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"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function."
(F. Scott Fitzgerald)

Most chess players and administrators in this country are of first rate intelligence; yet we appear to struggle with the opposing ideas of tradition and progress. Today we must adapt and change at an increasingly rapid pace in order to keep up with the world around us; yet work even harder to maintain a community and connection with the past.

Welcome to the re-launch of On The Move. Many club players will have fond memories of a Victorian Chess Association newsletter of the same name from the '80s and '90s and we're thrilled to have a past editor, IM Robert Jamieson, on board as editor in its new incarnation. On The Move will be available free of charge to all clubs in Australia in both hard-copy printed form and also by email or download; providing news, tips and articles of interest to club players (1200-1600 rating). We invite submissions from anyone who wishes to contribute.

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Hopefully we'll be able to find the right mix of the philosophies of tradition and progress as we help to redesign the future of chess in Australia.

David Cordover
Chess Guru



The World Chess Champion Vishy Anand defended his title after defeated Veselin Topalov 6.5 - 5.5 in Sofia, Bulgaria in a hard-fought match.

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By IM Robert Jamieson

Chess has never been a great spectator sport. We can all appreciate it when Roger Federer hits a winner on the tennis court, but to appreciate a good move on the chess board you probably have to be a good player yourself. This however should not discourage you from following top International chess on the internet, and it doesn't get any bigger than the World Chess Championship played in Bulgaria between Anand and his challenger Topalov.

The games were broadcast live (at 10.00pm Eastern Standard Time) and I certainly stayed up late to watch. What you do is try to guess each player's move before he makes it. When he makes a different move you then try to understand why. This is a great learning tool and afterwards you can always watch the videos of the game being analysed so as to learn even more.

Here is the exciting first game of the match

World Championship 2010 - Game 1

GM V.Topalov 2805

GM V.Anand 2787

Grunfeld Defence

**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 O-O 10.O-O Na5 11.Bd3 b6**

**12.Qd2 e5 13.Bh6 cxd4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7
15.cxd4 exd4 16.Rac1 Qd6 17.f4 f6
18.f5 Qe5**

Anand seeks to set up a blockade on the dark squares. Topalov must act quickly before Black can complete his development.

19.Nf4 g5 20.Nh5+ Kg8?

20...Kh8 to allow ...Rg8 was better.

21.h4 h6 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Rf3 Kf7?

Better was 23...Bb7 or Bd7

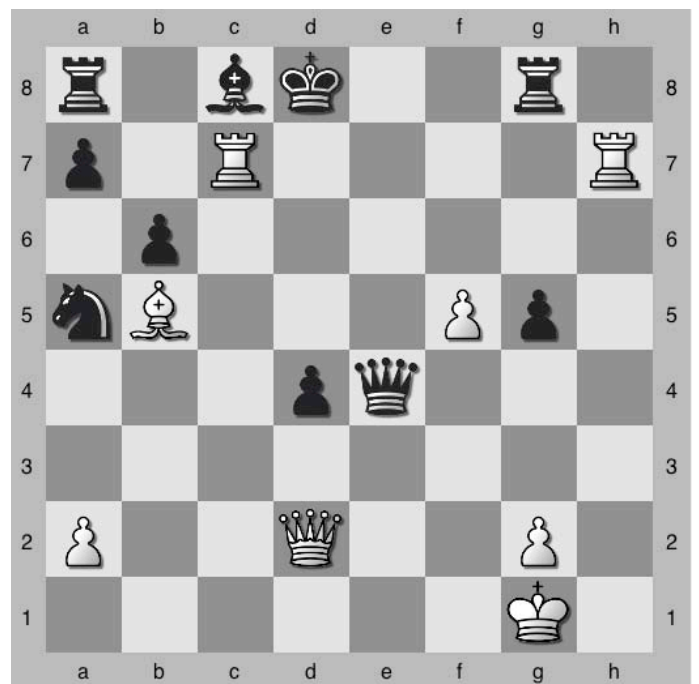
24.Nxf6!?

A daring sacrifice to get at Black's K.

24...Kxf6 25.Rh3 Rg8

If 25...Qf4 26.e5+! is winning.

**26.Rh6+ Kf7 27.Rh7+ Ke8 28.Rcc7 Kd8
29.Bb5 Qxe4**



30.Rxc8+! 1-0

If 30...Rxc8 31.Qc1+ Nc6 32.Bxc6 Qe3+
33.Qxe3 dxe3 34.Bxa8 wins easily or

30...Rxc8 31.Rd7+ Ke8 32.Rxd4+ wins the Q.

The match was very close and it all came down to the last (12th) game with the challenger having the advantage of the white pieces.

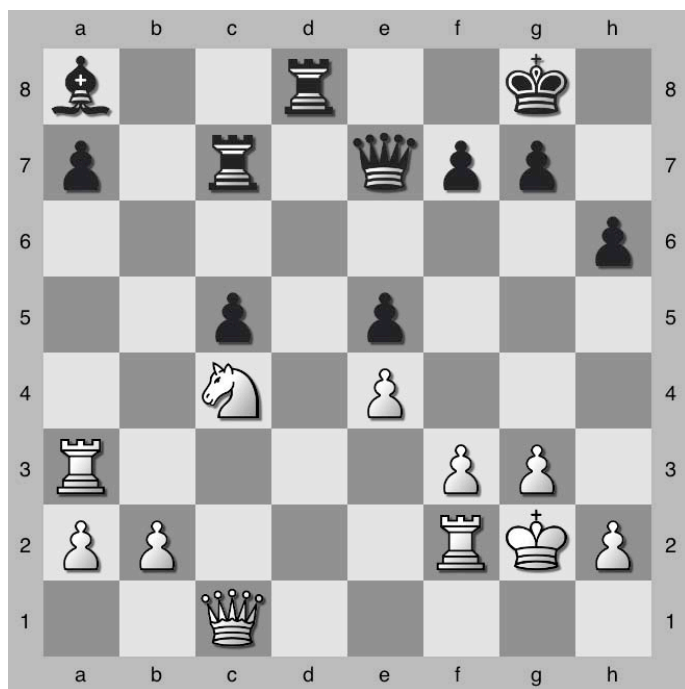
World Championship 2010 - Game 12

GM V.Topalov 2805

GM V.Anand 2787

D56 - Queen's Gambit/Lasker Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6
6.Bh4 O-O 7.e3 Ne4 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Rc1 c6
10.Be2 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd7
13.O-O b6 14.Bd3 c5 15.Be4 Rb8 16.Qc2 Nf6
17.dxc5 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 bxc5 19.Qc2 Bb7
20.Nd2 Rfd8 21.f3 Ba6 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.g3
Rbd8 24.Kg2 Bd3 25.Qc1 Ba6 26.Ra3 Bb7
27.Nb3 Rc7 28.Na5 Ba8 29.Nc4 e5 30.e4



30...f5 31.exf5? (31.Nd2) e4 32.fxe4? (32.Re3)
Qxe4+ 33.Kh3 Rd4 34.Ne3 Qe8! 35.g4 h5
36.Kh4 g5+! 37.fxg6 Qxg6 38.Qf1 Rxg4+
39.Kh3 Re7 40.Rf8+ Kg7 41.Nf5+ Kh7 42.Rg3
Rxc3+ 43.hxg3 Qg4+ 44.Kh2 Re2+ 45.Kg1
Rg2+ 46.Qxg2 Bxg2 47.Kxg2 Qe2+ 48.Kh3 c4
49.a4 a5 50.Rf6 Kg8 51.Nh6+ Kg7 52.Rb6
Qe4 53.Kh2 Kh7 54.Rd6 Qe5 55.Nf7 Qxb2+
56.Kh3 Qg7 0-1

A great game to finish and the match which will go down in history as one of the better world championship matches. At last the chess world seems to have returned to normality. We know who the undisputed world champion is, he defends his title at regular intervals and the matches are for a set “best of 12 games” rather than dragging on forever until someone wins six games. It’s just like being back in the 1960’s!

Anand by all accounts is a very nice guy who beat the odds by defending his title in his opponent’s home country. Not since 1892 has a defending World Champion lost the first game of their match and hung on to the title. Topalov’s given name “Veselin” means “happy” in Bulgarian. He may not have won the title but I think he can be happy with his play and for being part of a wonderful event.

Ian Rogers Comments....

“Anand will keep the world title until London 2012 when it is quite likely he will be forced to defend the crown against a player half his age — Norway’s Magnus Carlsen, already the youngest world number one in history. Anand and Carlsen have previously worked together but now master and student may become mortal enemies.”

For more details of the match (including the behind the scenes gossip) check out Ian’s articles at:

<http://www.crikey.com.au/topic/world-championship-chess/>



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL 2010

The Sydney Open was held just after the Doeberl Cup, from April 6 to 11, and so several participants travelled from the Australian capital to Sydney to try their luck again at the 64 squares. A total of 128 players entered (77 in the Open group, 51 in the Challengers). The average rating of the Open field was 2131, including 10 GMs, 8 IMs, 3 FMs, 3 WIMs and 1 WFM.

Venue was the Parramatta Town Hall in Sydney. The prize fund totalled A\$14,000 (€9,636 or US \$13,073). Principal sponsor was GM Murray Chandler. Just like the Doeberl Cup, the Sydney Open was a 9-round Swiss. Australian champion GM Zhao Zong-Yuan and GM Gawain Jones from England drew quickly in the last round to secure a tied first place. Doeberl Cup winner GM Li Chao from China lost to GM Vladimir Malaniuk, and so only GM Dejan Bojkov from Bulgaria could theoretically join Zhao and Jones. He did so, by beating GM Barua with Black, and eventually was declared winner on Buchholz.

This event was a great opportunity for some of Australia's better juniors to play against International titled players. Here is how Sydney junior Max Illingworth knocked off grandmaster Darryl Johansen and a very tactical encounter.

Sydney International Open

Max Illingworth 2289

GM Darryl Johansen 2457

B80 - Sicilian/Scheveningen Variation

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 O-O 9.O-O-O a6 10.g4 Nd7 11.h4 Nde5 12.Qg2 b5 13.g5 Bd7 14.Kb1 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 b4 16.Ne2 Qc7 17.f4 Rfc8 18.Ng3 Nc6 19.Be3 d5 20.exd5 b3 21.g6 bxa2+ 22.Ka1 Nb4 23.gxf7+ Kxf7 24.dxe6+ Bxe6 25.c3 Rd8 26.Re1 Nd5 27.Bd4 Nf6 28.Rg1 Rg8 29.Ne4 [29.Rxe6! Kxe6 30.Nf5!



GM Dejan Bojkov (Bulgaria) wins the Sydney International Open 2010

Kf7 31.Nxe7 Kxe7 32.Qxg7+! Rxd7 33.Rxd7+ Kd8 34.Bxf6+ Kc8 35.Bh3+ Kb8 36.Be5+-] **29... Nh5 30.f5 Bxf5 31.Ng5+ Bxg5 32.Qd5+ 1-0**

All the games are at:

http://www.smartdolphins.net/live/dgt_chesstheatre.htm

Final LEADING SCORES:

Rk.		Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	GM	Bojkov Dejan	BUL	2505	7,0
2	GM	Jones Gawain C B	ENG	2556	7,0
3	GM	Zhao Zong-Yuan	AUS	2592	7,0
4	GM	Malaniuk Vladimir P	UKR	2582	6,5
5	GM	Kunte Abhijit	IND	2528	6,5
6	GM	Panchanathan Magesh Chandran	IND	2543	6,5
7	FM	Fernandez Daniel Howard	SIN	2299	6,5
8	GM	Li Chao B	CHN	2613	6,0
9	IM	Roy Chowdhury Saptarshi	IND	2429	6,0
10	GM	Smerdon David	AUS	2530	6,0
11	GM	Barua Dibyendu	IND	2479	6,0
12	IM	Xie George Wendi	AUS	2470	6,0
13	IM	Sharma Dinesh K	IND	2361	6,0
14	IM	Macak Stefan	SVK	2470	6,0
15	IM	Solomon Stephen J	AUS	2426	6,0
16	FM	Teichmann Erik O M C	ENG	2325	6,0

THE BLACKBURNE TOUR

22 December 1884 - May 1885

by Tony Wright

“Joseph Henry Blackburne (December 10, 1841 – September 1, 1924), nicknamed "The Black Death", dominated British Chess during the latter part of the 19th century. He learned the game at the relatively late age of 18 but quickly became a strong player and went on to develop a professional chess career that spanned over 50 years. At one point he was the world's second most successful player, with a string of tournament victories behind him, but he really enjoyed popularising chess by giving simultaneous and blindfold displays around the country. Blackburne also published a collection of his own games, and was a chess correspondent for a leading journal until his death.

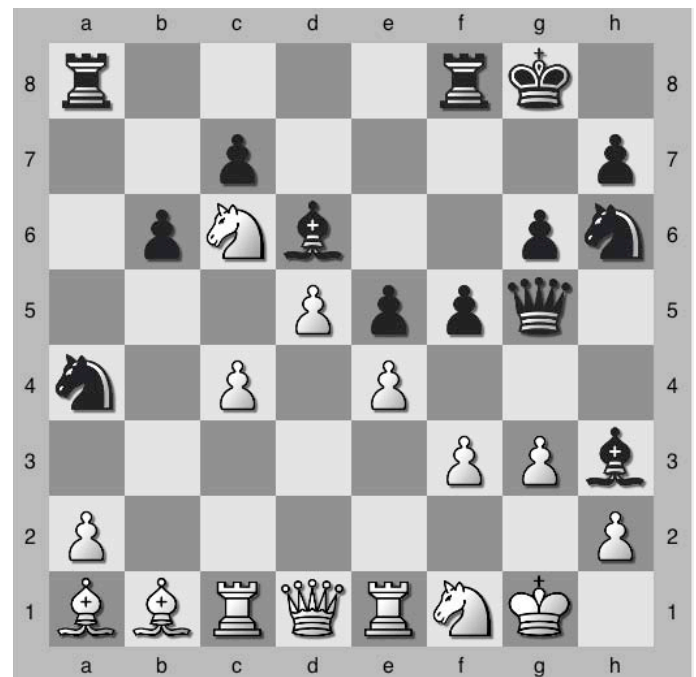
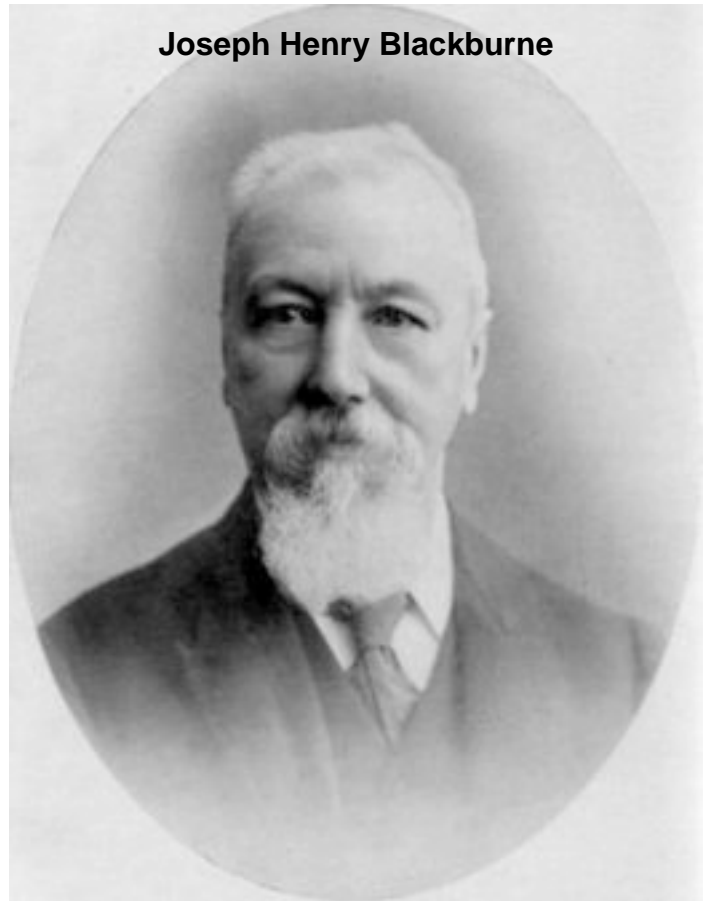
He was also noted for heavy drinking of Scotch Whiskey, especially during exhibition games, and this became the subject of many anecdotes. However he occasionally became violent when drunk, and his victims included other chess players.” (Wiki.)

Blackburne was heeding medical advice of a prolonged stay in a warm climate when he left a cold (9° - 12°) and cloudy London on 22 October on the SS Kildare. Surviving gales, high seas, fog and snow he reached Melbourne (15°) on 22 December and visited the Melbourne Chess Club that evening. The three major clubs rallied to provide the best opposition for one of his famous blind-fold simuls while he played casual games against the top players. Victoria was the champion of the interstate telegraphic matches and **Andrew Burns** (1831 - 1901) was its acknowledged best player.

A Burns - J Blackburne

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.c4 O-O
6.O-O b6 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 Qe7
10.Rc1 dxc4 11.bxc4 Rad8 12.e4 e5 13.d5 Nc5
14.Bb1 Ba6 15.Nd2 g6 16.g3 Bc8 17.Nb5 Bh3
18.Re1 Ng4 19.f3 Nh6 20.Nxa7 Qg5 21.Nc6
Ra8 22.Nf1 Na4 23.Ba1 f5

Joseph Henry Blackburne

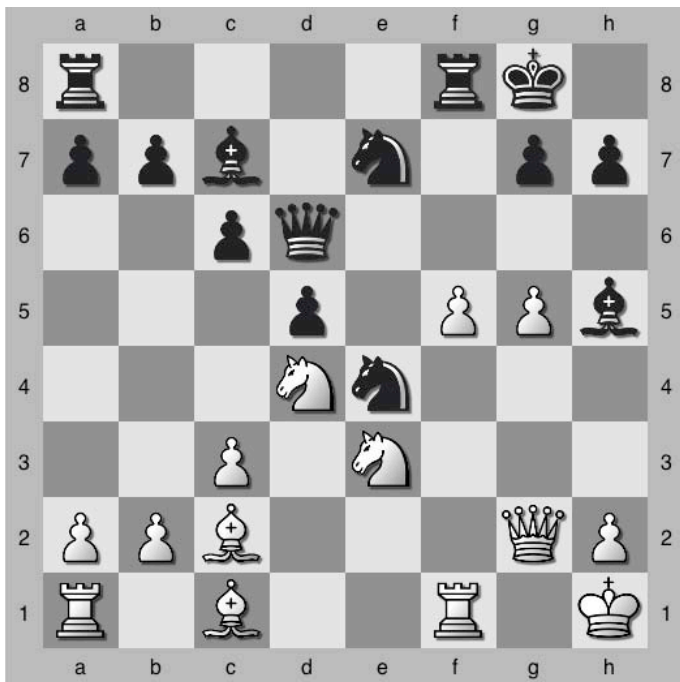


24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Nxe5 f4 26.Qd4 Bxf1 27.Kxf1
fxg3 28.hxg3 Rae8 29.Kg2 Rxe5 30.Rf1 Qh5
31.f4 Ree8 32.Bc2 Nc5 33.Bd1 Ng4 34.Rh1
Rxe4 35.Qxe4 Qxh1+ 36.Kxh1 Nf2+ 37.Kg2
Nfxe4 0-1

Charles Fisher (1845-90) had defeated Sydney's best players before he returned to Victoria in 1875. He then defeated the current best Victorian, Louis Goldsmith, +5-4=3 and was proclaimed the first Australian champion.

J Blackburne - C Fisher

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 Bb6 7.Na3 O-O 8.Nc2 Be6 9.Bb3 Qd7 10.Ne3 Ne7 11.Bc2 c6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.f3 Nc5 16.f4 Ne4 17.g4 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.f5 Bf7 20.g5 Ne4 21.Kh1 Bc7 22.Qg4 Qd6 23.Qg2 Bh5



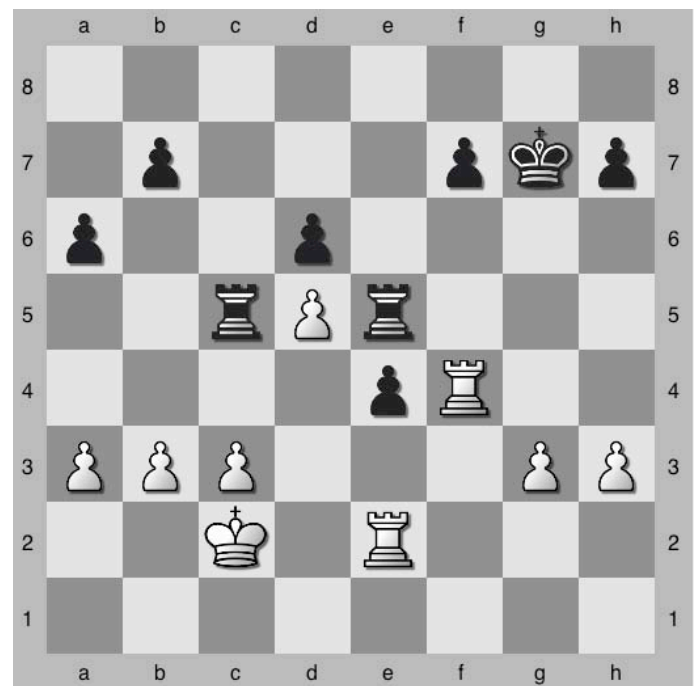
24.f6 Nxf6 25.Nef5 Nxf5 26.Nxf5 Qd7 27.gxf6 Rxf6 28.Qh3 Qc8 29.Bg5 Re6 30.Ne7+ 1-0

Frederick Esling (1860-1955) had returned from Germany (1875-9) with a Civil Engineering degree and a (casual) victory over former World Champion Adolf Anderssen.

J Blackburne - F Esling

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d3 Nc6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qe2 Na5 8.O-O-O Bxe3+ 9.Qxe3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Rc8 12.Nxe5 Qe7 13.Nd3 Ng4 14.Qd4 O-O 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qc7 18.Rd2 Nf6 19.Re1 Qa5 20.a3 Rc7 21.Nb4 Rfc8 22.Rde2 Qa4 23.Nc6 Qxd4 24.Nxd4 Kf8 25.Nb5 Rd7 26.Nc3 g6 27.f4 Rc4 28.g3 a6 29.h3 Rdc7 30.f5 gxf5 31.Rf1

Ne4 32.Nxe4 fxe4 33.Rf6 Rd7 34.c3 Kg7 35.Rf4 Re7 36.Kc2 Re5 37.b3 Rc5



38.Rfxe4 Rcx d5 39.c4 Rc5 40.Kd3 f5 41.Rxe5 Rxe5 42.Rf2 h5 43.Rf4 Kf6 44.g4 Kg5 45.Rxf5+ Rxf5 46.gxf5 Kxf5 47.Kd4 Ke6 48.b4 b6 49.h4 Ke7 50.Kd5 Kd7 51.a4 Kc7 52.Kd4 b5 53.cxb5 axb5 54.a5 Kc6 55.Ke4 Kb7 56.Kf5 Kc7 57.Kg5 d5 58.Kxh5 1-0

On Jan 8, he won his blindfold simul +9-0=3. 20/1- 2/2, he toured Warnambool +7-0=3, Hamilton +5-0=1 and Portland +6-0=1. Back in Melbourne, 7/2, he won +18-0=0 at the Victoria Club and left for Sydney on 15/2. Again he assessed his opposition before more blind simuls at Sydney =2-3=3 on 25/2, Petersham +6-0=0 on 11/3, Newcastle +6-0=2 on 18/3 and +15-1=0 normal simul back in Sydney on 21/3. After a fortnight's rest at Warnambool (4-18 April) and two simuls +7-0=0(blind) on 22/4 and +9-0=0 on 23/4 at Castlemaine he returned to defeat Melbourne University +20-2=0 on 4/5.

J Blackburne - Whistler

Blindfold Simul Newcastle 18 March 1885
1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Bd3 cxb2 6.Bxb2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nb4 8.e5 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Nh5 10.O-O Nf4 11.Qd2 g5 12.e6 f6 13.Re1 Nxe6 14.Nxg5 Bh6 15.f4 Bxg5 16.fxg5 O-O 17.gxf6 (17.Rxe6)



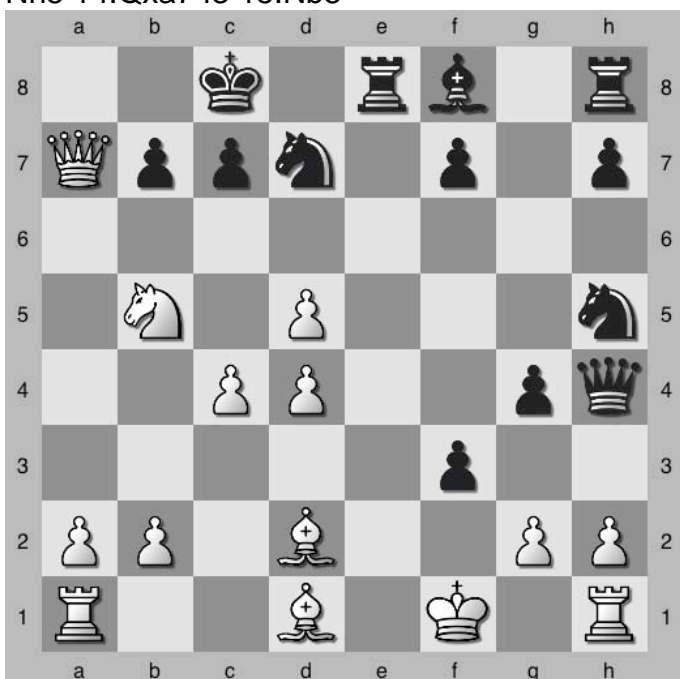
17. ... Rf7 18.Rxe6 d5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Re7
Qg8 21.Qg7+ 1-0

Adelaide was his final stop-over with a +4-0=4
on I3/5 and +23-1=1 on I5/5. The best opponent
was **Henry Charlick** (1845 - 1916) who had
honed his skills by correspondence chess.

J Blackburne - H Charlick

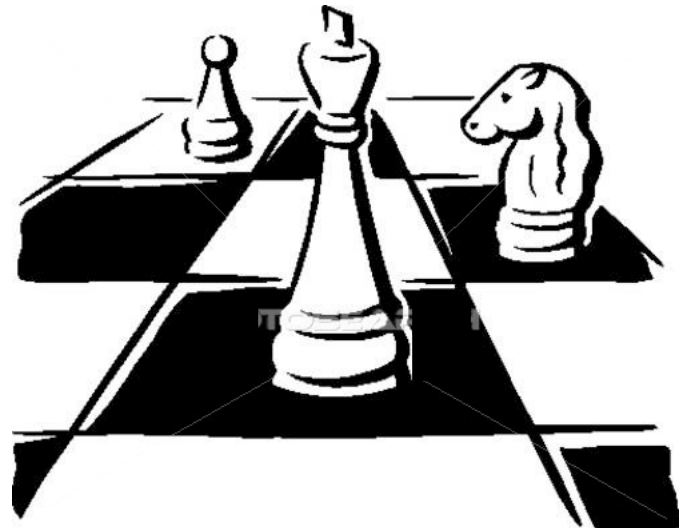
Adelaide Simul 15th May 1885

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Be2 exf4 5.exd5
Bxf3 6.Bxf3 Qh4+ 7.Kf1 Nd7 8.d4 O-O-O 9.c4
Re8 10.Nc3 Ngf6 11.Bd2 g5 12.Qa4 g4 13.Bd1
Nh5 14.Qxa7 f3 15.Nb5



15...Ng3+ 16.Kg1 f2+ 17.Kxf2 Nxh1+ 18.Kg1
Re1+ 19.Bxe1 Qxe1#

Blackburne left Australia on 18/5 with simul
scores of +48-3=17(blind) and +85-4=2. The SS
John Elder returned him to London on 4 July fit
and healthy. Hamburg 1885 began on 13 July.



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A SHORT STORY

Back in the 1970's Max Fuller was one of Australia's leading players. There were few International Tournaments in Australia in those days so Fuller often went to England for 6 months to play chess.

He played in several British Championship with reasonable results but in 1977 was no match for 12 year-old chess prodigy Nigel Short.

Brighton 1977

N.Short

M.Fuller

Sicilian Defence

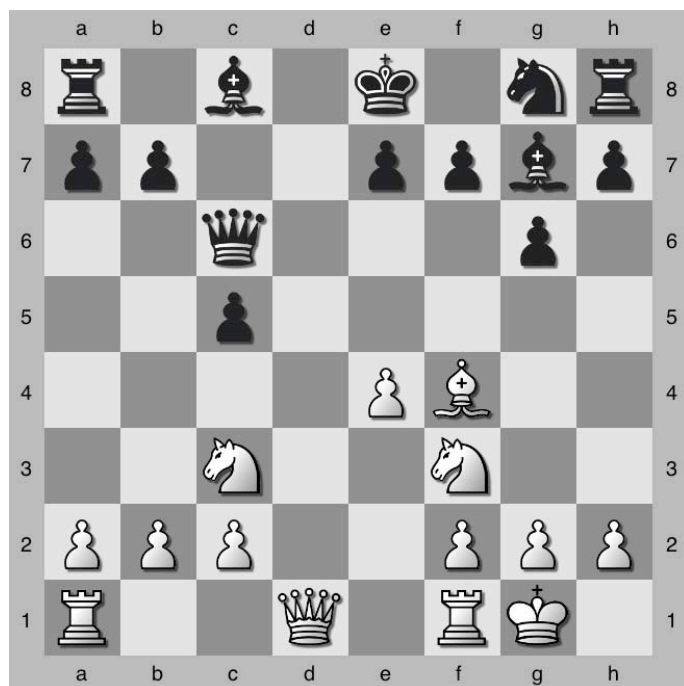
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qb6

Bringing the Q out too early. I prefer 3...d6

4.Bxc6 Qxc6 5.O-O g6

Black could take the "e" pawn but after 5...Qxe4 6.Nc3 Qc6 7.d4 White has a big lead in development.

6.Nc3 Bg7 7.d4 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Bf4



9.Qd3 Nf6 10.Ne5 was the alternative.

9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qxe4

Too greedy. 10...Bg4 was better.

11.Qc1 Bf5

Better was 11...Nf6

12.Re1 Qa4 Bh6

12.Re1 Qa4

If 12...Qxc2 13.Qa3

b6 14.Rad1

threatening Rd2.

13.Qe3

Now White has

threats like 13.Bd6

and 13...Be5 f6

14.Bxf6

12...Qc6 14.Ne5

Qc8 15.Nc4! Be6

If 15...Qe6

16.Nd6+!

16.Qe5 Nf6

17.Nd6+ exd6 18.Qxf6 Rg8

Not 18...Kd7 19.Rad1 d5 20.Rxd5!

19.Bxd6 Qd7 20.Rad1 1-0

After 20...b6 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Rxd7 Kxd7

23.Rd1+ Ke8 White is winning comfortably.



GM Nigel Short

Did you notice how many times Black moved his Q? 7 times in 19 moves. No wonder he never found time to castle and connect his rooks.

Nigel Short of course went on to become one of the world's top players and even challenged Kasparov in a World Championship Match.

In researching this article on the internet I stumbled across a fascinating article in 2001 in which Short claims he played fifty 3 minute chess games on the ICC (Internet Chess Club) against the genius chess recluse Bobby Fischer.

Short's opponent played silly moves at the start of the game (to give his opponent a chance?) and then went on to trounce his opponent. Was it a fraudster with a computer or was it really Fischer? Do a search on the internet and make up your own mind. Bobby Fischer passed away in 2008 and is regarded as perhaps the strongest chess player ever.



Material v Development

With IM Robert Jamieson

I'm sure that we have all played against opponents who have tried to sacrifice material for quick development. To take or not to take? That is the question.

The basic rule is that an extra pawn is worth 3 developing moves. In the diagram below White is 4 moves ahead in development for a pawn so you can guess what happened. Let's have a look. (Both Tartakover and Mieses are strong grandmasters from the early part of the 20th century).

S.Tartakover

J.Mieses

Dutch Defence

1.d4 f5

This is the Dutch Defence which has the disadvantage of opening up the Black King fairly early in the game. I once played it against a strong GM who said afterwards "After this move (1...f5) Black is lost!"

2.e4

A bold attempt to open up the game at the cost of a pawn.

2...fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g4 d5

4...h6 may have been a better alternative even though it weakens the Kside.

5.g5

Gaining White both time and space.

5...Ng8 6.f3

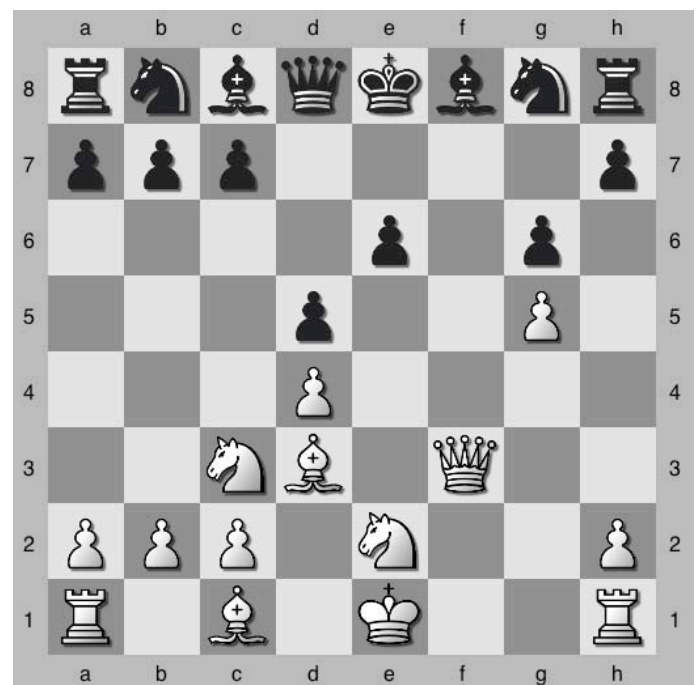
This is where Black should be bold and counter-attack with 6...e5 7.fxe Bb4 with complications probably favouring Black. Instead Black is greedy and just tries to hang on to his extra pawn.

6...exf3 7.Qxf3 e6 8.Bd3 g6?

Black probably wanted to stop 9.g6 but he could have done it with a developing move in 8...Ne7. Now the R on h8 is exposed and the f6 square is weakened.

9.Nge2

Would you rather be a pawn ahead with no pieces developed and a lousy position or a pawn down with 4 pieces developed and more space?



9...Qe7?

Black should try to block the position with 9...Ne7 10.Rf1 Nf5

10.Bf4 c6

Another weakening, non-developing move. 10...Bg7 was better.

11.Be5 Bg7 12.Qg3 Na6 13.O-O

Black's position is full of weaknesses and his pieces are either undeveloped or poorly placed. White is threatening Bd6.

13...Bd7 14.Bd6 Qd8 15.Qf4 1-0

A triumph for development over greed!

LOCAL NEWS with Carl Gorka

Anzac Day Weekender



The MCC has run a tournament over the public holiday weekend celebrating ANZAC Day. The event attracted a field of 45 players (a big increase on last year's tournament) including 1 Grandmaster and 1 International Master.

The fight for the top places was tough, but with 1 round to go, the current World under 12 champion, FM Bobby Cheng was leading the field by a whole point. He had to face GM David Smerdon in the final round, and the GM needed to win to catch the schoolboy. It would have been a fairy tale for Bobby to win the tournament outright clinching things with a draw or even a win against a Grandmaster, but this was not to happen and David won the game. But this still left Bobby Cheng as joint first with David Smerdon. Equal third place was shared by FM Eric Teichman and IM James Morris. Both players said that they weren't at their best this weekend but still they were good enough for the podium.

Leading Scores:

6 SMERDON David (GM)
 6 CHENG Bobby (FM)
 5.5 MORRIS James (IM)
 5.5 TEICHMANN Erik (FM)
 5 WALLIS Chris
 5 DOWLING John
 5 DRAGICEVIC Domagoj
 5 TAN Justin
 4.5 SIMUTANYI Kozo
 4.5 URBAN Sylvester
 4.5 VOON Richard

MCC Club Championship 2010

Congratulations to **Mirko Rujevic** on winning his second Club Championship with an unbeaten 7.5/9; second was Dusan Stojic, and equal third were Domagoj Dragicevic and Jesse Jager. Full scores at: <http://www.melbournechessclub.org>

MCC Building Fund Raffle

I'm pleased to announce that the MCC building fund raffle was drawn a few weeks ago and we have a winner who is looking forward to an hours coaching from some of Australia's top coaches! The winner is Darren Seiler, a young man with a slight intellectual disability. Last year's winner was Isaac Zhao.

Victorian Team Championship

This new event has one round a month from May through to November and I am involved with numerous teams. I am the general manager of the Melbourne Chess Club which has entered 5 teams into the event, 2 in the first division and 3 in the second division. I am also team manager of the first division team MCC 2 that I am playing for, and I am team manager for the Chess Kids team in Division 2.



Teams in Division One are:

1. City of Yarra
2. Melbourne CC 1
3. Box Hill CC
4. Noble Park CC
5. Elwood CC
6. Canterbury Junior CC
7. Melbourne CC 2

Teams in Division Two are:

1. Hobsons Bay & Yarraville CC
2. City of Yarra CC 2
3. Melbourne CC 3
4. Chess Kids
5. Melbourne CC 5
6. Melbourne CC 4
7. Noble Park CC 2
8. Dandenong CC
9. Ballarat CC
10. Box Hill CC 2
11. Geelong CC
12. Ranges CC
13. Canterbury Junior CC 2
14. Croydon CC

Here are a couple of games from the Vic.Teams Championship. In the first game IM James

Morris misses a tactic which nets his opponent the exchange.

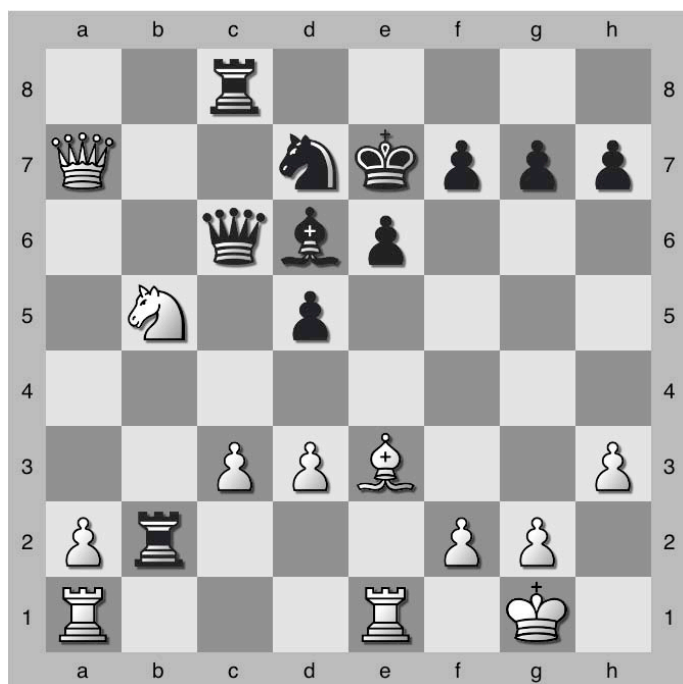
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Carl Gorka 2083

IM James Morris 2213

Kings Indian Attack

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bg4 5.Nbd2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.c3 d5 8.Bb5 a6? 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qa4 Be7 11.Qxc6+ Kf8 12.O-O Rb8 13.Re1 Rb6 14.Qa4 c6 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.exd5 cxd5 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Be3 Rxb2 19.Qxa6 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Ke7 21.Nd4 Rc8 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Qa7+ Nd7



24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Bc1! Rc2 Rc7 26.Qa5 Rcb7 27.Bxb2 Rxb2 28.c4 Nc5 29.Qa3 Rd2 30.cxd5 Rxd3 31.Qa7+ Kf6 32.dxe6 fxe6 33.Rac1 Nd7 34.Re3 Rd2 35.Rf3+ Kg6 36.Qa4 Rd4 37.Qc2+ Kh6 38.Qe2 g6 39.Re1 e5 40.Rf7 g5 41.Qc2 e4 42.Qc8 Qg6 43.Rxd7 1-0

In the second game (from Division 2) Anthony Hain is a little too greedy in the opening and allows his opponent a strong attack, but just when victory is in sight Black makes a horrible blunder.

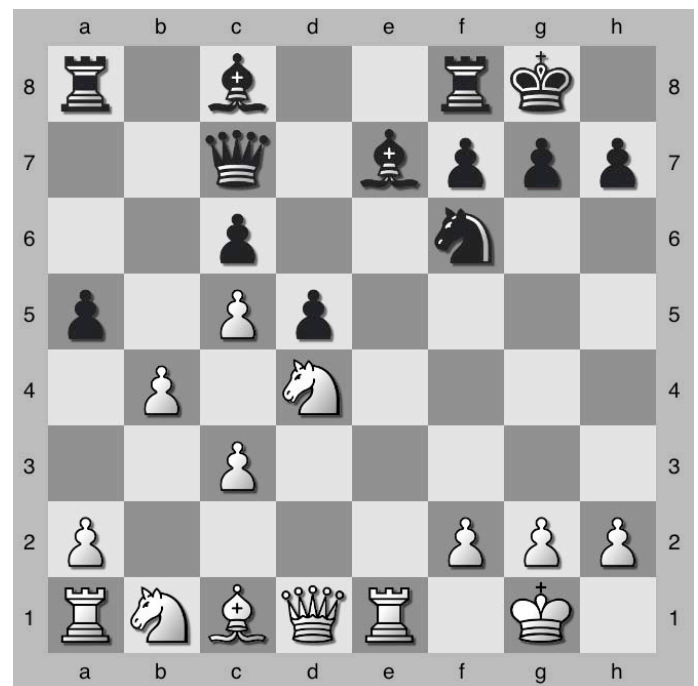
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Anthony Hain

Zoron

French Defence

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Nf6 7.O-O a6? 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.dxc5 O-O 11.Nd4 Qc7 12.b4 a5



13.Nxc6 Bxc5 14.Nxa5? (Better was 14.bxc5 Qxc6 Qd4) 14...Ng4 (Interesting is [14. ... Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Ng4+ 16.Ke2 Qxh2 17.Qxd5 Ba6+ 18.Kf3 Rad8 19.Qe4 Rd3+ 20.Be3 Qh4 with a strong attack] 15.g3 Bxf2+ 16.Kg2 Bxe1 (Tempting is 16...Rxa5 17.bxa5 d4 18.Re4 Ne3+ 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.Qf3 Bb7) 17.Qxe1 Bf5 18.Bf4 Qc8 19.Nb3 Re8 20.Qd2 Qc4 21.Nd4 Bxb1 22.Rxb1 Rxa2 23.Rb2 Rea8 24.Kh3 Nf6 (24...h5!) 25.Nf5 Rxb2 26.Qxb2 Ra2 27.Qc1 Qf1+?? (Missed it by one square! 27...Qe2 0-1 was better) 28.Qxf1 h6 29.Qf3 Kh7 30.Qd3 g6 31.Nxh6 Ne4 32.Qxd5 Nf2+ 33.Kh4 Ra7 34.Qd8 Ra8 35.Qxa8 g5+ 36.Bxg5 Kg6 37.Qg8# 1-0 Notes by Robert Jamieson

City of Melbourne Open 2010

This event is in progress at the moment with 33 players competing.

Leading Scores (after 5 rounds):

5 M.Rujevic

4 I.Sutton, B.Fitzpatrick, M.Pyke

3.5 D.Dragicevic, D.Stojic, J.Tan

3 S.Low, P.Skiotis, V.Kildisas, M.Addamo.

R.Beattie, F.Lekkas, F.Wyss.

JAMMO'S CHESS PUZZLE

Cecil Purdy's advice to young players who wanted to improve their chess was to study master games.

The method he used was to get an annotated game and cover the moves with a piece of paper then try to guess the player's next move. Having decided upon a move he would move the paper down to reveal the player's move and compare it with his own. In this way he could (in effect) have a grandmaster sitting beside him giving him a free coaching lesson ("No Cecil, I wouldn't go there, I'd play this move!")

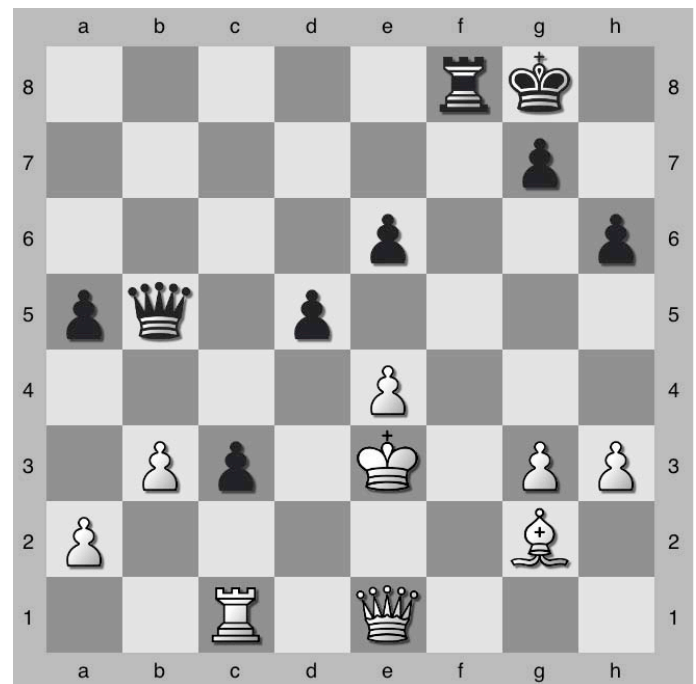
These days it is even easier! You log onto the live games section of any international tournament, pick a game you like and try to guess each player's move before it appears on the screen.

I did this the other day whilst having a look at the Sydney International Chess Tournament which was held in April immediately after the Doeberl Cup. The game I chose was between grandmaster Abhijit Kunte rated 2528 from India and Junta Ikeda, a 19 year-old player from Canberra rated 2302.

I was barracking for Junta of course, and he had sacrificed a piece for what looked like a promising attack which led to the diagrammed position. Like Cecil Purdy, I said "what would I play as Black?"

After a few minutes Junta played 1...Qc5+ 2.Ke2 Qb5+ 3.Ke3 and they agreed on a draw. I was very disappointed as I thought that I had found a win for Black. It's pretty hard, but the


puzzle this week is to decide whether or not you would take the draw (as Junta did) or can you find a win!



Can Black (to play) find a win?

ANSWER:
1...d4+ 2.Kxd4 Rf2!!
 Now if 3.Qxc3 e5+ 4.Ke3 Qe2#
 If 3.Rxc3 e5+ 4.Ke3 Qb6+ 5.Kd3 Qd4#
 If 3.Kxc3 Rxc2 and Black is winning.
 Or 3.Qxf2 Qb6+ 4.Kxc3 Qxf2 5.Rc2 Qxc3+ 6.Kb2 e5 and Black will win comfortably by advancing his King and Kingside pawns.
 So it looks like Junta missed his chance to defeat the grandmaster. 2...Rf2!! seems to be the winning move and my computer agrees so it must be true!

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