 17. e5 Qg6 *Cafferty, B-Lane, G/Morecambe 1981* White would have been better had he found 18. Qa3! Ne7 19. Bg5 Qe6 20. Nd4 Qxe5 21. Ne6!!



Let's summarize the results of the opening:

21... Qxe6 22. Rae1.

14... Ne7! 15. Nd4 0-0 seems right to me



and in the following recent game Black had no problems:

16. Nb5 Qc6 17. a4 Be6 18. Bf4 Bc4 19. Rfd1 Rfc8 20. Rab1 Ng6 21. Bg3 Nf8 22. Rb4 *Cernousek, L-Talla, V/Czech Rep 2005* when 22... Ne6 gives comfortable equality.

15. Nd4 Ne7 16. f4 Bd7

He's worried about 16... 0-0 17. f5 intending h2-h3.

17. f5 Ba4

17... 0-0 18. Bf4 Qc5 19. Qf2! f6 is rather unclear, although my impression is that Black's position is survivable. Serik's problem in this game is that he forgets to castle!

18. Qe2 Nc6 19. Be3 Ne5 20. Rab1 Ra5?!

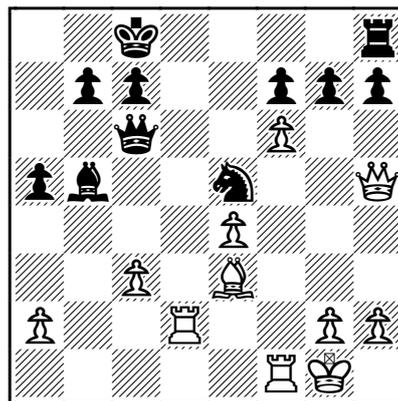
20... 0-0.

21. Rb2 Kd7?

Bonkers.

Again, 21... 0-0 was called for. The black King is walking into all the open lines.

22. Rd2 Kc8 23. Nb3 Bb5 24. Qh5 Qc6 25. Nxa5 bxa5 26. f6!



Nice. White finds the most energetic way to realise his advantage.

26... gxf6 27. Qf5+ Kb8 28. Qxf6 Qxf6 29. Rxf6 Nc4 30. Re2 Nd6 31. Rb2 Nxe4 32. Rxb5 1-0.

So that if 32... Nxf6, then 33. Bd4 decides.

The Evans Gambit should be played frequently by young players who wish to learn the art of attack. Black is fine theoretically in a number of lines, but that is nothing to worry about and you have seen that even world-class Grandmasters such as Nigel Short embrace these messy games. Far too many players these days get neurotic about opening theory (amazingly even young kids) and this cramps their style for life. Don't let this happen to you.

Play what you ENJOY.

Best Answers to Puzzles: page 12

1. 1. exf6 wins a piece.
2. 1. Rxc6 wins a piece.
3. 1. Nxd6 will win the Q.
4. 1. Nh5 will win the Q.
5. 1... Nxf4 wins a piece.
6. 1. Ba5+ wins the Q.

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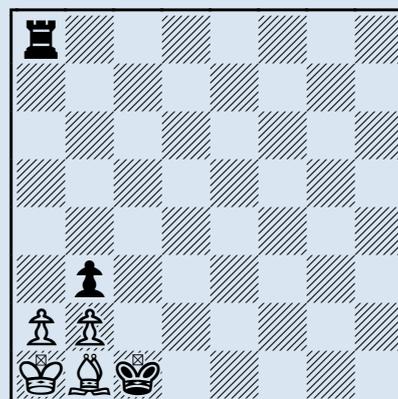
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1... Ra3!

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