

# Kingston Chess Club

## Newsletter

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### Editorial

Did ya miss me? Yeah! When I was away, did you hang my picture on your wall? Or did you never miss me at all? Hello. Hello. It's good to be back!

Our "TINY" computer is back on line thanks to the guys from TEK Computers. It seems that the problem was that my original Windows 95 disk was faulty. I also found that Tiny forgot to give me a driver disk for the sound card. Anyway, if you want a local shop at good prices for PCs check out TEK Computers at 196 London Road - at the roundabout on the junction of Park Road and Kingston Hill.

### An apology

OK our tribute to Clint Eastwood was a bit over the top. I've forwarded the complaints to our hero. I hope you are feeling lucky! But you can't put a good man down. Did you see (for the umpteenth time) a few weeks ago "Where Eagles Dare"? Clint teams up with Richard Burton for a mission with double and triple crosses. How on earth did they get away with an "A" certificate with such a high body count? And where did Richard get that toupee? Hang-em-high we say!

### Who is the joker?

I have received a letter from the Legal Deposit Office of the British Library demanding copies of issues 1-17 of our newsletter in compliance with various legal deposit regulations. Whilst the headed note paper seemed little better than this newsletter, the envelope and franked stamp is genuine. I found it amazing that the quality of our newsletter had been recognised as far away as Wetherby, West Yorkshire. I honestly thought that it was a wind up, but it's not! Somebody has sent them a copy of issue 18. I checked with Jim - it wasn't him, nor me. Who is the joker?

The British Library do provide a free archive service. Somebody may even read this rubbish in 50-100 years time!

### Grading

Martin Cath, our Grading Officer, informs us that we are not the only people having problems with computers. Apparently the Grading List due in March will not appear due to unavailability of new software. The good news is that the Club saves on buying a new list, the bad news is that we maintain our grades for another 6 months.

Martin is standing down as Surrey Grader as he does not want to be a computer input officer. However he will continue supporting the Surrey County Chess Association in his other roles.

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### The latest news

It has certainly been a long time since the last issue. We're at war, there have been bombs in London, and a TV presenter killed on the street. The only good news has been that Chess has been given some publicity in the Chess as a Sport Campaign. Garry is also playing and winning again. Hopefully he will play a World Championship Match soon (against Shirov, Anand, or, who knows, it could be you)?

As for our local football team, we're off to Wembley to play Forest Green on May 15th. Come on you K's!

### Stop Press

Our Surrey 1st Team failed to win a match for the first time this season. However a 4-4 draw with Surbiton means that we win the Beaumont Cup, and both teams get promoted to the Surrey Trophy for next season. Well done lads!

*Any part of this newsletter may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or a bin, because, quite frankly, we could do with the publicity.*

*Kingston Chess Club, or its members, cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred through following lines recommended in this publication. However, if you do lose a game, please send it to the Editor so that we can all have a good laugh!*

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# Have Batsford blundered?

## Introduction

When I first started reading chess books you could rely on the content, whoever the author, if it was published by Batsford. However, nowadays they seem to be suffering from late publication dates, unrealistic "Winning" lines and over the top advertising. Furthermore there are the new kids on the block "Gambit" / "Cadogan" waiting to take our cash.

Can Batsford compete against these upstarts as well as Chessbase and the Internet?

## The Ultimate Pirc - John Nunn & Colin McNab

This opening monograph covers the Pirc and Modern Defences in the detail we have come to expect from Batsford following on from "The Pirc for the Tournament Player" (1980) and "The Complete Pirc" (1989). It follows the format of the original books and provides 320 pages (the maximum allowable according to another Batsford book, John Nunn's "Best Games") of comprehensive, objective assessments and no bias (as opposed to the Winning with... series).

It is interesting to compare the changes over the past 20 years and this can be easily picked up if you put the earlier versions side by side. The Austrian Attack is still popular, and now includes detailed examination of Seirawan's ...f6 novelty in the 5...c5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.e5 Ng4 8.e6 variation.

The Classical Variation has changed little, although the latest games are shown. The most radically changed section is Chapter 14 which deals with 4.Be3 (or the 150 attack), and includes the more flexible 5.Nf3 rather than the move 5.f3.

On the downside it is not clear what assessments belong to Nunn or McNab. Although both offer much over us mere mortals (non GMs) I would have preferred a different style of book from the earlier versions, and McNab's views alone. After all he plays it at every opportunity. I'm not sure that Nunn has played the Black side of this system since the late 1970s!

As for the blunder, what are Batsford doing calling this "The Ultimate Pirc"? I could understand a title such as "21st Century" or "Millennium Pirc". But really, the Marketing Director should resign. A title such as "The Ultimate Pirc" does not allow for a sequel to take money from the next generation.

**KCC recommendation: Only for those fanatical Pircs out there.**

## The Power Chess Program (Book 1) - Nigel Davies

This book will supposedly allow average club players to increase their strength, and therefore it is likely to attract the punters. It is based upon Nigel's correspondence course.

In his introduction he notes that this is a two year course (and therefore allows for a sequel). The book is arranged into Chapters (months) and Sections (weeks) based on different strategic themes. The key to improving is based on two types of tests - the 10 minute "key move" positions and the 30 minute "analytical positions". The aim is to encourage a regular weekly study session of 3-5 hours.

Whilst I agree with Nigel Davies methodology, the games feature the usual suspects, and there is little new here apart from some brief analysis of his own games. Consequently, KCCN have a cheaper study program if you can afford to find a weekly study session of 3-5 hours:

- (a) Spend 1-2 hours analysing your game from the previous Monday. Using, as necessary, opening books or Chessbase and a chess computer for picking up tactical errors.
- (b) Spend 1 hour playing through games shown in your daily newspaper and trying to think what you would play.
- (c) Your last 1-2 hours should be spent either critically reading books such as "My System" or books of their own games by World Champions. Alternatively reading your monthly chess magazine (BCM, Chess or this newsletter).

**KCC recommendation: we are pleased to hear that Nigel has recovered from a car accident, although we suggest you can find a better use for your £16.99.**

## World Champion at the Third Attempt - Grigory Sanakoev

Gambit Publications are making a name for themselves by taking risks with new writers. For those of you who do not follow postal chess Sanakoev won the 12th World Championship (1985-1992). I have seen some excellent reviews of the Russian and German editions but doubted that it would be published in English. Dvoretsky and Yusupov's "Attack and Defence" includes a chapter where Dvoretsky uses games from this book in training sessions as his proteges normally ignore correspondence chess games. Batsford missed a good chance there!

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The book contains 59 well analysed games. There are footnotes based upon Dvoretsky's comments as well as Nunn, Burgess (and Fritz). If you like tactical Sicilian positions or the strategy of the Ruy Lopez and French this is the book for you. It will help to enhance your attacking skills, and finally, he even makes correspondence chess sound interesting!

**KCC recommendation: Take a risk and be amazed. Detailed study of this book will entertain you as well as improve you chess.**

## Easy Guide series - Cadogan

A welcome change from repertoire books and Batsford's "Winning with" series. Cadogan appear to have been absorbed by Gambit Publications. Don't be put off by the titles. These are serious books which explain opening ideas in simple terms. For instance, they have produced the first book that I have seen on the Panov-Botvinnik Attack against the Caro-Kann. This would normally get a couple of pages in a book on the Caro-Kann. The first 20(!) pages are spent on the Classical Endgame that could arise at move 13! This does not seem easy unless you have played this variation before. This is definitely a book for the 135-195 BCF graded player.

**KCC recommendation: If the "Easy Guide" is on your main opening, do not be put off by the name.**

## Nunn's Chess Openings (NCO)

This mammoth (544 pages) single opening encyclopaedia has been launched to a fanfare in chess magazines, and Nunn has even criticised the earlier unrealistic advertising of 100% accuracy. Everyone seems to be talking about it. Can you do without it?

NCO has been written by a team of expert writers and players: Gallagher, Emms, Burgess, and JN himself. It follows the fashion set by "Modern Chess Openings" (MCO) and "Batsford Chess Openings" (BCO). The "Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings" (ECO) is 5 volumes large and will set you back some £100+. NCO gives you a penny change from two brown beer vouchers.

The first question that you need to ask yourself is what do you need an encyclopaedia for? As its name suggests it is for reference. After a hard Monday nights chess the more methodical player will need to find out where they went wrong. It is a fact of modern play that the average chess player is stronger in the opening than his/her counterpart 20-30 years ago. However, this doesn't mean that we don't blunder in the opening. We do, but more realistically we will

choose an inferior line. NCO will help us to find our (and our opponent's) opening mistakes.

NCO will not provide the detailed written assessments, strategy and tactical ideas in the opening.

It is bang up to date as it has been compiled using Chessbase files. I can guarantee that the Doctor's files are more up-to-date and comprehensive than my own!

Nunn has reviewed his work in the chess press by showing opening novelties or errors in ECO/Informator. So let us compare KCCN's Red Hot Opening Theory articles to NCO.

Issue 14 - October 1998: Our Red Hot Opening Theory article was based on Luke McShane-Kindermann. This was a French Tarrasch with 3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.Bh3 0-0 11.Ne2 f6. Luke's move 12.Rf1! is not mentioned on page 265 (although the usual 12.Bxe6+ is noted in line 3). This seems to be due to Luke's unusual move order - as Bxe6 is still threatened - Kindermann's 12...Ndb8 did not help after 13.Rf2!! Again, thanks to Tony Cullen for showing us the game.

Issue 15 - November 1998: KCCN's Red Hot Opening Theory article was the Anti-Grünfeld 5.Na4!? Some brief analysis is shown on page 429, line 1. However, our article covered lots of ideas, although not the retreat 5...Nf6 angling for an early draw after 6.Nc3.

As for Chris Briscoe's games in the Nimzovich, 1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 e5!? is not mentioned (Andrew Smith, Slough v Chris Briscoe). Page 123 only contains 3 lines on the Nimzovich, 2 of which are based on the modern 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 lines. This will not help you prepare for a game against CB and you may need to vary from 1.e4!

Issues 16/17 - Christmas 1998: Our hacking the English with 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Bc5! is shown on page 32, line 3. This considers 4.b4 Bf8 5.Qa4... only.

Issue 18 - February 1999: Red Hot Opening Theory was based on that "Man With No Name" riding in from the wilderness of the Russian Economy to reap havoc on the West. Zviagintsev - Ivanchuk 6.Rg1!? in the Najdorf is mentioned on page 245, line 2, footnote 1. Well done Doc Holiday!

7.h4 in the Winawer is covered in depth on page 280.

Our article in this issue (the Classical Nimzo-Indian) has 6...b5 with one line on page 478 (as does 6...Ne4 and 6...d6, 6...Qe8 is relegated to a footnote). The main line 6...b6 has a whole page, 5 lines and 29 footnotes on page 479, plus 2 lines and 16 footnotes on the previous page.

**KCC recommendation: Up-to-date and comprehensive if you like main lines. Good value (especially with a 5% subscribers discount from Chess Monthly). NCO is The New Chess Players Bible for the chosen ones (that's members of KCC). Spread the Good News! Buy it today!**

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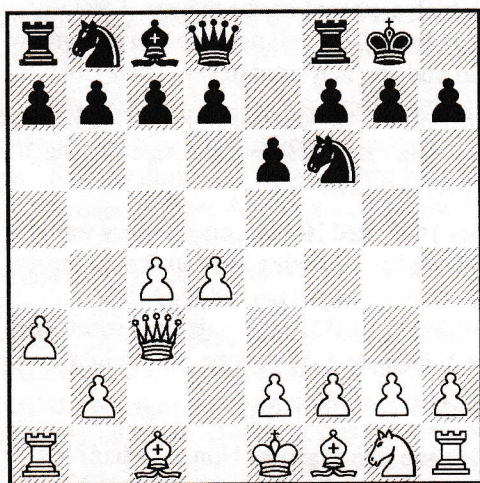
□ Garry Kasparov + Deep Blue 3  
 ■ Nick Grey  
 Ultimate Championship of the Universe  
 [RED HOT OPENING THEORY]

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Club chess at our level is all about gaining the initiative. Most players do not like defending, but they love to attack. This can be a problem when you play a much stronger opponent (>40 BCF grading points than you). Strong players like to cruise against the club player, avoiding sharp play, gaining small advantages, and relying on their positional skill and technique to crush you. **1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.♝c2** The Classical Variation is the red hot main line of the 1990s. It was popular in the 1930s but theorists then concentrated on 4.e3, 4.Nf3, 4.g3, 4.Bg5, 4.a3, 4.Qb3 and even 4.f3 before they returned to the text move in the late 1980s.

Strong players like to acquire the Bishop pair without incurring pawn structure weaknesses. Black can try the sharp 4...d5, or tricky 4...c5, but there is no need to be committal yet.

0-0 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♝xc3



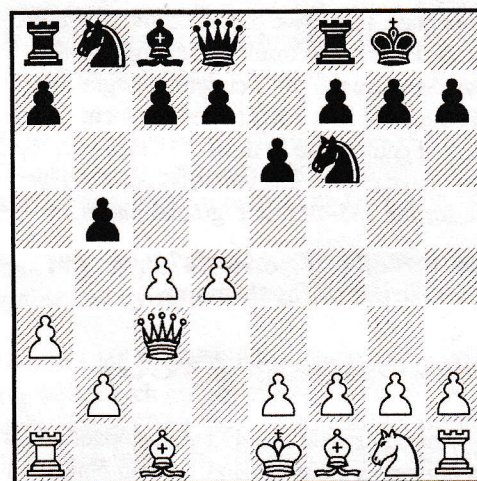
So White has gained the 2 bishops without doubled pawns, whilst Black has a slight lead in development and a safer king.

Even modest club players can prepare variations if they have the right research tools! Namely, high quality data. Prior to my computer crash I had used the "Opening Report" facility on ChessBase 7 on this position. This utility searches a reference database and produces a hyper-text report, as on the Internet, linking games from the database. Various

statistics and plans are shown for both sides, and can be useful in preparing variations. See example on the Club Noticeboard.

There were nearly 2000 games with this position on my database. White scored (53%) slightly below average for all games (55%). The most popular move is 6...b6 (1434), Black scoring an above average 48%. I thought that 6...Ne4 7.Qc2 f5 would be the next popular and it was with 120 games (Black scored 47%). Another idea is 6...d6 scoring 43%. I was surprised that 6...Qe8, a variation I use, scored a disappointing 37%.

My attention was drawn to the pawn sacrifice 6...b5 which had been played in 95 games and scored an above average 49%. This is worth investigating! **b5!**



Well that has got them thinking! OK they are not thinking, they are examining their database functions. As for their analysis engine it will start to register a +1.00 pawn evaluation, but this will reduce when Black's compensation appears over the horizon!

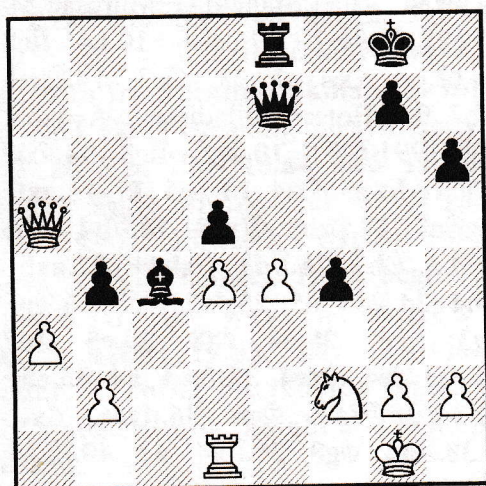
What does Black gain after 7.cxb5? The d5 square for the knight looks good, hitting the queen, allowing us to secure it with ...f5. What else?

Look at the c file! When 6...b5 was first played by Vitolinsh, he followed up with 7...a6. Adorjan, "Black is OK", found the stronger 7...c6. If White recaptures to win a pawn, then ...Nxc6, ...Bb7, and ...Rc8 comes rapidly, especially if we gain a tempo against the Queen on the c file. As ...Nd5 and ...f5 follow, we secure the White squares in the middle of the board. After putting the Queen on the queen-side, and moving the kings rook over, we will surely win our pawn back, and a lot more



besides!

7.cxb5 c6 8.♙g5 cxb5 9.e3 ♖b7 10.f3 [ 10.♙f3 is the main line.] 10...h6 11.♙xf6 ♗xf6 12.♙h3 ♜c8 13.♗d2 a6 14.♙d3 d6 15.0-0 ♙d7 16.♞ad1 ♙b6 [ Perhaps it is more accurate to play 16...e5!? 17.♙b1 ( 17.dxe5 ♙xe5 with queen-side pressure ; 17.d5 ♙xd5 18.♙xb5 ♙b6! 19.♙e2 ♙b3! is very promising for Black.) 17...♙b6 ] 17.f4! ♜c7 18.♙b1 ♙c4 19.♗e2 ♞ac8 20.e4 ♗e7 21.f5 It looks like GK + DB3 are going for it with f6 to come. Don't Panic! exf5 22.♞xf5 ♞e8 23.♙f2 ♙c8 24.♞f3 a5 25.♞g3 f5 26.♗h5 f4!? 27.♞c3 b4 28.♞xc4 ♞xc4 29.♙a2 ♙e6 30.♙xc4 ♙xc4 31.♗xa5 d5!



White is still moving quickly. Despite my efforts to acquire the initiative these silicon monsters are hard to put away. Just as well that us humans can come up with a cunning plan of the Baldrick variety.

In the worst traditions of Championship Chess we have prepared a doomsday bug – releasing thousands of games on the Internet leading for a win for White if he plays our 32nd move. The only alternative game on their database will lead to a draw in Kramnik – Adams, Dortmund 1998! Can GK + DB3 avoid an Opening Report which shows a 99.99% score for White?

32.exd5?? They fell for it!

[ Kramnik-Adams went 32.e5 ♞b8! 33.axb4 f3 34.♗c5 ♗g5 35.g3 ♙h8 36.b3 ♙xb3 37.♞d3 ♙c4 38.♞d1 ♗c3 39.♗d6 ♞a8 40.♗c6 ♞a2 41.♗c8+ ♙h7 and a draw was agreed!] 32...♗e1+ 33.♞xe1 ♞xe1# And so, after 20 minutes play, Kingston Chess Club go 1-0 up in the Ultimate

Championship of the Universe!  
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♖ Georgiev,K

♜ Nikolic,P

Bosnia Sarajevo (1)

[THE MAIN LINE]

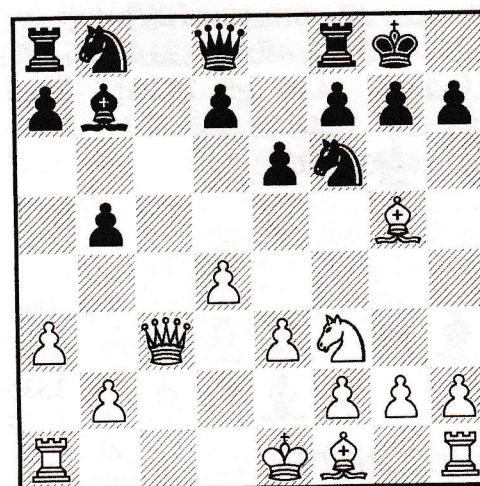
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This is the main line. Black does have alternative moves shown below, but Red Hot Opening Theory recommends putting the question to the bishop. h6 [ 10...♙c6 11.♙xb5 ( 11.♙d3 ♞c8 12.♗d2 ♙a5 13.♙xf6 gxf6 14.♗e2 ♙b3 15.♞d1 ♙c1 16.♗d2 ♙xd3+ 17.♗xd3 b4 18.0-0 ♗b6 19.♗b3 a5 20.axb4 ♙d5 21.♗a4 axb4 22.♗xd7?? ♞c7 23.♗a4 ♞a8 0-1 Savic,M-Milanovic,D/JUG-chT 1993 ) 11...♞c8 12.♗d2 ( 12.♙e2 ♙a5 13.♙xf6 gxf6 14.♗d3 ♙d5 15.♙d2 ♗c7 16.b4± ♙c4 1-0 Lahlum,H-Greger,R/Politiken Cup, Copenhagen DEN 1998 (31)) 12...♗b6 13.♙xc6 ♞xc6 14.♙xf6 ♞fc8!? 15.0-0 ( 15.d5 ♞c2 16.♙d4 ♗a6 17.♗d1 ♙xd5 18.♙c3 ♙b3 19.♙d4 ♞xb2 ) 15...gxf6 16.♞fc1 ♗c7± 1-0 Dive,R-Gunter,D/Hastings Masters 1995 (38); 10...a6 11.♙d3 d6 12.0-0 ♙bd7 13.♞fc1 ♞c8 14.♗e1 ♗e7 15.e4 e5 16.♗b4 exd4 17.♗xd4 ♙c5 18.♙c2 ♞fe8 19.♙d2 ♙e6 ½-½ Jeremic,V-Papa,S/Eu Youth bu14, Mureck AUT 1998 (56)] 11.♙xf6!? ♗xf6 12.♗c7 [ 12.♙e2 ♞c8 13.♗d3 a6 ( 13...♙d5 14.♗xb5 ♙c6 15.♗a6 ♙b3 16.♙d2



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 New York Marshall 1995 (42)) 14.0-0 ♕xf3  
 15.♕xf3 ♖a7 16.a4 bxa4 17.♖xa4± 1-0 Salov,  
 V-Rivas Pastor,M/Madrid 1993 (31); 12.♖c1 ♖a6  
 13.♕xb5 ♖ac8 14.♙d2 ♗g6 15.♕e2 ♖xc1+  
 16.♙xc1 ♖c8 17.♙d1 ♗xg2 18.♖g1 ♗h3 19.♖g3  
 ♗f5 20.♖e5 ♗c2 21.♙xc2 ♖xc2 22.♖d3 d6  
 23.♖d1 ♖c8 24.♖d2 ♖c7 ½-½ Olafsson,H-  
 Seirawan,Y/Reykjavik Summit 1990; 12.♕xb5  
 ♖c8! 13.♙d2 ♕xf3 14.gxf3 ♗xf3 15.♖g1 ♖c6=]  
 12...♕xf3 13.gxf3 ♖c6 14.♙xd7 ♗xf3 15.♖g1  
 ♖fd8 16.♕g2! ♖xd7 17.♕xf3± ♖c8 18.♖c1 ♖dc7  
 19.♖d2? [♙19.♕xc6 ♖xc6 20.♖xc6 ♖xc6  
 21.♖d2= The ♖-ending is drawn, although Black  
 may be able to take advantage of White's h-  
 pawn. ] 19...♖a5 20.♖xc7 ♖xc7 21.♖b1 ♖f8  
 22.b3 ♖e7 23.♕e2 a6 24.h4 g5 25.hxg5 hxg5  
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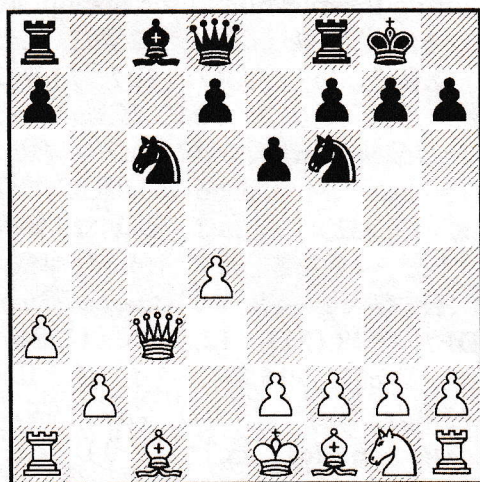
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[THE GAMBIT ACCEPTED]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♖c3 ♕b4 4.♙c2 0-0 5.a3  
 ♕xc3+ 6.♙xc3 b5 7.cxb5 c6 8.bxc6 ♖xc6



9.♖f3 [9.b4 Is an alternative which has been  
 suggested as a refutation. Things are not so clear  
 though

♕b7 (9...♕a6 10.♕g5 h6 11.♕xf6 ♗xf6 12.♖f3  
 ♖ac8 13.♙b2 ♖c7 14.e3 ♕xf1 15.♖xf1 ♖fc8±

16.♖e2 Ftacnik,L. ½-½ Polugaevsky,L-  
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 10.♖f3 ♖c8 11.♙b2 ♖e7 12.e3 ♕e4 13.♕d2 ♙b6  
 14.♖e5 ♖c2 15.♙b3 ♖fc8± 1-0 Kouatly,B-  
 Stangl,M/Augsburg 1988 (40); 9.e3 ♕b7 10.f3  
 ♖c8 11.♕d2 ♖e8 12.♙b3 ♕a8 13.♕d3 ♖b8  
 14.♙a2 e5 15.d5 e4 16.fxe4 ♖e5 17.♕e2 ♖xe4  
 0-1 Kahn,E-Dezelin,M/Spring op Budapest 1990  
 (31); 9.♕g5 ♕b7 10.e3 ♖c8 (10...♙b6 11.♕xf6  
 gxf6 12.b4 ♖fc8 13.♙d2 e5 14.♖f3 exd4  
 15.exd4 ♖e8+ 0-1 Rasmussen,P-Kjeldsen,J/  
 Randers 1996 (37)) 11.♕xf6 gxf6 12.e4 ♙b6  
 13.♖d1 e5 14.dxe5 ♖xe5 15.♙g3+ ♖h8 16.♙f4  
 ♖g6 17.♙d6 ♙xb2 18.♕d3 ♖fe8 19.f3 ♗xg2  
 20.♙g3 ♗xh1 21.♖d2 ♖e5 22.♕e2 ♖g8 23.♙h4  
 ♖c6 24.f4 ♙xe4 0-1 Stanciu,G-Muresan,M/  
 ROM-chW 1992] 9...♕b7 [9...♕a6 10.b4 ♖c8  
 11.♙b2 ♙b6 12.g3 ♖e4 13.e3 ♖e7 14.♕xa6  
 ♙xa6 15.b5 ♙b7 0-1 Botsari Miladinovic,A-Jahn,  
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 ♖xf6 16.♖d6 ♙c7 17.♖xc8 ♖xc8 18.♖h4 ♙b6  
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 ♖xb2+ 27.♖g3 ♖b3 28.e4 ♖f8 29.e5 ♖e7  
 30.exf6+ ♖xf6 31.♕e4 ♕xe4 32.fxe4 a4 33.e5+  
 ♖f7 34.d5 a3 35.♖f4+ ♖g6 36.dxe6 dxe6  
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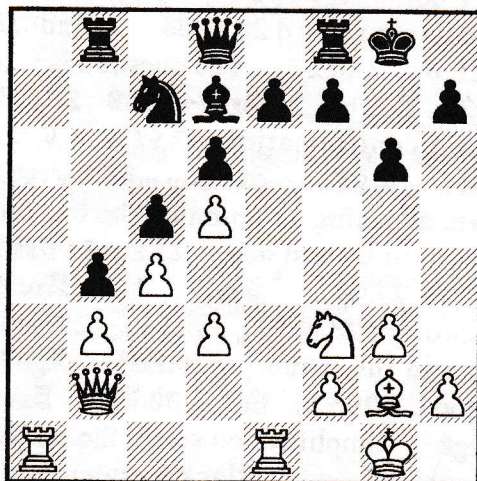
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This game was played in an ICCF World Tournament [WT/53 according to the ICCF Results Service published in Tim Harding's new magazine "Chess Mail", which I can recommend to Over-The-Board as well as Correspondence Chess players].

"Class 1 is a bit high for me as my opponents appear to be graded about 170/180. But I had won a Class 2 tournament so was obliged to enter. I'm on 3/7 at present. Here is one of my wins". 1.c4 e6 2.e3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.♘g2 ♘g7 5.♗f3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 The first 6 moves were played as a suggestion from Raimo Ekmark to follow his 2. Nc3. 7.d3 ♗bd7 Breaking the symmetry.

8.♘d2 a6 9.e4 ♗b8 10.a4 ♗b6 11.♗d5?! ♗fxd5 12.exd5 ♗a8 Nimzovitch lives! 13.♗c2 ♗c7 14.♘c3 ♘d7 15.♘xg7 ♗xg7 16.♗c3+ ♗g8 17.♗fe1 b5 Thematic. Black begins counterplay on the b file and weakens white's d5 pawn. 18.axb5 axb5 19.b3 b4? This is a positional blunder. Keeping the tension on b5 is correct. Black's queens rook, knight and bishop are doing little here.

20.♗b2



What plan can you come up with here?  
Come on think hard.

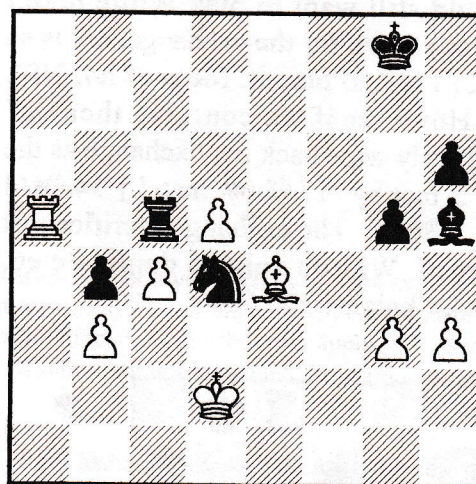
No I mean really hard.

Try harder.

Bet you didn't find Derek's move! ♗c8??

"Why did I do this?" [I can only think that you put

the queen and bishop on the same diagonal to play ...Bh3 at some time]. [ ♖20...e6 It would have been even stronger on move 19 as there would have been even more tension on White's pawns.] 21.♗xe7 ♗e8 22.♗xe8+ ♗xe8 23.d4 ♗g7 24.dxc5 ♗xc5 25.♗d4 ♗f5 26.♗xc5 dxc5 Derek notes "I'm losing this". An apt evaluation, I may consider resigning as a good move! 27.♗e5 ♗e8 28.♗d3 ♗c8 29.♗a5 The pawns are dropping like flies. ♗d4 30.♗xc5 h6 31.f4? [31.d6! is the quickest way to put Derek out of his misery.] 31...f6 32.♗f2 g5 33.♗e4 ♗h5 34.♗e3 ♗e2 35.fxg5 fxg5 36.♗d2 [Why not 36.d6 ? Perhaps white still thinks that this pawn is weak?] 36...♗d4 37.h3?? Oh dear. This move is going in my "Patzner" database. ♗xc5



I was clearly losing the endgame but he must have been asleep to miss 37...Rxc5.

Just in case you cannot find the brilliant idea behind giving up a rook for a knight when you are two pawns down, there is a knight fork on b3.

Even postal chess players can make the same blunders as in OTB chess – there is hope for us all. The really strange thing is that this appears to be another blunder. White resigns. Can he play on after Ra8+ followed by a d6 pawn push, or Rb8 trying to win back a potentially dangerous pawn?

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□ Inwood, K

■ Cole, V

Kingston A v Pinner A, TV1, Board 5

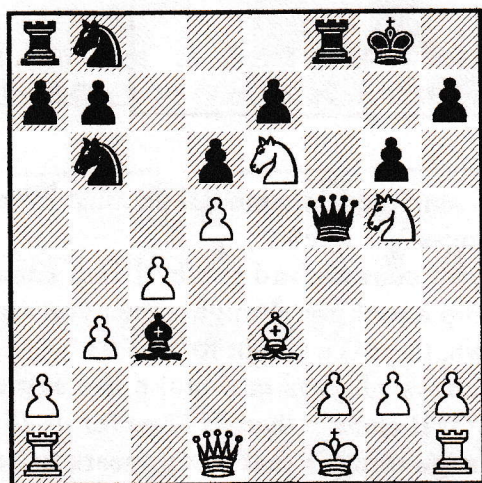
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1.e4 ♖f6? Black blunders on move 1. Doesn't he know that his opponent has been playing this opening since the days of Alekhine! 2.e5 ♖d5 3.d4 d6 4.♖f3 g6 This is the Albur variation, although Lev has played many other moves here. 5.c4 ♖b6 6.exd6 Transposing to the Exchange Variation cxd6 7.♖c3 ♖g7 8.♖e3 ♖g4 9.b3 0-0 10.♖e2 f5?! This is very weakening. 10...Nc6 was better. 11.♖g5 ♖xe2 12.♖xe2 ♖d7 13.d5!? An interesting exchange sacrifice. f4 [ Ken analyses 13...♖xa1 14.♖xa1 e5 (14...♖a6 15.♖e6 ♖f6 16.♖d2d4 is a better variation for Black but I would still want to play White here.) 15.dxe6 gives one pawn for the exchange, but is so "interesting" that I had to play it. Ideas of h4, Nf4, and Nd5, etc. However if we continue then ♖e7 16.♖f7 immediately wins back the exchange as the blunder ♖xe6 is met by 17.♖h6# mate! ] 14.♖xf4 ♖c3+! 15.♖f1 ♖f5? The exchange sacrifice just had to be accepted. White's knights dominate e6. Just look at Black's knights! 16.♖fe6



♖d7? Rapidly going down hill. White wins the exchange whilst still keeping a dominant knight on e6. 17.♖xf8 ["I intended 17.h4 followed by Rh3 developing in front of my pawns, but I decided to accept the exchange".] 17...♖xf8 18.♖e6 ♖f7 19.♖c1 The rook which has been en prise for the last 6 moves now goes to the c file with gain of tempo, and may help a later c5 pawn break. ♖g7 20.♖c2 ♖f6 21.h4 ♖e5 22.♖h3 ♖bd7 23.♖g1

♖g4 24.♖f3 ♖xe3 25.fxe3 ♖g4 26.♖g5 ♖f8 27.♖e1 ♖c5 28.♖g3 ♖h5 29.♖cf2 ♖d3 30.♖f1 ♖e5 31.♖3f2 ♖d7 32.♖h3 ♖e5 33.♖e4 ♖g7 "Adjudication" but we agreed a win for white – still an exchange and a pawn up.

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□ Spenser, J

■ Mann, C

Battersea v Kingston, Surrey Division 2

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1.d4 b5 2.e4 ♖b7 3.♖d3 e6 4.♖e3 Who said you need to develop knights before bishops? a6 5.♖d2 ♖f6 6.f3?! It seems passive to over-protect e4 when White should be thinking about playing the pawn to e5 and then over-protecting it. ♖e7 7.♖e2 d5 8.e5 Black now has a good French with additional queen-side pressure whilst White has to waste a move with f3-f4. ♖fd7 9.c3 c5 10.f4 ♖c6 11.f5!? The right idea but too premature. It would be better to play a3 to prevent Nb4 after a pawn exchange on d4, followed by 0-0, with f5 in reserve. cxd4 12.cxd4 ♖h4+ 13.g3 ♖cxe5 A typical French knight sacrifice! 14.dxe5 ♖xe5 15.♖c2 d4 16.♖xd4 ♖xh1 17.fxe6? [17.gxh4 just had to be played.] 17...♖g5?! The right piece to move but the wrong square. safer is ...Bf6! 18.exf7+ ♖xf7 19.♖e6 ♖e7 [ Whilst I glimpsed at this position I considered the queen sacrifice 19...♖xe3 But missed 20.♖xd8 ♖xd8?? could be met by 21.♖e2 The question is is it playable after 20...Bd2+?] 20.♖xg7+ ♖f8 21.♖f5 ♖e5! Brilliant centralisation. 22.♖f3 ♖xf3 23.♖xf3 ♖e8 24.♖f2 ♖xe3+ [24...♖xb2 winning a pawn, attacking and pinning the bishop, and also a rook, must be best here.] 25.♖xe3 ♖xb2 26.♖f1 ♖xa2 27.♖g1 ♖e6!! [27...♖xe3? is not good enough 28.♖xe3 ♖xc2 29.♖e5! wins the rook and the game.] 28.♖d5 ♖g8?! [28...♖d8 is good.] 29.♖f6 ♖e3+ 30.♖xe3 ♖xe3 31.♖xg8 ♖xg8 Simplification seems the easiest way to win especially with Black's queen-side pawns. But White misses a tactical shot to bring about a possibly drawn Rook and Pawns endgame. 32.♖f2 [32.♖xh7+! ♖xh7 33.♖xf7+ ♖g6 34.♖b7 ] 32...♖e7 33.♖b3 ♖g7 34.♖a1 ♖a7 35.♖e3 ♖e5 36.h3 Adjudication position. Chris claims a win.



KINGSTON CHESS CLUB  
SUMMER PROGRAMME 1999

Mon	May 10	Championship Rd 1
	17	Quick Play Tournament Rd 1
	24	Consultation Match (es)
Jun	7	Championship Rd 2
	14	Quick Play Rd 2
	21	Lecture
	28	Championship Rd 3
Jul	5	Quick Play Rd 3
	12	Simultaneous Display
	19	Championship Rd 4
	26	Quick Play Rd 4
Aug	2	Lecture
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	16	Quick Play Rd 5
	23	Workshop
Sep	6	Championship Rd 6
	13	Quick Play Rd 6
	20	AGM

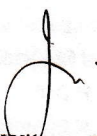
NOTES

1. Please let any controller (Chris Mann, Charles Ison or myself) know as soon as possible if you wish to enter the Club Championship. This will be in sections (to be arranged when entries have been received. To let the competition be completed in a reasonable time, rapid finishes will apply (30 moves in one hour followed by completion in 15 minutes). These matches will not be graded (to economise on grading fees).

2. Who will give the simultaneous displays and the lectures is not yet decided. See the notice board for further details.

3. Please come in numbers to the Consultation evening, when it is hoped that several consultation matches can be arranged. Please bring your game scores to the Workshop, or better still give them to a committee member in advance, so that useful analysis with the demonstration board can be given.

4. Your continued support for the Quick Play Tournament will be welcome. You do not have to commit yourself to all the sessions, and remember that lower-graded players receive a generous time allowance.

  
EJ Wilson, Hon. Sec.



# RESULTS

## Surrey Adjudication Results

### ALEXANDER CUP

Brd 5 P.Dhonau 161 0.5-0.5 C.Clegg 168 Kingston 1 7.5-2.5 Redhill 1

### BEAUMONT CUP

Brd 2 B.Whyte 182 1-0 P.Thomas 151 Kingston 1 6-2 Coulsdon 3

### ELLAM TROPHY

Brd 3 E.J.Downham 129 1-0 M.Wellham 132 Kingston 2 3.5-4.5 Crystal Palace 3

Brd 1 C.Clegg 168 0-1 P.Jackson 145 Kingston 2 3.5-4.5 Coulsdon 4

Brd 8 G.Morse 117 1-0 D.Coope 109

### CENTENARY TROPHY

Brd 3 C.Ison 121 0.5-0.5 P.Barnard 142 Kingston 3 1.5-5.5 Surbiton 2

Brd 5 N/A "White" 0.5-0.5 N/A "Black" Kingston 3 3-4 Ashted 4

Brd 5 N/A "White" 0-1 N/A "Black" Kingston 3 5-2 Coulsdon 7

## Other adjournment results not yet reported

TV1

Brd 8 M.Wellham 132 1-0 P.Sargeaunt 146 Kingston A 4-4 Hammersmith A

Brd 3 A.Cullen 176 1-0 N.Dickenson 213 Kingston A 3.5-4.5 Pinner A

18/01/99	Kingston A		v	Hammersmith A	TV1	22/02/99	Kingston 1		v	Guildford 1	AC
	1 C.Briscoe	188	0.5-0.5	C.Pedersen	182		1 C.Briscoe	188	0-1	N.Povah	210 IM
	2 B.Whyte	182	1-0	S.Mabud (Default)	160		2 B.Whyte	182	0.5-0.5	M.Singleton	186
	3 A.Cullen	176	1-0	J.Woolley (Default)	156		3 A.Cullen	176	0.5-0.5	A.Punnett	180
	4 C.Wright	170	0-1	P.Morton	149		4 C.Wright	170	0-1	J.Shepley	173
	5 C.Carr	167	1-0	P.Kennelly	149		5 C.Clegg	168	0.5-0.5	P.Cooper	172
	6 C.Clegg	168	1-0	W.Dennison	149		6 K.Inwood	165	0.5-0.5	P.Stimpson	171
	7 K.Inwood	165	0.5-0.5	P.Sargeaunt	146		7 P.Roche	164	1-0	D.Tuddenham	168
	8 P.Roche	164	1-0	L.McDonagh	90		8 N.Grey	163	0-1	D.Hill	166
Total	Av.Grade	173	6-2	Av.Grade	148 Won		9 M.Sheehan	155	0-1	M.Ross	164
							10 D.Shalom	130	0-1	M.Morgan	156
						Total	Av.Grade	166	3-7	Av.Grade	175 Lost

22/02/99	Kingston 1		v	Battersea 1	BC	01/03/99	Kingston 1		v	Crystal Palace 2	BC
	1 C.Briscoe (W)	188	0.5-0.5	J.Skielnik	168		1 C.Briscoe (B)	188	1-0	E.Cana (est.)	150
	2 B.Whyte	182		P.Stokes	160 Claimed win		2 B.Whyte	182	1-0	A.Baron	145
	3 A.Cullen	176	1-0	E.Todorow	148		3 A.Cullen	176		D.Sheers	134
	4 C.Clegg	168	0.5-0.5	A.Palmer	146		4 P.Gibbons	157	1-0	M.Staunton (Default)	134
	5 C.Carr	167	1-0	M.Chilvers	144		5 C.Clegg	168	1-0	D.Hodgson	127
	6 K.Inwood	165	0.5-0.5	WB. Drennan	141		6 C.Carr	167	1-0	K.Smith	108
	7 P.Roche	164	1-0	A.Hunt	128		7 P.Roche	164	1-0	S.Ugur	107
	8 C.Mann	156		J.Spenser	127 Claimed win		8 C.Mann	156	1-0	C.Hyde	103
Total	Av.Grade	171	4.5-1.5	Av.Grade	145 Won	Total	Av.Grade	170	7-0	Av.Grade	126 Won

08/03/99 Kingston 1					v	Cobham 1		BC	23/03/99 Dorking 1					v	Kingston 1	
	1	C.Briscoe (W)	188	1-0		K.Lloyd		193		1	R.Page		0.5-0.5		C.Briscoe (W)	188
	2	A.Cullen	176			A.May		178		2	D.Betts		1-0		B.Whyte	182
	3	C.Wright	170	1-0		R.Browne		160		3	J.Marshall		0-1		C.Clegg	168
	4	C.Clegg	168	0.5-0.5		G.Stephens		151		4	R.Bell	143	0.5-0.5		C.Carr	167
	5	C.Carr	167	1-0		P.O'Mara		143		5	K.Bowman		0-1		K.Inwood	165
	6	K.Inwood	165	1-0		M.Hogarth		137		6	P.Lawrence		0-1		P.Roche	164
	7	P.Roche	164	1-0		S.Olrog		128		7	R.Spencer	103	0-1		C.Mann	156
	8	C.Mann	156			E.Goggin		126		8	A.Meaton		0.5-0.5		R.White	82
Total	Av.Grade	169	5.5-0.5	Av.Grade		152	Won		Total	Av.Grade	?	2.5-5.5	Av.Grade		159	Won