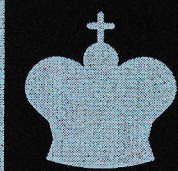


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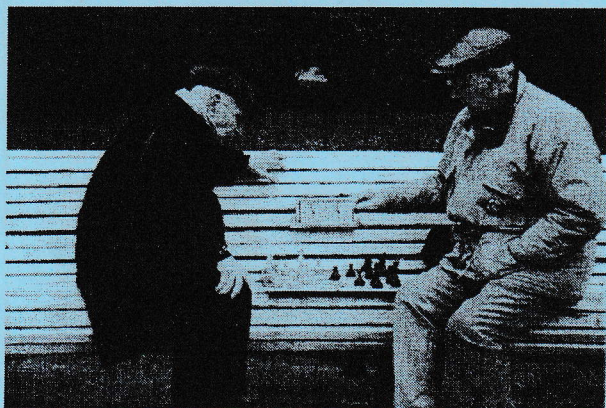
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Editorial

At this time of year we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Has it really been two years since I put finger to keyboard? Quite clearly it has. So what's been happening? For those of you that have known me for a while you may have noted that I've lost a few pounds around the middle. I'm not on a Geri diet but I have been hitting the gym regularly – 06.30 a.m. every week-day!

This training programme has lasted 18 months – from “gut-bucket” to “you’ve lost some weight haven’t you”? I can’t get use to these Euros/kilos but my loss is some 3½ stone in old money. Some achievement, I’m fitter, healthier and a bit more alert during the final hours of a playing session. But what has been the effect on my chess strength? The results speak for themselves – an almost identical percentage reduction in my BCF grade!

And I think that I know what’s missing from my game at the moment. Quite simply I’m not working on it. I’m missing annotating my own games, looking at other people’s games too, and trying to find that killer Red Hot Opening Move! Those former Soviets were right in their training methods – look at your games!



A work colleague went on a short break to St Petersburg so I asked him please take some chess photographs for me. His favourite is this one. He was fascinated by the adaptation to the chess clock to enable it to be used on a park bench.

If you have a chess-related photo which you would like to share please pass to the Editor for display here.

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Waaaaaazzzzzzuppppp!

Thank you to Bill Waterton for the suggested name to our newsletter – the winner of our Millennium Edition Competition (the prize is now an empty bottle of Bud).

The Kingston Gambit

Bill said that it was the name of our Club Newsletter a long, long time ago and that it was ‘a bit tacky’. Rather apt description for this newsletter. I hope you approve of my artistic attempts. I’ve already abbreviated the title to TKG to stave off repetitive strain injury and try to get sponsorship from those super-hoops KFC, or that Chicken Bloke, or even the one that ends with Friday.

Any part of this newsletter may be reproduced, transmitted in any form, stored in a retrieval system, or in 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 moves 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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It's Your Chess Club

According to the Surrey County Chess Association Yearbook 2001 Kingston & Thames Valley Chess Club was established in 1875. We are probably the 'oldest' surviving club in the County. So our first league table of the season shows us on top!

Kingston	1875
South Norwood	1881
Battersea	1885
Wallington	1895
Guildford	1896
Sutton	1908
Ashted	1946
Coulsdon	1949
Crystal Palace	1964

Clubs close, amalgamate and even start-up. Cobham closed after 55 years. Hampton have not affiliated to the Surrey League this season and are only playing in Thames Valley (Ed. should we approach them and offer a special 'Surrey' membership?). We are no different from any other sporting, social, or other organised voluntary activity. These reorganisations happen for many reasons including dwindling numbers of members, loss of key people, or even finances.

And this is where you can help! Quite simply an influx of new members will revitalise our club, as well as reducing the cost per head in our annual subscriptions.

So what are you going to do? Please speak to your friends, colleagues, anybody who may be interested. And do offer to play a new face if someone just turns up at our Club – they may come back!

So welcome **David Rowson, John Foley, and Steven Moss**. I do realise that David has played a season and a half for us but this is our first newsletter for a while!

And do remember this is your newsletter. I'm just doing this because: (a) I probably ought to be doing things like this as your Club Secretary; (b) the feedback I have received is that it is appreciated but that I need to keep it going every couple of months rather than years; and, (c) this is probably the best reason of all – by analysing my own games, and actively looking at the games you pass to me my chess results seem to improve!

Brief overview

We have entered 2 teams in the Thames Valley Leagues (Divisions 1 and 4) – Peter Roche is no longer eligible for the 2nd team as we had to nominate another player as Chris Carr had not played this season. Others may soon become ineligible if they play 5 1st team games.

Brief overview continued

Chris Clegg is the first team captain and Bob Collins is the second team captain.

In the Surrey Leagues we have 3 teams in Divisions 1, 3 and 4. We have lost a board from the lower teams and do not have ineligibility problems so we could field 3 teams – though we do have problems if we have more than one game scheduled in a night/week. So please look at your fixture list (it has been revised). Your captains are Chris Mann, myself, and John Grant. We are still in the Lauder Trophy (under 140) and Derek Coope is captain. You may be needed on 4th February!

Chris Briscoe has organised our entry into the National Club Championship for the first time for years – and whilst they played well and lost to the holders – Bedford – by a narrow 3½-2½ margin – Chris has mentioned that there is a Plate competition so we will do well there too! Thanks Chris.

Preview of this newsletter

Results and fixtures. There will be fuller board by board results in the next newsletter – and this will give an idea of who is in the running for our trophy for the best individual results – Derek Coope holds it at present – his wife would like to keep it as it looks good!

Games. Get your name in print! Wins/draws/losses we will take anything! **From The Archives** is new but thanks Derek Coope I've got loads of material from ancient club magazines. I've also found some old Battersea/Kingston games too! **Book Reviews** – does anyone read books or magazines? Your opinions are sought and TKG's recommendation or otherwise can be displayed for prosperity.

Red Hot Opening Theory! I know that some of you have even tried these lines. This one started off as a short one pager drafted over Christmas 1999! But to re-launch 'TKG' we have gone OTT with an epic Blockbuster of a production. From the creators of Body-Count Chess - The Clint Eastwood Way – we splashed out on another Hollywood Star to show us the way!

The Fat Lady! This is not about Bridget Jones. Think Man U – Bayern or even Goldenballs and World Cup Qualification. It's not over until the fat lady sings!

Help required

Games, articles, help with proof reading. Apply to Editor – no previous experience required.

Special assignment – apparently some tennis player/model by the name of Anna plays chess to improve her performance. Can anyone research this, gossip or made up, get photos, interview her or carry out a scientific experiment on whether 'Chess improves your performance' or vice versa? Thanks!

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		1st Team Surrey Trophy & AC	Kingston A TV1	2nd Team Ellam Trophy	Kingston B TV4	3rd Team Centenary & LT
Mon	01-Oct		(H) HOUNSLOW TVKO CUP			
Tue	02-Oct					
Wed	03-Oct		LOST 3-3			
Thu	04-Oct					
Fri	05-Oct					
Sat	06-Oct					
Sun	07-Oct					
Mon	08-Oct		(H) RICHMOND A			
Tue	09-Oct			(A) SURBITON 2		
Wed	10-Oct		LOST 2½-5½	WON 4-3		
Thu	11-Oct					
Fri	12-Oct					
Sat	13-Oct					
Sun	14-Oct					
Mon	15-Oct	(H) ASHTEAD 1				(H) COULSDON 6
Tue	16-Oct		(A) SURBITON A			
Wed	17-Oct	DREW 4-4				WON 3½-2½
Thu	18-Oct		UNFINISHED 3½-3½ Adj. Both teams claim win!			
Fri	19-Oct					
Sat	20-Oct					
Sun	21-Oct					
Mon	22-Oct			(H) SOUTH NORWOOD 2		
Tue	23-Oct					
Wed	24-Oct			LOST 3-4		
Thu	25-Oct				(A) HARROW A	
Fri	26-Oct					
Sat	27-Oct				LOST 5-1	
Sun	28-Oct					
Mon	29-Oct	(H) GUILDFORD 2				
Tue	30-Oct					
Wed	31-Oct	WON 4½-3½				
Thu	01-Nov					
Fri	02-Nov					
Sat	03-Nov					
Sun	04-Nov					
Mon	05-Nov					(H) WIMBLEDON 4
Tue	06-Nov					
Wed	07-Nov					WON 4½-1½
Thu	08-Nov		(A) EALING A			
Fri	09-Nov		WON 5-3			
Sat	10-Nov					
Sun	11-Nov		(A) HOUNSLOW A			
Mon	12-Nov					
Tue	13-Nov		WON 4½-3½			
Wed	14-Nov					
Thu	15-Nov	(A) COULSDON 2				
Fri	16-Nov					
Sat	17-Nov	LOST 2-6				
Sun	18-Nov					
Mon	19-Nov		(H) WIMBLEDON A		(H) MAIDENHEAD B	(A) ASHTEAD (LAUDER U 140)
Tue	20-Nov		LOST 2½-4½		WON 4½-1½	WON 4½-3½
Wed	21-Nov		We claim draw. They have not claimed!			
Thu	22-Nov					
Fri	23-Nov					
Sat	24-Nov					
Sun	25-Nov					
Mon	26-Nov	(A) REDHILL 1				
Tue	27-Nov					
Wed	28-Nov	LOST 2½-5½				
Thu	29-Nov					
Fri	30-Nov					
Sat	01-Dec					
Sun	02-Dec					
Mon	03-Dec	(A) COULSDON (ALEXANDER CUP)				
Tue	04-Dec					
Wed	05-Dec	LOST 3½-6½				
Thu	06-Dec					
Fri	07-Dec				(A) RICHMOND JUNIORS C	
Sat	08-Dec					
Sun	09-Dec				DREW 3-3	
Mon	10-Dec		(H) MAIDENHEAD A	(H) CRYSTAL PALACE 2		
Tue	11-Dec		WON	LOST 2½-4½		
Wed	12-Dec					
Thu	13-Dec					
Fri	14-Dec					
Sat	15-Dec					
Sun	16-Dec					
Mon	17-Dec				(H) SLOUGH B	
Tue	18-Dec				WON	
Wed	19-Dec					
Thu						
		COULSDON 1 4/5	RICHMOND A 3/3 + 1 Unf.	CRYSTAL PALACE 2 2/2	KINGSTON B 2½/4 -D?	COULSDON 5 2/2
		GUILDFORD 1 3/3	KINGSTON A 3/5 + 1Unf.	SOUTH NORWOOD 2 2/3	HARROW B 2/3 + 1 Unf.	KINGSTON 3 2/2
		REDHILL 3/5	SURBITON A 1½/2 + 3 Unf.	WIMBLEDON 3 1½/2	MAIDENHEAD B 2/3 + 1 Unf.	SUTTON 1½/3
		GUILDFORD 2 2/4	WIMBLEDON A 1½/3 + 1 Unf.	REDHILL 2 1/2	RICHMOND JUN C 1½/5	ASHTEAD 4 1/2
		SOUTH NORWOOD 2/5	MAIDENHEAD A 1½/4 + 1 Unf.	STREATHAM 3 1/2	SURBITON B 1½ + 1 Unf.	WOKING 1/2
		ASHTEAD 1½/4	EALING A 1/2 + 1 Unf.	KINGSTON 2 1/3	SLOUGH B 1/3 + 1 Unf.	COULSDON 6 1/3
		KINGSTON 1½/4	PINNER A ½/3 + 2 Unf.	SURBITON 2 ½/2		DORKING 1/3
		STREATHAM 1/2	HOUNSLOW A 0/2 + 2 Unf.	ASHTEAD 3 0/2		WIMBLEDON 4 ½/3
		COULSDON 2 1/3				
		WIMBLEDON ½/2				
		SURBITON ½/4				
		Individual results including Alexander Cup		Individual results in Ellam		Individual Results incl Lauder
		Chris Briscoe 2/5		Peter Roche 1/2		Julian Way (Lauder only) 1/1
		Brian Whyte 2½/4		Ken Inwood 2/3		Derek Coope 1½/3
		David Rowson ½/2		Chris Mann 1½/2		Mark Welham 1/3
		Chris Wright ½/3		Nick Grey 1/2		David Shalom 2½/3
		Neil Maxwell 1/4		Julian Way ½/1		John Grant 3/3
		Chris Clegg 2/5		Derek Coope 0/3		Kevin Galligan 2/2
		Peter Roche 1½/5		Mark Welham 0/1		Bill Waterton ½/3
		Ken Inwood 2/5		Bob Collins ½/2		Bob Collins 1/2
		Chris Mann 2/2 incl 1 by def.		John Grant 1½/2		Defaults Against 0
		John Foley 0/1		Bill Waterton ½/1		Defaults we won 0
		Nick Grey 1½/2		Kevin Galligan 1/1		
		Derek Coope 1/1		Steven Moss 0/1		
		John Grant 0/1		Defaults Against 0		
		Defaults Against 2		Defaults we won 0		
		Defaults we won 1 incl above				



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Mon	07-Jan					
Tue	08-Jan					
Wed	09-Jan				(A) SURBITON B	
Thu	10-Jan					
Fri	11-Jan					
Sat	12-Jan					
Sun	13-Jan					
Mon	14-Jan	(H) SOUTH NORWOOD 1				
Tue	15-Jan		(A) PINNER			(A) ASHTEAD 4
Wed	16-Jan					
Thu	17-Jan					
Fri	18-Jan					
Sat	19-Jan					
Sun	20-Jan					
Mon	21-Jan					
Tue	22-Jan					
Wed	23-Jan					
Thu	24-Jan		(A) RICHMOND A			
Fri	25-Jan					
Sat	26-Jan					
Sun	27-Jan					
Mon	28-Jan	(H) COULSDON 1				(A) COULSDON 5
Tue	29-Jan					
Wed	30-Jan					
Thu	31-Jan					
Fri	01-Feb					
Sat	02-Feb					
Sun	03-Feb					
Mon	04-Feb		(H) SURBITON A			(H) LAUDER
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Thu	07-Feb					
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Sun	10-Feb					
Mon	11-Feb	(H) SURBITON 1			(A) MAIDENHEAD B	
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Wed	13-Feb			(A) STREATHAM 3		
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Mon	18-Feb		(H) EALING A		(H) HARROW B	
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Fri	01-Mar					
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Mon	04-Mar		(H) HOUNSLOW A	(A) REDHILL 2		
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Wed	03-Apr		(A) MAIDENHEAD A			(A) SUTTON
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Tue	09-Apr				(A) SLOUGH B	
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Nick Grey (155)



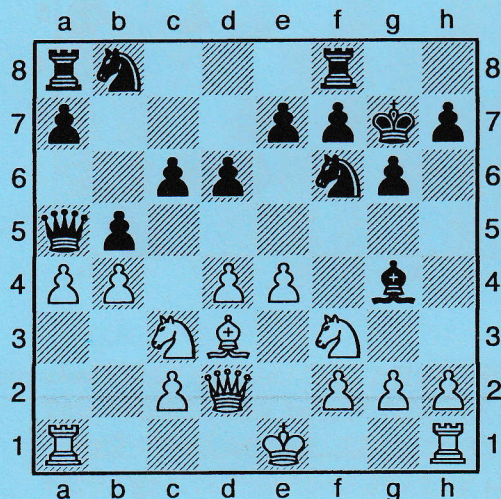
Tony Andrews (173) [B07]

Surrey Trophy

26.03.2001

It's very important that players turn up on a Club night even if they are not picked to play in a match. You never know you may get to play a strong player as a last minute reserve – the missing 30 minutes may give you the opportunity to go for it and play like that Hollywood Action Man that we think we are.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♕e3 ♕g7 5.♚d2 c6 6.♗f3 b5 7.♕d3 ♕g4 8.♗h6 ♗xh6 9.♚xg7 ♗xg7 10.a4 ♚a5 11.b4!



An interesting pawn sacrifice played with confidence of destroying any queenside counterplay by black.

11...♚xb4 12.axb5 ♗xf3 13.♖a4 ♚b2 [13...♚xa4 14.♗xa4 ♗xg2 15.♖g1 ♗xe4] 14.gxf3 cxb5 15.♗xb5 ♗c6 [15...♚b1+ 16.♚d1] 16.c3 ♚xd2+ 17.♗xd2 ♗d7 18.♖ha1 [18.♖a6] 18...a5 19.d5? [19.f4 ♗b6 20.♖a3 a4 21.♗c7] 19...♗ce5 20.♖xa5? [20.♗e2 ♗c5 21.♖a3 a4 22.♗c2] 20...♖xa5 21.♖xa5 ♗c5 22.♖a7 ♗exd3 23.♖xe7 ♗f6 24.♖c7 ♖d8 25.♗e3 ♗g7 26.♖c6 [26.f4] 26...♗e5 27.♖c7 ♗b3 28.h3 g5 29.♗d4?? [29.f4 gxf4+ 30.♗xf4] ♗xd4 30.cxd4 ♗g6 31.♖c6 ♗f8 32.♖b6 ♗e7 33.♖b7+ ♗e8 34.♖c7 ♗f8 35.♖b7 h6

I never really got over that time handicap 0-1



Nick Grey (150)



Tony Andrews (172)

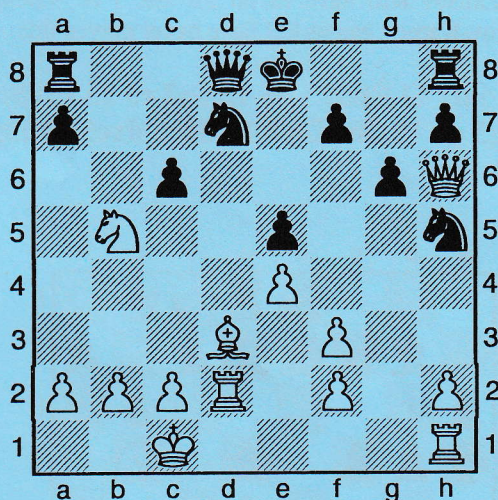
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Thorp Trophy, 03.11.2001

This season I managed to get my revenge – whilst I had only a short time on my clock (30 minutes) my

opponent had the same handicap. A familiar variation!

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♕e3 ♕g7 5.♚d2 c6 6.♗f3 b5 7.♕d3 ♕g4 8.♗h6 ♗xh6 9.♚xh6 ♗xf3 10.gxf3 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.0-0-0 ♗bd7 13.♖d2 ♗h5?! 14.♗xb5!



Whilst this was an obvious tactical blow it still took some guts to believe that my opponent missed it!

14...♚b8 15.♗c3 [15.♗a3] 15...♚b4 16.a3 ♚b6 17.♚e3 ♗c5 18.♗c4 ♖b8 19.b4 ♗f4 20.♚xc5 ♚xc5 21.bxc5 0-0 22.♖hd1 ♗e6 23.♗xe6 fxe6 24.♖d3

1-0



Chris Clegg



Nick Grey

[C92]

Kingston A v Kingston B, Thorp Trophy Nov.2001

The Thorp Trophy is Surrey's Annual Team Quickplay Tournament. Teams of 4 a-side with a maximum of two players graded 150 or above! We struggled to get players below 150 which became even more apparent when Derek Coope failed to turn up. I thought that this was most unlike Derek until Chris Briscoe said do I know what day it was today. Yes it's Saturday. And where will Derek be on Saturday afternoon? Oops! Sorry Derek you did mention that it was Saturday and I took your ironic yes to be of course I'll miss a rugby or football game. Never mind we got Andrew Grey aged 11 to play for our second team but others were short too and therefore he was transferred to our first team! He then got his first win for Kingston beating our now absent Kingston B player.

On with the game – I thought I would shock Chris from a Pirc or Closed Sicilian. I've even resorted to the

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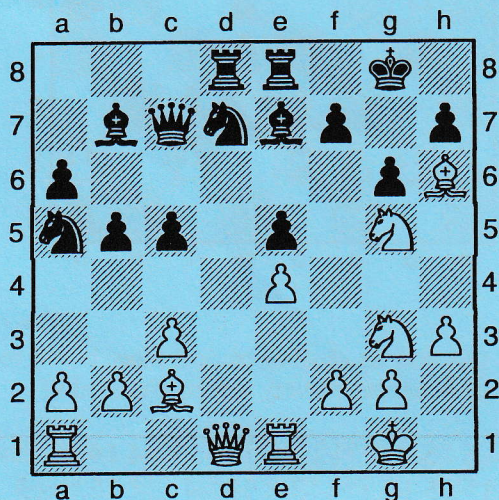
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French in a Club Championship match to get him to play himself. I've even tried this to get a Marshall.

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♖f6 5.0-0 ♙e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♙b3 d6 [I realised that after 0-0 Chris would play 8.a4!] 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♙b7 The sharp Zaitsev will have to do for me. I've watched Kasparov-Karpov games but have never played this.

10.d4 ♘d7 11.♘bd2 ♙a5 12.♙c2 c5 13.♖f1 ♗c7 14.♘g3 g6 15.♙h6 ♞fe8 16.dxc5 dxc5 17.♘g5 ♞ad8



I reckon I've got a decent position here. How on earth did that happen? 18.♗f3 ♖f6 19.♞e2 c4 20.♞ae1 ♙c8 21.♙h1 ♘b7 22.b4 ♞d6 [Chris prevents 22...♘c5] 23.♗e3 ♙f8 24.♖f3 ♘d8 25.♙g5 ♙g7 26.♖h2 ♖e6 27.♙xf6 ♖f4 28.♖g4 ♞xf6 29.♞d2 ♞d8 30.♗c5 I think this is what happened, anyway eventually...

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Chris Clegg



Brian Whyte

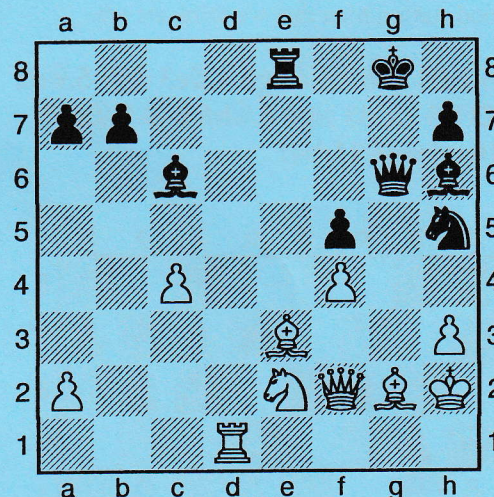
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Club Championship 2001

In an attempt to finish the Club Championship in the season we resorted to a knock-out. It's good enough for the world championship so why not for us? This led to some exciting chess with rapid-play/or even 5 minute games if draws were agreed. Admittedly you could go out in one game like me.

1.e4 g6 2.♘c3 c6 3.g3 d5 4.d3 ♙g7 5.♙g2 ♖f6 6.e5 ♘g4 7.d4 f6 8.h3 ♖h6 9.exf6 exf6

10.♖ge2 0-0 11.0-0 ♙a6 12.♙f4 ♖c7 13.♞e1 ♞e8 14.g4 ♖f7 15.♘g3 ♞xe1+ 16.♗xe1 ♖e6 17.♙e3 ♘d6 18.♞d1 ♘d7 19.f4 f5 20.gxf5 ♖xf5 21.♖xf5 gxf5 22.♖e2 ♗f6 23.b3 ♞e8 24.c4 ♗g6 25.♙h2 dxc4 26.bxc4 ♙h6 27.♗f2 ♖g7 28.d5 ♖h5 29.dxc6 ♙xc6



30.♙d5+ [30.♞g1 ♖h8 31.♙d5 ♗d6 32.♙f7 looks good to me.] 30...♙h8 31.♞g1 ♗d6 32.♙d4+ ♙g7 33.♗g2 [33.♘g3] 33...♗e7 34.♙xg7+ ♖xg7 35.♖d4 ♙xd5 36.♗xd5 ♗e3 37.♞xg7 ♗f2+ 38.♞g2 ♗xf4+ 39.♙h1 ♗f1+ 1/2-1/2



Brian Whyte



Chris Clegg

[E20]

15 minute decider reversed colours

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.f3 ♖h5 5.♖h3 f5 6.g3 0-0 7.♙g2 ♖f6 8.0-0 ♙xc3 9.bxc3 d6 10.♖f2 ♘c6 11.♘d3 ♘d7 12.c5 e5 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.♙a3 ♞e8 15.♙xd6 exd4 16.♞e1 dxc3 17.♗b3+ ♙e6 18.♗a3 ♘d4 19.♖f4 ♖c2 20.♖xe6 ♞xe6 21.♗b3 ♘d4 22.♗c4 ♗xd6 23.♞ad1 ♖xe2+ 24.♙f1 ♗a6 25.♗xa6 ♖xg3+ 26.hxg3 ♞xa6 27.♞e2 b5 28.♞d3 ♞c8 29.♞c2 b4 30.♞d4 ♞b6 31.♙f2 a5 32.♙f1 a4 33.♙c4+ ♙f8 34.♙e3 b3 35.axb3 axb3

0-1

We three kings of Kingston are..., bearing gifts we travel so far... !



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♙ Rod Bell (152)

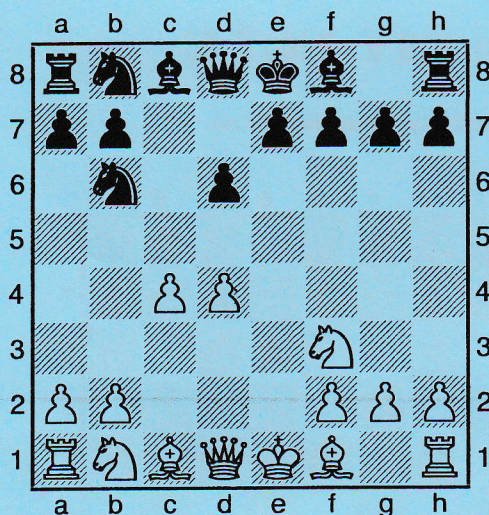
♚ Ken Inwood (159) [B04]

Dorking v Kingston 2, Ellam, 16.11.2000

A short game from last season.

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6

5.exd6 The Exchange Variation is very popular. [Personally I prefer 5.f4 initiating the 4 Pawns Attack - as white has already compromised his position by pushing the c pawn. Needless to say Ken seems to beat me whatever variation of the Alekhine that I play against him. Perhaps White should have avoided 1. e4!] **5...cxd6** Unbalancing the pawn structure gives Black good winning chances in this variation. **6.Nf3**



Potentially the wrong developmental idea already as Black will play Bg4 at some time with counterplay. [Best is 6.Be3. Even 6.Nc3 is better than the text move.] **6...g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Rc1** [9.Be2 first may be better.] **9...Nc6 10.Nb3 Bg4** White's initiative is disappearing already. **11.Be2 Rc8 12.0-0 d5 13.c5?! [Perhaps biting the bullet with 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Qd2 keeps the balance.] 13...Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nc4 15.Qe2 Nxe3** [I liked the paradoxical 15...e5 as opening up against 2 bishops seems wrong but Black's knights do have good squares. 16.dxe5 N6xe5 17.Rfd1 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Bxb2 20.Rxd5 Qc7 21.Rcd1 Rfd8 White's pawns are wrecked and weak and e4 seems forced.] **16.fxe3 f5 17.g3 e6**

1/2-1/2

♙ Neil Maxwell

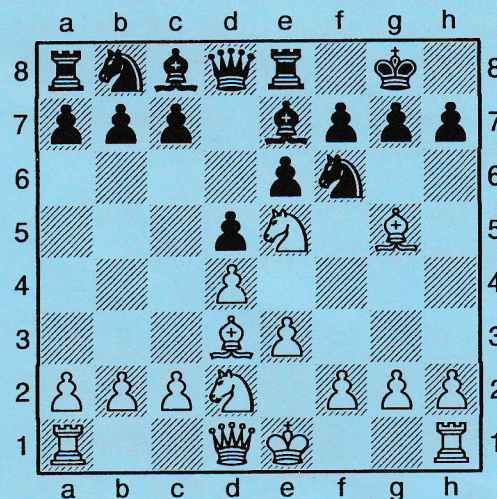
♚ V Raj [A45]

Crystal Palace 3 v Kingston 2, Ellam 2000

Another quickie from last season.

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♙g5 e6 3.e3 ♙e7 4.♙d3 0-0

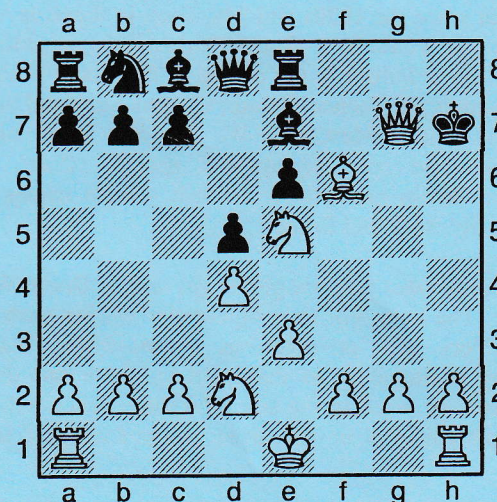
5.♙d2 d5 6.♙gf3 ♖e8 7.♙e5 White has any easy attacking plan.



7...♙fd7?? Black may as well resign now

[7...♙bd7; 7...c5] **8.♙xh7+! ♙xh7? [8...♙f8]**

9.♙h5+ ♙g8 10.♙xf7+ ♙h7 11.♙g6+ ♙g8 12.♙f7+ ♙h7 13.♙h5+ ♙g8 14.♙f7 ♙f6 15.♙xf6 ♙d7? 16.♙e5? [16.♙h8+ ♙xf7 17.♙xg7# - Neil is trying to drag this out a little longer] 16...♙d8 17.♙f7+ ♙h7 18.♙xg7#



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Silent night..., holy night... , all is calm... , we're playing White!

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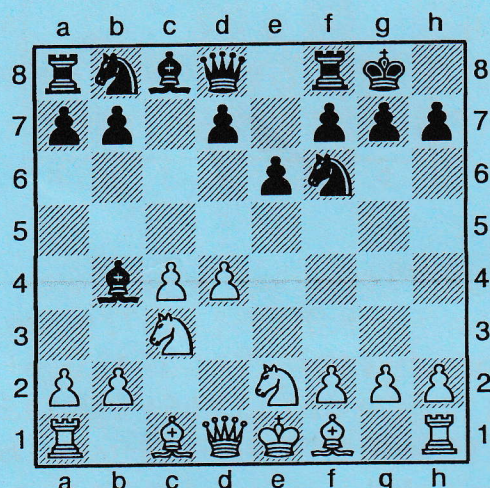
♙ **Ruslan Sherbakov (2540)**

♚ **Igor Stohl (2600) [E42]**

Koszalin, August 1999

Have you ever wanted to be in the movies? This Red Hot Opening Theory article is not for the suave and sophisticated Cary and Hugh Grants. We like the board to be dripping in the blood and tears of our opponents. Will you put in the sweat, effort and sheer bloody-mindedness of the all-action hero? O.K. Let's play!

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e3
c5 5.♘ge2 cxd4 6.exd4 0-0**



This position is a well-known classic and has been popular since the 1920s and 30s. Back in those days our movie star would be a 'Rudolf Valentino' type. Modern chess, like celluloid, is not played in Black and White. It is played in full Techno-Colour, Cinema Surround Sound Systems and Widescreen. We use the latest digital graphics and computer-assisted special effects. Our Action Heroes are bold and brash – with names like Arnie, Sly, Mel, and Bruce.

You know what you are gonna get with a Bruce Willis movie. The hero will be a blue-collar worker such as a New York cop, or detective, or oil-driller. Bruce's holiday is bound to be disrupted by some bad dudes, terrorists, or asteroid the size of Texas. Bruce will just roll-up his sleeves, or just run around in a vest, kill the

bad guys and save the planet. So here we are with our Red Hot feature film production:

Die Hard on the Chess Board Armageddon!!

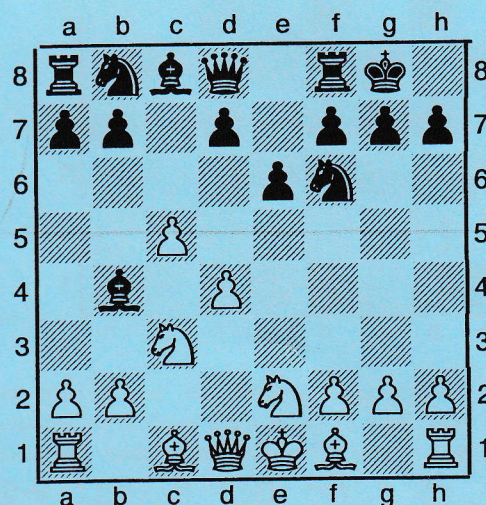
Introducing

Ruslan Sherbakov as Bruce Willis

All-Action Heroes thump out Red Hot Opening Moves. Are you all ready for this?

7.c5! RED HOT !!

Novelty? May be so, may be no.



I have been trying to write this article for some time now. I even played this anti-positional, beginners move myself in a school championship match 25 years ago. It seems to win the 2 bishops by force! I never really got hold of this Nimzo lark as I could not see why Black wants to sac the bishop for a knight. Many years (and losses!) later I can see the light.

Black is better in the main line at this moment, e.g. after

**7.a3 ♙e7 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 ♘c5!? 10.b4
(10.♘d4 d6 11.♙e2 a6 12.0-0 ♘bd7 13.♙g5 ♙e8
14.♘b3 ♙a7 as in Short – Sadler, GB Championship
(Round 5), Torquay 1998.**

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The only time I have managed to see any play in a British Championship was because of a nearby summer holiday in Brixham that year. Fortunately for me the Championship went to a play-off on the Saturday that we traveled down to the West Country. Funnily enough Bruce Willis' holidays normally coincide with terrorists hijacking a hotel party, or taking over an airport, or carrying out the biggest bank heist in history. But more of that later.

10...♔d6! is the big move in this variation with the idea of Be5 and a7-a5 giving counterplay against white's unstable queenside (Yakovich – Epishin, Elista Olympiad 1996. In New in Chess Yearbook 54 the main man Sherbakov himself comments that he got the idea of 7.c5 to prevent black's bishop moves.

If 7.c5! is a Bruce Willis type of "Die Hard" move then 7...d6 must be the sequel "Die Hard, Die Harder". How is our hero going to cope with this critical move? We are going to prepare you so only the bad guys shed blood. However you need to come up with good moves too.

Wimpier alternatives allow you to blow away a few more baddies. Red Hot Ruslan shows you how to up the body count.

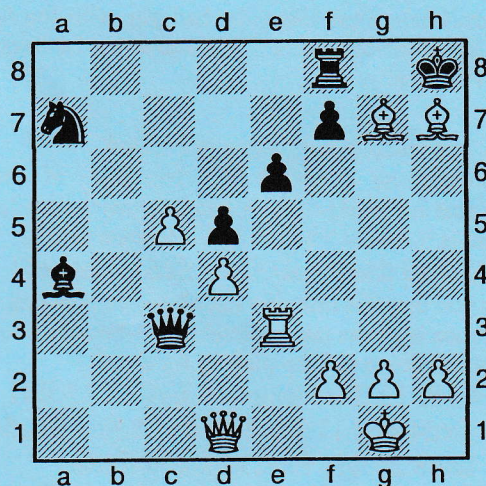
(A)(1) Bad guy 1 – you'll recognize him by the dodgy Eastern European accent: 7...d5 transposes to the line 6...d5 7.c5 where 0-0 is not black's best move. (More active would be 7...Ne4 8.Bd2 Nxd2 9.Qxd2 and only then 0-0).

White is better after 8.a3 ♖xc3+ 9.♗xc3 a5

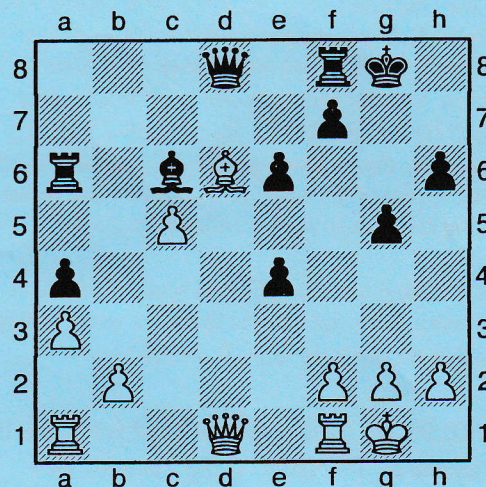
[Here is what happens when a top English GM retires from professional chess – he blows away a FIDE ex-world champion 9...♗c6 10.♕e2 e5 11.dxe5 ♗xe5 12.♕e3 ♗c4 13.♕g5 ♗xb2 14.♖d4 ♕e6 15.0-0 h6 16.♕h4 ♗c4 17.f4 ♗a5 18.f5 ♗b3 19.♖e5 ♗xa1 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.♖xe6+ ♗h8 22.♗xa1 d4 23.♗b5 d3 24.♕f3 ♖e8 25.♖xe8 ♗axe8 26.♗d1 g5 27.♕f2 ♗e4 28.♕d4+ ♗h7 29.♗c7 ♗e7 30.♗d5 ♗e6 31.♕xe4+ ♗xe4 32.♗f6+ and 1-0 (40) Sadler-Khalifman, Budesliga 2000].

(A)(2) Alternatively, bad guy number 2 (South American moustachioed geezer) will try:
9...b6 10.b4 a5 11.♗b1 axb4 12.axb4 ♗c6

13.♕b5 ♗a7 14.♕e2 ♗b7 15.0-0 bxc5 16.bxc5 ♖c7 17.♗e1 ♕c6 18.♕d3 ♗ab8 19.♕g5 ♗xb1 20.♕xb1 ♖a5? 21.♕xf6 ♖xc3 22.♗e3 ♗a4 23.♕xh7+ ♗h8 24.♕xg7+ as in Curi-Bonara 1-0 (24), Montevideo 1994. See the diagram below. White mates whichever bishop the king takes!



(A)(3) Back to the bad transposition line and bad guy number 3 – a Ruskie by the name of Ivanov. Here is how our hero deals with him in the first movie starring this move: 8.a3 ♖xc3+ 9.♗xc3 a5 10.♕f4 ♕d7 11.♕d3 a4 12.0-0 ♕c6 13.♕d6 ♗e8 14.♗b5 ♗a6 15.♕f4 b6 16.♗d6 ♗f8 17.♕xa6!? ♗xa6 18.♕g5 bxc5 19.dxc5 h6 20.♕h4 g5 21.♕g3 ♗e4 22.♗xe4 dxe4 23.♕d6



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and 1-0 (38) Sherbakov-Ivanov, Moscow 1999. Here the bishop d6 cramps black in, and the opposite coloured bishops only help an attack against the king.

Back to the main movie. There are other opening moves which could happen. Bruce always has to deal with a few more terrorists – what about the bad guy with the fake South African tan and voice – you know that he lives in Beverly Hills really.

(B)(1) A less wimpier suggestion is 7...d4.

Can Korchnoi be a wimp? No! His style of chess suggests that he would make a good partner to our hero (Korchnoi is the main lead in Lethal Weapon OAP)!

8.♖c2 d5 9.a3 ♗xc3+ 10.♗xc3 ♗c6 11.♗e3 e5!

To show you that this line may not all be plain sailing for White, Bruce is gonna take a bullet here – but you know that he is still going to keep playing for a win!

12.♗xe4 ♗f5 13.dxe5 ♗xe4 14.♖a4 d4 15.♖d1 ♖d5 16.♗xd4 ♗c2 17.♖xc2 ♗xd4 18.♖c4 ♖xe5+ 19.♗e2 ♖ad8 20.♔f1 ♗xe2 21.♖xd8 ♖xd8 22.♖xe2 ♖d5 23.h4 ♖d1+ 24.♖e1 ♖c2 25.♖h3 ♖d1 and 0-1 Shulman-Stocek (a real villain's name!).

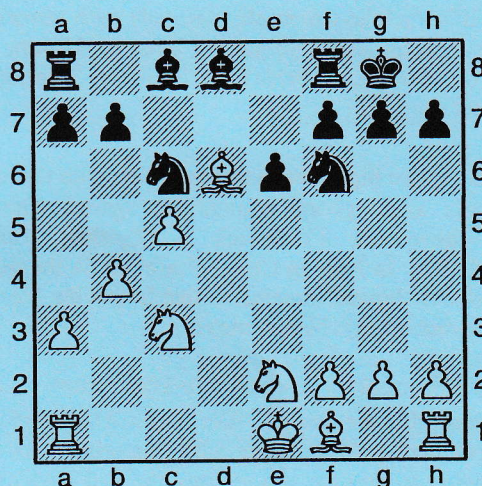
(C)(1) Here is another way to blow away one of the bad guys possible moves. Bad guy no. 5 – Volzhin takes a grenade and chucks it down the middle - 7...d5 - but White is just better after the simple 8.a3 ♗xc3+ 9.♗xc3 ♗xc3 10.bxc3 as there is a good hanging pawn position after 10...d6 11.cxd6 ♖xd6 12.♗d3.

(D)(1) You want to know how to deal with the dagger-thrust to the ribs don't you? 7...e5 8.dxe5 ♗e4 9.♗e3 is Mira Felix-Kranz (yes, that's what I call a bad guy's name), Austria 2000. Bruce would pick up a bazooka as suggested by Van der Sterran's and play 9.♖d5 and if 9...♗xc5 10.a3 ♗xc3+ 11.♗xc3 ♗e6 12.♗d3± the two bishops, better development, less pawn islands, and black's isolated 'd' pawn give white a good game – as if playing like Bruce wasn't enough for you].

Well that's enough for showing you how to deal with inferior moves. Let's get back to the main game and Igor Stohl has just hit our hero with **7...d6!**

8.a3 ♗xc3+ [8...♗a5 9.b4 ♗c7 and White has the pleasant choice of 10.Nb5, 10.Bg5 and 10.Bf4.

E.g. 10.♗f4 dxc5 11.dxc5 ♗c6 12.♖xd8 ♗xd8 13.♗d6



Again we need to stop the bad guys getting away 13...♗e7 14.♖d1 ♗xd6 15.♖xd6 ♗e5 16.♗d4 ♗d7 17.f4 ♗g6 18.g3 e5 19.fxe5 ♗xe5 20.♗g2 ♗c4 21.♖xf6! gxf6 22.♗xb7 ♖ae8+ 23.♔f2 ♗e5 24.♗g2 h5 25.c6 ♗c8 26.♗xc8 ♖xc8 27.♗d5 ♖cd8 28.♗e7+ ♔h7 29.♗df5 and 1-0 in Sherbakov-Yevseev 53rd Russian Championship 2000.]

This movie has got more devious villains than any Bond film – come on Bruce!

9.♗xc3 ♖e7

[We're going give Bruce a partner here – Mel normally has a sidekick so why can't Bruce? In the best of Hollywood traditions we are gonna go for a True Brit here. Unfortunately we have blown the budget and can't afford that Top-Gun Mickey Adams and had to get a younger, but cheaper now he has retired hitman Matthew Sadler 9...dxc5!? 10.dxc5 and

(A) 10...♖c7 11.♖d6 ♖xd6 12.cxd6 ♖d8 13.♗b5 ♗c6 14.♗g5 a6 15.♗c7 ♖b8 16.0-0-0 b5 17.g3 h6 18.♗xf6 gxf6 19.♗g2 ♗a5 20.♖d3 with a mess of a position but Sadler was eventually killed by that pycopathic looking Van der Sterren (Bundesliga 2000).

(B) 10...♖xd1+ 11.♗xd1 (11.♔xd1 ♖d8+ 12.♔c2

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13. ♖e3 e5 White has the strategic long-term advantages – 2 bishops and queen-side pawn majority (Ed. Comment – sorry we've lost the plot here – Black has a short-term lead in development and is about to blow away our hero's king) 14. ♕d3 ♕e6! 11...a5!?!]

10. ♖g5 dxc5 11. ♖e4 ♖bd7

[The bloodiest move meets a gruesome end 11...cxd4?! 12. ♖xf6+ gxf6 13. ♕h6 e5 14. ♖f3!±]

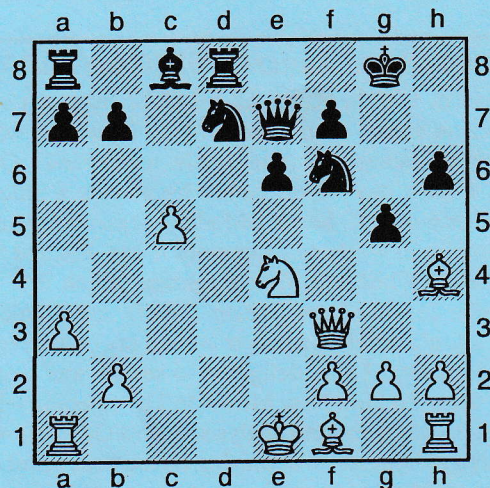
12. dxc5 ♖d8?!

With the benefit of second sight – isn't that another Bruce Willis vehicle? – he would have tried [12...h6! 13. ♕xf6 ♖xf6 14. ♖d6 ♖xd6 15. ♖xd6 ♖d8 16. ♖d1 (16.0-0-0 b6!) b6 17. cxb6 axb6 18. ♕e2 ♖f8=]

13. ♖f3! h6 14. ♕h4 g5

Black is in a real state – let's put him out of his misery. I think we will call this example "Die Hard With A Red Hot Poker".

[...e5 is worse 15. ♕b5! g5 16. ♖xg5 hxg5 17. ♕xg5]

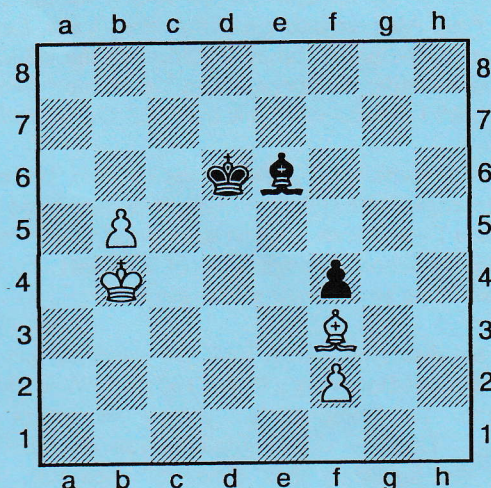


15. ♖xg5! hxg5 16. ♕xg5 ♖xc5 is forced but resistance is futile! 17. ♕xf6 ♖xf6 18. ♖xf6 ♖d5 19. ♕e2 ♖c2 20. ♖d1 ♖d7 21. ♖c3 ♖xd1+ 22. ♕xd1 ♖e4+ 23. ♖e3 ♖xg2 24. ♕f3 ♖g7

25. ♕xb7 ♖d8 26. ♕e4 ♕a4 27. ♖g3 f5 28. ♕f3 ♖xg3 29. hxg3 ♖b8 30. b4 a5

This is the only way to stop those pawns.

31. ♖h4! axb4 32. ♖xb4 ♖xb4 33. axb4 ♖f7 34. ♕d1 ♕d7 35. ♖d2 e5 36. ♖c3 ♖e7 37. ♖c4 ♖d6 38. b5 ♕e6+ 39. ♖b4 f4 40. gxf4 exf4 41. ♕f3



Our final scene – that asteroid of a 'b' pawn leads to Armageddon! And even Bruce Willis with the whole of NASA behind him, his oil-drillers, and a nuke will not prevent it from destroying Black.

And what is the moral of this movie? Yes, even with this type of film! Our hero, sweat and blood-soaked, says:

"Chess Addicts of the World. Don't read BCM or Chess Monthly! I've saved you from the evil Batsford and his sidekick 'the Penguin'. Burn their books! And remember me this way - play hard, live hard, and die hard!!"

***** THE END *****

Starring...

Bruce Willis

Ruslan Sherbakov

Matthew Sadler

And Victor Korchnoi

The Bad Guys...

Igor Stohl, Alexander Khalifman, Armin Kranz, Paul Van der Sterran, Jiri Stocck, Denis Yeseev, Alexander Volzhin, Eduardo Bonara, Sergei Ivanov

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BOOK REVIEWS



I've read a couple of chess books in the last 2 years...

The Road To Chess Improvement by Alex Yermolinsky. Gambit (1999). £17.99

I've had the pleasure of reading a few magazine articles by Alex Yermolinsky so I was really looking forward to this book. Having forsaken Mother Russia for the Land of The Free, Alex reminds me of that other Yank, former Austrian Body-Builder, future President of the USA. He even has a similar nickname – The Yermolator! What's is the book? I thought you'd ask that. [Ed. Get on with it]

Apart from some really great games by Alex he really wants to engage the Club/Tournament player – and that is you and I – and show us how to improve. And yes, he is ex-Soviet School (though a bit of a truant) and that means studying an annotating your game. Just do it!

Don't be dismayed. Alex took 20 years to act on Alekhine's and Botvinnik's ("spit") advice. "Won games are meant for bragging, lost games are meant for studying". There is also a good section on rebelling against the legendary Zak (Spassky's teacher). The Chapter on 'Trends, Turning Points and Emotional Shifts' has been praised in the chess world by better players than me. It's good though!

But for me the best part of the book was his approach to opening theory. If learning a new line he would check a few games in that variation by the top players to get the main strategies and ideas and then would just go out and play it. So what if you lose in the opening? Yermo has honed his game by thumping weaker opponents all the time – by not worrying about theory, just seeking a playable position after 10 moves and I'll beat you from here. He would study the game afterwards. I loved this American – Just Do It! Attitude. I've tried to do it myself this year. If I lose in a new to me variation I'll study it and make sure I don't make the same mistakes.

So thanks Alex for this book. It's taken me some 20 years to have the balls to play a variation in a serious game that I have not studied to death!

★TKG★ say: ♔♔♔♔ Just read it!

For Christmas this year Santa gave me David LeMoir's "How To Be Lucky In Chess" so more next time as I've just started it. But recently I've just read...

The Seven Deadly Chess Sins by Jonathan Rowson. Gambit (2000). £16.99

Scotland's third and youngest grandmaster's second book. His first on "Understanding the Grunfeld" was praised for the quality and originality of his work. Again, this fresh approach makes it highly readable! Jonathan focuses on how chess players really make a pig's ear of their games. So what are the 7 deadly sins?

Thinking, Blinking, Wanting, Materialism, Egoism, Perfectionism and Looseness.

Just one example for you. The sixth chapter on Perfectionism has 3 aspects. One is moralizing ('punishing your opponent') and analyses a fantastic game against a Super GM Morozevich from the 4 NCL. All his errors are explained and he gets a lost position before move 20. There is no egoism here. I cannot think of another GM who would be so honest, and critical and publish their thoughts for all their opponents to see. Well there was a young man who did this – his initials are GK! Perhaps this is why the book is refreshing. Jonathan has an inimitable style like his football namesake Motty!

★TKG★ say: ♔♔♔♔♔ A must!

Finally a magazine I read whilst on holiday in Scotland!

Weekend Chess. August 2001 (Issue No.13).

Geris Ltd. Chris Rice. £2.50 (£27.50 p.a.)

A magazine aimed at the tournament player. But where do you get games that you really understand? Quite simply, I learn more from games by players a little bit stronger than myself. Super-GM play goes over my head. I used to play in weekend congresses in the '80s and '90s B.C. (Before Children). One magazine which met this group was Inside Chess (Adam Raoof) and I enjoyed Tim Spanton's articles (a player around my own strength and a journalist). I was delighted to see he was writing here in 'How To Find New Moves In The Opening – Part 5' and recall his game and analysis against Goodfellow at the Charton Major as I was playing on the next board and his game was more interesting than my own. Tim won a piece in 9 moves and I'll try and get permission to show it to you in a later newsletter!

There are many other annotated games (but not too difficult to follow), book reviews, and 'Oh My God!' which shows a killer combination or blunder. But I think that our own The Fat Lady is a better ending!

★TKG★ say: ♔♔♔ A nice snack!

If you "want something for the weekend" try County Chess (e.g. Sat 12 Jan – Under 175s v Essex at Wanstead) or Jan 13 Richmond Q/P – Gavin Wall 020 8408 3616 Jan 27 Central London Q/P – Chris Todd 020 8381 4406 Feb 02 Coulsdon Q/P – Scott Freeman 020 8645 0302 Mar 30-31 Coulsdon Longplay congress – as previous.



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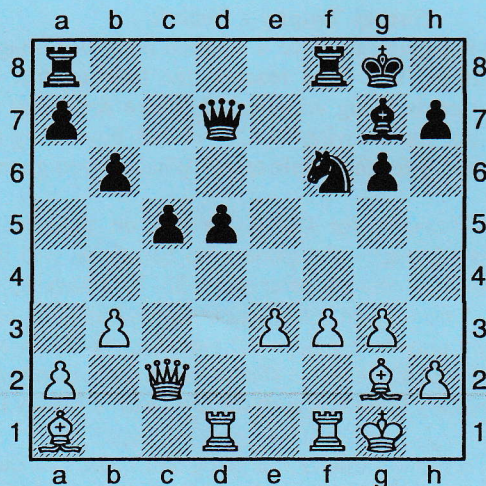
Jim Wilson



Kevin Galligan [A10]

We sadly lost Jim this summer after a long illness. This was one of his last games. It typifies Jim's play and is hard fought on both sides.

1.c4 d6 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 g6 4.e3 ♘g7 5.♙g2 0-0
6.♘ge2 c6 7.d4 ♘g4 8.0-0 ♘bd7 9.♗c2 e5
10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.f3 ♘e6 12.b3 ♗b6 13.♘d4 d5
14.♘xe6 fxe6 15.♘a4 ♗d8 16.♘c5 ♗e7 17.cxd5
exd5 18.♘b2 ♘ed7 19.♘d4 b6 20.♘xd7 ♗xd7
21.♗ad1 c5 22.♙a1



22...♗ad8 23.e4 d4 24.♗fe1 ♗fe8 25.♙f1 ♗b7
26.♙c4+ ♗h8 27.a4 ♗h6 28.♙g2 ♘g7 29.♗d3
♗e7 30.♗e2 ♘d7 31.♘d5 ♗c7 32.f4 ♘f6 33.♙c4
♘g4 34.h3 ♘f6 35.♗de1 ♘h5 36.♙f3 ♗f8
37.♗d2 ♘f6 38.♘b2 ♘e8 39.♙c1 ♘d6 40.♘d5
♗d7 41.g4 ♗ef7? [41...♙e5!] 42.♙xf7 ♘xf7
43.♙g3 ♙g8 44.♗d3 ♗e8 45.♗c4 ♙f8 46.♗d3
♗c7 47.h4 g5 48.hxg5 ♘xg5 49.e5 ♘f7 50.♗f5
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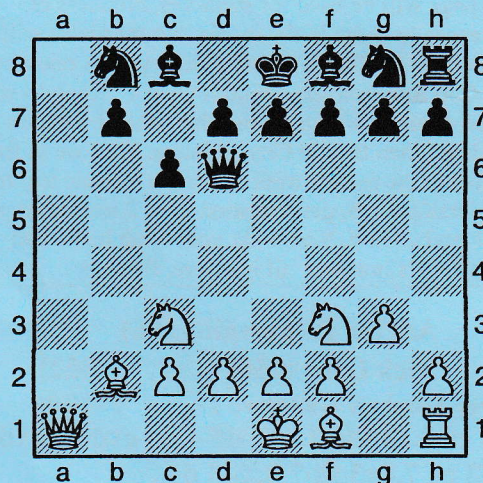


Mike Fox (155) [A00]

Richmond - Bodycoat Cup Rd 7, 30.01.1977

Derek used to be a strong player. The older you are the better you can get!

1.b4 c6 2.♙b2 a5 3.bxa5 ♗xa5 4.g3 ♗d5 5.♘f3
♗xa2 6.♘c3 ♗xa1 7.♗xa1 ♗d6



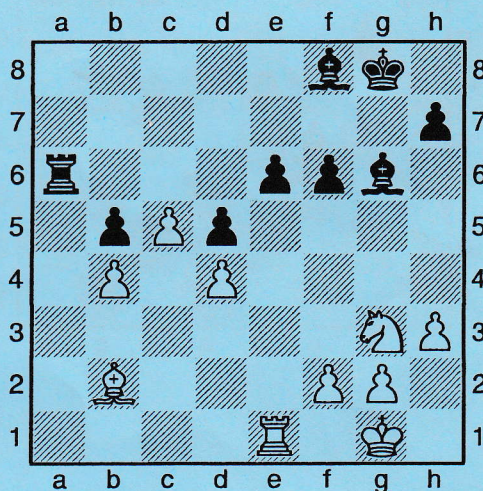
8.♘e4 ♗g6 9.d3 ♘f6? [♙9...♘a6 or 9...d5!?
10.♘e5] 10.♙xf6 d5 11.♗a8 dxe4 12.♗xb8
♙d8?? 13.♙h3 exf6 14.♗xc8+ 1-0

Short but sweet. Is Richard James going to publish this in Chess Monthly?



Charles Ison's last position

Our former Treasurer played right up to the end. Here he is White and though a pawn up does not think that he is winning the adjudication.



1.♗a1 ♗xa1+ 2.♙xa1 ♙f7 [2...♙h6 3.♘e2
♙f7 4.♙f1 ♙e7 5.f4 ♘d3 6.g3 ♙d7 7.♙f2]
3.♙f1 ♙e7 4.h4. It's drawn. Therefore ½-½.

God rest ye Merry Gentlemen...



THE FAT LADY...



This page will be used for swindles, blunders or references to chess in the media. Your articles will be appreciated for future issues. I deserve this one after that F.A. Cup Run last year. Ashton Gate 4th Round - we've played 4 minutes injury time when only 3 went on the board and then Bristol City equalize. We lose in front of Sky 1-0 in the replay, miss out on an historic trip to a Premiership Club, get relegated, lose 2 managers, and go into Receivership. You think your Club had a bad season? "It's not over 'til it's over, Brian"!



Adrian Pickersgill (156)



Nick Grey (150)

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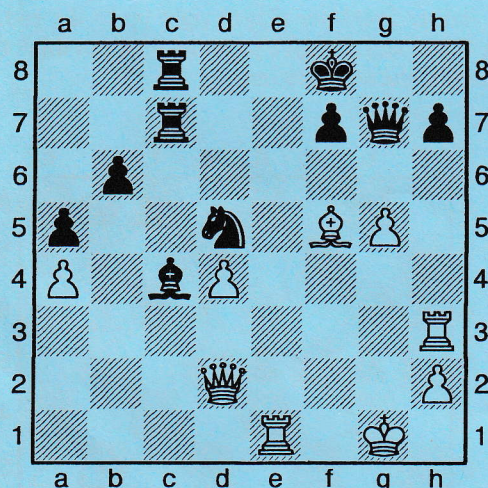
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.e5 d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 b6 6.d3 e6 7.dxc3 b7 8.d3 d6

Don't you hate those players that don't let you play your aggressive Sicilian. I'm one of those you hate. So what line gives me most problems? Well it's this one. My last move is an error. I forgot to move my Queen to c7. Oops!

9.Qg5 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qe7 11.Qxe7 Wxe7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 d7 14.exd6 Wxd6 15.d5 d6 16.Wd2 Rac8 17.a4 Rc7 18.Re3 Rfc8 19.Rae1 g6 20.Qb1 d5 [20...d5! 21.Rh3 Rxc3 22.dxf7 Wf4! 23.Wxf4 dxf4 24.Rxc3 Rxc3] 21.Rh3 Wf8 22.g4 Qb3 23.g5 d5 24.c4 Qxc4 25.dg4 Wg7 26.f4 a5 27.f5 gxf5 28.dh6+ Qf8 29.dxf5 exf5 30.Qxf5



I think that I'm busted here and we could not find a defence in our post-mortem. But just before I resigned I had noticed that White's flag had fallen. But he has made 30 moves. Or has he? Clearly as I have not played my 30th move he has not made the time control and therefore he loses on time. So keep your head like those pros from 'Up North' - Barcelona 1999: "**Can Manchester United score? They always score! The big goalie is coming up. Peter Schmeichel is coming forward. Can he score another in Europe? He has already got one. Beckham, it's in towards Schmeichel, it's come to Dwight Yorke, cleared, Giggs with a shot, SHERINGHAM!!!**"



David Rowson

Surrey Trophy v Redhill

I'm not going to place a diagram here. But imagine this situation. You have reached the time control and the position is being adjudicated. There are many minutes left but you are winning. Do you risk blundering and lose the match for the whole team? What are you gonna do?

Unfortunately for David, he lost on time, as, in the Surrey Leagues if a game is to be adjudicated there are other time controls after move 35. You have 15 minutes for 7 moves, an every subsequent 7 if your opponent keeps playing quickly. Adjournment is 28 in an hour. Note that there are different rules (and in my opinion, more easy to understand) for the Thames Valley League.

Can a captain interrupt a game and insist that the clocks are put back? This could lead to a dispute if one player thought that another had an unfair advantage. Well I think that a captain can interrupt the game. He acts as joint-arbiter, and should act accordingly - particularly if believing that someone is not acting in the spirit of the game. He should do the same whoever he is playing for.

Sorry David but we cannot appeal against the result. It was sharp practice. I've seen it before. It ended with lots of abuse, pieces flying, disturbing other games too!

The question is, as a Club, do we want to suggest further rule changes at the May meeting of the SCCA? Do let me know and we'll consult in due time!



A tip from the Fat Lady...

In a quickplay finish you can stop the clocks with less than 2 minutes remaining to get the captains if your opponent is trying to win on time unfairly.

...Schmeichel's not coming up for this one. *He's playing defensive...* Beckham, in towards Sheringham, and Solskjaer has won it! Manchester United have reached the Promised Land.

3 minutes into stoppage time... You've missed 9 free-kicks... You are 25 yards from goal... You went home from the last World Cup with your head bowed in shame... Deep breath... Concentrate... A few steps, kick and ...GOAL!!! You are Goldenballs! And you know that it's NEVER over ... UNTIL THE FAT LADY SINGS...!!! [No Victoria love, I'm not saying you're fat. It's a phrase, and it means,... oh never mind. I'm off playing away. No, I haven't got another woman. I'm just off to play for the Club against another team...]