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George Washington Open

by Mike Atkins

FIVE PLAYERS TIED for 1st place at the 6th George Washington Open, held June 13-14 at the Hotel Sierra in Sterling. GM Larry Kaufman, IMs Oliver Barbosa & Oladapo Adu, and FM (IM elect) Tegshuren Enkhbat were joined by A player Darwin Li with scores of 4½-½ apiece. (For the record, Adu had the best tiebreaks.)

Barbosa and Adu started out 4-0 and drew in the final round. Eric Most also started 4-0 but finally lost to Kaufman. Li's last round defeat of WFM Abby Marshall prevented the winners' circle from including all five of the tournament's titled entrants. Enkhbat played the longest and last-to-finish game of the fifth round, which ended in frustration for opponent William Marcelino. After everything was traded down to an evidently dead drawn bishop ending, William simply hung his piece and that was that.

Other prizewinners included Top Experts Eric Most, Yang Dai & Aryan Khojandi. Class B was won by Dr Saad Al-Hariri, a regular at Arlington Chess Club, and Ramakrish Gundala, who gave Larry Kaufman a tough game in round 1 and picked up over 100 rating points for the tournament. Class C split three ways between Ted "Welcome back to the VCF" Covey, Tyler Hengy & Jordon Beckenstein. Andrew Makris took sole possession of Class D. Top Under 1200 was shared by Thomas Board & Victor Guzman. Raghav Ramraj won the upset prize for his victory over an opponent who outrated him by 790 points!



GM Larry Kaufman and Goran Zalar play in round 3. Photo by Mike Atkins

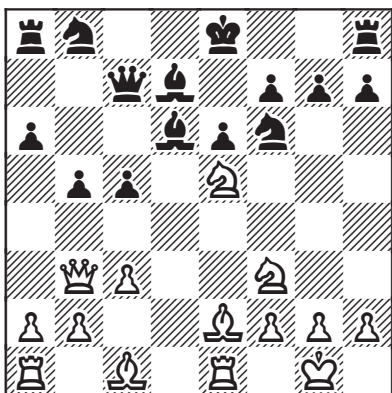


This was a fun tournament without many problems. One hundred seventeen players turned out, the exact same number that came to the same site last fall for the Northern Virginia Open. It's nice to be consistent, especially when the room only has space for 121 players! Happily, there was no repeat of some behavior issues that caused the hotel to speak to me following that event (see VIRGINIA CHESS #2008/6, page 8). Good weather allowed kids to run around outside between rounds. Noise from talking in the lobby really does need to improve, however.

The hotel provided an \$8.95 lunch buffet each day. I look forward to the Northern Virginia Open back here November 7-8. Between now and then, I would recommend that all players with digital clocks learn how to set them! In particular, learn how to take 5 minutes off at the beginning, and how to deduct the 10 minute penalty if someone's cell phone goes off.

Stan Fink - Saroja Erabelli Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 c3 Nf6 4 Be2 Bd7
5 d4 Nxe4 6 O-O e6 7 dxc5 dxc5 8
Qb3 Qc7 9 Na3 a6 10 Re1 Nf6 11
Nc4 b5 12 Nce5 Bd6



13 Nxf7!? Kxf7 14 Ng5+ Ke7 15
Nxe6 Bxe6 16 Bg4 Nxg4? [The
computer take on the situation runs
16...c4 17 Rxe6+ Kf7 18 Qd1 Bxh2+
19 Kh1 Nbd7 20 g3 Bxg3 21 fxg3 Qxg3
22 Rd6 Rhe8 23 Rxd7+ Kg8 24 Bf4
Qxf4 25 Rd4 Qh6+ 26 Kg2 Re5] 17
Qxe6+ Kf8 18 Qe8mate 1-0

Larry Kaufman - Goran Zalar Benko Gambit

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5
b6 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 e4 Bg7 8 Qb3 Bb7
9 a4 a5 10 Nb5 Na6 11 Bd2 O-O 12
Bxa5 Nxe4 13 Bc4 Nb8 14 Bc3 Qxb6
15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Nf3 Qa5+ 17 Nc3
Ba6 18 O-O Bxc4 19 Qxc4 Nxc3 20
bxc3 Nd7 21 Rfe1 Rfe8 22 Qd3 Rab8
23 h3 Rb3 24 Re3 Ne5 25 Nxe5 dxe5
26 Qc4 Reb8 27 Rxe5 Rxc3 28 Qh4
Rb4 29 Qxe7 Rxa4 30 Rae1 Ra1 31
d6 Rcc1 32 Rxc1 Rxc1+ 33 Kh2 Qd2
34 Re3 Rd1 35 Qe5+ Kh6 36 Qf4+
Kg7 37 Qe5+ Kh6 38 Qf4+ Kg7 39
Qe5+ 1/2-1/2



George Washington



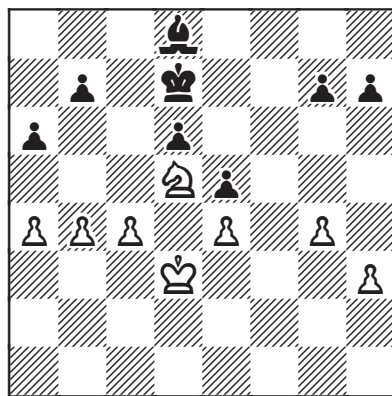
David Hulvey – Ray Kaufman Closed Sicilian

White gets outplayed gradually. 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 Rb6 6 f4 d6 7 Nf3 Bg4 8 h3 Bxf3 9 Qxf3 Nd4 10 Qd1 e6 11 O-O Ne7 12 Be3 b5 13 Qd2 O-O 14 Nd1 b4 15 c3 bxc3 16 bxc3 Qa5 17 Rc1 [if 17 cxd4 Qxd2 18 Bxd2 Bxd4+] 17... Ndc6 18 g4 f5 19 Qf2 Kh8 20 Kh1 Qa6 21 gxf5 gxf5 22 d4 cxd4 23 cxd4 fx4 24 Bxe4 d5 25 Bb1 Nf5 26 Bxf5 Rxf5 27 Rg1 Rbf8 28 Qg2 Rg8 29 Nf2 Ne7 30 Qf3 Ng6 31 Rc7 Qb6 32 Rc5 Qb2 33 Nd3 Qxa2 34 Ne5 Bxe5 35 dxe5 Qa3 36 Rc7 d4 37 Qb7 Rh5 38 Rc8 Rxh3+ 39 Kg2 Nxf4+ 40 Kf1 Qd3+ 1-0

Saad Al-hariri - Timothy Rogalski Two Knights/Giuoco Piano

The "simple" positions are the hardest to play. 1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nc6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 O-O Bc5 5 Nc3 d6 6 h3 a6 7 a4

Be6 8 Bxe6 fxe6 9 d3 O-O 10 Kh1 Qe8 11 Ne2 Nh5 12 c3 Ba7 13 b4 Ne7 14 Qb3 Ng6 15 Ng5 Rxf2 16 Rxf2 Bxf2 17 Nxe6 Qf7 18 Qc4 Re8 19 Nxc7 Qxc4 20 dxc4 Rc8 21 Nd5 Rxc4 22 g4 Ng3+ 23 Nxc3 Bxc3 24 Kg2 Be1 25 Bg5 Nh4+ 26 Bxh4 Bxh4 27 Kf3 Rc8 28 Rf1 Rf8+ 29 Ke2 Rxf1 30 Kxf1 Kf7 31 Ke2 Bd8 32 c4 Ke6 33 Kd3 Kd7



34 c5 a5?! 35 Kc4 axb4 36 Kxb4 Kc6 37 cxd6 Bh4 [37...Kxd6 38 Kb5 Black is running short of moves] 38 Ne3 Be1+ 39 Kc4 g6 40 d7 1-0

Eric Most – Larry Kaufman King's Gambit

1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 Nf3 exf4 4 exd5 Nf6 5 Bb5+ c6 6 dxc6 Nxc6 7 d4 Bd6 8 O-O O-O 9 c3 Bg4 10 Be2 Nd5 11 Qb3 Re8 12 Qxd5 Rxe2 13 Nbd2 Qe7 14 Nc4 Rd8 15 Nxd6 Rxd6 16 Qb5 Rg6 17 Bxf4 Bxf3 18 Rxf3 Rgxg2+ 19 Kf1 Qe4 20 Qh5 Rxb2 21 Re1 Rgf2+ 0-1 in view of 22 Rxf2 Qh1 mate

TM Oladapo Adu. Photo by Mike Atkins





ICC State Champion of Champions

by *Dov Gorman*

THE US STATE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS 2009 tournament was organized by the Internet Chess Club and took place online between March 28 and April 5. Twenty-nine state representatives took part in this event, which was divided into two phases. Initially, players competed in a double round-robin conferences tournament for the four regions Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest. The winner then played in a final four playoff between the winners of each conference. IM Sam Shankland of California was the overall tournament winner.

I must say I was surprised to get a call to represent Virginia. Apparently, tournament rules prohibited state champion Adithya Balasubramanian from representing the Commonwealth as he is registered with FIDE under India. Having not experienced this format before, it took me a couple of games to get the rhythm of the play. After a slow start with a couple of early losses, I was able to find my stride and have a strong finish, tying with FM Ronald Simpson for 1st/2nd place in the East Conference:

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 - 2	FM Dov Gorman (Va)	xx	0=	11	11	10	11	11	11.5
1 - 2	FM Ronald Simpson (NC)	1=	xx	10	10	11	11	11	11.5
3	GM Larry Kaufman (Md)	00	10	xx	10	11	11	=1	11 9.5
4	IM Ronald Burnett (Tn)	00	10	10	xx	10	11	11	9
5	Scott Varagona (Al)	10	00	00	10	xx	=1	11	11 7.5
6	Benjamin Good (WV)	00	00	00	00	1=	xx	01	11 3.5
7	Marc Rotenberg (DC)	00	00	=0	00	00	10	xx	01 2.5
8	Garrett Smith (Ind)	00	00	00	00	00	00	10	xx 1

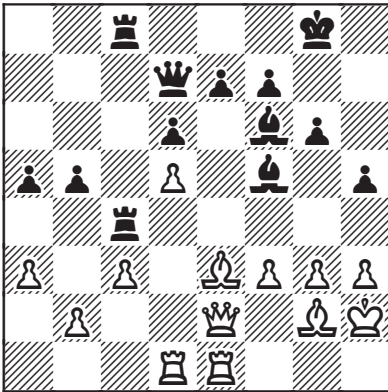
Unfortunately, I lost to Ronald in the Eastern Conference playoff, so he then had the honor of representing the East in the final four.

Due to the faster time control, the element of luck was undoubtedly important. However, the tournament produced several interesting games.

Ron Burnette - Dov Gorman

Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 g3 Nc6 7 Bg2 Nxd4 8 Qxd4 Bg7 9 O-O O-O 10 Qd2 Be6 11 Nd5 Nxd5 12 exd5 Bf5 13 h3 h5 14 Qe2 Qd7 15 Kh2 Rac8 16 c3 b5 17 a3 Rc4 18 Re1 Bf6 19 Be3 Rfc8 20 Rad1 a5 21 f3



21...Be5 22 Bf2 h4 23 f4 hxg3+ 24 Bxg3 Bf6 25 Qe3 b4 26 cxb4 axb4 27 a4 Rc2 28 Rd2 Rxd2 29 Qxd2 Rc2 30 Qxb4 Bxh3 31 Rg1 Rxb2 32 Qa5 Qf5 33 Qa8+ Kg7 34 Qc6 Qh5 0-1

Dov Gorman - Larry Kaufman
Ruy Lopez

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6
5 O-O Be7 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 Qe1 Nd7 8

d3 O-O 9 Nbd2 c5 10 Nc4 f6 11 a4 b6
12 Bd2 a5 13 Nh4 Nb8 14 Qe3 Nc6
15 c3 Be6 16 Nf5 Bxf5 17 exf5 Qd7
18 Qe4 Rad8 19 Rfd1 Qd5 20 Ne3
Qd7 21 Be1 Rfe8 22 f3 Bf8 23 Bf2
Ne7 24 g4 h6 25 b3 Qc6 26 Kg2 Rd7
27 Rd2 Red8 28 Rad1 Nd5 29 Nxd5
Qxd5 30 Qxd5+ Rxd5 31 Kf1 h5 32
Ke2 g6 33 fxg6 hxg4 34 fxg4 Bh6 35
Be3 Bxe3 36 Kxe3 Kg7 37 h4 Kxg6
38 Rf1 R5d6 39 Rf5 Rh8 40 h5+ Kg7
41 Ke4 Rhd8 42 Rf3 R8d7 43 Kf5
Rd8 44 Re3 Rd5 45 Ke4 R5d6 46 Rg2
Kf7 47 Rf3 Ke6 48 Rgf2 Rf8 49 g5
Ke7 50 gxf6+ Kf7 51 Kxe5 Re6+ 52
Kd5 Rd8+ 53 Kc4 Red6 54 Rg3 Kf8
55 f7 R6d7 56 Rg8+ Ke7 57 Rxd8
Rxd8 58 f8Q+ Rxf8 59 Rxf8 Kxf8 60
Kd5 Ke7 61 Kc6 Kf6 62 Kxc7 Kg5 63
Kxb6 Kxh5 64 Kxc5 1-0



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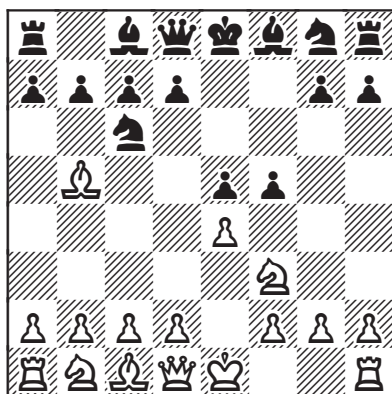


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Not Ready for the Museum

by Tim Rogalski



1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5!?

THE SCHLIEMANN RUY LOPEZ is an aggressively adventurous, yet offbeat opening. Those who play 3...f5!?, called Schliemannites, are fearless daredevil risk-takers who like to counterattack and jolt opponents out of their comfort zones.

In 2004, GM Larry Kaufman asked if the Schliemann was ready for the museum. Even today the majority of White players choose Larry's recommended line of 4 d3. Yet since 2007, the Schliemann has experienced a resurrection at the highest levels. Super-GM Teimour Radjabov courageously employs it against top attacking players such as Topalov, Anand, and Carlsen. Although I cannot fathom a grandmaster making the Schliemann his main weapon against 1 e4, it is a fun and exciting opening to play at the club level.

On ICC I have observed TransWarp (Rybka) playing 3...f5!? versus 3000+ rated GMs in blitz. TransWarp won every game.

Following are seven exciting Schliemann miniatures:

Phil Collier - Timothy Rogalski

1994 Fred Reinfeld Open, Manassas

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 O-O fxe4 6 Nxe5 Qh4 7 d3 Bd6 8 f4 Nf6 9 dxe4? Bc5+ 10 Kh1 Nxe4 11 Qd3 Nf2+ 12 Rxf2 Qxf2 13 Nf3 Bf5! 14 Qd1 Bxc2 15 Qe1+ Qxe1+ 16 Nxe1 Bxb1 17 Rxb1 O-O-O 0-1 [...Rd1 is coming and White can't get out of the way]



Mark Dejmok - Timothy Rogalski
1998 World Open, Philadelphia

Not all captures should be automatic. See if you can spot where my opponent missed a pretty mate in one... **1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 d3 fxe4 5 dxe4 Nf6 6 Nc3 Bb4 7 O-O Bxc3 8 bxc3 d6 9 Qd3 Be6?** [after 9...O-O 10 Qc4+ Kh8 11 Bxc6 bxc6 12 Qxc6 Rb8 13 Re1 Bg4 Black has compensation for the pawn.] **10 Ng5 Bg8 11 f4! h6 12 Nf3 Bh7 13 Qc4!? Bxe4 14 fxe5 Bd5 15 Qe2 dxe5 16 Ba3! Bxf3?** [Black is already busted, but should have tried castling by hand by 16...Kf7 17 Rad1 Re8] **17 Rxf3 Qd5 18 Rd1 Qe6 19 Bc4 Qg4 20 Rxf6! Qxe2 21 Bxe2 1-0** in view of 21...gxf6 22 Bh5 *mate*. Even though I lost, I can still appreciate beauty, so immediately after it finished I told my opponent to submit the game for publication. Eventually the score found its way into NIC and ChessBase.

Tom Hartwig - Timothy Rogalski
2003 Maryland Open

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Nc3 fxe4 5 Nxe4 d5 6 Nxe5 dxe4 7 Nxc6 Qg5 8 Ne5+? [8 Qe2 Nf6 is book. Now White loses material.] **8...c6 9 d4 Qxg2 10 Bf1 Qxh1 11 Qh5+ g6 12 Nxg6 hxg6 13 Qxh8 Kf7 14 Bg5 Bg7 15 Qh4 Qf3!** [Black needs to prevent White's harassing Qf4+] **16 Be2 Qf5 17 f3** [17 O-O-O Qxg5+! 18 Qxg5 Bh6] **17...exf3 18 Bd3 f2+!** [Forces an exchange of queens where Black's extra piece ensures an easy win. When the game finished, my opponent told his friends on the next board that he forgot about 8 Qe2] **0-1**

Lew Hucks - Timothy Rogalski
DC Chess League 2004

Lew is a faithful fellow Schliemannite, so I was curious to see how he played against one of his own weapons. He jokingly likes to call us Schliemannistaz, but that sounds derogatory to me. **1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 d4 fxe4 5 Nxe5 Nxe5 6 dxe5 c6 7 Nc3** [7 Be2!? is an interesting pawn-sac variation that I have never seen anyone play. The point is that 7...Qa5+ 8 Bd2 Qxe5 9 Bh5+ g6? 10 Bc3 Qxh5 11 Qxh5 gxh5 12 Bxh8 gives White the advantage. However, 9...Kd8! is correct and Black is better.] **7...cxb5 8 Nxe4 d5 9 exd6 Nf6 10 Bg5 Qa5+ 11 Bd2 b4 12 Nxf6+ gxf6 13 O-O Bxd6 14 Re1+ Kf7 15 Bh6 Rd8 16 Qf3 Qf5 17 Qe2 Be6 18 Rad1 Qe5 19 g3? Qxe2 20 Rxe2 Bg4 0-1**

Mach III (B7 level) - Timothy Rogalski
Casual Game

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Nc3 fxe4 5 Nxe4 d5 6 Nxe5 dxe4 7 Nxc6 Qg5 8 Qe2 Nf6 9 O-O?! Bd6? [9...a6! 10 Ba4 Bd7 11 d4 Qh5 12 Qxh5+ Nxh5 and the c6-knight is doomed.] **10 Nxa7+ c6?! [10...Bd7 is Black's best try] 11 Nxc8 Rxc8 12 Bc4 b5 13 d4 Qh4 14 g3 Qh3 15 Bb3 Rc7 16 a4! Re7 17 axb5 Ng4 18 f3 exf3 19 Be6!! Kd8?** and the machine has a forced mate in four. **1-0**



Boris Zisman - Timothy Rogalski

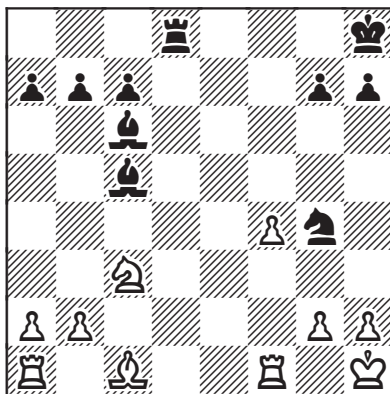
2002 Baltimore Open

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Nc3 fxe4 5 Nxe4 d5 6 Nxe5 dxe4 7 Nxc6 Qg5
 8 Nd4+ c6 9 Bf1 Qe5 10 Ne2 Nf6 11 d4 exd3 12 Qxd3 Bf5 13 Qb3 O-O-O
 14 Bf4 Qa5+ 15 c3 Bc5 16 f3 Rhe8 17 Bd2 Bd3 [17...Rxd2!! 18 Kxd2 Be3+
 19 Ke1 Qc5 20 Qa4 Bf2+ 21 Kd1 Qe3 with mate in five.] 18 Rd1 [I was hoping
 for the pretty queen sacrifice 18 c4 Bxe2! 19 Bxa5 Bxc4+ 20 Be2 Rxe2+ 21 Kf1
 Rf2+ (I didn't see the spectacular 21...Ba6!! 22 Bxd8 Re8+ 23 Qb5 Bxb5# until
 after the game) 22 Ke1 Re8+ 23 Kd1 Bxb3+ 24 axb3 Ree2 winning] 18...Qa6 19
 Bg5 Bxe2 20 Rxd8+ Kxd8 0-1

Roger Smith - Timothy Rogalski

Eastern Open (5) 1994

This imperfect game is one of my favorite Schliemanns because I will always
 remember the disconcerted look on my opponent's face after I played my final
 move. 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 f5 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 Nxe5 Nf6 6 exf5 Bd6 7 O-O
 O-O 8 d4 Bxf5 9 f4 c5 10 c3 cxd4 11 Qb3+ Kh8 12 Nf7+?! [12 cxd4] 12...
 Rxf7 13 Qxf7 dxc3?! [13...Bc5!] 14 Nxc3 Bc5+ 15 Kh1 Qd4!? [Δ 16...Ng4,
 17...Qg1+, 18.Rxg1 Nf2 smothered mate] 16 Nd1 Qe4 17 Qb3 Rd8 [17...Re8!
 was stronger, eg, 18 Nc3 Qe1! 19 Qd1 Qxd1 20 Rxd1 (20 Nxd1 Bd3) Ng4 21
 h3 Nf2+ 22 Kh2 Nxd1 23 Nxd1 Re1 with a winning position.] 18 Qf3 Ng4 19
 Qxe4 Bxe4 20 Nc3 Nf2+ 21 Kg1 [My opponent offered a draw.] 21...Ng4+
 22 Kh1 Bc6!?



Here I paused and slyly offered a draw myself, baiting him into a trap...

23 h3?? Rd3! The rook came crashing down on d3 with a crisp thud. 0-1





Alex Barnett - Dov Gorman

Foxwoods 2009

Sicilian

Notes by Dov Gorman

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 f3 Nc6 7 Be3 Bg7 8 Qd2 O-O 9 Bc4 Bd7 10 Bb3 Na5 [This move is playable.

However, it does not have great success rate.

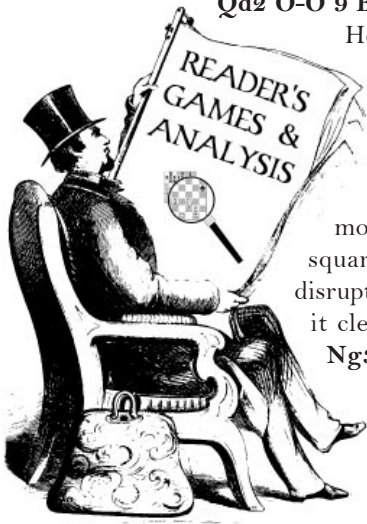
Better to stick with alternatives such as Rc8, Qa5 etc.] 11 Bh6 Bxh6 12 Qxh6 Nxb3 13

axb3 [axb3 is better. Now Black seizes the initiative.] 13...Qa5 14 O-O-O b5 15 Kb1

b4 16 Nce2 Rfc8 17 g4 Qe5! First, this

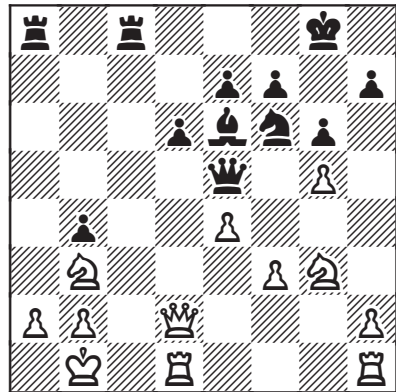
move places the queen in an excellent central square providing defensive resources. Second, it disrupts White's natural plan (Ng3, h4 etc). Finally, it clears the way for advancing the a-pawn.] 18

Ng3 a5 19 Qd2 a4 20 g5 axb3 21 Nxb3 Be6



22 Rc1 [if 22 gxf6 Rxa2 23 Nd4 (or 23 Kxa2 Qa5+ 24 Kb1 Bxb3 mate next move) Ra1+ 24 Kxa1 Qa5+ 25 Kb1 Qa2mate] 22...Bxb3 23 Rxc8+ Rxc8 24 axb3 Nd7 25 f4 Qa5 26 Rc1 Nc5 [Black has a clear plus due to the coming invasion on the a-file.] 27 Rc4 Ra8 28

Kc2 Nxb3? [This cute but awful move, a time control blunder, allows White to escape. 28...Qa1 would have left him struggling.] 29 Qxb4 Na1+ [Compare the placement of the knight on a1 with its commanding post on c5] 30 Kd3 Qa7 31 Qc3 Qa6 32 Ke3 Qb6+ 33 Kf3 Qb3 34 f5 Qxc3+ 35 Rxc3 Rb8 36 f6 [36 Rc7 would have allowed White to press.] 36...exf6 37 gxf6 Nb3 38 Rd3 Nc5 39 Rxd6 Rb3+ 40 Kg4 h5+ 41 Kh4? [41 Kf4 leaves some hopes of survival, but the self-mate text White's position is hopeless.] 41...Rxb2 42 h3 Rb3 43 Rd8+ Kh7 44 Rf8 Ne6 [only not 44...Kh6? 45 Rh8mate] 45 Rxf7+ Kh6 0-1





Fischer in Richmond

by Macon Shibut

ABOUT FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO to the month, Bobby Fischer wrapped up his cross-country exhibition tour. John Donaldson's *A Legend on the Road* documents the tour. The book (to which The Editor contributed) includes details and games that were available at the time of its writing (1994), but one missing game was seven-time Virginia state champion Charlie Powell's win over the future world champion at the old Richmond Chess Club.

The club met at The Virginia Home, on Hampton Street adjacent to Maymont Park. Normally the chess players had to vacate the meeting room by around midnight, but an exception was arranged for the evening of Fischer's exhibition. As it happened, Fischer did not even arrive in Richmond until about 10:30pm due to cancelled flights and other travel complications. It was after eleven by the time he was at the club and ready to begin. Nevertheless, about 80 players were still there to greet him. Some of them had been waiting for five hours.

Fischer had asked that his opponents be seated according to rating. However, as the hours of awaiting Fischer's arrival had passed, several prospective opponents gave up and went home. Others filled in the gaps they left behind, but without regard to the proper order. That's how Charlie Powell, without question the strongest local master, wound up seated alongside lower-ranked players.

The exhibition began. About 12:30 am, Powell declined a draw offer from Fischer. An hour later he had received the grandmaster's resignation. Afterwards Fischer was perturbed at learning that a master had slipped in among what he'd understood to be weaker opponents. Later that morning, he exacted revenge on Powell and others in a series of pre-dawn blitz games.

Bobby Fischer - Charles Powell

Richmond, March 5-6, 1964

French

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Qa5 [the only instance of this variation among Fischer's known games] **7 Bd2 Qa4 8 Rb1!? [8 Qb1] 8...c4 9 Qg4?! [The sort of adventure that a grandmaster might entertain in a simul, especially against an opponent he understands to be a weaker class player.] 9...Qxc2 10 Qxg7 Qxb1+ 11 Ke2 Bd7 12 f3 Ba4 13 Qxh8 Qd1+ 14 Ke3 Qxf1 15 Qxg8+ Ke7 16 Kf4 Nd7 17 Qxa8 Qxg2 18 Be1 Qxh1 [It's a rare game in which so many pieces, including all four rooks, die in their beds.] 19 Bh4+ f6 20 exf6+ Kf7 21 Qh8? [21 Nh3 is a better try, eg 21...Qxh2+ 22 Ke3 Qxh3 (but 22...Qb8!?) 23 Qh8 with leveling counterplay] 21...Qxh2+ 0-1**



Book Reviews *by Dov Gorman*

Four recent titles from the publisher Everyman Chess:

Dangerous Weapons: The Queens Gambit: Dazzle Your Opponents!

by Richard Palliser, Glenn Flear & Chris Ward

I reviewed another of the books in this series (*Flank Openings*) in VIRGINIA CHESS #2009/2. Similar to that book, this one consists of 14 chapters discussing imaginative and aggressive ideas ("Dangerous Weapons"), this time in the Queen's Gambit Declined and Slav defenses. No Catalan lines are included. The concept is a refreshing and promising one. However, the implementation makes this book a little disappointing. Its value is diminished by the inclusion of variations such as 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 e6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Be7 5 g4, which I consider ridiculous.

Dangerous Weapons: The Benoni and Benko: Dazzle your opponents!

by Richard Palliser, John Emms, Chris Ward & Gawain Jones

Compared with the preceding book, this one is a great improvement. Most of the examples here are relatively current and from super GMs' games. Some of these dangerous weapons were adopted by players such as Kramnik, Aronian, Radjabov, Adams, etc. This adds credibility and value to a solid book.

How to Play Against 1 e4

by Neil McDonald

This book attempts to provide a complete anti 1 e4 repertoire for Black based on the French Defence. The author gravitates towards schematic play and understanding principals of the opening, rather than sharp and long theoretical lines. As such, the Winawer variation is not covered at all. Instead, the author offers an unusual but conceptual treatment of the McCutcheon variation, 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bb4. Against the Tarrasch, 3 Nd2, he recommends 3...Be7. As an alternative to both, McDonald suggests the Fort Knox variation (1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3/Nd2 dxe4). Although this is rather a simplified approach, the discussion of the ideas behind the opening is good.

The Greatest Ever Chess Tricks and Traps

by Gary Lane

This fun and eclectic collection of famous tricks and traps is aimed at emerging players. For example, in the Caro Kann, 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 Qe2!? setting a trap for the natural 5...Ngf6?? is among the included ideas. The book's format illustrates each trap or theme through related games. The author provides a risk assessment for employing each trap, based on the criteria surprise value, risk, chance of success, and reward. The analysis is on the light side, in the spirit of entertaining reading.



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