

Kingston Chess Club Newsletter

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Editorial

New year, new you? Any resolutions like "I will work at my chess"? Or have you any nice Christmas presents? Hopefully you will notice and like the changes here in your newsletter. Santa decided that my children should have their own computer and then they cannot mess up our club magazine set-ups! Yes we've got a state of the art, not ark, machine. DvD, 600Mz, 128MB RAM, 20GB hard drive, a sound system that makes my hi-fi sound like a trannie, an amazingly high spec Video card, and Office 2000. Yes we can now import ChessBase files into a word-processing package.

What about the chess? Well the less said about my games the better, and then do you know what, we play a blinder! Mind you I was getting fed up with my own games and then Chris Clegg sends in a couple with the first team results! Then we get news from overseas that Ken is not only playing he is winning!

Have an enjoyable 21st century!

The season so far – first teams

Do you remember those predictions? Our first teams are playing well – I think they have avoided relegation already! The Surrey Trophy started with a thrashing of Redhill, and a narrow loss to the favourites, Coulsdon 1. After a disastrous start the Thames Valley first team are doing well – especially the win against Pinner in the Cup. Again, in the Alexander Cup, we survived against my old club Battersea, 5-5, level on board count, going through on elimination!

What's in a name?

Has anyone got a better name for our newsletter than quoted above? The best that I've come up with is **KCCN**, which sounds a bit like an American radio or TV station.

Other magazines have a punchy title – for example the witty chess magazine "Kingpin", or "CHESSEX" which has lots of chess but no sex. Chessex is the official journal of the Essex County Chess Association.

I suspect that we need a reference to Kingston, but who knows? Let's have your views, not mine – help!!!!!!!!!!

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The best travel directions ever!

Did anyone read that snippet in Chess Monthly? A yearbook in Brum had printed a very wordy "how to get there"? Who has got the directions for Redhill? The world ought to know!

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Second teams

Didn't we predict a tough time – the Thames Valley team have lost our top player, Julian Way, to the first team through re-nomination. But we've gained Kevin Denyer from the 3rd's. Kevin's results suggest that he is on similar form to that Sunderland and England forward, Kevin Philips!

As for the team that your editor is captaining the start of two games in a week was too much. Thanks for those 3rd team players for turning out at the Sultan in October when Chelsea were scoring at will against those Turks. We got a fortunate win against Wimbledon due to them turning up with 10 players and then getting their board order wrong! Yes rules are important! Just before Christmas I played for the 3rd team! Actually it was the 3rd team plus me playing Coulsdon 4. They put in 4 reserves against us and won! Could we do that on any Monday night?

Third Teams

The Thames Valley team are on a roll winning 3 on the trot! Again, a fortunate win due to an ineligible player in one game.

John Grant's Centenary Trophy team are holding their own with some good individual performances.

The club has progressed in the Under 140 Lauder Trophy, although I do not know if Richmond fulfilled their fixture. This led to an unusual request from Crystal Palace to combine the next round match with our Ellam fixture. As I pointed out, our second team are rated over 140, although after our Coulsdon match I think that our 3rd team is very under-rated.

Championship news

These are the latest scores that I've received. How is everyone else doing?

Chris Wright	4 / 5
Neil Maxwell	4 / 6
Ken Inwood	3.5 / 7
Peter Roche	3 / 5
Julian Way	3 / 6
Chris Briscoe	2 / 3
Chris Carr	2 / 5
Chris Clegg	2 / 7
Brian Whyte	1.5 / 4
Nick Grey	1 / 4

Some very well contested games. Can Neil, Peter, or Chris Briscoe catch Chris Wright? Is it possible for the second team captains to come top and bottom? I suspect that there will be changes here for the next issue!

Isle of Man Congress 1999 Results

Open

1=	Emil Sutovsky	6.5/9
	Sergei Shipov	
3=	Kiriakov, B Lalic, Parker, Psakhis, Seneider, Short, Tiviakov, Ward	6/9

Major (Under 176 BCF)

1=	Ken Inwood	5/7 (no losses)
	David Sedgwick	
	Andrew Price	
	Jeffrey Heath	

Hastings 1999/2000

Can our hero do it again?

Results next time.

FIXTURES 2000

DATE	HOME	AWAY
Mon 10/1	C v Wimbledon C (TV4)	1 v Coulsdon 2 (ST)
Thur 13/1		A v Richmond A (TV1)
Mon 17/1	B v Harrow B (TV3)	
Tue 18/1		3 v Ashtead 4 (CT)
Mon 24/1	B v Hayes B (TV3)	
Thur 27/1		1 v Guildford 1 (ST)
Mon 31/1		B v Staines A (TV3)
Thur 03/2	1 v Surbiton 1 (ST)	
Fri 04/2		C v Richmond Jun C (TV4)
Mon 07/2	3 v Ashtead 3 (CT)	1 v Crystal Palace 1 (ST)
		B v Hayes B (TV3)
		C v Maidenhead B (TV4)
Tue 08/2		
Mon 14/2	A v Surbiton A (TV1)	
	2 v Dorking 1 (ET)	
Mon 21/2	2 v Crystal Palace 2 (ET)	
	3 v Woking (CT)	
Tue 22/2		1 v Streatham 1 (ST)
Thu 24/2		B v Richmond C (TV3)
Mon 28/2	A v Pinner (TV1)	
	C v Hounslow B (TV4)	
Thu 02/3	1 v Guildford 2 (ST)	
Mon 06/3	2 v South Norwood 2 (ET)	
	C v Meadhurst (TV4)	
Mon 13/3	B v Hampton (TV3)	
Tue 14/3		A v Slough A (TV1)
Thu 16/3		B v Harrow B (TV3)
Mon 20/3	3 v Coulsdon 5 (CT)	A v Wimbledon A (TV1)
Mon 27/3	A v Hayes A (TV1)	
	C v Wimbledon C (TV4)	
Thur 30/3		B v Ealing B (TV3)
Mon 03/4	A v Richmond A (TV1)	3 v Wimbledon 3 (CT)
Thur 06/4	2 v Ashtead 2 (ET)	
Mon 10/4	1 v South Norwood 1 (ST)	C v Wimbledon C (TV4)
Wed 12/4		A v Pinner A (TV1)
Mon 17/4	B v Richmond Jun B (TV3)	
Thur 20/4		A v Ealing A (TV1)
Tue 25/4		2 v Surbiton 2 (ET)

Please support your club – give your captain a ring and tell him what fixtures you are available for.

Board	Home	Grade	Results	Grade	Away	Board	Home	Grade	Results	Grade	Away
18-Oct Hampton						19-Oct Surbiton A					
			Ellam		Kingston 2				TV1		Kingston A
1	Dave Malam (e)	160	1-0	160	Julian Way (e)	1	K Richardson	189	1-0	178	Brian Whyte
2	Mark Lee	132	0-1	159	Chris Clegg	2	K Hurst	163	1-0	174	Peter Roche
3	Ron Pettit	124	1-0	156	Nick Grey	3	G Borrowdale	160	1-0	159	Chris Clegg
4	Cliff Lamb	127	0-1	146	Neil Maxwell	4	A Alexander	160	1-0	146	Neil Maxwell
5	Geoff Dracott	123	0-1	149	Chris Mann	5	S Kearney	143	0-1	143	John Springall
6	Stephen Mooring	82	0.5-0.5	143	John Springall	6	R Harrison	143	1-0	119	Bob Collins
7	Nick Fry (e)	80	0-1	118	Derek Coope	7	P Durrant	132	1-0	123	David Shalom
8	Stephen McGubbin	77	0-1	117	Charles Ison	8	D Hosein	116	1-0	127	John Grant
Average		113	2.5-5.5	144	Average	Average		151	7-1	146	Average
20-Oct Streatham 3						25-Oct Kingston A					
			Ellam		Kingston 2				TVKO		Pinner A
1	D Varley	136	0-1	159	Chris Clegg	1	Brian Whyte	178	0-1	224	Colin Crouch
2	S Stanley	130	0.5-0.5	156	Nick Grey	2	Chris Briscoe	172	0.5-0.5	199	J Carlin
3	D Rees	125	0-1	146	Neil Maxwell	3	Peter Roche	174	1-0	194	A Stone
4	J Bryant (e)	110	1-0	129	Mark Wellham	4	Chris Wright	164	1-0	164	M Shaw (DEFAULT)
5	J Arios (e)	110	1-0	119	Bob Collins	5	Chris Carr	166	1-0	148	W Phillips
6	L Tillett	95	1-0	89	George Phillips	6	Ken Inwood	161	1-0	161	I Stables
7	CFL Baker	70	0.5-0.5	86	Jim Wilson	Average		169	4.5-1.5	182	Average
8	DEFAULT		0-0		DEFAULT	Average		169	4.5-1.5	182	Average
Average		111	4-3	126	Average	Average		169	4.5-1.5	182	Average
25-Oct Hounslow B						28-Oct Sutton 5					
			TV4		Kingston C				CT		Kingston 3
1	Ashish Mittel	142	0-1	144	Kevin Denyer	1	J Manners	130	0.5-0.5	144	Kevin Denyer
2	Peter Staneland	123	1-0	127	John Grant	2	K Mehendale	124	1-0	127	John Grant
3	F Zursteige	70	1-0	119	Tim Quelch	3	G Hurst	114	0.5-0.5	136	Paul Lonergan
4	N Mittel	107	Adj	118	Derek Coope	4	J McGing	113	Adj	117	Charles Ison
5	A Lim	105	1-0	117	Charles Ison	5	S Morris	98	0.5-0.5	118	Derek Coope
6	G Lucas	100	1-0	86	Jim Wilson	6	A Sim	97	Adj	97	Bob White
Average		108	4-3	119	Average	7	S Smith	92	1-0		DEFAULT
Average		108	4-3	119	Average	Average		110	3.5-1.5	123	Average
01-Nov Kingston C						04-Nov Kingston 2					
			TV4		Maidenhead B				Ellam		Wimbledon 2
1	Kevin Denyer	144	1-0	151	Peter Tickner	1	Chris Clegg	159	0-1	157	John Wilcox
2	Mark Wellham	129	0.5-0.5	149	Nigel Dennis	2	Nick Grey	156	0.5-0.5	148	CA Hughes
3	John Grant	127	Adj	137	Jeff Smith	3	Neil Maxwell	146	1-0	133	G Berguno
4	Tim Quelch	119	0-1	143	Mark Vanden Burgh	4	Chris Mann	149	0.5-0.5	136	Ray Kearsley
5	Derek Coope	118	0-1	143	Ben Norton	5	John Springall	143	0.5-0.5	144	STK Wilkinson
6	Charles Ison	117	1-0	126	Paul Fisher	6	John Grant	127	1-0	123	D Payne
Ineligible player Board 2 for Maidenhead						7	David Shalom	123	0-1	130	Joe Xuereb
Average		126	4-3	142	Average	8	Derek Coope	118	0-1	110	S Somupillai
Average		126	4-3	142	Average	Average		140	4-3	135	Illegal Brd Order
08-Nov Kingston A						15-Nov Redhill					
			TV1		Ealing A				ST		Kingston 1
1	Brian Whyte	178	0.5-0.5	190	M Rogerson	1	K Thurlow	179	0-1	172	Chris Briscoe
2	Chris Briscoe	172	1-0	173	V Stanisic	2	P Dhonau	174	Adj	174	Peter Roche
3	Peter Roche	174	1-0	169	M Calvert	3	I Pheby	172	0-1	164	Chris Wright
4	Chris Wright	164	0-1	168	J Jakob	4	C Cowrick	168	0.5-0.5	166	Chris Carr
5	Chris Carr	166	0.5-0.5	174	D Ebbett	5	A Sperrin	163	0-1	159	Chris Clegg
6	Julian Way (e)	160	1-0	155	A Wheatley	6	R Barnett	127	0-1	156	Nick Grey
7	Chris Clegg	159	0.5-0.5	147	P Simek	7	P Vargar (e)	120	0-1	146	Neil Maxwell
8	Nick Grey	156	0.5-0.5	141	A Dean	8	E Semm	118	0-1	149	Chris Mann
Average		166	5-3	165	Average	Average		153	0.5-6.5	161	Average
15-Nov Kingston 3						15-Nov Kingston A					
			CT		Wimbledon 4				TV1		Hayes A
1	John Grant	127	0.5-0.5	125	V Odunaiya (e)	1	Brian Whyte	178	1-0	84	D Ives (Sub)
2	Charles Ison	117	1-0	123	L Evbournwan	2	Chris Briscoe	172	Adj	199	R McMichael
3	Tim Quelch	119	1-0	110	D Weston Lewis	3	Peter Roche	174	0-1	190	D Okike
4	Derek Coope	118	0-1	110	J Pol	4	Chris Carr	164	0-1	183	G Leyton
5	Kevin Galligan	102	0.5-0.5	102	G Procyk	5	Ken Inwood	161	1-0	176	N Chan
6	George Phillips	89	1-0	93	B Sweetman	6	Chris Clegg	159	0.5-0.5	187	P Girdlestone
7	Mark Steedman	72	0.5-0.5	87	J Silverton	7	Mark Wellham	129	0.5-0.5	137	S Goodman
Average		106	4-2	104	Average	8	David Shalom	123	1-0		DEFAULT
Average		106	4-2	104	Average	Average		158	4-3	165	Average

Ken is King of the Monarch Assurance International

Ken Inwood missed a few matches recently as he was playing overseas. Here are a selection of his games:

☐ **Ken Inwood (161)**

■ Paul Smith (127) [B50]

Round 1 - 08.11.1999

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.c4 ♘c6 4.♟c3 ♟f6
5.d4 cxd4 6.♟xd4 e6 7.♞e2 a6 8.♞e3
♟c7 9.0-0 ♞e7 10.♞c1 ♟e5 11.f4 ♟g6
12.♟h1 0-0 13.g4 ♞d8 14.g5 ♟d7?

[14...♗e8 is the only move to keep Black in the game.] 15.f5 ♖ge5 16.fxe6 ♗f8? getting it over with quickly 17.♗d5

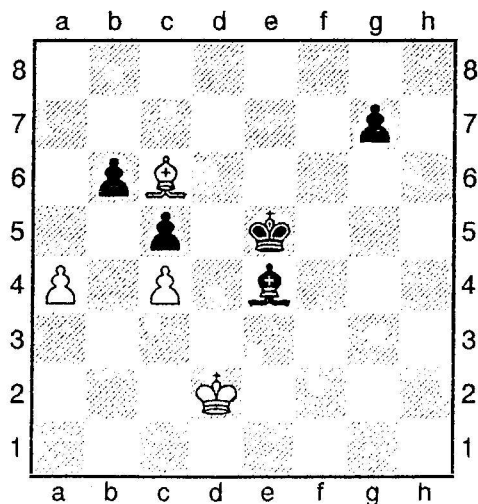
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☐ **David Sedgwick (171)**

■ Ken Inwood (161)[C42]

Round 6 - 13.11.1999

1.e4 2.2c3 e5 3.2f3 4.b4 4.c4 d6
5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 e6 7.2d5 2xd5 8.exd5
9.g4 9.c3 e5 10.b4 b6 11.a4 a5 12.h3
13.g4 13.g6 14.g5 f6 15.e3 ex3
16.fxe3 f5 17.2h2 18.g5 19.e1 fxe4
20.fxf8+ 21.fxf8 22.f2+ 23.e7 24.hxe4
25.bxa5 26.xa5 27.b5 28.f6 29.f1
30.a8 31.g3 h5 32.d4 33.xg4 34.2xg4
35.xg4 36.xg4 hxe4 37.f2 38.f8+ 39.g3
40.f1 41.xf1 exd4 42.exd4 e4
43.fxe4 44.xd5 45.f5 b6 46.e3 b3
47.b5 e2 48.e6 49.c4 d3
50.ed5+ 51.d7 52.g8 c5 53.dxc5 dxc5
54.f7 55.d6 56.f4 e2 57.e8 e6
58.e6 f6 59.e3 e5 60.d2 e4



An instructive move - centralising the bishop as an exchange leads to a lost king and pawns endgame **48.♙e8 ♜d4**

49.♙h5 g5 50.♙e2 ♖b1 51.♙c1 ♙a2
52.♙b2 ♙xc4 53.♙g4 ♙d5 54.♙d1 ♙e3 55.
♙c3 ♙f3 56.♙c2 ♙e2 I think that Ken is
just making him suffer a bit
longer! 57.♙f5 g4 58.♙e6 g3 59.♙h3 ♙d1
Ken is definitely torturing him! 60.a5
bxa5 61.♙c4 a4 62.♙xc5 a3 0-1

☐ **Ken Inwood (161)**

Andrew Price (154) [D11]

Round 7 - 14.11.1999

1.2f3 A Grandmaster move risking nothing in the last round!

1...d5 2.d4 ♟f6 3.e3 ♟g4 4.c4 c6 5.♟bd2
e6 6.♟b3 ♟b6 7.♟e5 ♟bd7 8.♟xg4 ♟xg4
9.h3 ♟gf6 10.♟xb6 axb6 11.♟e2 ♟b4 12.
0-0 0-0 13.a3 dxc4 14.♟xc4 b5 15.♟d2
♟xd2 16.♟xd2 ♟b6 17.♟fc1

A Grandmaster draw! $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

☐ **Jonathan Rowson (2494)**

■ **Emil Sutovsky (2587) [D70]**

Isle Of Mann Open (5), 10.11.1999

1.d4 ♡f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 ♡xd5
5.e4 ♡b6 6.♡c3 Another Anti-Grünfeld
system from a specialist in this opening!
6...♡g7 7.♡e3 0-0 8.♣d2 ♡c6 9.0-0-0 e5
10.d5 ♡d4 11.♡b5 ♡xb5 12.♡xb5 ♡d7
13.♡e2 ♣e7 14.♣b1 ♣fc8 15.h4 c5
16.♣c1 c4 17.h5 ♡b5 18.hxg6 hxg6
19.♣a5 ♣d7 20.♡h3 ♡a4 21.♡g5 b6 [Can
White play 21...♡xb2 22.♣xb2 c3+ ?]
22.♣e1 c3 23.b3 c2+ 24.♣a1 ♡c3
25.♡xb5 ♣xb5 26.♣h7 ♣e2 27.♣h1 ♣c7
28.♡e6 [28.d6!] 28...♣xe3?? 29.♡xc7?
White misses a mate in one! ♡xd5
30.♣xc2 ♣d4+ 31.♣b1 ♡c3+ 32.♣c1
♡xa2+ 33.♣xa2 ♣e3+ 34.♣b2 ♣c8
35.♡d5 ♣d4+ 36.♣b1 ♣d3+ 37.♣a1
♣d4+ 38.♣b1 ♣d3+ 39.♣a1 ♣d4+
40.♣b2 ♣c2 41.♣xg7+ ♣xg7 42.♣b1 ♣c5
43.♣f1 ♣c2 44.♣b1 ♣c5 45.b4 ♣a5+!!
46.bxa5 ♣a4+ 47.♣a2 ♣d1+ 48.♣b1
♣d4+ An incredible game with an
incredible result!

COMBO CORNER

□ **Nick Grey (156)**

■ **M Darville (146) [B22]**

Kingston 1 v Coulsdon 1, 22.11.1999

Some club players dream of making a legacy to the game we love. I know that I do. I want to discover a new opening system, or even move, play an immortal game, find a new endgame study, or even a new combination! We've played openings named after famous players. We have played numerous Greco classic bishop sacrifices and Philidor's smothered mates. We have even played Nimzovitch's knight to rook 1. Is anything new in chess?

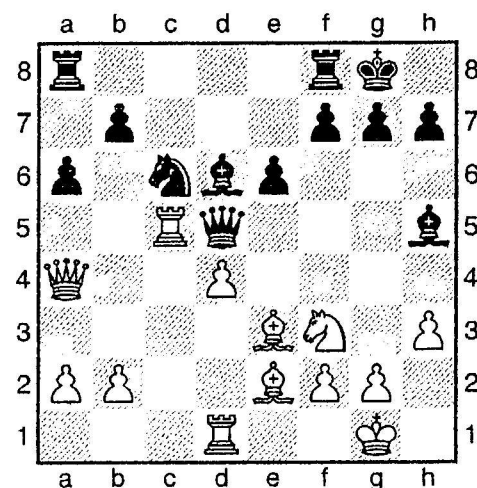
Here is my attempt at an original combination. When you play the White side of an isolated queens pawn formation you must play inventively. Plans for White and Black are well documented in chess literature. More recently Alexander Baburin published his first book "Winning Pawn Structures". Rather than cover various pawn formations he concentrated on one – the IQP – with a few references to transformations to the hanging pawns formation. Although there are many standard ideas I have never seen an example of my combination. I can dream that this will go down in history as "Grey's Legacy". But for a game played at the end of the millennium there is a more appropriate reference "a Sac on The Cross"!

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♖c6?!
[4...♗f6 5.♗f3 ♖g4 is better for the following reasons. Black delays exchanging on d4 for as long as possible so that white cannot develop the knight to c3. However if Black delays too long White can play c3-c4 hitting the queen and then move the knight. If Black is really careless he leaves himself open to a d4-d5 push which gains a tempo if there is a knight carelessly placed on c6.

5.♗f3 ♖g4 [5...e5 is a system which makes Black's fourth move playable and is recommended in Gallagher's "Beating the Anti-Sicilians".

6.♕e2 cxd4 [If 6...e6 7.h3 ♕h5 8.c4 and d4-d5 is a threat. Some of you may wonder why Black does not try 6...0-0-0? Here's a quickie! 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♖xd4 9.♖xd4 ♕xe2 10.♗xe2 ♗xd4 11.♕e3 ♗f6 (11...♗d3 12.♖c1+ ♖b8 13.♖f4+ ♖a8 14.♗xd3 ♖x d3 15.♖c8#) 12.♕xa7 e5 13.♖c1+ ♖d7 14.♗b5+ ♖e6 15.♗c4+ ♖f5 16.g4+ ♖g6 17.♗e4+ ♖h6 18.♕e3+ g5 19.h4 and Black gave up in Lane –Vratonijic, Hallsberg 1984].

7.cxd4 e6 8.♖c3 8...♗d7 9.♕e3 ♖f6 10.0-0 ♖d5 11.♖xd5 ♗xd5 12.h3 ♕h5 13.♗a4! White must play actively or the d4 pawn will become a real weakness. **13...♕d6** (44) Black has spent a lot of time due to his unfamiliarity with this system. Although the bishop is well placed the queen seems short of squares! **14.♖ac1** (24) my first real think as I wanted to examine the consequences of **14.♕c4. 14...0-0 15.♖fd1 a6?** I spent half an hour here as I wanted to check that my combination was correct in all variations. **16.♖c5!**

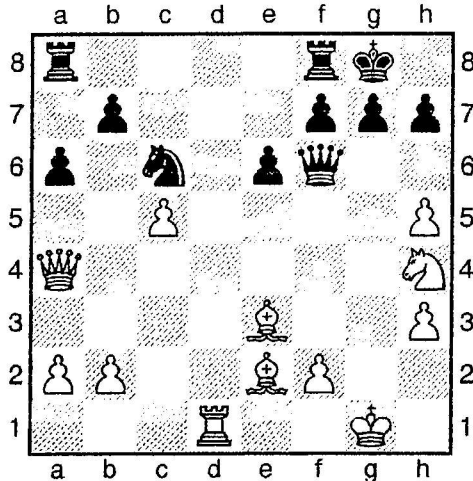


The sacrifice on the cross of the c and d files and the 4th and 5th ranks create a vivid picture for our Millennium issue!

16...♕xc5 17.dxc5 ♗f5?! A better idea would be 17...♕xf3 18.♖xd5 ♕xd5. But in this position White's pawn structure is not ruined and the queen moving diagonally as

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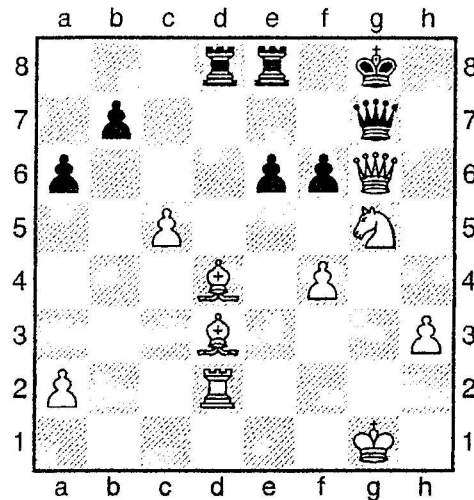
well as up and down and from side to side is Black's main concern. **18.g4** The point of the combination – the queen on a4 defends g4 **18...♟g6** definitely best and envisaged at the start of the combo **19.♞h4 ♟f6 20.gxh5**



I also had to (and did!) see that this move uncovers another lateral defence by the queen. At the end of a 10 ply combination it is time to take a stock check. Two bishops for a rook are more than sufficient for the wrecked pawn structure, although Black can win the b2 pawn – I even saw this before starting the combo but stopped analyzing. Black's pieces appear to have gone walkabout – White gets a good kingside attack through sheer numerical superiority.

20...♟xb2 21.♞d2 [21.♞d3 may be more active but Black's counterplay will come from the d file]. **21...♟b1+ 22.♟d1 ♟e4 23.♞f3 ♟f5 24.♞g5** not just protecting my pawns – I'm going after his king! **24...g6 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.♞d3** [trying to make the most of the bishop pair although I thought about 26.♞g4] **26...♟e5 27.♟g4 ♞ad8 28.♞f4 ♟g7 29.♞d6** Another key move using the c5 pawn and bishop to keep the rooks out of the game. **29...♞fe8 30.♟e2** by now we were both short of time **30...♞d4 31.♟e4 ♟f6 32.f4** keeping the position closed **32...♟g7??** a time trouble error that loses on the

spot **33.♞e5 f6 34.♞xd4 ♟e7?** another error **35.♟xg6+ ♟g7**



This was the adjudication position and I could not believe that the Coulsdon players wanted to see what Fritz said – I'm said that it would resign in disgust! I even explained my winning idea and that Fritz would probably find a quicker win. I'm glad that I'm a match captain as the Surrey League sent me the rules. There is a new rule that adjudication analysis should not be published. How dare they prevent me showing you my masterpiece?

Here is the win which I pointed out on the night: **36.♞xf6** A blunder according to the computer! **♟xg6 37.♞xg6 ♞xd2 38.♞xe8 ♞f8 39.♞g6 ♞xa2 40.h4** and I thought that this could not be stopped unless black wants to lose his only piece, e.g. **40...♞d2 41.h5 ♞d7 42.h6 ♞g8 43.h7+ ♞xh7** and Fritz6 finds two mates in 7! **44.♞xh7+ [44.♞xh7 a5 45.♞g5 ♞f8 46.♞xe6+ ♞g8 47.f5 a4 48.♞e5 a3 49.f6 a2 50.f7#] ♞f8 45.♞g6 a5 46.♞xe6+ ♞g8 47.♞e5 a4 48.f5 a3 49.f6 a2 50.f7#**

O.K. black can check a few times with the rook but to no avail. The only saving grace is that Coulsdon eventually resigned. Did they or Fritz find this mate in 15+? Or better still can you, dear reader, find the quickest win from the "adjudication position?"

Book reviews

“The c3 Sicilian”

Gary Lane IM

This is not in fact a book. It is the latest video in the “Foxy Openings” series by GM Video. No longer do you have to play the moves on the board and turn the pages – it is there on the screen. Just pause and rewind if you have not understood anything.

I must admit that I was wary of buying this having accumulated 15 years of knowledge with this system. Is anything new? Quite clearly it is with some ideas at the cutting edge of theory (see Combo Corner) or the hardly played variation show in “The Fat Lady”. There is also a devastating bust of one of Joe Gallagher’s recommended antidotes. And, as for Peter Roche’s 2...d6, well wait until our next game! Gary Lane also recommends an old variation in the 2...Nf6 3.e5 Nd5, 4.d4 cxd4 line, namely 5.Qxd4. However, he believes that White can gain an advantage because it has not been popular since the late 1970s!

At 85 minutes there is value for money, especially if you get a 5% subscribers discount from Chess and Bridge. The only downside is Gary Lane’s voice – although the ideas are clearly and simply explained – he sounds just like David Beckham.

Fritz 6 – by ChessBase

O.K. this is not a book either but the program is so strong that even Gazza wants to avoid it – it won the Frankfurt Masters 1999 with an Elo performance of 2825 – and should be promoted to the higher tournament. We will see.

This has lots of features for the club player it can analyse your games in full or blundercheck mode. It was useful to have running in the background when

putting the games on ChessBase for this magazine. Did Rowson really miss a mate in one? Fritz6 was screaming at this one.

It requires at Pentium with at least Windows 95, 16MB RAM, a CD ROM drive, a HiColour graphics card, sound card, speakers and a mouse.

I have demonstrated the opening tree feature to you. The full multi-media facilities make it fun to watch and listen! Mind you, it is very irritating when it tells you your mistakes. Even worse, the voice belongs to Malcolm Pein of “Chess and Bridge”!

The prices have come down – you should get this for less than 35 quid – similar to any computer game.

“A Gnat May Drink”

Jonathan Hinton

Yes that is right, you do not have to be an IM / GM to write a good chess book. Do you wish they would write those game collections like they used to? I certainly do if they are good. Jonathan has spent five years writing this book. A collection of annotated games – one for each year of the 20th Century! It certainly is a labour of love.

His criteria are that games have to entertain, be interesting or unusual. Many of the games were new to me and this lovely Christmas present will be read from cover to cover.

Where can you get a hardback chess book for 15 pounds? Available at all good chess book stores and from JH himself at Ashted Chess Club.

I reckon that this book will win a BCF prize for “Book of the Year”!

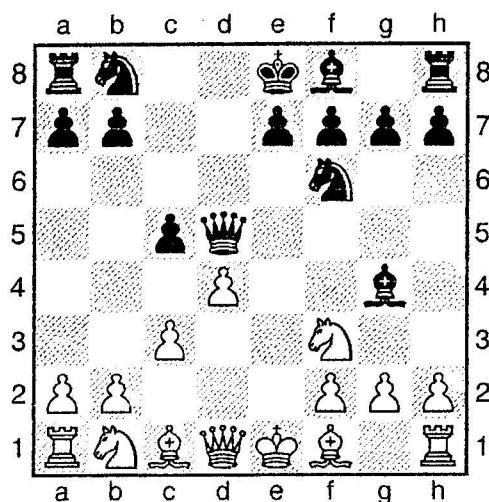
RED HOT OPENING THEORY

- ☐ **Eloi Relange (2505)**
☒ **John Nunn (2620) [B22]**

Hastings Premier Rd 5, 03.01.1998

During the summer I shared with some of you a number of recent developments in the 2.c3 Sicilian. Recently Joe Gallagher has published a book "c3 Sicilian", Everyman Chess (1999) covering many of these new variations for the first time. However as one of the lines that I had demonstrated was not given any prominence, although it was covered, I thought you may like to see it again!

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♗f6 5.♗f3 ♕g4



One of Black's best replies that became even more popular when Gazza adopted it in his first match with Deep Blue. Despite losing game 1 (Philadelphia 1996) he played it again in game 3.

Theory considers this approach to be sound. Black plans to develop his bishop outside of the normal e6-f7 pawn structure. This gives Black extra options against White's Isolated Queens Pawn formation.

One extra advantage is that White does not have time to develop his bishop to the active c4 or d3 square as he needs to break the pin. White's position is still playable, although not to everyone's taste.

What we want, what we really, really want is a Red Hot Opening move to put Black's plan back to the drawing board.

6.dxc5! RED HOT!!

White has also tried other alternatives to 6.Be2 such as 6.Qa4+ or 6.Nbd2 without much success. Another new product Gary Lane's video on the "c3 Sicilian" (see our book review page) advocates this move. A lot of grandmaster c3 Sicilian specialists have been playing it (Rozentalis, Chernaiev, Emms, ...). This is hardly surprising when they consult their ChessBase/Fritz opening tree statistics:

Moves	No.	%
My Database	1372344	54
1.e4	649974	53
1.d4	462340	55
1.Nf3	121697	56
1.c4	105480	55

So 1.e4 is the most popular but is not "best by test". The reason why is clear:

Black move	No.	%
	649974	47
1...c5	271363	49
1...e5	149378	44
1...e6	87139	45

For Black's move the percentage relates to score with the Black pieces (46% would be average according to our database). This explains why the Sicilian is so popular.

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Now put our diagram position onto the tree analysis:

White	No.	%
	1560	51
6.Be2	1252	49
6.Qa4+	140	54
6.Nbd2	127	56
6.dxc5	37	73 !!!

O.K. statistics are not everything. We are not grandmasters. But it is clear that even G.M.s struggle against this move. How is your average club player going to cope?

Back to the game – there are two choices to consider: do we take the pawn and let our queen get kicked around, or do we stop White castling and win our pawn back? The Doctor goes for the second plan. I would have played it too until I saw the analysis of this game!

6...♟xd1+ 7.♞xd1 e5

The threat of pinning the knight was originally thought to win the pawn on c5 by force. However we have now got an almost forced mind-boggling sequence of moves coming up. Kingston players should not be alarmed. If I can follow the logical sequence of moves I'm sure that you can too!

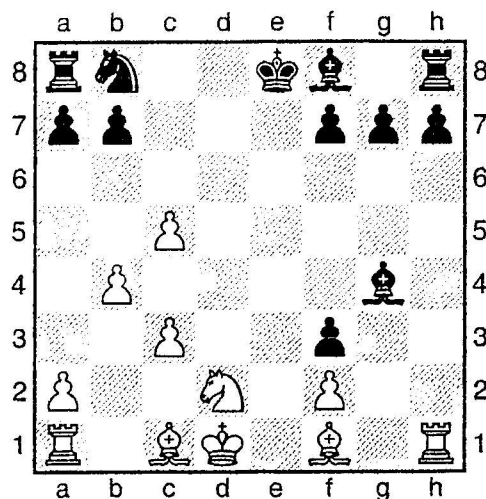
8.b4! "Go ahead - make my day!"
8...e4

The most aggressive pawn push – as you would expect from John Nunn! [There is an alternative to go into an ending a pawn down... 8...♞c6 9.♞c2. Unpinning the king 9...♞d5 10.♞b5 f6 11.♞b2! The king is much safer here but the main reason is to allow the rook a1 to be protected by the king after a a5 – a3 – axb4 sequence].

9.h3 ♞h5 10.g4

The following sequence is not new – it is similar to the Botvinnik variation of the Semi-Slav.

10...♞xg4 11.hxg4 ♞xg4 12.♞bd2 exf3



Let's put a diagram here to remind us to take a breather and gather our thoughts! This is an important stage of the game – the transition from the opening to the middlegame. So it's like the Botvinnik system of the Semi-Slav. But there are differences – colours are reversed for one, and queens are off. A main source of counterplay and tactics has disappeared! The main difference is that this is almost an endgame position. We may be a pawn down but we should be able to win it back. More importantly the main feature is the pawn race. Our pawns are further up the board – ignore the f3 pawn it is going nowhere. Our king is closer to the queenside – where the action is going to be.

13.♞d3 [Don't try to win the pawn back by 13.♞h3 as Black can play 13...f5 rather than h5.] **13...♞c6**

14.♞e1+ ♞e7

[Again there is an alternative, returning the pawn so that Black can castle...]

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14...♙e6 15.♟xf3 0–0–0 16.♞c2 ♙e7
17.♙g5! ± Emms-David, Escabes
1998].

15.⚡2! This is a logical plan and we can even give you an alternative if you are not convinced!

[15.♔e4 preventing queenside castling due to a Bxc6 threat winning the bishop on e7 15...♞d8 16.♙c2 ♘e5 17.♘b3 0-0? although the king is out of the centre it now becomes more difficult to gain counterplay by pushing the kingside pawns 18.♙f4 ♘c4 19.♘d4 ♙h4 20.♞h1 g5 and 21.♞xh4 was considered to be winning in Godena-Gennechio, Italian Championship 1998.

The exchange sacrifice was given an exclamation mark in New in Chess, but I can't see it myself especially when the classic bishop sacrifice seems to win on the spot (21. ♗xh7+!! is winning according to Fritz 6 and would be the first sacrifice that I would consider)].

15...a6

[15...0-0-0? is also an error here due to 16.b5 ♕xd3 17.♖xd3 ♕f5+18.♖c4 ♑a5+ 19.♖b4 ♕f6 20.♖b2 b6 21.♑xf3±]

16.♙e4 ♖c8 17.a4!

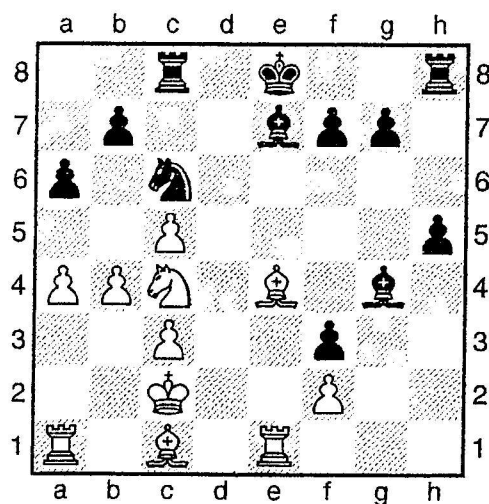
Those pawns must be pushed.

17...h5.

The Doctor had a long think before playing this move. I suspect he saw the reply that we are going to suggest rather than the move that Relange actually played! The 17th move tries to start some counterplay but Black should never queen that passed h pawn.

The French youngster has analysed his improvement as very good for White. Gary Lane is a bit more optimistic than that he almost considers it to be winning by force!!

18.♘c4!



White is much better what can Black do? In the game Relange played 18. ♖a3? and ♖h6! gave Nunn counterplay although he eventually blundered in a difficult position. I think it safe to say that John Nunn is hardly likely to repeat this position unless he plays White!

Black has difficulties in all variations... **18...h4** [18...♙f8 may be a better idea 19.♙f4 and Black is never going to promote the h pawn now, the White knight is going to land on d6, forcing the gaining of the bishop pair, b5 is coming up. I suspect that Black may have to sacrifice a piece to stop one of White's pawns queening – and there are other pawns to push!]

19. ♖d6+ ♘xd6 20. ♘xc6+ ♔f8 21. ♘xb7
♜b8 22. ♘xa6 +—

Black's best move is to resign.

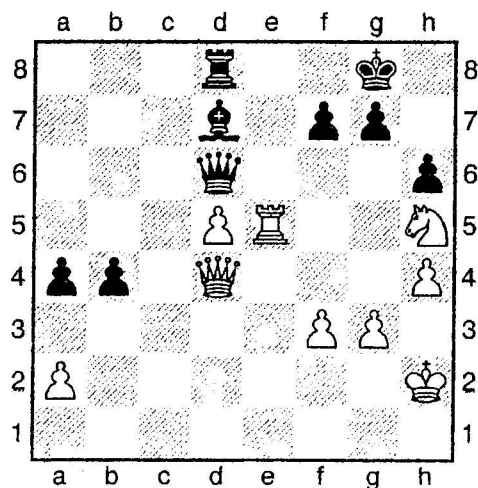
Games from our members

□ **Chris Clegg [B23]**
 ■ **Miroslav Houska (IM)**

Guildford 30 minutes QP, 09.05.1999

Occasionally we have our successes against a strong player. This should encourage all of us that the mistakes are out there for all of us to make.

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5
 5.♙g2 ♖f6 6.♗ge2 d4 7.♗e4 ♗xe4 8.♙xe4
 ♗d7 9.0-0 ♗f6 10.♙g2 ♗d6 11.d3 0-0
 12.♙f4 ♙g4 13.♙xd6 ♗xd6 14.h3 ♗d7
 15.♗d2 ♗d5 16.c4 dxc3 17.bxc3 ♗ad8
 18.♗fd1 ♙a4 19.♗e1 b6 20.♙xd5 ♗xd5
 21.♗f4 ♗f5 22.♗e3 ♙c6 23.♗ae1 ♗d6
 24.♗e5 ♗c8 25.♗1e3 h6 26.h4 ♗fd8
 27.♗h2 ♗f6 28.♗e2 ♗f5 29.♗xf5 ♗xf5
 30.♗e5 ♗f6 31.♗e3 a5 32.d4 cxd4
 33.cxd4 b5 34.d5 ♗d7 35.f3 b4 36.♗h5
 ♗d6 37.♗d4 a4??



[Oops 37...f6 or 37...♗g6 prevent the threat to the g7 pawn].

38.♗xg7? [There is a much better move forcing mate in two - 38.♗e8+ ♗f8 (38...♗xe8 39.♗xg7#) 39.♗xg7#] 38...b3?

and in the blitz finish White mated Black on c8 via a8 despite there being two Black queens!

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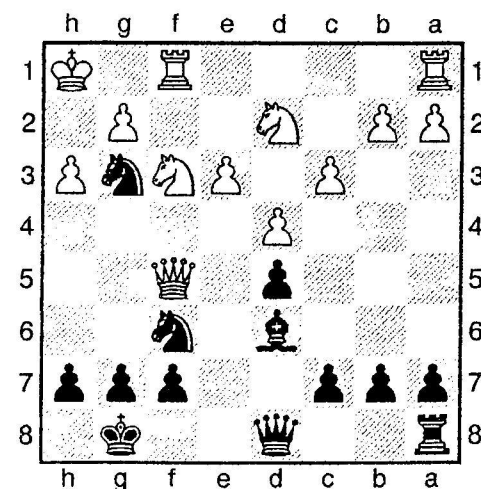
□ **A. Kikoyo [C01]**
 ■ **Chris Clegg**

Wood Green v Wimbledon, London League, 17.11.1999

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.♗f3 ♗f6
 5.♙d3 ♙d6 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 ♗e8 8.♙e3
 ♗bd7 9.c3 ♗f8 10.♗bd2 ♗e6 11.♗c2 ♗f4
 12.♗f5? ♗e2+!

These five consecutive knight moves are reminiscent of Geoff Hurst galloping up the pitch in the last minute of extra time - all the other pieces are too knackered to join in the attack.

13.♗h1 ♙xf5 14.♗xf5 ♗xe3 The crowd are on the pitch. They think it's all over!
 15.fxe3?? ♗g3+



It is now!

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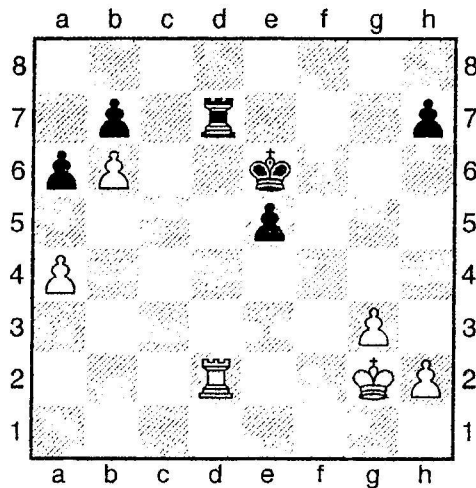
THE FAT LADY

□ Nick Grey (156)
 ■ Richard Harris (156)

[B22]

Kingston 2 v Hampton, TV3,
 06.12.1999

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♟f6
 5.♟f3 e6 6.♟bd2! my first game with this
 system after watching Gary Lane's new
 video! 6...♟d7 7.♟c4 ♖h5 8.♟b3 [8.♟e2
 gains a tempo as the queen needs to
 return to the centre] 8...cxd4 9.♟bxd4
 ♟c6 10.0-0 ♟xd4 11.♟xd4 ♖xd1
 12.♟xd1 ♟c8 13.♟b5 ♟c5 14.♟xd7+
 ♟xd7 15.♟b5 ♟e7 16.b4 ♟b6 17.♟b2
 ♟c6 18.a4 a6 19.♟a3 ♟e5 20.c4 ♟xc4
 21.♟xc4 ♟xc4 22.♟xg7 ♟g8 23.♟e5 ♟g5
 24.♟d6+ ♟f6 25.g3 ♟f5 26.♟a2 e5
 27.♟dd2 ♟e6 28.♟f8 ♟d4 29.♟g2 f6
 30.f4 ♟f7 31.♟d6 ♟c6 32.fxe5 fxe5
 33.♟c5 ♟xc5 34.bxc5 ♟e6 35.♟ab2 ♟f7
 36.♟b6 ♟xb6 37.cxb6 ♟d7



I thought that I was lucky to get to the
 time control in one piece. I had a quick
 look round and offered a draw as I

*Our last page is dedicated to those swindles and blunders that we love so much! No
 matter how much you hate Man United you have to admit you enjoyed Teddy and Ollie
 putting it up the Germans in injury time...*

...it's not over until the Fat Lady sings!

thought that it would give us at least a
 share of the match. 38.♟xd7= the symbol
 for the draw offer. Richard declined this
 with the comment that "my king is closer
 to your pawns". Had I blundered?
 38...♟xd7 39.g4! ♟c6 40.g5 ♟xb6?? I
 now realised that he must have
 miscounted something. I've got 2 against
 1 on the kingside and could not care less
 about my queenside! 41.h4 ♟c5 42.h5 b5
 43.g6 hxg6 44.hxg6 b4 45.g7 b3
 46.g8 ♖ ♟b4 47.♖g4+ ♟a3 48.♖f3 a5
 49.♖c3 ♟a2 50.♖xa5 b2 51.♖d2

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Forthcoming events:

Richmond Rapidplays:

5 March
 9 April
 4 June

Contact Richard James on
 020 8898 1190 or 020 8898 0362

BSP Central London Premier: (International Students House)

11 and 12 March

4 Sections
 Under 210 / 170 / 130 / 90

Contact Chris Todd on
 020 8381 4406

Surrey Easter Congress (details to
 follow) Good Friday – Easter Monday

In lieu of a postscript – an apology

It can be frustrating being a writer especially when you are tired. But I had a nagging feeling that there was something wrong with one of the games in this magazine! It had been nagging at me for a whole week but I just could not put my finger on it.

This is where I need your help. Can anybody assist with proof reading this newsletter? I'm more than happy to type-set.

The apology

To GMs Rowson and Sutovsky – how could I consider that they missed a mate in one?

Like a good journalist I checked my sources and here it is 18...hxg6 is written in the Bulletin on game 111. It is the natural move and probably best. In fact Sutovsky played 18...fxg6 which looks like a blunder but has a dramatic effect later on.

As you can see at move 28.Ne6 is not en prise anymore. I thought it was another wonderful sacrifice – but in the game score according to the bulletin and our magazine it does allow 28...fxe6! Clearly Sutovsky never had this option on the board. Therefore neither missed a mate in one – if you set up the correct position you will find that the rook on c7 defends g7!

A big thank you

For Chess Monthly January 2000 being late in the post. This gave me an opportunity to issue this correction today but not before tidying it up in on my database.

The morale

The answers are out there!

A quick survey

Fortunately, this correction page brings this month's newsletter up to an even number of pages. Can you fill in this questionnaire and return to the club notice board.

Is the newsletter too long?	Yes	/	No
Is there too much concentration on Non-Kingston matters?	Yes	/	No
Do you like Red Hot Opening Theory?	Yes	/	No
I would like to submit some games or an article	Yes	/	No