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2011 Virginia Senior Championship

by Tim Hamilton

[The new Senior Champion for the Commonwealth of Virginia is William Marcelino. The title was won on tiebreaks over Tim Hamilton & Wayne Christensen after they each finished with 3½-½ scores. Thirty-eight players participated 38, down slightly from last year 44. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The Lincolnia Senior Center site provides a well-lit and quiet environment for some quality chess. Defending champ Geoff McKenna came to defend his title, but he was held to a draw by Milo Nekvasil in round 2. With seven players posting 2-0 starts, the odds were against him repeating, but he would nonetheless have entered the leader group had not Goran Zalar held him to a final round draw. —Mike Atkins]

AS ONE OF THE YOUNGER PARTICIPANTS in the over-50 tournament, I wasn't quite sure how things would go against all the "grizzled veterans". I had visions of the local octogenarians catching me in nineteenth-century gambits and methodically bringing home the points. I was also quite aware that my starting position on the wall chart was only number nine. But I managed to tie for first place with South Carolina expert Wayne Christiansen and another "youngster" (and this year's champ in tiebreaks), William Marcelino.

A number of circumstances went my way. The first round results followed the rating system's predictions closely, but then masters Geoff McKenna and Allan Savage were persuaded into taking draws as early as round two. I never had to face the masters head-to-head, and thanks to a forced pairing in round four, I even got the white pieces in three out of four games.

Timothy Hamilton - Robert Smith Jr Robatsch

1 Nc3 Nf6 2 e4 d6 3 d4 Bg4 [This is the sort of move that sometimes gets results in one-minute chess. I was probably planning to play f3 anyway, so White merely gains a tempo.] **4 f3 Bd7 5 Be3 e5 6 Nge2 Nc6 7 Qd2 exd4 8 Nxd4 Nxd4 9 Bxd4 Be7 10 O-O-O Bc6** [White has a comfortable game and can attack easily if Black castles kingside. The other wing is not especially safe for him either; so I wait to see his plan.] **11 Kb1 Qd7 12 g4 h6 13 h4 O-O-O** [Away from the pawn storm, at least. Lingering in the center may have seemed risky, but that would have been relatively safest there in the short term.] **14 Bh3 g5** [practically forced, but weakening] **15 Nd5 Bxd5** [Black does not want his other bishop to be traded off, leaving him with a pinned knight that must be somehow defended.] **16 exd5 Kb8** [Now a pawn goes, and White fears no discoveries.] **17 hxg5 hxg5 18 Qxg5 Rhg8 19 Qd2 Qb5** [With hopes of starting some new enterprise, but this overlooks a tactic.] **20 Bxa7+ Ka8** [Of course if he takes it I check on e3]



to regain the piece. Nonetheless, the damage has been done.] **21 Be3 Nd7** [Now he cuts off his queen's own retreat and my pieces converge on the queenside.] **22 Bf1 Qa4** [There is no hurry to play moves like b3 when I have time even for a fanciful maneuver like Rh1-h5-f5-f4] **23 Rh5 Ne5 24 Rf5 f6** [This move fails to impress, but the situation is looking pretty bad after all.] **25 Qc3 Kb8** [White's major pieces are preparing to charge down the a-file, while the bishops can always lend a hand. Pushing his c-pawn would offer only temporary relief.] **26 Rf4 Qd7 27 Qa3 1-0**

Peter Snow - Timothy Hamilton

Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8 Na3 Be7 [A throwback to the 1980's perhaps. The usual way nowadays is to play 8...b5] **9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Nd5 f5** [Again 10...b5 would tend to transpose back to more topical systems.] **11 Nxe7 Qxe7** [While somewhat trappy, I don't particularly advocate this move.] **12 Nc4 O-O** [White was skeptical and went for the pawn. Of course, taking it with the knight would be incorrect.] **13 Qxd6 fxe4** [The alternative 13...Qh4 was interesting.] **14 Qxe7 Nxe7 15 Nxe5 b5** [Taking stock, White is still a pawn up but he has to find a way to extricate his knight (which is running short on squares), finish developing his pieces, and castle safely. Perhaps all this can be achieved, perhaps not. In any case, White fails to address these issues with his next few moves. 16 f3 or even 16 0-0-0 would seem to have been better tries.] **16 Rd1 Ra7 17 Rd6 Rc7** [Threatening 18...f6 in earnest, so...] **18 f3 Rxc2** [Black is no longer inconvenienced in the slightest. White's position suffers a rapid and somewhat surprising collapse.] **19 Nd7 Nf5 20 Nf6+ Kh8 21 Rd2 Rc1+ 22 Kf2? e3+ 0-1**

Timothy Hamilton - Daniel Maxwell

Sicilian

1 Nc3 c5 2 e4 Nc6 3 Nf3 d6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Be2 Be7 8 Qd2 a6 9 Nb3 b5 10 a3 Bb7 11 O-O Qc7 12 f4 O-O-O 13 Qe1 Kb8 14 Kh1 d5 [Black takes this moment for a break in the center, but the dark side is the weakened c5 square. White is ready.] **15 e5 d4** [Hoping to mix things up, but the tactics favor White.] **16 exf6 gxf6 17 Bxf6! Bxf6** [Black seemed taken aback by the desperado motif, and took some time to consider his reply.] **18 Ne4 Be7 19 Nec5 Bxc5 20 Nxc5 Ne7 21 Nxb7** [It would be possible to anchor the knight on c5 with 21 b4, and then use a4 to open things up. However, trading it off and seizing the long diagonal instead seems reasonable.] **21...Qxb7 22 Bf3 Qc7 23 a4 b4 24 Qxb4+ Ka7 25 Ra3 Nf5** [I felt that Black was losing, albeit holding on grimly as best he could. Before trading bishop for knight, I probe a bit further.] **26 Qd2 h5 27 Rb3 Rb8 28 Rxb8 Rxb8 29 Be4 Qc4 30 Bd3 Qd5 31 b4 h4 32 Re1 h3 33 Be4 hxg2+ 34 Qxg2 Qd6 35 b5 Qxf4 36 Bxf5 Qxf5 37 Rf1 Qh5**



75th Annual

Virginia Closed State Championship

September 3-5, 2011

Hilton Garden Inn Richmond-Innsbrook
4050 Cox Rd., Glen Allen, Va

Open to Virginia residents, military stationed in Virginia, and students attending any Virginia school, College or University (must show valid ID or other proof of Fall 2011 enrollment) 6-SS, 30/90, SD/1. \$\$2,825 b/75 paid entries. Two sections: *Open* \$600-350-250, top Expert & A each \$125. Trophy and title of 2011 Virginia State Champion to first overall, trophies to top X & A. *Amateur* (under 1800) \$500-300-175, top C, D, U1200, Unr each \$100. Trophy and title of 2011 Virginia Amateur Champion to first overall, trophies to top top C, D, U1200. *Both* Trophies to top Senior (60+), Junior (U18) and Woman across both sections with 1 point added to Open section scores. Reg Fri Sep 2, 3-6:30pm & Sat Sep 3, 10am-12:30pm. Rds 1-7, 11-5, 10-3:30. Two ½pt byes available, must declare before start of rd 2. EF \$60 if received by Sept 2, \$75 thereafter and on site. Re-entry with ½pt bye allowed for rd 2 only at \$30. Hotel (804)521-2900, reserve before 8/12 and mention the tournament for \$89 chess rate. <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com>. *Enter:* Mail payment by 8/30 to Mike Hoffpauir, ATTN: Va Closed, 405 Hounds Chase, Yorktown, Va 23693. Checks to "VIRGINIA CHESS".

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Annual VCF Business Meeting

Saturday, September 3

10am-12 noon



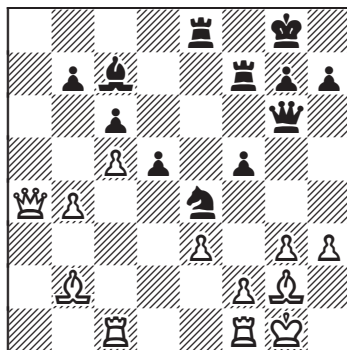
38 Qc6 Qd5+ 39 Qxd5 exd5 40 Rxf7+ Kb6 [Somewhat optimistic, but at least more active than going back.] **41 Rf6+ Kc5 42 Rxa6 Re8 43 Rc6+ Kb4 44 b6 Kxa4 45 b7 Re1+** [A standard idea, getting behind the dangerous passed pawn; it fails here to another standard idea, the skewer, but getting in front would eventually lose too. With the Black rook tied down, White can play Rb6-b3 and gradually advance the h-pawn.] **46 Kg2 Rb1 47 Ra6+ 1-0**

Stephen Miller - William Marcelino

Dutch

1 d4 f5 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nf3 e6 4 g3 d5 5 Bg2 c6 6 O-O Bd6 7 b3 Qe7 8 Bb2 a5 9 Nc3 O-O 10 cxd5 exd5 11 Rc1 Be6 12 Na4 Nbd7 13 Ng5 Ng4 14 Nxe6 Qxe6 15 Nc5 Nxc5 16 dxc5 Bc7 17 h3 Nf6 18 e3 Ne4 19 Qd4 Qg6 20 a3 Rae8 21 Qa4 Rf7 22 b4 axb4 23 axb4

23...h5 24 b5 h4 25 gxh4 f4 26 exf4 Rxf4 27 Qd1 Nxf2 28 Rxf2 Rxf2 29 Kxf2 Qg3+ 30 Kg1 Qh2+ 31 Kf1 Rf8+ 32 Bf3 Qxh3+ 33 Kf2 Qh2+ 34 Ke3 Re8+ 35 Kd3 Qxb2 36 bxc6 bxc6 37 Bh5 Qb5+ 0-1



16th annual

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Nov 5-6, 2011

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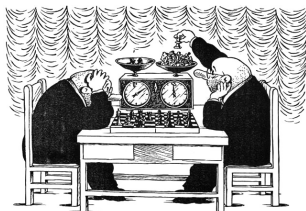
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20 Grand Prix points



1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 d6 5 e4 Bg4 6 Be2 Nf6 7 Nc3 O-O 8 O-O Bxf3
9 Bxf3 Nfd7 10 Qc2 Na6 11 Bg5 h6 12 Be3 Nc7 13 Be2 a6 14 Rab1 Rb8 15
b4 b6 16 f4 Kh7 17 a3 Re8



1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 f4 a6 5 Nf3 b5 6 a3 Nd7 7 Be3 Bb7 8 Bd3 c5 9
dxc5 Nxc5 10 O-O Nf6 11 Nd2 O-O 12 Kh1 Qd7 13 Bg1 Rac8 14 Qe2 Qc6
15 Rae1 Nfd7 16 Rf3 Ne6 17 Nd5 Rce8 18 c3 Nec5 19 Bb1 e6 20 Nb4 Qc8
21 Rh3 f5 22 Re3 Nf6 23 exf5 exf5 24 Nf3 Rxe3 25 Bxe3 Re8 26 Ba2+ Kf8
27 Qd1 Nce4 28 Ng5 h6 29 Qb3 Qc4 30 Qd1 Qc8 31 Nxe4 Nxe4 32 Qb3 d5
33 Nxd5 Qe6 34 Nc7 Nf2+ 35 Kg1 1-0

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 d4 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 O-O 5 O-O d6 6 Nbd2 Nbd7 7 e4 e5 8 c3
Re8 9 Re1 c6 10 Nc4 Nb6 11 Nxb6 Qxb6 12 dxe5 dxe5 13 Qc2 Qc7 14 a4
h6 15 a5 Be6 16 c4 c5 17 b3 Nd7 18 Bb2 Nb8 19 Bc3 Nc6 20 Ra2 Rad8 21
Rc1 Rd7 22 Ne1 Red8 23 Qe2 Nd4 24 Bxd4 Rxd4 25 Bf3 Qd7 26 Ng2 h5 27
h4 Bh6 28 Rb1 Rd2 29 Rxd2 Qxd2 30 Rd1 Qxd1+ 31 Qxd1 Rxd1+ 32 Bxd1
Bd2 33 a6 b6 34 Ne3 Bxe3 35 fxe3 Bc8 36 Kf2 Bxa6 37 g4 hxg4 38 Bxg4
Bb7 39 Bf3 f5 40 exf5 Bxf3 41 Kxf3 gxf5 42 e4 f4 0-1

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c5 4 Nf3 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nc6 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Bc4 O-O 8
Bb3 a5 9 O-O a4 10 Nxa4 Nxe4 11 Nb5 Ra6 12 f3 Nf6 13 Qe2 d6 14 Rad1
Bd7 15 c4 Na5 16 Bc2 Nc6 17 a3 Ne5 18 b3 Bc6 19 Bf4 Ned7 20 Be3 Qb8
21 Nac3 Re8 22 a4 Qc8 23 Kh1 Nc5 24 b4 Ncd7 25 Nd4 e5 26 Ndb5 Bxb5
27 Nxb5 Bf8 28 Qd2 Qxc4 29 Bd3 Qb3 30 Nc7 Rc6 31 Nxe8 Nxe8 32 a5 d5



33 Rb1 Qa3 34 Bb5 Rc7 35 Bb6 Nxb6 36 axb6 Rc8 37 Bxe8 Rxe8 38 Qxd5
Qa6 39 Qa5 Re6 40 Qxa6 bxa6 41 b7 Rb6 42 Ra1 Rxb7 43 Rxa6 Bxb4 44
Raa1 Bc3 45 Rab1 Re7 1/2-1/2

Daniel Maxwell - Raymond Duchesne

Hedgehog

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 b6 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 O-O c5 6 Nc3 Be7 7 d4 cxd4 8 Qxd4
Nc6 9 Qd2 a6 10 b3 Qc7 11 Bb2 O-O 12 Rac1 Rac8 13 e4 d6 14 Rfd1 Qb8
15 Qe3 Ba8 16 a4 Ng4 17 Qe2 Rfd8 18 h3 Nge5 19 Ba3 Nxf3+ 20 Bxf3 Bf6
21 Qe3 h6 22 Bg2 Rd7 23 Rd2 Rcd8 24 Rcd1 Be7 25 f4 a5 26 Kh2 Nb4 27
Bxb4 axb4 28 Nb5 Bf8 29 Rd3 Bc6 30 Nd4 Bb7 31 Nc2 Qc7 32 Qd2 d5 33
cxd5 exd5 34 exd5 Bxd5 35 Rxd5 Rxd5 36 Bxd5 Rxd5 37 Qxd5 Qxc2+ 38
Rd2 Qc1 39 Re2 Bc5 40 Re8+ 1-0

David Hulvey - Walter Koroljow

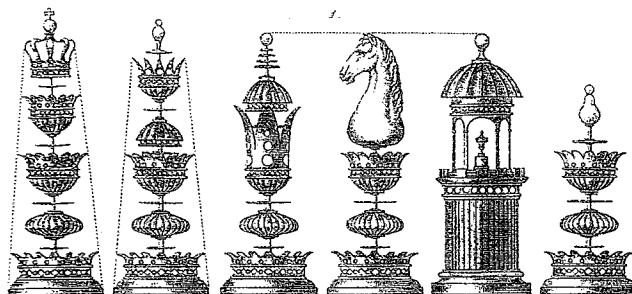
Modern

1 e4 g6 2 f4 d5 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 Nc3 Qd8 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Bc4 Bg7 7 d4 O-O 8
O-O c6 9 h3 b5 10 Bd3 Nbd7 11 f5 Nb6 12 fxg6 hxg6 13 Ne2 Be6 14 c3 Bc4
15 Bc2 Rc8 16 Ne5 Bd5 17 Nf4 Be4 18 Bb3 Nbd5 19 a4 Rc7 20 axb5 cxb5
21 Qe2 Nxf4 22 Rxf4 Bd5 23 Bc2 Nd7 24 Ng4 Bc4 25 Qf2 f5 26 Ne3 Bf7
27 g4 e5 28 dxe5 Bxe5 29 Rf3 f4 30 Ng2 Bd5 31 Rd3 Be4 32 Rd1 Bxc2 33
Qxc2 Kg7 34 Qe4 Qf6 35 Qf3 g5 36 Bd2 Qb6+ 37 Kh2 Bd6 38 Be1 Ne5 39
Qd5 Rf6 40 c4 Rc5 41 Qa8 Rc7 42 Ba5 Qf2 43 Bxc7 f3 44 Rg1 Nxf4+ 45
Kh1 Qg3 46 Bxd6 Nf2 *mate* 0-1

Denis Strenzwilk - James Guill

Modern

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c3 c5 4 dxc5 b6 5 cxb6 axb6 6 Bc4 Qc7 7 Bxf7+ (7 Qd5)
7... Kxf7 8 Qd5+ e6 9 Qxa8 Nf6 10 Nf3 Na6 11 Be3 Ng4 12 O-O Bb7 13
Qa7 Nxe3 14 fxe3 Ra8 15 Qxa8 Bxa8 16 Nbd2 Kg8 17 Nd4 Nc5 18 b3 Nxe4
19 Nxe4 Bxe4 20 c4 Qc5 21 Rad1 Qg5 22 Nf3 Qxe3+ 23 Kh1 Bc6 24 Rfe1
Qf4 25 Rf1 Qg4 26 Rd2 e5 27 Rdf2 e4 28 Ne1 e3 29 Rf4 e2 0-1





Bill Robinson

Bill Robinson —no one ever called him “William”— died April 19, 2011, in Richmond. He was 57 and is survived by two grown children, Rachel and Theodore.

At his peak, Bill achieved the USCF Master title and he won the 1982 Virginia state championship. A staple on some powerhouse Arlington Rooks teams of the mid-1980s DC Chess League, he unfortunately played few tournaments as he worked mostly in retail and the hospitality industries, which made finding free weekends difficult. Most recently, he owned a wine and cheese store in Richmond. He had not played rated chess since about 1989.

As was common with players of his generation, Bill came to chess as part of the “Fischer Boom”. His style was classical: 1 e4 with White; against the Sicilian, play 2 Nf3, then 3 d4, and aim to castle queenside. (Indeed, one of his best games was a blowout of future GM Alex Sherzer on the White side of a Sicilian Dragon.) As Black, answer 1 e4 with 1...e5; meet 1 d4 with the Nimzoindian or Queen’s Indian.

— Steve Mayer

Readers with games or memories of Bill Robinson that they would like to share are invited to submit them for publication in a future issue of VIRGINIA CHESS - Ed

James Madison Chess Piece Unearthed at Orange County Estate

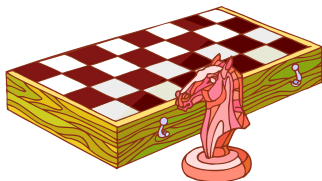
ASSOCIATED PRESS, February 3, 2011

Archaeologists have unearthed a couple of pieces of history at James Madison’s country estate: portions of two pawns from his chess set.

Montpelier officials think the pieces are likely from the same set that Madison and Thomas Jefferson used in their frequent matches during Jefferson’s visits.

Archaeologists recently discovered the pawns during an ongoing excavation at the fourth president’s Orange County estate. Montpelier archaeology director Matthew Reeves called the pieces a treasure that reflects Madison’s intellectual pursuits and social life.

The fragments of pawns provided enough detail for researchers to determine what Madison’s chess set looked like. Curators then bought an identical, authentic 18th-century ivory chess set, which now is on display in Madison’s home.



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For Adults 50+

2011 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics September 17-28 CHESS Event: Sept. 21 & 22

City of Fairfax Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax 22030 703-354-2487

Rules: Round Robin (five or fewer entrants) or Swiss Out (six or more) tournaments. Personal chess sets may be used. Two day tournament. Must be 50 years of age by Dec. 31, 2011 and live in one of the Northern Virginia sponsoring jurisdictions.

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Kingstowne Chess Club

by Don Millican

QUAD #74/ACTION-PLUS #46

A total of thirty-five played in the two June 4 events: four in a single Quad and thirty-three in the Action-Plus. Stephen Jablon & Sahil Sinha tied in the Quad with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points apiece. Tiebreaks gave Jablon the silver medal, leaving bronze for Sinha.

The extra-large turnout injected a sixty-five percent premium into the prize fund for the Action-Plus. Benjamin Kraus & Eric Most tied for 1st with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Andrew Zheng took under 1800. Shreya Shetty won top under 1400.

QUAD #75/ACTION-PLUS #47

July 9 was a historic date for the Kingstowne Quads and Action-Pluses. After a winter and spring of lower attendance, players showed up in numbers that defied all expectations! Twelve players filled three Quad sections, and an amazing sixty-four players—close to double the previous record!—entered the Action-Plus. The turnout enabled a tripling of the announced prize fund.

The top Quad resulted in a 3-way tie between Stephen Jablon, Frank Gomez & James Kurucz. Tiebreaks give Jablon the first place silver medal and Kurucz second place bronze. The middle Quad was won by Greg Anderson with 3 points and a gold medal. Jay Lalwani took second place bronze. The bottom Quad saw Jay's brother Gautam take the gold medal with a perfect 3-0 score. A logjam at the bottom saw Chetana Suvarna take the bronze medal on tiebreak over Shravya Shetty & Nayana Suvarna.

Srdjan Damanovic, Andrew Tichnor & Alex Passov finished in a three-way tie for 1st in the Action-Plus, all with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Kerry Hubers, Dennis Burke & Aaryan Balu shared under 1800. Chase Kane won under 1400. Venkata Allamsetty rounded out the winners, taking the unrated prize.





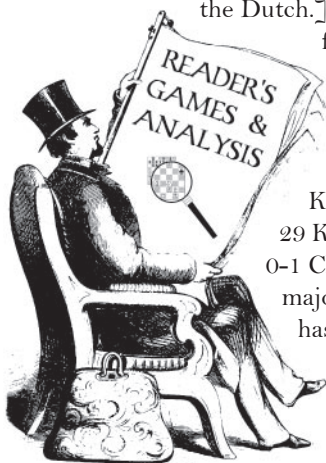
Oliver Kayende – Dov Gorman

DC Chess League 2011

Dutch

Notes by Dov Gorman

1 d4 f5 2 e4 [The Staunton Gambit, one of the sharpest continuations against the Dutch.] 2...fxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Nc6 5 d5 [5 f3 d5 6 fxe4 dxe4 7 Bb5 Bg4 8 Qd2 e6 9 h3 Bh5 10 g4 Bg6 11 Nge2 Qd6 12 O-O-O a6 13 Ba4 Be7 14 Bf4 Qd7 15 Ng3 O-O 16 h4 Nd5 17 Nce2 Rxf4 18 Nxf4 e3 19 Qe1 Nxf4 20 Qxe3 Nd5 21 Qd2 Bd6 22 Ne2 Bb4 23 c3 Bd6 24 Bc2 Bxc2 25 Kxc2 Qf7 26 h5 Rf8 27 Rdf1 Qxf1 28 Rxf1 Rxf1 29 Kb3 Na5+ 30 Kc2 Rf2 31 Qe1 Ne3+ 32 Kd3 Nxe4 0-1 Chow-Gurevich, 1994] 5...Ne5 6 Qd4 [6 Qe2 is a major alternative.] 6...Nf7 [The knight's grand tour has landed it in a very influential square. From f7 it protects the h5-e8 diagonal, h8 and h6, as well as key central squares such as e5 and d6] 7 h4 c6 8 O-O-O Qb6 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Qxe4 Bh6+ [10...Qxf2 11 Be2 f5 12 Qd3 Bh6+ 13 Kb1 Ne5 14 Bh5+ Kd8 15 Qh3 Nc4 16 Bf3 Qb6 17 b3 Bg7 18 Nge2 d6 19 Rd3 Bd7 20 Re1 c5 21 Nf4 Qb4 22 Be2 Nd2+ 23 Kc1 Bxc3 24 Ne6+



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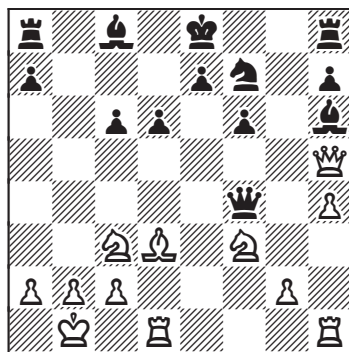


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Bxe6 25 Rxc3 Ne4 0-1 Jukemura-Rodriguez, 2005] **11 Kb1 Qxf2 12 Nf3** [Not only is Black up a pawn with the bishop pair, but eliminating pawn f2 increases the scope of the unchallenged dark square bishop.] **12...Qe3 13 Qg4** [13 Qa4 Qf4 14 Qb3 a5 15 a4 Qb4 16 Qa2 f5 17 Rh3 Bg7 18 Ng5 Ne5 19 Be2 h6 20 Bh5+ Kf8 21 Nf7 Nxf7 22 dxc6 Nd6 23 cxd7 Bxd7 24 Rxd6 Be8 25 Bxe8 Rxe8 26 Rd5 e6 27 Rb5 Qg4 28 Qb3 Qxg2 29 Rd3 Re7 30 Rxa5 Qh1+ 31 Ka2 Qxh4 32 Rd8+ Kf7 33 Rxf5+ Kg6 34 Rxh8 exf5 35 Rc8 Qg3 36 Qb6+ Kh7 37 Nd5 Rf7 38 c3 Qe5 39 Rd8 f4 40 Qb5 f3 41 Re8 Qf5 42 Re1 f2 43 Rf1 Qe4 44 Nb4 Rf3 45 a5 Rf5 46 Qd3 Qe6+ 47 c4 Kh8 48 Nd5 Qe5 49 Qc2 Qd4 50 Kb3 Rf8 51 Qe2 Qc5 52 Nb4 Qxa5 53 Rxf2 Ra8 54 c5 Qxc5 55 Rf7 b5 56 Qg2 Qc4mate 0-1 Karagiannis-Grivas, 2003] **13...Qf4 14 Qh5 d6 15 dxc6** [Now the lethal threat of ...Bg4 forces White to improve Black's central pawn mass.] **15...bxc6 16 Bd3?** [16 Qa5 was better but in any case Black is a pawn up with the bishop pair and a better position, eg, 16...Bd7 17 Bd3 Rb8 18 a3 Qe3 19 Bc4 Ne5 20 Nxe5 fxe5 21 Na4 Qxa3 22 Qc7 Qb4 23 Be2 Rg8 24 Bh5+ Rg6 25 Bxg6+ hxg6 26 h5 Rb7 27 Rh4 Qb5 28 Qxb7 Qxb7 29 hxg6 Bg7 30 g4 Qb4 31 Rdh1 Be6 32 b3 e4 33 Rh7 Be5 34 g7 Qa3 0-1 Parker-Marusenko, 1994. Another game saw 16 Be2 with the continuation 16... Qf5 17 Nd4 Qxh5 18 Bxh5 Bd7 19 g4 Be3 20 Ne4 Bxd4 21 Rxd4 O-O 22 g5 f5 23 Nc5 Rad8 24 Nxd7 Rxd7 25 Rf4 Ne5 26 Rhf1 e6 27 Re1 c5 28 Kc1 Re7 29 Kd2 Ng6 30 Bxg6 hxg6 31 Ke3 Kf7 32 Rd1 Rd7 33 Rc4 Ke7 34 a3 Rh8 35 Kf3 e5 36 b4 cxb4 37 axb4 Ke6 38 Kg3 Rdh7 39 Rc6 f4+ 40 Kf3 Kf5 41 Rcxd6 e4+ 42 Kf2 Rxh4 43 R6d5+ Kg4 44 Rg1+ Kh5 45 Rd7 Rh2+ 46 Kf1 Kh4 47 Re7 e3 48 Rf7 Rf2+ 49 Ke1 Rh5 50 c4 Kh3 51 c5 Rb2 52 Rh1+ Kg3 53 Rxh5 gxh5 54 c6 Kf3 55 Kd1 e2+ 0-1 Cifuentes-Reinderman, 1993]

16...Rb8! [A multi-purpose move, removing the rook from the sensitive h1-a8 diagonal and positioning it aggressively on the open file in preparation for the final blow on b2. On the other hand, 16...a5, which I considered in connection with the idea ...Bg4, would have been unfortunate: 17 Be4 Ra6 18 Rd4 and White would even be winning.] **17 Be4 d5 18 Nxd5 cxd5 19 Bxd5 e6 20 Rhe1** [if 20 Bc6+ Kf8 21 Qc5+ Kg7 22 Rd4 Qg3 23 Rd3 Qc7 24 Nd4 Ne5 wins] **20...O-O 21 Bxe6 Bxe6 22 Rxe6 Rxb2+!** [Now on 23 Kxb2 there would follow 23...Qb4+ 24 Ka1 Qc3+ 25 Kb1 Rb8+ and mates. 23 Ka1 is no better: 23...Rxa2+ 24 Kxa2 Qa4+ 25 Kb2 Rb8+ 26 Kc3 Rc8+ 27 Kd3 Qc4mate] **0-1**





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