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Aakanksha Hagawane of Pune became the first Indian to win the World Under-16 Girls Chess Championship at Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia earlier this month. In the arrival picture at Pune airport we see (from left) Joseph D'souza (Chairman, Pune District Chess Association), Aakanksha, Jayant Gokhale (coach) and Srinath Hagawane (father of Aakanksha).

Joseph D'souza Chess Academy congratulates **Aakanksha Hagawane** on winning the World U-16 Girls Chess Championship in Russia. Wishing our former student many more remarkable achievements in her emerging chess career.

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Pune Celebrates



Aakanksha Hagawane's win was celebrated when the champion arrived from Russia. L-R: Joseph D'souza (Chairman, Pune District Chess Association), Aakanksha, Deepak Mankar (President, PDCA), Jayant Gokhale (coach), Rajendra Konde (Secretary, PDCA). Below: This picture is from the airport.



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↑ New National Junior champions, Kumar Gaurav (Bihar) and WIM R Vaishali (TN) are seen with the trophies at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh on October 16

World U-14-16-18

Aakanksha Wins World U-16 Girls

India's First Girls' Under-16 Title!

India had never won the World Under-16 Girls Championship before. That feat has now been accomplished by Aakanksha Hagawane of Pune. The World Under-14, 16 and 18 Championships took place at Khanty-Mansiysk in Russia. India won only one medal this time and it was by the Maharashtra girl who was the 12th seed!

On course, Aakanksha won eight games, drew two and lost one. She faced four players rated above her, winning three and losing one. She came from behind to win the last three rounds on the trot. The last round was dramatic and went her way. She was in joint lead with Anna Maja Kazarian of Holland who is the European U-16 Girls Champion and has been coached online by Susan Polgar. While Aakanksha beat Alicja Sliwicka of Poland to emerge champion, Kazarian lost to Mobina Alinasab of Iran and finished fourth.

Aakanksha is a Class XI student of S.P. College (Sir Parshurambhau College) established in 1916 in Pune, exactly 100 years ago. Again, exactly 60 years ago in 1956, the S.P.College was the venue of the 2nd National Chess Championship which was won by Ramdas Gupta (1917-1985) and where Manuel Aaron making his debut in National

Chess Championships, finished second behind Ramdas, undefeated.

Along with the gold medal, Aakanksha earned her second WIM norm with this splendid showing in Russia. She played at a stunning 2362 rating performance. She had earned her maiden WIM norm in Suwon, South Korea, by winning the Asian U-16 Girls Championship last year. She is rapidly progressing. Only last month she won the National Under-17 Girls at Kolkata and was featured on page three of the September 2016 issue of Chess Mate. And she had won the gold medal in the U-16 Girls Section of the Commonwealth Championship in Sri Lanka this year, drawing top seed and eventual winner, GM Abhijeet Gupta, en passant.

Her first success was when she won the National U-13 Girls at Puducherry. Her victory at the 2015 National U-15 Girls at Jammu qualified her for the World U-16 this year.

Aakanksha was accompanied to Khanty-Mansiysk by her trainer of many years, Jayant Gokhale, Pune's experienced coach and player of the last quarter of a century. Gokhale ensured that Aakanksha was well prepared for all her games. She has been working with him for nine years now. Having the same

trainer for a long period of time has its own advantages.

Apart from Aakanksha, Gokhale trains another bright star, 18-year old IM Abhimanyu Puranik who is an excellent Grandmaster prospect. Gokhale, now 44, came into the limelight when he almost beat V.Anand in the 1986 National Junior Championship at Calicut when he was 14 and Anand 17. Anand had escaped with a draw! Gokhale is a professional chess trainer and runs his own Jayant Gokhale Institute of Chess in Pune.

Aakanksha started her career at the Joseph D'Souza Chess Academy in Pune. Her father Srinath was a state level boxer and a boxing umpire.

The Pune District Chess Association, Joseph D'Souza and others gave Aakanksha and Jayant Gokhale a warm welcome when they arrived in Pune airport from Russia. Her statement that she was happy over her 'first World Title' implies that more World titles could be expected from her!

Aakanksha is under an Indian Oil Corporation scholarship and is supported by Lakshya Foundation and Sujanal Chemicals.

The medals and Indians:

Open U-18: 1 IM Manuel Petrosyan (Arm) 9/11; 2 Maksim Vavulim (Rus) 8½; 3-4. IM Shahin Lorpazangeneh (Iri), IM Dmitrij Kollars (Ger) 8 each; 25 FM Rajdeep Sarkar 6; 33 IM N

Krishna Teja 5½; 38 WIM R Vaishali 5½...65 players.

Open U-16: IM Haik M Martirosyan (Arm) 9/11; 2 Olexandr Triapishko (Rus) 8½; 3 FM Tran Ming Thang (Vie) 8; 12 IM K.S.Raghunandan 7; 32 FM Mitrabha Guha 6...88 players.

Open U-14: 1-2. FM Semen Lomasov, FM Andrey Esipenko (both Rus) 9/11 each; 3-4. Nodirbek Yakubov (Uzb), Shant Sargsyan (Arm) 8 each; 7 P Iniyana 7½; 22 Neelash Saha 6½; 27-28. Bhavik C Bharambe, Tarun V Kanth 6 each...75 players.

Girls U-18: 1 WGM Stavroula Tsolakidou (Gre) 9/11; 2-4. WFM Alexandra Obolentseva (Rus), Michal Lahav (Isr), WIM Irina Drogovoz (Rus) 8 each; 11 WIM M Mahalakshmi 6½; 40 V Toshali 4½...52 players.

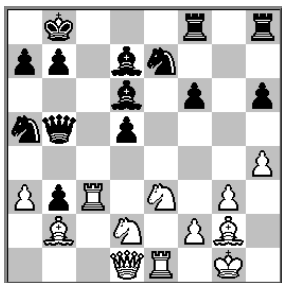
Girls U-16: 1 Aakanksha Hagawane (Ind) 9/11; 2-3. WFM Mobina Alinasab (Iri), WFM Polina Shuvalova (Rus) 8½ each; 8 K Priyanka 7...58 players.

Girls U-14: 1 Zhu Jiner (Chn) 8½/11; 2-5. Aleksandra Maltevskaia (Rus), WIM Annie Wang (USA), Olga Badelka (Blr), Vantika Agrawal (Ind) 8 each; 10 WCM Saina Salonika 7; 12 Nutakki Priyanka 7; 23 Aashna Makhija 6; 25 WFM Anwesha Mishra 6...71 players.

The above text is by Manuel Aaron and Arvind Aaron. Analysis is by Manuel Aaron:

Aakanksha Hagawane 2183
Anna-Maja Kazarian (Ned) 2231
 French Advance C02

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4
 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.Rb1 Bd7 9.g3
 h6 10.h4 Ne7 11.Bg2 0-0-0
 12.0-0 f5 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Re1
 Nf5 15.Nh2 [15.b3 and 15.Bh3
 were interesting alternatives.]
 15...Bd6 16.Ng4 Rdf8 17.Ne3
 Ne7 18.b3! White launches her
 attack on the black king.
 18...cxb3 19.c4! This must
 have severely jolted the Euro-
 pean U-16 Girls' Champion!
 19...Qxd4 20.Bb2 Qd3
 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Rc1+ Kb8
 23.Rc3 Qb5

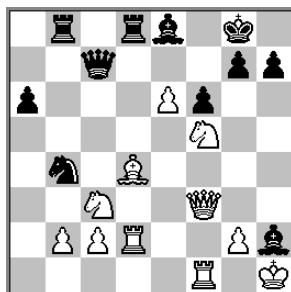


24.Ndc4?! [This 'spectacular'
 move leads only to equality
 as the game shows. Better was:
 24.Nxb3! Be5 25.Nxa5! Qxa5
 26.Nc4! dxc4 27.Qxd7 Nc6
 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rb1!±]
 24...Nxc4 25.Nxc4 Bc5
 26.Nd2 Qb6= 27.Qf3 Qd6
 [27...Rhg8=] 28.Nxb3 Bb6
 29.Bc1 Nc6 30.Bf4 Ne5
 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.Bxd5 Re8
 33.Nc5 Bc8 34.Rec1 All the
 white forces are concentrated
 against the black king. The end
 cannot be far off. 34...Ka8
 35.Ne4 Bd4 36.Rb3 [36.Nxf6
 would ensure victory, but

white is looking for a pretty
 mate.] 36...Ng4? [36...Re7
 would prolong the game.]
 37.Rxc8+! Rxc8 38.Bxb7#
 1-0.

Aakanksha Hagawane 2183
Oliwia Kiolbasa (Pol) (2196)
 Sicilian Rauser B66

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4
 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6
 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.f3 Bd7
 9.Be2 Rc8 10.Nb3 [10.0-0-0
 is usual here.] 10...Be7 11.0-0
 0-0 12.Rad1 b5 13.a3 Qb6+?!
 [△13...d5! 14.exd5 Nxd5
 15.Bxe7 Nxe7=] 14.Be3 Qc7
 15.f4± Rfd8 16.Bf3 Be8
 17.Qf2 Rb8 18.Qg3 b4
 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Nd4 Bf8
 21.Rd2 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.f5
 Nxe5 24.fxe6! Bd6 [24...
 Nxf3+ 25.Qxf3±] 25.Nf5? [This
 leads to equality. Winning
 was: 25.Bxd5! Nxd5 26.
 Nxd5+] 25...Nxf3+ 26.Qxf3
 Bxh2+ 27.Kh1 d4? [This ad-
 vance loses. △27...Be5±]
 28.Bxd4 f6

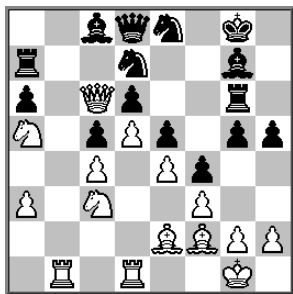


29.e7 [White could win
 quicker with: 29.Bxf6! Rxd2
 (or 29...gxf6 30.Nh6+ Kh8
 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.Qxf6 mates.)
 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Bxg7+ Kxg7
 32.Qf6#] 29...Rxd4 30.Rxd4
 Be5 31.Qg4 g6 32.Rxb4 Rxb4
 33.Qxb4 gxf5 With a passed
 pawn on e7, the win for White

is a matter of time. **34.Rxf5 Qd7 35.Rf3 Qd2 36.Qc4+ Kh8 37.Qf1** (1-0 move 59) 1-0.

K.S. Raghunandan 2451
Arash Tahbaz (Iran) 2420
 King's Indian E94

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nd7 3.c4 e5
 4.Nc3 Ngf6 5.e4 g6 6.Be2 Bg7
 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 c6 9.d5 c5
 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a3 f5 12.f3 f4
 13.Bf2 g5 14.b4 b6 15.Qa4
 [15.Qb3 h5 16.a4 a5 17.bxc5
 Nxc5 18.Qb2 has been tried in
 a Greece with success for
 white.] 15...a6 16.Rab1 h5 17.
 Nb3 Rf6 18.Rfd1 Rg6 19.Qc6
 Ra7 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.Na5?



[White already has a clear advantage. He could turn it into a winning advantage with: 21.Bxc5! Bb7 (21...Rc7 22.Bb6±) 22. Bxa7! Bxc6 23.dxc6 Nb6 24. Nd5! Nc8 25.Bb8 g4 26.c5 Qh4 27.Nb6!+-] 21...Rc7 22.Qa8 g4 23.Nc6 Qg5 24.Rd3 [24.Be1! retaining the choice of capturing with or advancing his h-pawn when black plays ...g3, would have left black without much counter-play.] 24...g3 25.hxg3 fxg3 26.Be3 Qh4 27.Kf1 Qh1+ [27...Bh6!? 28.Bg1 Rg7 29.Bd1±] 28.Bg1 Nf8 29.Rb8? [White's advantage has evaporated. He will lose if he is not watchful. If 29.Ne7+ Rxe7 30.Qxc8= the at-

tack and defence are balanced.; Or 29.f4 exf4 30.Rb8? (30.Bf3=) 30...f3 31.Bxf3 Bh3! 32.gxh3? (32.Rb2±) 32...Rf6±] 29...Bh3 30.gxh3 Qxh3+ 31.Ke1 Qh1 32.Kd2 [Best was: 32.Rxe8 Qxg1+ 33.Kd2 g2 34.Kc2 Qf2 35.Re7 Rxe7 (35...g1Q? 36.Rxc7 Rg2 37.Qe8!±) 36.Nxe7+ Kh7 37.Rd1 g1Q 38.Rxg1 Rxg1 39.Qe8 Qh4=] 32...Qxg1 33.Rxe8 g2 34.Rxf8+ [White has hardly any good move with a black pawn threatening to queen on g1. If 34.Kc2 Qf2 35.Rd1 (35.Re7 Rxe7 36.Nxe7+ Kh7 37.Nxg6 Nxg6 38.Rd1 Nf4! 39.Qe8 h4!+-) 35...g1Q 36.Rxg1 Rxg1+-] 34...Bxf8 35.Qe8 Kg7 36.Nxe5! (the best in a losing situation.) 36...dxe5 37.Qxe5+ Kg8 38.Qxc7 Qa1? [This amazingly allows white to wriggle out of a bad position. Best was: 38...Qh1!] 39.Kc2 g1Q 40.Rd1! It is not everyday that you see a rook forking two queens! The draw is in sight for white. 40...Qgxd1+ 41.Bxd1 Rg2+ 42.Be2= Qe1 43.Kd3 h4 44.e5? [White still wants to win. He should draw with: 44.Qc8 Qf2 45.Qe6+ Kh7 46.Qf5+ Kg8=] 44...h3 45.e6 Rg7 Probably white missed this in his calculations, but he can still hold the game. 46.Qf4 Qg3 47.Qxg3 Rxg3 48.Ne4 Rg1 49.d6? [White must pay attention to black's passed h-pawn and draw with: 49.f4! h2 50.Bf3=] 49...Bxd6! 50.Nxd6 Kf8! [Not 50...h2? 51.e7! and white wins!] 51.f4 h2 52.Bf3 Rd1+!! 53.Ke2 Rxd6 54.f5 Rb6! 55.Kf2 Rb2+ 56.Kg3 Rb3! Black used the opportunities admirably. 0-1

National Junior, Rajahmundry

Kumar Gaurav, Vaishali Win Titles

Kumar Gaurav of Bihar started as seed No.42 and won the 46th Indian Junior Chess Championship that concluded at Hotel Shelton, Rajahmundry (AP) this October.

The Girls' section was easily won by top seed, and favourite, WIM R Vaishali of Tamil Nadu by a wide margin of 1½ points in an 11-round Swiss. She scored an impressive 9½ but gained just 2.8 Elo points. She suffered a third round jolt, losing to team mate C.M.N. Sunyuktha. Curiously, Kumar Gaurav also lost in the third round to Raunak Sadhwani.

Kumar Gaurav, born 2000, had a second loss, to S Prasanna (TN) in the crucial final round. He drew top seed M.N.Shaikh (Mah) and beat IMs Sayantan Das (WB) and N Krishna Teja (AP) to gain 224 Elo points from this event alone!

Kumar Gaurav's sensational last round defeat allowed M.N.Shaikh to catch up on points at 8½/11. However, Kumar Gaurav had the higher tie-break score to win the 130-player contest.

Kumar Gaurav is from Araria District in Bihar State. But as there is no Chess organisation there he represents neighbouring Purnia District.

Nuttakki Priyanka (AP) and WFM Tarini Goyal of Chandigarh opted to play in

the Open section, not in the Girls! Both of them lost rating points – Tarini 36 points and Priyanka 9.6. Both Shaikh and Tarini Goyal remained undefeated.

In the 75-player Girls event, all players suffered at least one defeat. WIM R.Vaishali was the top seed and she almost effortlessly finished first. There were two other WIMs in the fray, Chitlange Sakshi and Tejaswini Sagar. They never got to be paired with Vaishali. Chitlange lost three games, finished 10th and dropped 107 Elo while Tejaswini lost only one game but conceded many draws to finish 15th and lose 52 Elo.

WFMs Bidhar Ruthumbara (Odi) and Arpita Mukherjee (WB) who finished 2nd and 3rd gained 108 and 68 Elo respectively.

International Arbiter R Srivatsan was the chief arbiter. The event was organised by Ascent Sports Foundation, APCA, and the East Godavari District Chess Association.

Top final placings (in tie-break order): **Open:** 1-2. Kumar Gaurav (Bih), M.N. Shaikh (Mah) 8½/11; 3-8. Raunak Sadhwani (Mah), Muthaiah Al (TN), IM Krishna N Teja (AP), S Prasanna (TN), FM Rajdeep Sarkar (WB), WFM Tarini Goyal (Chd)

8 each; 9-10. IM Sayantan Das (WB), Sai Agni Jeevitesh (Tel) 7½ each.....

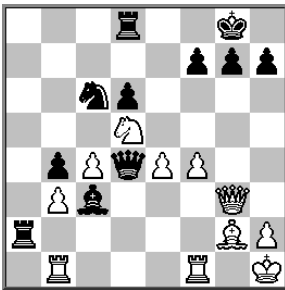
Girls: 1 WIM R Vaishali (TN) 9½/11; 2-4. WFM Bidhar Rutumbara (Odi), WFM Arpita Mukherjee (WB), WFM G Lasya (AP) 8 each; 5-7. C.H. Meghna (Ker), D Jishitha (AP), C.M.N. Sunyuktha (TN) 7½ each; 8-10. Deodhar Vrushali (Mah), Seeya Thakare (Mah), WIM Sakshi Chitlange (Mah) and others 7 each.

Raunak Sadhwani 2173

Kumar Gaurav 1926

Sicilian B33

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c4 b4 12.Nc2 a5 13.g3 0-0 14.Bg2 Be6 15.0-0 Bg5 16.b3 Bxd5 17.Qxd5± Qb6 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.Kh1 a4 20.f4 Bf6 21.Qd3 Qc5 22.Ne3 axb3 23.axb3 exf4 24.gxf4 Ra3 25.Nd5 Bc3 26.Rb1 Qd4 27.Qg3 Ra2



[The white bishop has an X-ray effect on the unprotected knight on c6. Better was 27...Na5±] 28.e5!± dxe5 [It is too late now to go to the aid of

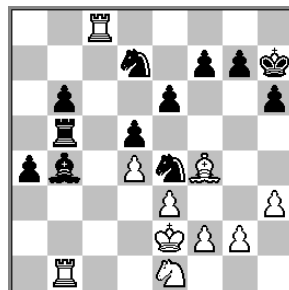
the unprotected Nc6 with: 28...Qc5 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Ne4 Qb6 31.Nxd6 Rf8 32.Bd5 f6 33.Nf7+-] 29.Nxc3 bxc3 30. Bxc6 c2 31.Rbc1 Qd2 32.fxe5 Qxc1 [After 32...Qxc1 33.Rxc1 Rd1+ 34.Qe1 Rxe1+ 35. Rxe1 Rb2 (threatRb1) 36.Be4! white successfully controls the key b1 square.] 1-0.

N Krishna Teja 2268

Kumar Gaurav 1926

Queen's Gambit D37

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.c5 c6 8.h3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.a3 h6 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.b5 cxb5 14.c6 Qc8 15.c7 b4 16.Nb5 a4 17.axb4 Bxb4+ 18.Ke2 Ra5 19.Qd3 Ne4 20.Rhc1 Qa6 [Svetushkin (2571) vs Kayumov (2479), Abu Dhabi Op 2003 went: 20...Qa8 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Rc8 23.Rab1 Bf8 24.f3 Nf6 25.Nc3 Nd7 26.Bg3 a3 27. Na2 Qb7 28.Rc2 b5 29.Rc3 e5 30.dxe5 Nc5 0-1] 21.Rab1 Qxb5 22.Qxb5 Rxb5 23.c8Q Rxc8 24.Rxc8+ Kh7 White has won the exchange at the cost of two pawns - dangerous pawns on the queen-side. 25.Ne1



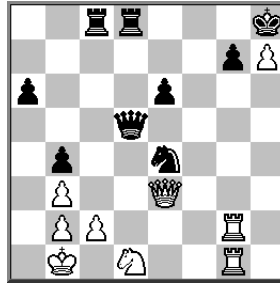
25...Ndc5! A well-calculated combination which turns the game into a race between white's new c-pawn and black's a-pawn. 26.dxc5 Nc3+ 27.Kf1 Nxb1 28.c6□ Ba5! After this, white cannot stop black's a-pawn from queening by playing Ra8 as the bishop is shielding it. 29.c7 Rc5 30.Nd3 Rc2?! [This offers white some chances of resistance. Better was: 30...Rc4 31.Ra8 a3 32.c8Q Rxc8 33.Rxc8 a2-+] 31.Ra8? [White probably assumed that he was lost. But thanks to black's inaccurate 30th move, he could still be in the game after: 31.Rf8! a3 32.Rxf7 Nd2+ 33.Kg1 a2 34.Be5! h5 35.Rxg7+ Kh6 36.Re7! White has enough resources to hold the game!] 31...a3 32.c8Q Rxc8 33.Rxc8 a2 34.Be5 Nc3 35.Rxc3 a1Q+ 36.Rc1 Qa3 37.Ke2 b5 38.f4 Bd8 39.Bc3 Qa2+ 40.Kf3 Qc4 41.Ke2 Qe4 42.Ne1 Bb6 43.Bd2 Bxe3 44.Bxe3! d4 45.Nc2 Qxg2+ 46.Bf2 [After 46.Bf2 d3+ 47.Kxd3 Qxf2 White's game collapses.] 0-1.

Saptorshi Gupta 1983
S Dhananjay 2224

Sicilian Scheveningen B86

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Be7 7.Bb3 Na6 8.Ba4+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.f3 0-0 11.Be3 Nc5 12.Qe2 a6 13. 0-0-0 Qc7 14.g4 b5 15.Rdg1 b4 16.Nd1 Rac8 17.Kb1 Rfe8 18.h4 d5! 19.h5 dxe4 20.g5 exf3 21.Qxf3 Nfe4 22.Rg4 Qe5 23.Rhg1 Rf8 (this makes g5-g6 difficult) 24.Nb3 Qd5! 25.Qe2 Nxb3 26.axb3 Rfd8-

27.R4g2 Bc5 28.g6 fxg6 29.hxg6 Bxe3 30.gxh7+ Kh8 31.Qxe3

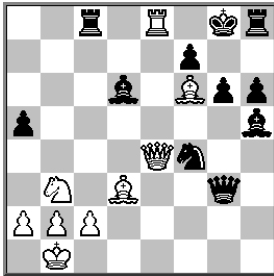


31...Qxd1+!! 32.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 33.Ka2 Rc5! This threat to mate with 34....Ra5 is deadly and costs white a rook. 34.Rg5 Rxg5 35.Qb6 Rgg1! The mate threat comes from a different direction! 36.Qb8+ Kxh7 37.Qh2+ Kg6 He has no more threats. 0-1

Saurabh Anand 2060
Praneeth Surya K 2413
Sicilian Najdorf B94

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qe2 h6 8.Bh4 g6 9.f4 e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Nb3 b5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bd6 15.Qd2 Kf8 16.g4 a5 17.Qe3 [A few months earlier Praneeth had lost in the same variation in the following game: P.Karthikeyan 2441 vs K.Praneeth Surya 2413, National Premier Ch. Tiruvarur 2015: 17.Kb1 a4 18.Nc1 a3 19.b3 Nc5 20.Bd3 Bxg4 21.Bf6 Rh7 22.Rde1 Rc8 23.Rhf1 Kg8 24.Bxb5 Rb8 25.c4 Bd7 26.Bxd7 Nxd7 27.Qc2= and 69 1-0] 17...Nb6 18.Bxb5 Bxg4 19.Rdf1 Kg8 20.Rhg1 Rc8 21.Bd3 Bh5 [□21...h5! 22.Qg5 Rh7! 23.h3 Bxh3 24.Bxg6 (24.Rxf7 Qxf7

25.Qxg6+ Qxg6 26.Rxg6+ Rg7
 27.Rxd6 Rg1+ 28.Kd2 Nc4+
 29.Bxc4 Rxc4 30.Bf2 Rg2
 31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.Kd3 Rf4
 33.Bb6) 24...fxg6 25.Qxg6+
 Rg7-+] 22.Rf5? Nxd5 23.Qe4
 Nf4-+ 24.Bf6 [Also if 24.Rxf4
 exf4 25.Bf6 Rh7 26.Qd5 (It
 looks very powerful for white,
 but !) 26...f3! 27.Qxh5 f2!
 28.Rxg6+ fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kf8!
 (29...Rg7 30.Bc4+!! Kf8
 31.Bxg7+ Qxg7 32.Qxd6+ Qe7
 33.Qxh6+ Ke8 34.Bb5+ Kf7
 35.Qh5+ Kg7 36.Qg4+ Kf7
 37.c3+-) 30.c3 Re8-+] 24...Qb6
 25.Rg3 Qf2 26.Kb1 Qxh2-+
 27.Rxe5 Qxg3 28.Re8+

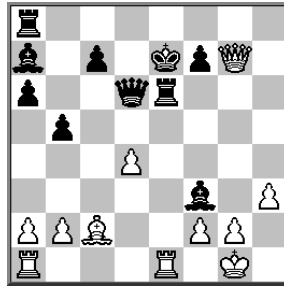


28...Kh7? [This makes his
 task a bit difficult. Better was:
 28...Rxe8 29.Qxe8+ Bf8 30.Bc4
 Rh7 and white has nothing to
 show for his rook deficit.]
 29.Qb7 Bc7?? [After this sec-
 ond bad move in a row, black is
 lost. Δ29...Rf8 30.Rxc8 Qe1+
 31.Nc1 Qe6 would have taken
 black to a slightly better posi-
 tion. It is a climb down from a
 winning position that he en-
 joyed a few moves earlier, but
 at least he is not lost.] 30.Rxc8
 Qe1+ 31.Nc1 Re8 32.Qxc7
 1-0.

Samriddhaa Ghosh 1779
R Vaishali 2295
 Giuoco Piano C54

Champion Vaishali is on
 the verge of defeat in this

game. She escaped because of
 her opponent's inexperience.
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6
 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 a6 6.Bb3 d6
 7.Nbd2 Ba7 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3
 Ne7 10.Re1 Ng6 11.Nf1 h6
 12.Ng3 Re8 13.d4 b5 14.Bc2
 Bb7 15.Bd2 Nf4 16.Qc1 N6h5
 17.Nxh5 Nxh5 18.Bxh6!
 exd4 [If 18...gxh6 19.Qxh6 Nf6
 20.Ng5 Re6 21.Re3 Qf8 22.Qh4
 and white has a winning at-
 tack with Rg3.] 19.cxd4 gxh6
 20.Qxh6 Ng7 21.e5 Re6 22.
 Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Ke7 24.
 Qxg7 Bxf3 25.exd6+ Qxd6



26.Qg5+?! [The winning
 line: 26.Bb3! Ke8 27.Bxe6 fxe6
 28.gxf3 Bxd4 29.Qg6+
 (29.Qg8+ Kd7 30.Qxa8? Qg3+=)
 31.Kh1 Qxh3+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+=)
 29...Kd7 30.Rad1 c5 31.b4 e5
 32.Qg7+ Kc6 33.bxc5+-] 26...
 Kf8 27.Rxe6 Qxe6 28.gxf3
 Bxd4= 29.Be4 Re8 30.h4 Qb6
 31.h5? [This pawn has no fu-
 ture. Δ31.Rd1 Bxf2+ 32.Kg2
 Bd4 33.b4=] 31... Bxf2+
 32.Kh1 Be3 33.Qg4 Re5 34.
 Rd1 Rg5 35.Qc8+ Kg7
 36.Rd8

[White is lost. If 36.f4
 Rxh5+ 37.Kg2 Bxf4 38.Kf1
 Qe3-+] 36...Rg1+! 37.Kh2
 Bf4+ 38.Kh3 Rg3+! 39.Kh4
 Qf6# 0-1.

Ashwath Emerges Champion

Untitled, but not unknown, R.Ashwath (National Sub-Junior champion in 2006) emerged first in the 16th Adyar Times New Millennium FIDE Rated Open that was held early this month at the San Thome High School in Chennai.

When India won the World Youth Chess Olympiad at Singapore in 2007, Aswath was our Second Board. The other four were B.Adhiban, S.Nitin, Swayams Mishra and P.Shyam Nikhil. Ashwath's score was $4\frac{1}{2}/8$. Our key encounter was versus many-times World Youth Champion Hungary who were favourites. But we beat them $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, with Ashwath scoring over Pap Gyula on the second board in 30 moves.

The year 2007 was Ashwath's golden year as he won two FIDE Rated Opens, the L.A.Group Open in Coimbatore and the Ramaswamy Gounder Open in Karur. In addition, he qualified from the tough National "B" at Dindigul to the National "A" but did not use his right to play in the "A" held in 2008.

Thereafter he has sort of concentrated more on his academic career and his father's business. Just a few weeks before this victory at the Adyar Times, Ashwath got married. Will 2016 be another golden year for Ashwath?

Senior Arbiter Paul Arokiaraj has been the Chief Arbiter for the Adyar Times Tournament for many years now. Basically a very strong chess player, Paul won the National Under-15 Championship in Amravati in 1978. He played in the inaugural edition of the Adyar Times in 2001. But from the next edition he was roped in as Arbiter, to run the event. From 2013 when V.Hariharan became the Secretary of the TNSCA and AICF, Paul has been entrusted with the responsibilities of fixing the venue and scheduling the Adyar Times Open. He says that till the tournament begins he is the Co-ordinator for the Adyar Times, and once the first round begins, he becomes its Chief Arbiter!

This year Paul found the magnificent Montfort Indoor Stadium in San Thome High School to be a fantastic venue. When he approached the Rev. Bro. A.Stanislaus, SG, the Headmaster and Correspondent of the San Thome High School for the use of the Auditorium for the Adyar Times, Bro. Stanislaus told him that the Auditorium had been indirectly used for chess purpose in 2013 during the Anand-Carlsen World Championship Match. Unknown to most of us, Carlsen had been visiting the Montford indoor auditorium during the match



for relaxing with basketball and football!

Thus, the Adyar Times tournament, always held in the Adyar area, south of the Adyar river, has moved 2 KM north of the Adyar river for the first time!

There were two IMs in this tournament. Of them R.Bala-subramianiam had won it three times and was looking for his fourth title. But he finished only fourth. In this 7-round Swiss for 287 players, Ashwath tied for first with IM Ramnath Bhuvanesh and FM M.Vinoth Kumar but emerged first on tie-break and took the first prize of Rs 25,000 and a fine trophy. The total prize fund was Rs 1.5 lakhs.

Mr A.D.Ranjan, Editor & Publisher of Adyar Times (Established 1993) praised the role of the TN State Chess Association in organising this tournament regularly and in a good style and the ambience of this venue. He presented the trophy to the winner.

A.D. Ranjan of Adyar Times, seated third from left is seen with the prize winners and organisers at the closing ceremony

The 50 cash prizes were distributed by IM Manuel Aaron, Mr B.Murugavel (Vice President TNSCA) and V. Hariharan (Secy. of both TNSCA and AICF).

Top final standings: 1-3. R.Ashwath, IM Ramnath Bhuvanesh, FM M.Vinoth Kumar 6½; 4-10. IM R Bala-subramaniam, Bavankumar, WFM C. Lakshmi, B.Rohan Kailash, R. Ratheesh, L.R. Srihari, P.Vijay Shreeram 6 each287 players.

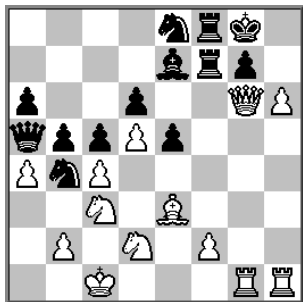
R.Ashwath 2247

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Blumenfeld Gambit E10

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 e6
4.Nc3 Be7 5.d5 [5.g3!] 5...d6
6.h3 e5 7.e4 0-0 8.Be2 [8.Bd3]
8...Ne8 9.g4 [If 9.Be3 f5 (9...g6
10.Bh6 Ng7 11.Qd2) 10.exf5
Bxf5 11.Bd3±] 9...Bd7 10.Be3**

Na6 11.g5 Nac7 12.a4 f5
 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.h4 Na6 15.
 Nd2 Qa5 16.Bg4 Bxg4 17.
 Qxg4 Nb4 18.Qe6+! Rf7 19.g6
 hxg6 20.Qxg6 Nf6 21.0-0-0
 a6 22.h5 b5 23.h6 Raf8 24.
 Rdg1 Ne8



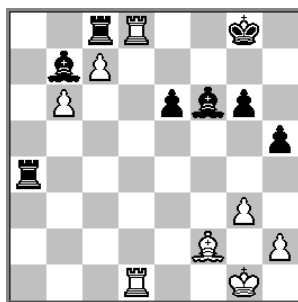
25.hxg7 [This wins, but a
 beautiful finish is: 25.Qh7+!
 Kxh7 26.hxg7+ Kg8 27.Rh8#]
 25...Rxg7 26.Qh7+! Kf7
 27.Rxg7+ Nxg7 28.Rg1 Rg8
 29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Bh6 Nd3+
 31.Qxd3 Bf6 32.Qg6 Ke7
 33.Nde4! Rf8 34.Bxg7 Bxg7
 35.Qxd6+! Ke8 36.Rxg7 1-0.

R.Ashwath 2247

P Saravana Krishnan 2317
 Queen's Gambit D25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3
 Nf6 4.e3 g6 5.Bxc4 Bg7 6.Ne5
 [Or 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3±] 6...0-0
 7.Qb3 e6 8.0-0 c5 9.Rd1 Qc7
 10.Nc3 a6 11.a4 cxd4
 [Δ11...b6 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rac1
 Nc6=] 12.exd4 Nc6 13.Nxc6
 bxc6 14.Ne2 [14.h3 Rb8
 15.Qc2 Bb7; 14.g3 Nd5]
 14...Nd5 15.Qg3 Qxg3 16.
 Nxg3 Rd8 [16...a5 with the
 idea of Ba6 and Black is com-
 pletely fine after the exchange
 of his light squared bishop.]
 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 f5 19.Ba5!
 Re8 20.Rac1 Bb7 21.Nf1

Rac8 22.Ba2 Nf4 23.Bc4 c5
 [23...Nd5 24.b4=] 24.dxc5
 Nxg2 25.b4 Nh4 26.Be2
 [Δ26.Nd2] 26...Nf3+ 27.Bxf3
 Bxf3 28.Rd6 Bh6 29.Rc3
 [29.Ne3 Bc6 30.Rxc6 Rxc6
 31.b5 axb5 32.axb5 Rcc8 33.c6
 Ra8 34.Bb4] 29...Bb7 [29...Bc6
 30.Rxc6 Rxc6 31.b5 axb5
 32.axb5 Rcc8 33.c6] 30.Rb6
 Bg7 31.Rc1 Bd5 32.Rxa6 f4
 33.c6 Rf8 34.b5 Rf5 35.Bc3
 [35.Nd2! Rg5+ 36.Kf1 Bg2+ 37.
 Ke2 Re5+ 38.Kd1+] 35...Rg5+
 36.Ng3 fxf3 37.fxf3 Bf8
 38.Bd4 Rg4 39.Bf2 Bd6
 40.Ra7 h5 41.Rd7 Be5 42.c7
 [If 42.Rxd5 exd5 43.b6 Rc4+
 (43...Rb4 44.a5 d4♣)] 42...Bf6
 [42...Bxc7 43.Rxc7 Rxc7
 44.Rxc7 Rxa4 45.Bc5±] 43.b6
 Bb7 44.Rcd1 Rxa4 45.Rd8+



45...Kf7?? [45...Kg7 46.
 R1d7+ Kh6 47.Be3+ g5
 48.Rxc8 Bxc8 49.Rd8±;
 Δ45...Kh7 46.R1d7+ Bg7
 47.Bc5 Ra1+ 48.Kf2 Ra5±]
 46.R1d7+- Be7 47.Bc5 Ra1+
 48.Kf2 Raa8 49.Rxe7+ Kf6
 50.Ree8 Ke5 51.Ke3 Kf5
 52.h3 Kf6 53.Rf8+ Kg5 54.
 Be7+ Kh6 55.h4 g5 56.hxg5+
 Kg6 57.Kf4 Ra4+ 58.Ke3
 Raa8 59.Rg8+ Kf7 60. Bd6 e5
 61.Bxe5 Ke6 62.Bc3 Ke7 63.
 Bb4+ Ke6 64.g6 1-0

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1. 1. Kd8 Be4 2. Nd7+ Ka8 3. Kc7 Bd5 4. Nc5 Be4 5. Bd7 Bd3 6. Bc8 Be4 7. Bb7+ Bxb7 8. axb7# 1-0

2. 1. Rf2 Bd1 2. Rh2+ Bh5 3. Be2 Rxe2 4. g4 Rxh2 (4... Rf2+ 5. Rxf2 Bxg4 6. Rh2+ Bh5 7. Rh1 e5 8. Rh4 e4 9. Rxe4 Bf3 10. Rh4+ Bh5 11. Kf5 Kg7 12. Rxh5) 5. g5# 1-0.

3. 1. Kc5 Bf2+ 2. Kc4 Bb6 3. Re5+ Ka4 4. Re1 Bg1 5. Re6 a5 6. Rd6 h1=Q 7. Rd3 Bc5 8. Ra3+ Bxa3 9. b3# 1-0.

4. 1. Be7+ Kc4 2. Kxf8 a5 3. Ba3 Kb3 4. Ke7 Kxa4 5. Kd6 b5 6. Kc5 b4 7. Kc4 bxa3 8. b3# 1-0.

5. 1. bxc5 gxh4 2. c6+ Kf3 3. c7 Kg4 4. h3+ Kg5 5. Kf7 Bf5 6. Be3# 1-0.

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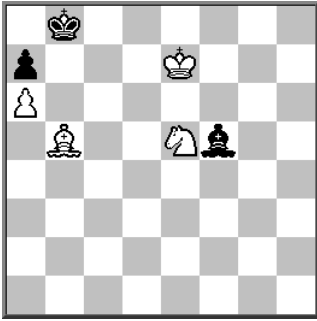


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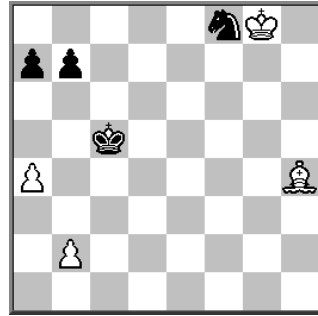
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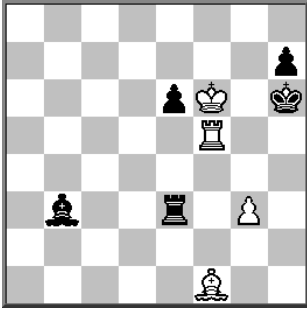
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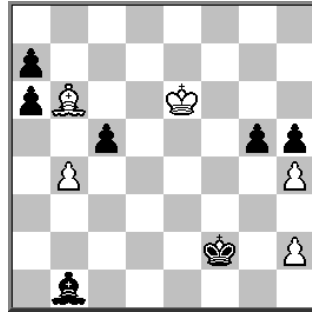
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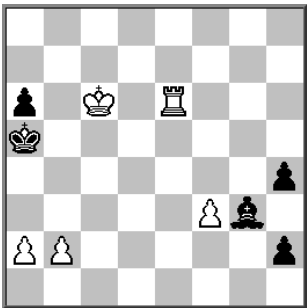
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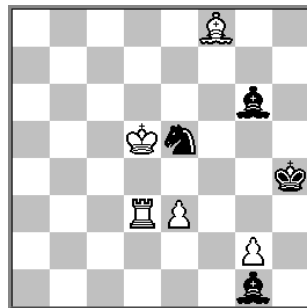
2 White to play and mate



5. White to play and mate



3 White to play and mate



6. White to play and mate

Solutions to these mates are on page 15.

Selections by Arvind Aaron

Hirthickkesh Wins Title

The 29th SPIC FIDE-Rated Open was won by 15-year old P.R.Hirthickkesh of Neyveli early this month.

Hirthickkesh scored 9 points in a 10-round Swiss for 256 players and was half a point ahead of veteran M.Paramasivam of Aruppukottai and P.Bala Kannamma of Chennai, winner of the 2013 edition of this tournament at the age of 17.

Born on 10 Oct 2001, Hirthickkesh is a student of Jawahar Higher Secondary School, CBSE, in Neyveli. His talent in chess was discovered in 2008 when he won the 4th prize at the National U-7 Championship in Nagpur. Since then, he is being trained by FIDE Master A.Pavasam who works for the NLC Sports Control Board. In 2013 Hirthickkesh surprised the chess world by winning the tough National Under-13 Championship in Jamshedpur.

However, Hirthickkesh does not get the tag of youngest SPIC Champion. The 2005 winner was Nitin Senthilvel, a 13-year old school boy from Salem who is now an IM. Still earlier in 2004, S.P.Sethuraman, a Madras school boy won the SPIC Open at the age of 11! He still is the youngest ever Indian to win any FIDE-Rated Open in India. He is now a top Indian grandmaster who has

successfully represented India at the 2014 and 2016 Chess Olympiads.

This year, the SPIC Open was held, as usual, in two sections, the FIDE-Rated Open (known as the Medallist section) with a prize fund of Rs 1.5 lakhs and the Non-medallist section (total prize money Rs 23,100, entry fee Rs 300) which is open only to Tamil Nadu players. The main tournament had special prizes for those rated below 1600 and those who were unrated. Both sections had many age category cash prizes too.

If the winner of the Open this year was 15-year old Hirthickkesh, the 213-player Non-medallist section was also won by another 15-year old – Sippore Paulin, a girl from Madurai!

Final top standings: 1 Hirthickkesh 9; 2-3 M.Paramasivam, P.Bala Kannamma 8½; 4-5 K.S.Yuvan Bharathi, M.J.Noohu 8; 6-10. M.Barath Kalyan, J.Shakthi Vishal, E.Godson Merlin, S.Akash, Roshan A Ramesh, 7½....etc.

Top Non-medallists: 1 C.Sippore Paulin (Mdu) 9; 2 S.Gnana Ganesh (Tut) 8½.

The prizes for seniors (above 60) went to C.Kalidass (Sivakasi) and M.Karunakaran (Tirunelveli) both of whom scored 6½ points.



L-R: M.Ephrame, Joint Secy, TNSCA, Mr S.R.Ramakrishnan (Whole Time Director of SPIC), Manuel Aaron, P.R.Hirthickkesh, S.Gopalakrishnan (Secy. Thoothukudi Dt Chess Assn.)

While presiding over the Prize Distribution ceremony Mr S.R.Ramakrishnan, the President of Thoothukudi District Chess Association, was positive that chess development in Thoothukudi is rising fast. He remarked that Thoothukudi chess was stronger with India's first International Master Manuel Aaron, who is a Vice President of the Thoothukudi District Chess Association, taking a practical interest in the promotion of the game.

NLC's Sports Initiative

The Neyveli Lignite Corporation's Sports Control Board carries out various sports activities throughout the year for the development of sports and cultural activities among its personnel and Neyveli school students. The Board's sports initiatives in training, financing and supporting their own personnel and Neyveli school

students (there are 40 schools in Neyveli) who show keenness and skill in various games, sports and cultural activities has paid rich dividends, the latest of which is P.R.Hirthickkesh winning the 29th SPIC Open. Twice a year, the Board also distributes special cash awards to high achievers in all disciplines. Though the Board has achieved success in different

disciplines, here, we focus only on their Chess initiative.

The Chess Club in NLC is a nice Hall where chess training is absolutely free. The users pay a nominal Rs 100 per month to contribute to rent, electricity, repairs and daily maintenance.

The Chief Manager (Sports) of this Board is veteran IM Krishnamoorthy Murugan, born 1964. He had won the TN State Championship three times in a row from 1984 and represented India at the Chess Olympiads in Thessaloniki 1988, Novi Sad 1990 and Moscow 1994. In 1988 he accompanied the Indian team to the Elista Olympiad as Coach.

The sharp, brilliant tactician, IM P.Mithrakanth who won the 1996 Commonwealth Chess Championship in Calcutta, assists Murugan in planning and organising

sports events round the clock. Though Mithrakanth, born 1961, is not required to train players, he, on his own volition, goes to the NLC Chess Club after 7 pm every day to interact with the chess players and play friendly games. Apart from his 1996 Commonwealth victory over the best GMs in the fray, he has two other very remarkable results. He won the brilliancy prize for his beautiful attacking game against the tournament winner GM Ian Rogers in the 1988 Tata Steel Tournament in Calcutta. A few months later he defeated V.Anand in the last round of the 25th National "A" Championship in Neyveli with yet another sparkling attacking display.

FIDE Master A.Pavanasam, born 1958, is tasked to train chess players who come to the Club. Pavanasam's typical working day is: 6 am to 8 am chess training at the Club; 10 am to 1 pm work at the Sports Board's office; 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, again chess training. This pattern of work and training is allotted to all the coaches in different disciplines in Neyveli. Good players in different disciplines were recruited by the NLC in the second half of the 1980s. As they grew old their experience and technical knowledge have been utilised by making them trainers in their disciplines.

The NLC Chess team consisting of IMs K.Murugan, Lanka Ravi, P.Mithrakanth and FMs A.Pavanasam and

S.Ganesan was a formidable force in the past as they won five of the 11 National Institutional Team Championships that were organised in the 1990s by the Central Revenue Sports Board in Chennai and the 1987 National Team Chess Championship at Bangalore.

In 1998, R.Karthik of NLC surprisingly won the National Junior at Calicut pushing favourite K.Sasikiran to second place. But Karthik dropped out of competitive chess after that.

NLC's Woman FIDE Master Srija Seshadri, 19, has won the National U-11 Girls in 2008 and the U-15 Girls in 2012. But she did better at the Asian level. She won the Asian U-12 Girls in Delhi 2009, the Asian U-14G at Beijing 2010 and was second in the U-16G in Iran, 2013.

P.R.Hirthickkesh of Jawahar School (CBSE) won the National U-13 in 2013. L.Jyothsna, born 2004, has won the TN State U-11 Girls Championship in 2014 and 2015. She finished third in the National U-13 Girls. She represented India at the Asian U-12 Girls Championship in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and finished 4th.

And there are more coming up. F.Clifford Flair has been regularly winning the SGFI Chess Championships and K.M.Srija has won the Kendra Vidyalaya National U-14 Girls Championship.

The NLC has organised a number of State and National

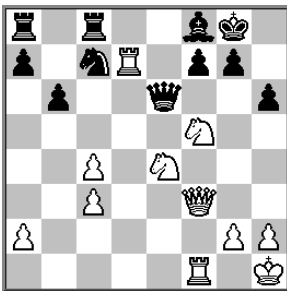
Chess Championships with good planning and execution.

P.R. Hirthickkesh 2192

Merlin E Godson 1645

Larsen A03, SPIC Open 2016

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 e6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.0-0 9.Qe2 Qb6 10.d3 c4 11.dxc4 dxc4 12.Bd4 Qc7 [12...Qc6] 13.bxc4 Rfc8 14.Nbd2 Bd6 15.Kh1 h6 16.Rad1 b6 17.c3 Qc6 [17...Re8 with the idea of 18...e5.] 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Nd4 Qa4 [Black has not guessed what white is up to. As white is poised to advance e3-e4-e5 he should take defensive steps, not go pawn hunting. Better was: 19...Qe8±] 20.e4 Bf8 21.e5 Ne8 [21...Nd7 22.f5 exf5 23.e6 fxe6 24.Qxe6+ Kh8 25.Qxf5±] 22.f5 Nc7 23.Qf3 the target is to breach f7. 23...Qe8 24.Ne4!+- exf5? [This makes white's task easier. 24...Rd8 or 24...Kh8 would have put up greater resistance.] 25.Nxf5 Qxe5 26.Rd7! Qe6



27.Rxf7 A devastating sacrifice after which black's defence becomes more and more shaky. 27...Re8?? [This gives

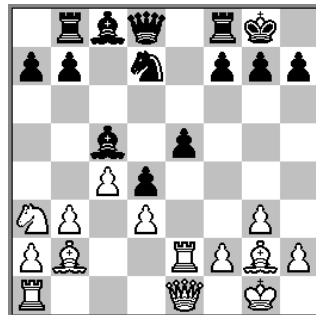
up the game without a fight. Better was: 27...Kh8 28.Nd4! Qg6 29.h4 Re8 30.Rf5 Ba3 31.h5 Qh7 32.c5 Bxc5 33.Nxc5 bxc5 34.Rxc5+-] 28.Rxc7 Qxe4 29.Nxh6+! gxh6 30.Qg3+! Kh8 31.Rxf8+! Rxf8 32.Qg7# 1-0.

Vishal, J Shakthi 1845

P.R. Hirthickkesh 2192

English Opening A14

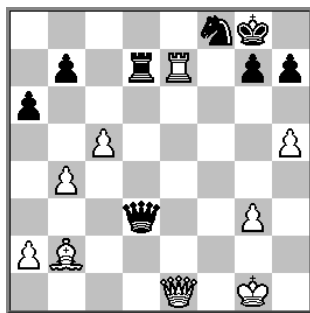
1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 c5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.e3 d4 7.exd4 cxd4 8.b3 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Re1 Re8 11.d3 Bc5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Rxe5 Nd7 [Webster 2330 vs Flear 2510, Hastings Challengers, 1993-94 went: 13...Qc7 14.Qe1 Bd7 15.Na3 Rad8 16.Nc2 Ng4 17.Rxc5 Qxc5 18.Bxd4 Qc7 19.h3 Nh6 20.Be5 Qc8 21.Qa5 Bc6 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Drawn.] 14.Re2 e5 15.Na3 Rb8? [15...Nf6 16.h3 Qd6 17.Nc2 a5] 16.Qe1 White's threat is 17 b4 Bd6 18 Bxd4! exploiting the pin on the e5 pawn. And Black reacts negatively without relying on the inherent strength of his position. 16...Rf8?



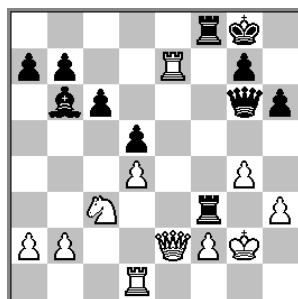
[This second consecutive passive move throws the game into white's lap. By moving away the rook from e8, black is ensuring that the potential pin of his e5 pawn is avoided and his d4 pawn is safe. However, Black could get an equal game with a positive counter: 16...Be7! 17.Nb5 Nc5! (the counter-attack!) 18.Rd1 (18.Qd2 a6 19.Na3?) 18...a6 19.Na7 (19.Rxe5 axb5 20.Rd5 Bd6!?) (and if now) 21.Rxd6 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qxd6 23.Re8+ Qf8 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Bxd4 Nxd3-+) 19...Bg4 20.f3 Be6 21.Rxe5 Ra8!]

17.b4 Bb6 [If now 17...Be7 18.Nb5 (threat 19 Nxd4) 18...a5 19.bxa5 Bc5 20.Rxe5! Bb4 21.Qe4 Nxe5 22.Qxe5 Ra8 23.Bxd4±] **18.c5 Bc7 19.Nb5 a6 20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.Rc1 f6 22.f4 Kh8** [If 22 ...exf4 23.Bd5+ Kh8 24.Re8!+-] **23.Rc4 Rd8 24.Bc1** [Stronger was: 24.fxe5 fxe5 (24...Nxe5 25.Bxd4 Be6 26.Bxe5 fxe5 27.Rh4+-) 25.Rxd4! exd4 26.Bxd4 Nf6 27.Re7 Bd7 28.Rxg7!] **24...Nf8** Being shackled for long, black decides to surrender a pawn for getting his queen-side working.

25.fxe5 fxe5 26.Rxe5 Bd7 27.Rxd4 Ng6 28.Re2 Bc6 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Bxc6 Qxc6 31.Re6 Qb5 32.Bb2 Kg8 33.h4 [33.Qc3 Rd7 34.Re8+ Kf7 35.Rb8 Qxd3 36.Qxg7+ and the attack should win.] **33...Qxd3 34.h5 Nf8 35.Re7 Rd7**



With this one single move, white throws his win away! After **36.Bxg7??** [36.Rxd7 Qxd7 37.a3 Ne6 38.Qe5 white should win with careful play.] **36...Rxe7 37.Qxe7 Qxg3+ 38.Kh1 Qxg7 39.Qe2 0-1.**



**K.S. Yuvan Bharatthi 1845
P.R. Hirtheekesh 2192**

25...Rxf2+! [25...Rxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qf6+] **0-1.**

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Obituary: Mark Dvoretzky (1947-2016)

Legendary Writer & Coach Is No More

By Manuel Aaron

**M a r k
I z r a i l o v i c**
Dvoretzky born
9th December
1947 in Moscow
died on 26 Sep
2016. He had not
been keeping
well for quite some time. He
was 68.



In 1973 he won the Championship of Moscow and in 1974 finished fifth at the USSR-Championship in Leningrad. In 1975, he won the B-tournament in Wijk aan Zee and was awarded the IM title. But he changed course, putting a stop to his tournament career and focused on his passion, chess training, at which he soon became the best in the world. At one time he worked for Botvinnik's School of Chess. FIDE awarded him the title of FIDE Senior Trainer.

Dvoretzky's many regular students included Valery Chechov, Nana Alexandria, Sergei Dolmatov, Alexej Dreev and Artur Yusupov. Among the players who occasionally trained with Dvoretzky were Garry Kasparov, Viswanthan Anand, Veselin Topalov, Evgeny Bareev, Viktor Bologan, Joel Lautier, Loek van Wely – a very impressive list!

One training method of Dvoretzky was to play select positions with both colors

against his students. Sometimes he won the same position with both black and white against his students!

GM Utut Adianto told me that Dvoretzky was once contracted to visit Indonesia to train their top players for a few days. The topic he chose was: How to think and play in time trouble! He set up positions with one side a pawn up, or with some material imbalance and a promising position. The clock was set to about 7 minutes and tournament conditions were simulated in the training room. The trainee had to analyse and continue the game without losing on time. Then, obviously, Dvoretzky analysed their thought process and counselled them on their priorities in the given time.

Training Books

From his rich experience in collaborating with brilliant chess players in their prime, Dvoretzky produced a series of chess training books. The series commenced with his celebrated *Secrets of Chess Training*. These were followed by *Secrets of Chess Tactics*, *Opening Preparation*, *Technique for the Tournament Player* and *Attack and Defence*. Later, he produced his 'School of Chess Excellence' books, in four volumes: *Endgame Analysis*, *Tactical Play*,

Strategic Play and Opening Developments. Some of his books were co-authored by grandmasters, including Artur Yusupov who was his friend. When, Yusupov was one of Anand's four 'seconds' at the 1995 World Championship Match with Kasparov in New York, Dvoretzky visited him. He and Yusupov together ran a Chess School from which emerged players like Peter Svidler and other young talents.

His answer to the following question in an interview with the Russian Chess Federation earlier this year is very revealing:

Do you now regularly work with promising chess players?

"No. At some point I realised that one of the factors of success (my work was almost always successful, over the course of my whole life) was that I completely immersed myself in the job. I thought all the time about the problems of my students, paying attention to the smallest details. Purely based on erudition, on technique, you can demonstrate some interesting things, but you can only really be a good mentor when you fully throw yourself into the work.

With age I now have less energy, and when serious health problems arose I sensed that however well I got on with a student it was very hard to maintain his interests and problems at the centre of attention – my own business distracted me. Therefore I no

longer have students who I guide on a constant basis."

Dvoretzky is rated the best chess trainer in the world from the late 1970s. His fame was based on an original training method, developed by himself. Like a doctor he noted his trainee's skills and weaknesses and then proceeded to turn him into a great player. Topic wise, he had thousands of illustrative chess positions in a huge database. (When Soviet GM Alexei Suetin (1926-2001) coached the top Indians in 1971, he had brought hundreds of cards with hand-made chess diagrams as there were no computers at that time. His baggage was therefore quite heavy but he always managed not to pay excess baggage to the airlines!)

What some players say:

Mohamed Al-Medaihki (Qatar): Very sad to learn Mark Dvoretzky passed away, I had two training sessions with him. My condolences to his family, friends and the chess world.

GM Vidit S Gujrathi (Nashik): RIP Mark Dvoretzky. Although I never met him, his books and his great writings have had a deep impact on me.

GM Levon Aronian (Armenia): A legendary chess writer and coach, Mark Dvoretzky has passed away. His books made me the player I am. A very sad day for the chess world.

Bertus F Enklaar (2410)
Mark Dvoretzky (2495)

Petroff Defence C42

Hoogovens-B, Wijk aan Zee 1975

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5
d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 **d5** 6.**Bd3**
Be7 7.0-0 **Nc6** 8.**Re1** **Bg4** 9.**c3**
f5 10.**h3** **Bxf3** 11.**gxf3**
 [⊠11.Qxf3 Qd7 12.a4 0-0-0
 13.a5 g5 14.b4 Bd6 but then
 white would not win a pawn as
 in the game.] 11...**Nf6** 12.**Bxf5**
0-0 13.**Qd3** **Bd6** 14.**Bg5** **Ne7**
15.Be6+ **Kh8** 16.**Nd2** **Ng6**
17.Bf5 **Bf4!**

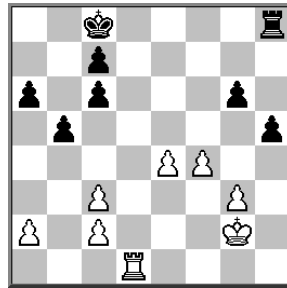


18.**Bxf6** [If 18.Bxg6 Bxg5
 19.Bf5 Nh5 20.Bg4 Nf4 21.Qc2
 h5 22.Bf5 g6-+; or if 18.Bxf4
 Nxf4 19.Qf1 Nd7!?] 18...**Qxf6**
19.Bxg6 **Bxd2!** 20.**Re2?!**
 [⊠20.Qxd2 Qxg6+ 21.Kh2
 Rxf3?] 20...**Bf4** 21.**Bxh7** **Qg5+**
22.Kh1 **Qh5!** A winning double
 attack. 0-1.

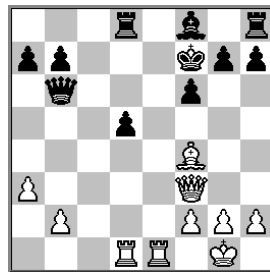
Mark Dvoretzky - V Smyslov
 Ruy Lopez C68
 USSR-Ch SF, Odessa 1974

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 **Qe7** 6.d4
 exd4 7.**Qxd4** **Bg4** 8.**Bf4** **Bxf3**
9.gxf3 **Nf6** 10.**Nc3** **Nh5**
11.Bg3 **Rd8** 12.**Qe3** **Nxg3**
13.hxg3 **Qc5** 14.**Rad1** **Qxe3**

15.Rxd8+ Kxd8 16.**Rd1+ Kc8**
 [A later game S.Brynell 2445
 vs Jonny Hector 2500,
 Gothenburg, 1996, went:
 16...Ke7 17.fxe3 g6 18.e5 Ke6
 19.Rd8 Kxe5 20.Re8+ Kf6
 21.Rb8 Ke6 22.Ne4 b6 23.Re8+
 Kd7 24.Nf6+ Kd6 25.e4 1-0]
17.fxe3 g6 18.**e5** **Bg7** 19.**f4** **f6**
20.exf6 **Bxf6** 21.**e4** **h5** 22.**Kg2**
Bxc3 23.**bxc3** **b5**



Pawns are equal but white
 has a big advantage as he has
 a central passed pawn while black
 cannot create a passed pawn on
 the queen-side as he has doubled
 c-pawns. 24.e5 a5 25.Kh3 b4
26.Kh4! **Re8** 27.**Kg5** **Re6**
28.Kh6! White has a clear plan
 - move his King to g7 and f7 and
 black's position will collapse.
 1-0.



Mark Dvoretzky
Wlodimierz Schmidt
 Wijk aan Zee 1975

This piece is from Dvoretzky's book, *Secrets of Chess Tactics*. He quotes Spielmann here: "In such positions, pawns should be taken only in passing, so to speak. All one's thoughts should be concentrated on the attack." **21.Rc1!** Dvoretzky: The primitive 21 Rxd5? Bc5 would allow Black, finally, to complete his development. Why win back the pawn, if, instead, it is possible, by increasing the threats, to invade behind enemy lines?

21...Rd7 [If 21...Bc5 22. b4 Bd6 23.Qxd5+ Kg6 24.Qd3+ Kf7 25.Qb3+ Kg6 26.Qg3+ Kf7 27.Bxd6 Rxd6 28.Qb3+ Kg6 (28...Kf8 29.Rc8+ Rd8 30.Rec1-) 29.Re7+-] **22.Rc8 g6 23. Qe2 Kg7** [23...Re7 24. Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qxe7+-; or 23...Bg7 24.Rxh8 Bxh8 25.Qe8+-] **24.Qe8 Rf7** [The only move for if 24...Qb5 25.Rc7+-] **25. Bh6+! Kxh6 26.Qxf7 Bc5 27.Rxh8 Bxf2+ 28. Kh1 Bxe1 29.h4! Kh5 30. Qxd5+! 0-1**

Priansh, Shefali Win Under-7 Titles

Priansh Das of Odisha and A.N.Shefali of Karnataka won the National U-7 Chess Championships that concluded at Puducherry last month. Fifth seed Priansh Das and Ilamparthi (TN) tied for first place with 9½/11. In the dramatic final round game, Priansh (Rated 1324) won with the black pieces against leader A.R.Ilamparthi (Rated 1548) to tie for first and take the title on tie-break!

Karnataka's A.N.Shefali (rated 1165) lost the first round to less known R Mahati but won the next ten games on the trot to win the event with 10/11. She finished one point ahead of her nearest rivals.

It is remarkable that Pondicherry State Association has been organising one age group National Championship every year and is one of the active small States. The top finishers will represent India at the U-8 World and Asian events of 2017. This championship also served as the selection event for Indian players participating in the 2017 U-6 Asian/World Championships as no National U-5 is being held. The top three Under-5 boys and girls were awarded prizes. The AICF Secretary Mr V.Hariharan was the Chief Guest at the Prize Distribution ceremony. He praised the excellent work done by the Association in successfully running many Nationals.

Top final placings: Open: 1-2. Priansh Das (Odi), A.R.Ilamparthi (TN) 9½/11; 3-4. Daaevik Wadhawan (Del), Sriansh Das (Odi) 9 each; 5 Sparsh Bishi (Har) 8½; 6-16. Bagat Kush (Mah), Aarav Lakhani (Mah), Jaiveer Mahendru (Mah), Inban Sivakumar (TN), P Sai Rishiraj (Tel), K.H.Mitul (Kar), Aryan Mohapatra (Odi), Apoorv Kamble (Kar), Abhyuday Santhosh (Kar), G Aakash (TN), Aarav Dengla (Mah) 8 each...182 players.

Girls: 1 WCM A.N.Shefali (Kar) 10/11; 2 Sneha Halder (WB) 9; 3-5. Suhaani Lohia (Mah), Sarvani Cheedella (AP), Sani Deshpande (Mah) 8½; 6-11. Ishani Mondal (WB), Ananya Sushree Ray (Odi), Sanjana Nagarajan (TN), Arushi Srichandan (Odi), R.Aswinika Mani (TN) 8 each...119 players.

Top 3 in Under-5: Boys: 66. Amogh Bisht (Kar) 6; 110. Sourabh (Bih) 5; 138. P.Nitin Kumar (TN) 4½. Girls: 58 B.K.Luxshana (TN) 5½; 65 Tanishka Jain (Kar) 5½; 87 H.Mahadi (TN) 4½.

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Adhiban Finishes Second At Abu Dhabi

Top seed Dmitry Andreikin of Russia finished strongly with a 3/3 score to win the 23rd Abu Dhabi Masters Tournament that concluded in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, this August.

Former Indian champion B Adhiban (24) who was in the lead but lost it to Kamil Dragun (Pol) scored 2/3 in the end to finish with seven points from nine games. In his penultimate round game, he beat Kamil Dragun. Adhiban was the third seed and finished a creditable second.

The Russians are not going to forget Adhiban's stupendous showing. The young man from Chennai faced five Russians in his nine games and scored 3½/5. His rating performance was 2795, his all-time best. His Russian victims included GMs Alexander Raetsky and Boris Savchenko. Adhiban who turned 24 earlier this month remained undefeated and had drawn the top seed and champion Andreikin.

GM Lalith Babu, Adhiban's Indian Oil team-mate played at 2695 and gained nearly 14 Elo points in his 6½/9. He started as 27th seed and finished eighth. Fifteen year old IM Aryan Chopra from Delhi, started as the 41st seed and finished 14th thereby clocking a GM norm performance at 2620. He is also gaining 16.40 Elo and crossing the milestone rating of 2500.

Chopra scored 2½/3 from Indians which included a draw against Lalith Babu. He had drawn IM Siva Mahadevan at Riga earlier in August but managed to defeat him here with the black pieces. Chopra became an IM at 13 and is now already in line to become India's next Grandmaster.

A total of 40 GMs, 7 WGMs, 38 IMs, 3 WIMs took part in this event. The 13,000 USD first prize attracted players from 32 nations. Indians were the largest group at 56 players. GM G.N. Gopal withdrew on 1/3 after losing to GM R.R. Laxman. He had earlier drawn with a Russian girl and a Chennai boy.

Top final placings: 1 GM Dmitry Andreikin (Rus) 7½/9; 2-3. GM B Adhiban (Ind), GM Amin Bassem (Egy) 7 each; 4-9. GM Alexandr Predke (Rus), GM Salem A.R. Saleh (UAE), GM Alexander Areshchenko (Ukr), GM Kamil Dragun (Pol), GM M.R. Lalith Babu (Ind), GM Eduardo Iturrizaga (Ven) 6½ each; 10-22 GM Anton Demchenko (Rus), GM Yuriy Kuzovov (Ukr), GM Alexander Zubov (Ukr), GM Boris Savchenko (Rus), IM Aryan Chopra (Ind), GM Wang Hao (Chn), GM Peter Prohaszka (Hun), GM Adly Ahmed (Egy), GM Tamas Banusz (Hun), GM Zaven Andriasian (Arm), IM C.R.G. Krishna (Ind), GM Sergei Azarov (Blr), GM Vaibhav Suri (Ind) 6 each...137 players.

Analysis are by IM Manuel Aaron

Dragun Kamil 2609

B Adhiban 2671

King's Indian E70

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nge2 c5
7.d5 e6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd5
10.exd5 Nbd7 11.f4 g5

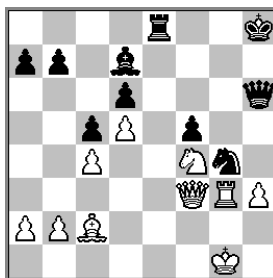


[This looks to be a Novelty. G.Flear 2475 vs O.Touzane 2500 Mont Pellier, 1996 went: 11...a6 12.a4 Re8 13.0-0 Qc7 14.h3 Nf8 15.Rf3 N8h7 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.a5 b6 18.axb6 Qxb6 19.g4 Rab8 20.Rb1 and black self-destructed in 33 moves after a questionable knight sacrifice followed by an exchange sacrifice. All that white had to do was to swallow the goodies that came his way and pocket the point.]

12.Bg3 [White might have chosen this quieter line, wondering what nasty surprise Black had prepared in the following violent variation: 12.fxg5 Ng4 (similar to a violent variation in the Sicilian Defence.) 13.Qd2 Nde5 14.Bh7+! Kh8 15.Bc2 Ng6 16.Bg3 hxg5 17.h4±] **12...Ng4** 13.0-0 gxf4 14.Bxf4 Nde5 15.Bc2 Ng6 16.Qd3 f5 17.Qg3 h5 18.Rae1 h4 19.Qf3 N6e5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Nf4± Qg5 22.Kh1 Bd7 23.Nce2 Rae8 24.h3 Nf6

25.Rg1 Kh8 26.g3 Rg8 27.Ref1 hxg3 28.Rxg3 Qh6 29.Rxg8+ Rxg8 30.Rg1 Ng4!

The game is about equal but cleverly black mixes aggression with defence causing black's confidence to be dented. **31.Rg3?** [The rook gets into trouble here. White has not guessed black's plan of switching his rook to the e-file. Better was to keep his rook on the first rank and play 31.b3 a6=] **31...Re8!** **32.Kg1?** [Maybe in time trouble white misses black's threat. He could fight for equality with: 32.Qf1 b5 33.b3=] **32...Bxf4!** **33.Nxf4**



33...Re3! White's queen, rook and knight are in a merry mess! He is lost. **34.hxg4 Rxf3 35.Rxf3 fxg4 36.Rf2 g3 37.Ng6+ Kg7 38.Re2 Bg4 39.Re7+ Kf6 0-1.**

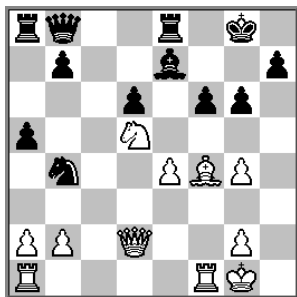
Dmitry Andreikin (Rus, 2733)

Anton Demchenko (Rus, 2600)

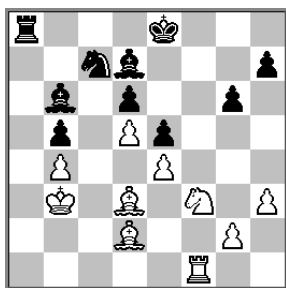
Ruy Lopez C76

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 g6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.d5 Nb8 10.Bc2 0-0 11.c4 a5 12.Nc3 Na6 13.h3 Qb8 14.Qd2 c6 15.0-0 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rc8 17.Ng5 Nh5 18.Bd1 Ng7 19.f4 exf4 [19...h6? would invite the

strong attack 20.Nxf7! Kxf7
 21.fxg5+ Kg8 22.e6 Be8
 23.Bxh6±] 20.Bxf4 (The
 threat: 21 Nxf7!) 20...f6 21.
 Ne6 Nxe6 22.dxe6 Bxe6 23.
 Bg4 Bxg4 24.Nd5 Re8 25.
 hxg4 Nb4



[If 25...Qd8 26.g5! fxc5
 27.Be3 threatening 28 Bb6
 with a great attack ultimately
 down the long dark diagonal. If
 now, 27...Nc5 28.Nc7! Qxc7
 29.Qd5+ Kg7 30.Rf7+ Kh6
 31.Kf2!!] 26.Be3 Nc6 [If
 26...Nxd5 27.Qxd5+ Kg7 28.g5!
 Rf8 29.Bd4 Qc7 30.Qe6!+-]
 27.Nxf6+ Bxf6 28.Rxf6 Qc8
 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Raf1 Qxg4
 31.Qxd6 Kg8 32.Qd5+ Kh8
 33.Rxc6! If 33...bxc6 34 Bd4+
 mates. 1-0.



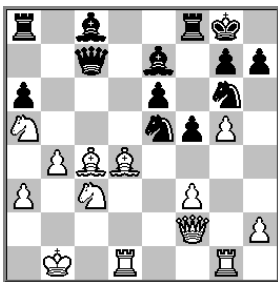
Wang Hao (Chn, 2712)
 Alexandr Predke (Rus, 2553)

After long manoeuvring the
 players have reached this position.
 61.Bh6 White threatens
 the winning 61 Ng5 but black
 has an ambitious plan to ambu-
 bush him before that!
 61...Ne6? A faulty combina-
 tion which overlooks an impor-
 tant white resource. But
 everything is well that ends
 well! 62.dxe6! Bxe6+ 63.Kc3?
 [White plays the only move
 that loses the game immedi-
 ately! He can win with:
 63.Kb2! Ra2+ 64.Kb1 Rxc2
 65.Bxb5+ Bd7 a) 65...Kd8
 66.Rd1 Kc7 67.Bf8+-; b)
 65...Ke7?? 66.Bg5+ Kf8
 67.Nd4+ Bf7 68.Bh6+ Ke7
 (68...Kg8 69.Bc4!!) 69.
 Nc6+!+-; 66.Bc4 Bc6 (66...Bxh3
 67.Ng5) 67.Nd2+-] 63...Ra3+
 64.Kc2 Rxd3! White must
 have overlooked this! 65.Ng5
 [65.Kxd3 Bc4+-] 65...Bc4
 66.Rf3 Rxf3 67.gxf3 Be3
 68.Nf7 [After 68.Kd1 Bf4! the
 white pieces are immobilised
 because Nf7 is answered by
 Kxf7.] 68...Bxh6 69.Nxh6 Be6
 70.h4 Kf8 71.Kd3 Kg7 72.Ng4
 Bxg4 73.fxc4 Kf6 White can-
 not stop black's plan of ...Ke6
 and ...d5 winning the pawn up
 ending. 0-1.

Boris Savchenko (Rus, 2602)
 Anton Kovalyov (Can, 2617)
 Sicilian Taimanov B48

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3
 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Bb4
 9.f3 Ne5 10.Nb3 b5 11.Kb1
 Be7 12.Qf2 Bb7 13.Bb6 Qb8
 14.Na5 0-0 15.g4! [This de-
 clares all out war on black.
 Usually played here is the po-

sitional continuation 15.Bd4] **15...d6 16.Rg1 Bc8 17.g5 Nfd7 18.Bd4 Qc7 19.b4!?** [White seems to have come to this game with violence in his heart! The normal variation, withdrawing his knight from a5, was okay for him: 19.Nb3 b4 20.Na4 Rb8 21.f4 Ng6 22.f5 Qc6 23.fxg6 f5 24.Qg3 Qxa4 25.Bc4 Nb6 26.Bxb6 Rxb6 27.Nd4± However, 19 b4 evokes an equally aggressive counter from black!] **19...d5!? 20.a3 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Ng6** [Black must tread a dangerous path after 21...Nc4 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Qh4 (White is threatening Nf6+) 23...e5 24.Nf6+ Bxf6 25.gxf6 g6 26.Be3 with a winning attack.] **22.c4?! f5?** [This opens up the a2-g8 diagonal against his king and fuels white's attack. ♠22...e5! 23.Bb2 bxc4 24.Bxc4 Nb6 25.Bb3=] **23.Nc3 bxc4 24.Bxc4 Nde5**



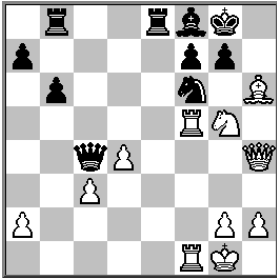
25.Nd5!! A winning tactical stroke. **25...exd5** [worse was 25...Qd6 26.Bc5!] **26.Bxd5+ Be6** (the best in this position or he will have to part with his Ra8) **27.Bxe6+ Kh8 28.f4 Rab8** (Threat is 29...Qxa5 as

the b4 pawn is pinned.) **29.Qb2!+- Bxb4** [Black seeks counter-play in a grim situation. His Ne5 is fatally pinned. If now 29...Nf7 30.Bxg7+ Kg8 31.Bh6 wins.] **30.axb4 Rxb4 31.Qxb4 Rb8 32.Qxb8+ Qxb8+ 33.Bb2 Nxf4** One of the strangest material imbalances is seen on the board with white having 2 rooks and 2 bishops against queen knight and 2 pawns. White is winning. **34.Bxf5 Ne2 35.Nb7!** This caps an enterprising game with a quiet threat, Rd8+! **35...Nxxg1 36.Rd8+ Qxd8 37.Nxd8 Ngf3 38.Be6 a5 39.Bc3 a4 40.Ka2 1-0.**

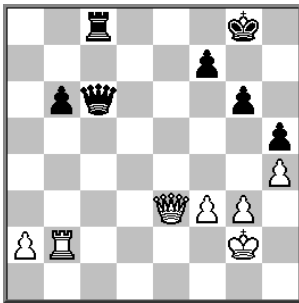
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 Queen's Gambit D41

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.exd4 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Nd7 10.Bd3 b6 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Qf3 Rb8 13.0-0 Bd6 14.Qh3 h6 15.f4 0-0 16.Qh4? This works only if 16...hxg5? 17 f5 and mate occurs if the threatened knight runs avoiding capture. **16...Bb7 17.Rae1 Bd5! 18.Nf3= Bc4?!** [White's withdrawal of his knight to f3 and his continued offer of his a2 pawn shows that he has another plan of attack, targetting h6. Therefore he should not try to exchange off his light square bishop as his e6 would be without adequate protection. Best was to keep his bishop on d5 and play 18...b5] **19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.f5! exf5?** [♠20...Nh7

21. Bf4 Bxf4 22. Qxf4 Qxa2 (22...Ra8 23. fxe6 fxe6 24. Qd6 Rf6 25. Qa3 Raf8±) 23. Ra1 Qb3 24. Rxa7 exf5 25. Ne5 Ra8±] 21. **Bxh6!** Nh7 [If 21...Ng4 22. Bxg7 Kxg7 23. Qg5+ Kh8 24. Qh5+ Kg7 25. Nh4!+-] 22. **Ng5 Nf6** [If 22...gxh6 23. Qxh6! Nxc5 24. Qxc5+ Kh7 25. Rf3 mates.] 23. **Rxf5 Rfe8 24. Ref1 Bf8**



25. **Rxf6!** gxf6 26. **Nh7!! Kxh7 27. Bg5+! Kg6 28. Rxf6+ Kg7 29. Bh6+ Kg8 30. Qg3+ Kh7 31. Bxf8** If 31...Rxf8, 32 **Qg5!** for 33 **Rh6# 1-0.**



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Lalith Babu M R (2575)

41...Re8 42. **Qd4** [42. Qxb6? Re2+ 43. Kh3 Qd7+ 44. g4 hxg4+ 45. Kg3 (45. fxg4 Qd3+ mates.) 45...gxf3+- and wins, for example if 46. Kxf3 Qd3+ 47. Kg4 Re4+ 48. Kg5 Qd5+

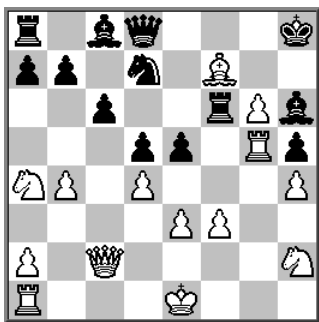
mates.] 42...Re1 43. **Qd2 Rc1 44. Qf2** [If 44. Rxb6 Qc4 (threatening mate with ...Qf1+ and pinning the queen withRc2)] 44...b5 45. **Qe2** [White misses the strong: 45. Qd4 Qe6 46. Qe4 Qd6 47. Rc2=] 45...b4 46. **Rd2 Qc3 47. Qf2 Ra1 48. Rc2 Qd3 49. Rb2** [The black queen is trying to enter white's first rank and white has been trying to block it. If 49. Qe2 Qd4 50. Qe8+ (50. Qf2 Qd1!) 50...Kg7 and the black queen enters white's first rank with decisive effect.] 49...**Qd1-+ 50. g4 hxg4 51. Rxb4 Qh1+ 52. Kg3 Rf1! 0-1.**

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P Shyaammnikhil (2421)
Queen Pawn A45

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 g6 3. Nc3 d5! 4. e3 c6 5. Bd3 Bg7 6. h4 Qb6 7. Na4

[A tactical defence, worth noting as it occurs in quite a few openings, is 7.a3!? (and if now) 7...Qxb2?? 8. Na4 and the queen is trapped!]

7...Qa5+ 8. c3 Nbd7 9. b4 Qd8 10. Nf3 0-0 11. Qc2 Nh5 12. Bh2 Qe8 With the white king remaining uncastled in the centre, black plans ...e7-e5. 13. Bc7 Ndf6 [Black changes plans and focuses on developing his pieces. If 13...e5?! now 14. dxe5 Nxe5 15. Bd6!± black loses the exchange.] 14. Nh2 Qd7 15. Be5 Qd8 16. f3 Nd7 17. g4 f6? [17...Nhf6 18. h5 Nxe5 19. dxe5 Ne8 20. f4 a5=] 18. gxh5 fxe5 19. hxg6 h5 20. Bf5 exd4 21. Be6+ Kh8 22. cxd4 Rf6 23. Bf7 e5 24. Rg1 Bh6 25. Rg5?



[After this misadventure of white, black has the initiative and he eventually notches the whole point. It is hard to understand the idea behind this exchange offer. Better was: 25.Qg2 Qf8 26.Nc5 exd4] 25.Qg2 Qf8 26.Nc5 exd4

25...Bxg5 26.hxg5 Rxf7 [If 26...Rd6?? 27.dxe5 Nxe5 28.f4 Nxf7 29.Qb2+ Kg8 30.gxf7+ Kxf7 31.Nf3 Kg8] 27.gxf7 Qxg5 28.0-0 Qxe3+ 29.Kb1 Nf8 30.Nc5 exd4 31.Nf1 Qf4 32.Qg2 Qxf7 33.Ng3 h4 34.Rh1 Ng6 35.Kb2 d3?! [I dont like giving pawns! 35...a5! speedily getting his rook into operation was to be considered.] 36.Nh5 Qf5 37.Ng3 Qg5 38.Qf2 Kg8 With the h4 pawn unpinned the knight on g3 is now vulnerable to capture. 39.Nf1 Bf5 40.Rg1 Qf6+ 41.Kb3 Re8! (threat 42....Re2, trapping the queen) 42.Ne3 Qd4! 0-1.

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.a3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.f3?! [9.Qe2=] 9...Be5 10.0-0? [This should lose at once. Again 10.Qe2=] 10...Qb6?! [Black could immediately win with: 10...e5! 11.Nf5 g6! and white loses a piece so early in the game!] 11.Nce2 [If white had woken up to the fact that e6-e5 is going to kill him he would have averted immediate defeat and sacrificed a bishop for two pawns with some chances of an active game: 11.Bxb5 axb5 12.b4 Be7 13.Qd3] 11...e5! 12.c3 exd4 13.cxd4 Be7 14.Qd2 d6 15.d5 Qd8 16.Rac1 Nbd7 17.g4? [This apparently aggressive move does not get white anywhere. He could try the following though black's extra knight should win. 17.Ng3 0-0 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.Be2 Bc8 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.b3] 17...Ne5 18.Bb1 Nc4 19.Qd4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Nd7 21.Kh1 Bf6 22.f4? from now onwards white gives up pawns in a futile bid to create chances for himself. 22...Bxb2 23.Rc2 Bf6 24.g5 Be7 25.Qc3 0-0 26.Nd4 Rc8 27.Qb2 Rxc2 28.Bxc2 Re8 29.Nf5 Bf8 30.Rg1 g6 31.Ng3 Bg7 32.Qb1 Nb6 33.f5 Qxg5 34.fxg6 hxg6 35.Nf5 Qf6 36.Nxg7 Kxg7 37.Rf1 Qe5 38.Bd3 Nxd5! (See diagram)



39.Qb3 [If 39.exd5 Qxd5+ mates.] 39...Nf6 40.Re1 Nxe4 41.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 42.Kg1 Qg5+?! [Much stronger was: 42...Qc5+! 43.Qe3 (43.Kf1 Bg2+/-) 43...Bd3!! 44.Qxc5 Rxe1+ 45.Kf2 Re2+ and dxc5.] 43.Qg3 Qxg3+ 44.hxg3 d5 45.Kf2 Rc8 0-1

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