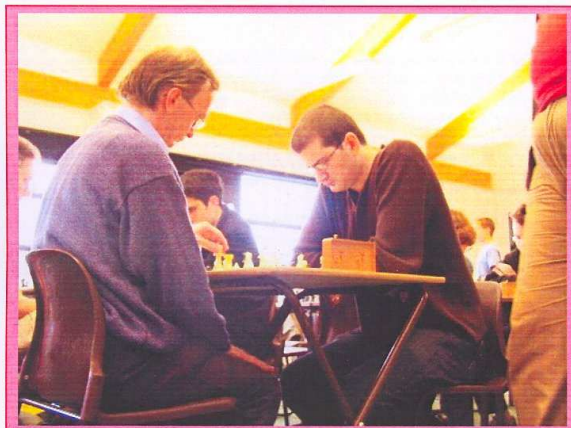


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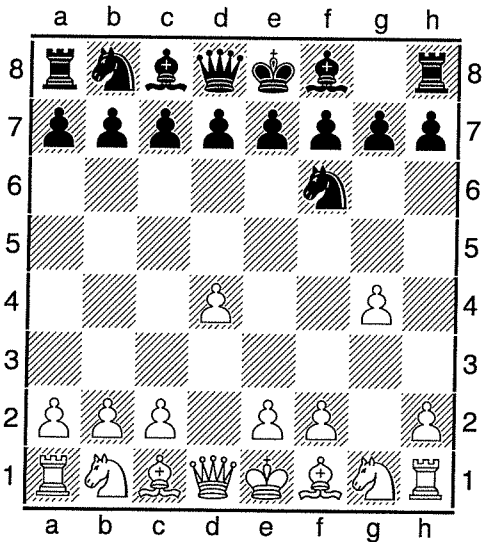


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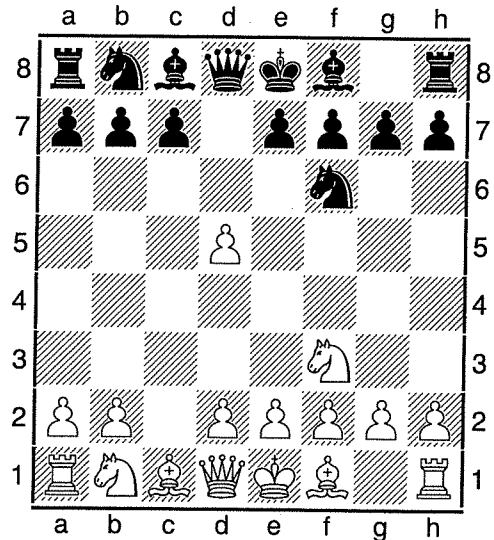
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## “post-Zhang Information Trends...”



1.d4 2.g4  
after which Black exclaimed “Oh Jesus!”  
Burt - A. N. Other  
BCF Team Speed Champs  
Oxford, Apr 2005



3...e5 4.dxe6  
after which Black said: “can you do that?”  
Witnessed at the 4NCL, 2004-05 season

**Tim Dickinson writes the obligatory e-mail (thanks, Tim):** Tim Willinger played Joe Conlon in round 1. Top right photo on the front cover features Andrew Greet (mostly obscured behind Martin Taylor), Russell James v Harriet, and Rajko Vujatovic -. The blitz finish in the left middle photo was being watched by an arbiter (me! ... ref p15) ... I was also monitoring White-Webster on board 6-7, which featured a 2-minute draw claim. Being down there I could see both that clock and the James/Taylor clock so was positioned to intervene whichever went first. I recall Dave B was also scrambling against Maria Y. In any case I suspected they (James/Taylor) would sort themselves out - they're both seasoned time-trouble addicts. If one flag had gone that would have been that - the other side would win. Bottom right photo is Nicola Thomas, of Brown Jack, joint fourth in a traffic jam in the Minor. Not the gentlemanly thing to ask a woman's age, but we had a pressing need to sort out the junior U14 prize - which went to Jeffrey Levicki after Nicola admitted to being too old.

We've discussed Nixon-Moyse .... Dave Bruce sums it up nicely in his "interview" and I suggest we rush to appoint him arbiter for next season's Kidlington. It's a win-win situation ... I would have a better chance than DB of winning the thing, and DB would do a better job than me at arbiting ... I think your assertion that "only Tim D knows the rules" a few paras down is rather negated. With Priscilla also knowing them and DB demonstrating his knowledge, you should change that to "only Cowley players know the rules"?

Pete Harrison and I had a quick MSN conversation re: Zhang-Edwards, after I complimented him on his Woodpusher article in CHESS which brought it to a wider audience. We wondered two things:

- (1) If Edwards had noticed the irregularity, what would Zhang have had to do? Move knight, or pawn? Articles 7.4 & 4.3 indicates he should move the first-touched piece. Anyone remember which that was? Was there video evidence!?!?
- (2) If there was an arbiter present and he had happened by at the time, could he intervene? Answer for me is "yes", backed up by Articles 5.1 (checkmate) and 13.1 (the arbiter shall see that the Laws are observed, which 5.1 isn't with Nxd6 "#").

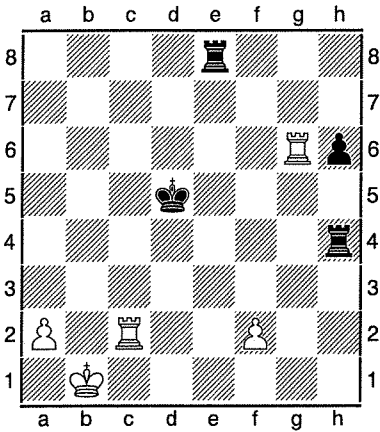
**Front cover** ..., clockwise from top left:

- Round 9 at the inaugural EU chess championships, featuring board 1 (**Gyimesi - Bartels**); in the background, and emerging from the Dark Room are tournament officials **Michael Burniston** (TD) and (trailing) **Gerry Graham** (arbiter), with **Alex Baburin** (right)
- Boards 5 & 6 in the City 1 - Univ 1 match (Feb 05) - **March - Breen and Duggan - Chapman**; in the background the blurred figure of **Agustin Rodriguez-Bachiller** can be seen rushing in pursuit of the next blunder
- Kieran Smallbone**, fresh from another scrape in Round 7 at Telford, at the pool table in the Elephant & Castle, Ketley
- A view of Round 1 of the Cork weekend tournament, with **Richard Palliser** (second left)
- Gerard O'Reilly** takes on **Merim Bilalic** in the BCF quickplay teams event, recently concluded in MCS, Oxford; and
- Matt Rose** and **Sophie Tidman** in the City 1 - Univ 1 match in February

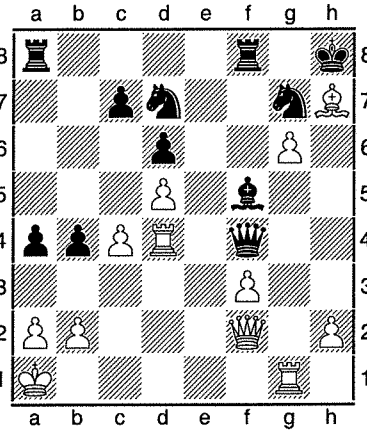


# The Fritz (local) Challenge

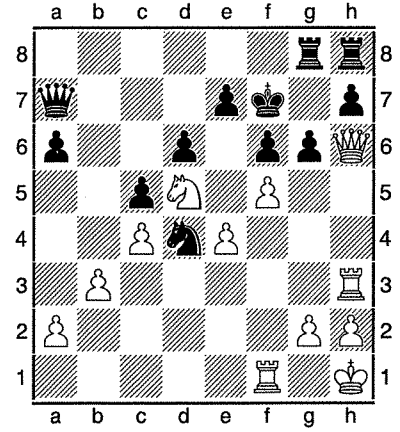
A varied bunch of teasers from recent games - answers elsewhere...



**Kilpatrick - Smallbone**  
4NCL (7), Apr 2005  
35...Rh1+ ... and White to lose



**Spence - King**  
OCA 3, Mar 2005  
Black to play and win



**Kendall - Morris**  
4NCL (5), Feb 2005  
What happens after ... gxf5?

## Fir Tree / Donnington update

Following a change of ownership, the Donnington Arms closed for "re-decoration" about a month ago, thus leaving the chess players temporarily bereft of a Friday night beer and chess venue.

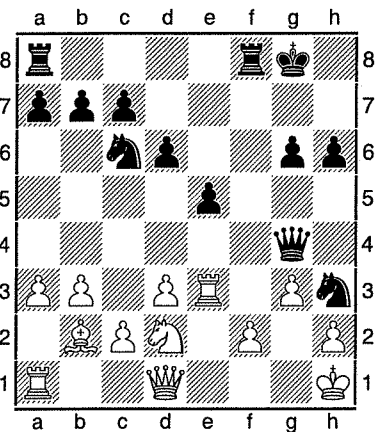
After some mid-week enquiries, we settled back into the back room of the Fir Tree (Iffley Road, our old pub, until about 1999) and this has proved a satisfactory, if hot and noisy, venue for the last three weeks.



Jochen, Matt & Simon back in March 2005. The new Donny décor has creamier paint and lighting...

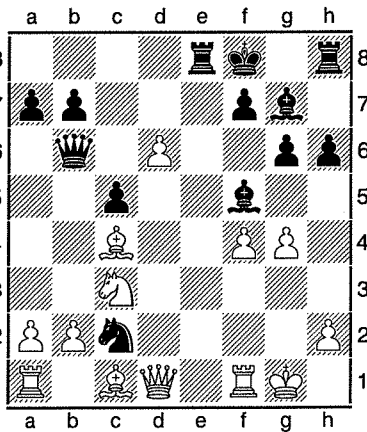
The Donny re-opened this week, and the promised redecoration has amounted to just that, as opposed to what is known locally as the "unspoilt by progress" (ie. brutalised) effect: so, a lick of lighter paint, a mild joining of the two bar areas, the same crowd of regulars, and (by all accounts) a six foot two platinum blonde serving drinks ...

... a decision hasn't been made as to when to go back to check out the beer, the blonde and the chess facilities, but we'll keep all informed of progress...



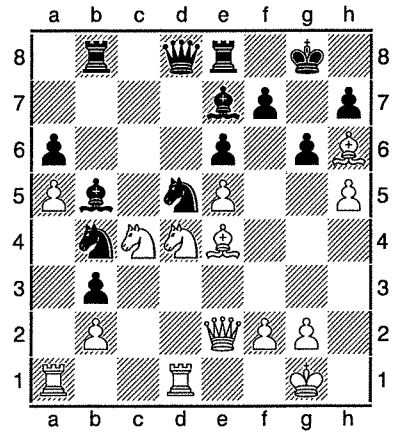
**Sayers - Taylor**  
Chilterns Mar 2005

White (to play) resigned. Why?



**Tozer, Richard - Palliser, Richard**  
Doncaster 2004, Round 6

Black to play & win



**March - Thompson**  
Chilterns Nov 2004

White to play and win





## Editorial

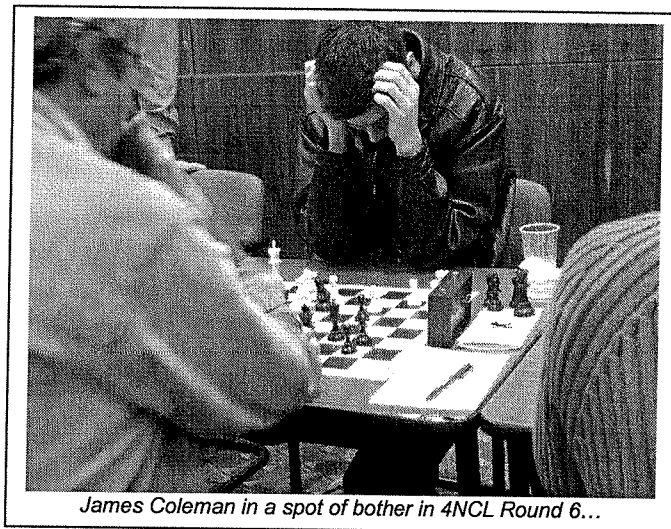
Welcome to Disinformator 33, published in the wake of the election results, and in time to coincide with the Oxford University chess weekend.

Naturally we were disappointed at the way things turned out at the polls, but have decided, rather than complain at length, instead to shorten the editorial section as a mark of our disapproval at the way our concrete advice to the powers that decide such matters has been ignored. One lives, one learns and moves on.

But why not Kelly for Pope? He's the right size, the ideal lack of hair growth... and, let's face it – who else can you think of that is infallible?

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**Tim Dickinson's postscript:** *Incidentally, have you seen the new rules re: move recording mentioned at <http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/fide05.htm>? The penalties are particularly interesting, especially #2. Seems a good investment to spend 10 minutes to have your pen taken off you so you can no longer record game so you can blitz an opp with < 5 min left ... hmmm. I don't look forward to having to implement this lot at Kidlington!!*



James Coleman in a spot of bother in 4NCL Round 6...

### FIDE LAWS 2005

UPDATE 1.4.05 to our remarks published below

We have just received papers from a BCF working party (Chairman: Dave Welch, BCF Chief Arbiter) which has been looking at the implications of the new Laws for English Chess. Their recommendations are not final, but the final version is expected to go to Council in October. It should really have been April, but April is overbooked already. The recommendations, if agreed, will be binding on all Leagues and Congresses in England. We confine ourselves to the two things most likely to concern the average player.

#### (1) Recording of Moves

It is felt that forbidding players to write their moves down before playing them would be impossible to enforce in English grassroots chess. The following concessions are proposed. Writing your move down in advance will be tolerated provided that:

- (a) You have previously advised the arbiter / tournament controller of your intention;
- (b) Every move is so written;
- (c) Moves are written in indelible ink, in algebraic notation and without ambiguity or error. The arbiter will impose the following penalties for any infraction of which he becomes aware.

(1) For a first offence in any game: the opponent receives an extra five minutes thinking time, and the offender loses five minutes or three-eighths of his remaining time, whichever is less. Such adjustment shall not result in the offender having less than 85 seconds remaining, unless he already had less than 85 seconds remaining in which case his clock shall not be adjusted.

(2) For a second offence: as above, and the offender's pen shall be confiscated.

(3) For a third offence: loss of the game. Special cases shall be referred to the Appeals Committee.

The opponent may stop the clocks and call the arbiter if he becomes aware that the player has written a move ambiguously or incorrectly, or in pencil, or not in advance.

**(2) Mobile Phones.** The new FIDE Laws are simply not appropriate for grassroots chess. The following will apply instead.

**In the playing area** mobiles will be permitted, in silent mode only, for persons whose trade or profession makes their use indispensable. For example, plumbers or doctors. Mobiles capable of receiving emails will be permitted only for members of the BCF Management Board.

**Within the venue, but outside the playing area** mobiles will be permitted for any person living or working more than ten miles from the venue, or having at least one wife and two children of or below school age.

All of this is contrary to the FIDE Laws. The Laws permit member federations to adopt rules of their own, for domestic competitions, provided they *do not conflict in any way with the official FIDE Laws of Chess*. This conflicts like no one's business. But let common sense prevail. Who are FIDE to tell us how to run English chess?



## Cork 2005



Benjamin - Kotronius, Round 9

### Tournament toppers...

Zoltan Gyimesi GM	2602	Hungary	8.5
Mateusz Bartel GM	2487	Poland	8.5
Bartosz Socko GM	2591	Poland	7.5
Mark Hebden GM	2521	England	7.5
Roland Berzinsh IM	2454	Latvia	7.5
Joel Benjamin GM	2554	USA	7
Slavko Cicak GM	2552	Sweden	7
Normunds Miezis GM	2547	Latvia	7
Alexander Baburin GM	2523	Ireland	7
Vasilios Kotronias GM	2585	Greece	6.5
Klaus Bischoff GM	2555	Germany	6.5
Heikki Kallio GM	2469	Finland	6.5
Viktorija Cmilyte IM	2468	Lithuania	6.5
Maarten Solleveld IM	2468	Holland	6.5
Gediminas Sarakauskas IM	2449	Lithuania	6.5
Raset Ziatdinov IM	2441	USA	6.5
Harmen Jonkman GM	2399	Holland	6.5
Roberto Paramos IM	2391	Spain	6.5
Frerik Janz	2376	Germany	6.5
Lorin D'Costa FM	2356	England	6.5
David Howell IM	2348	England	6.5

A great tournament for Gyimesi and Bartel, and special mention for Mark Hebden, Viktorija Cmilyte and the two UK juniors, D'Costa and Howell...

Finding myself at a loose end in Dublin over the Easter, I logged on to the net to find a message from Richard Palliser, who was competing at the first European Union Championship in Cork - the EU's capital of culture in 2005. Turned out that Cork had secured the funding for a fairly big tournament - about 40 titled players and including some fairly serious random 2600s, as well as some other big names (Benjamin, Baburin, as well as a collection of top females!). So, and once I'd remembered it was possible to actually spectate at tournaments - as opposed to watch online - I quickly hopped on the bus to Ireland's second capital. It's a 4½ hour journey but without the motorway - so you get to see some real stuff out the window if you pay attention. You know you're getting close when the accents sound like Roy Keane....



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Local player Jack Short in his Round 1 game against Alex Baburin. One of four brothers competing in the tournament – Philip being the FM – Jack is better known (unless you count a brief stint in one of my Univ chess teams) as a class opening bat for the Ireland team...



Aidan Rawlinson lines up in Round 1, a game he won well notwithstanding frequent visits to the bar...

By all accounts, a very successful tournament for the invited battalions of titled players and the many local players who comprised the 115 entrants. Twelve days bed and board in a central Cork hotel, generous playing conditions and a relaxed environment all around. The Gresham Metropole put on breakfast until 12.00am (!) - quite necessary for the late night 'analysis' culture which Cork encourages - games played from 2.00pm - 9.00pm, while the bar stayed open as late as was required... .. pleasingly, the "Swift Room" was set aside for any actual analysis...

That said, a few comments are in order from a spectator viewpoint, none of which should be taken to take issue with the above assessment. Certainly, the virtual spectator had ample access to the event: the online presentation (I hear it went out via ICC) was good, with only one day - Easter Monday - where technical problems prevented transmission (and encouraged me to get on the bus!). Logging on you could watch the top four games live at the website: <http://www.corkchess.com/>, along with other information (the draw, player performances, some pictures, updates on norms...).

There were, however, problems for spectators in actual attendance - not, admittedly that there were many - and briefly these were:

1. The conditions for those players in the "back" room. The tournament was held in a T-shaped room, with the horizontal part of the T facing out on the River Lee holding the top 25 boards and was accordingly well lit - with the remainder being held in the "vertical" leg. By contrast, the lighting in the vertical part was simply atrocious (as perhaps the photo on the front page indicates, the lighting was provided by some wall uplighters and starlights in the ceiling).
2. There was no guidance for spectators (or media, even) at the event. Outside the hall no instructions for visitors (or even a "Welcome" note), just a 15-page web printout for players (!), reminding them of the FIDE rules on such things as en passant, castling, etc., [why not provide this in a booklet for each player's pack?] and a lot of media style reports on the tournament. There were a lot of officials in view, but most of them were too busy catering to the virtual spectator (preparing PGN files) or practicing their general prowling technique ...
3. The organisers had gone to some trouble to provide each of the 115 competitors with name plates for their boards, which gave their name, and the country flag under which they play. This led to some unavoidable anomalies, such as Baburin playing under the Irish flag, and Slavko Cicak playing under the Finnish flag. It would have been helpful to provide also the name of the country whose flag was represented. An A4 page with illustrations of all 24 flags with country names attached was affixed to two walls "for those of you who want to recognise other players' nationalities from their flag". But how much easier (and sensible) to incorporate all this information onto the individual nameplates?
4. If you had a question, it was hard to find the answer anywhere. What, for example were the time controls? No luck there. Who were the arbiters? Well, unless you could spot them by their prowling



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technique, only Michael Burniston (TD, and a confirmed non-prowler) wore a name tag, although in the end I became aware of the others (Gerry Graham, who is legendary on the Irish tournament circuit, I'm told, and Kevin O'Connell (though English by birth, he is Ireland's FIDE arbiter).

5. Cameras, cameras. I fell foul of the rule that no pictures are allowed to be taken in FIDE tournament chess after 15 (or so) minutes of play. (In my defence, if there had been clear guidance to begin with... ) Well, this certainly explains why most chess photography is so brutally dull: scarcely an interesting position (and many of them posed) and always the same expression. No wonder that chess has difficulties presenting itself as a *sport* when it treats its players with such fussy reverence (the age of the non-flash silent shutter is upon us)!

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One extraordinary playing condition was to found in the welcome sheet for players competing in the EU championships:

*"Talking to other players during your game (on any subject) is not permitted"*

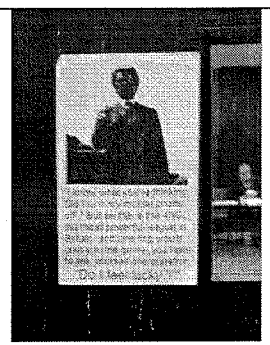
HUH? Or so I thought. For one thing, how enforceable could this be. On my brief tournament tour - last two days - I didn't notice any keen imitations of a Trappist monastery in operation. Richard did tell me that two players - including Gawaine Jones - received a formal warning in round 7 for "talking" in contravention of the rule. Was this the new political correctness bug that has been sweeping Ireland of late, or a FIDE-inspired piece of lunacy? - or both? And if the latter only, what can we make of this (sinister) incident in the last round - where Lorin d'Costa was seen to deliver a plastic sandwich and coke to the same Gawaine Jones. Was this a sign (*pace* Karpov - Korchnoi yoghurt scenes in their matches)?

A similar issue over mobile phones comes to mind. To the right, the Clint Eastwood notice to contestants at the 4NCL tournament this year ("I know what you're thinking ... have I turned off my mobile phone... do I feel lucky" etc) makes a clear point about the forfeit position if a phone goes off during play. Doesn't this sound just a little *stuffy* - for all the irritation that the modern phones can cause nowadays, is this really the right remedy? In fairness, however, the 4NCL arbiters are quite lenient in their interpretation (so far).

My own view would see a half-hour docked off a player's time if the phone goes off - and perhaps that would constitute a default if a player hadn't the nous to check his mobile sometime before the time scramble. The views of the SCCU (see page 3) are in this respect worth repeating:

"The new FIDE Laws are simply not appropriate for grassroots chess"

and not that sensible for senior chess, if you ask me.



**Postscript:** an odd hush has descended over an incident at the prizewinner's dinner, where (not having been invited!) I have only others' accounts to go on. Probably best to quote straight from a horse's mouth, aka <http://pub12.bravenet.com/guestbook/show.php?usernum=1030713067&cpv=1>

*English chess prodigy David Howell punched the organiser of the "Inaugural European Union Chess Championships" when it turned out that he (David Howell) hadn't played well enough to win a prize. The assault happened after the extremely pleasant and good natured prize giving when Howell found out that titled players weren't eligible for junior prizes.*

*1st Prize was won by Zoltan Gyimesi from Hungary on tie-break, after coming equal first with Mateusz Bartell.*

One can understand the organisers' reluctance to spoil what was in truth a successful tournament conclusion with the (criminal) antics of an invited competitor - the hotel authorities were persuaded not to call the police, though they insisted on Howell's departure - but there is another side to the same coin. What is the ethical position when given the glowing coverage of a teenage prodigy's career (DH won Jersey 2005, and been the subject of chess write-ups for his chess play by i.a. Mssrs Pein, Keene, and Short (who has had him to Greece for some training...), and continued silence over an assault which, I'm told, knocked the TD to the ground?



# Cork 2005

## The Weekend Tournament

1<sup>st</sup>= on 5/6

M Hebden GM  
V Kotronias GM  
R Ziatdinov IM  
R Palliser IM

5-12<sup>th</sup> on 4 ½ / 6

N Mieziš GM  
S Cicak GM  
Z Medvegy GM  
G Wall IM  
J Ryan FM  
A Weber  
L D' Costa FM

### Others from Oxford

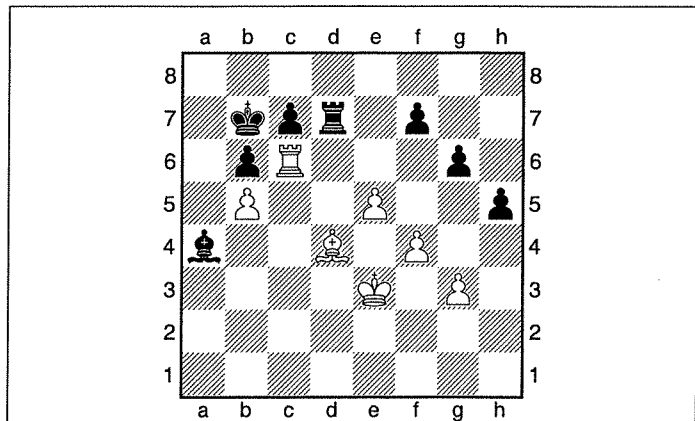
Ed Stembridge and Aidan Rawlinson 3½,  
Ian Brooke 2½,  
Lucy Smith 1½,  
Kevin Henbest 1

A large Oxford contingent descended on Cork for the weekend tournament that followed the conclusion of the main event - news must have made it of the Irish hospitality at Kilkenny and other venues... I missed the last few rounds, where the action starts (as do the GM draws) so wasn't there to witness fine performances by Aidan Rawlinson and a tournament star performance by Ed Stembridge (Univ), who played out of his skin all through, drawing two games against 2300 opposition, including current (?) Irish champion, Joe Ryan in Round 2 (right). A fine Saturday morning tournament given the post-match drinking spree that wound up the Friday night.

This, and a subsequent win in Round 3 gave him the choice pairing against Ireland's own Alexander Baburin (no relation of Ireland's IM Ziatdinov, incidentally...) in Round 4.

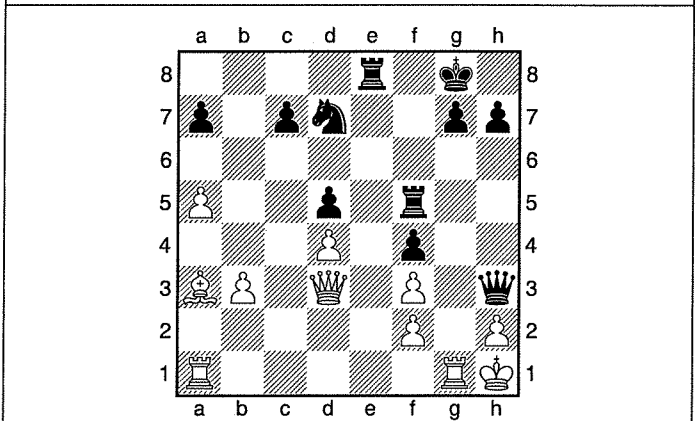
Richard Palliser recovered from the flu bug that hit him mid-main tournament - for which the local drink cure was no true remedy - to come out amongst the top of a very strong tournament.

Richard's win in round 5 against Cicak I did enjoy - a combative opening and middle game followed by a no-nonsense stomp down the board by the king to secure the full point.



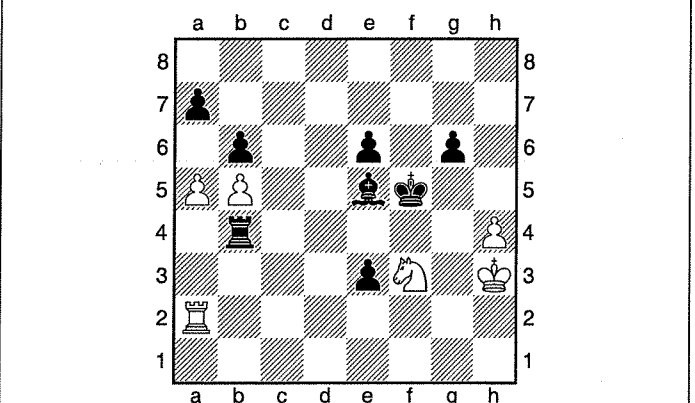
**Stembridge, Ed - Ryan, Joe**

44. e6 ♖e7 45. ♗e5 ♗xb5  
46. ♖xc7+ ♖xc7  
47. ♗xc7 fxe6  
48. ♗e5 DRAW



**Stembridge, Ed - Baburin, A (2523)**

25. ♖ae1? ♖xe1 26. ♖xe1 ♖h5 27. ♖e8+ ♔f7  
28. ♖e7+ ♕f6 29. ♕g1 ♖g5+ 0-1



**Cicak, S (2530) - Palliser, R (2402) [B50]**

45... ♕e4 46. axb6 axb6 47. ♕g4 ♕d3+ 48. ♕g5 ♗c3  
49. ♖a3 e2 50. ♕xg6 ♖f4 51. ♗e5+ ♕d2 52. ♖a2+  
♕d1 53. ♗d3 ♖f3 0-1



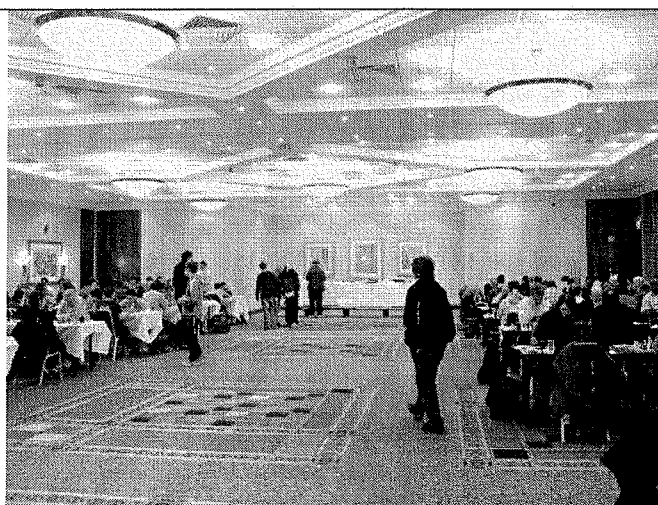
## 4NCL – Rounds 5 through 8

### League table after Round 8

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Oxford 1	6	1	1	13
Cambridge Univ. 1	5	2	1	12
Guildford-ADC 3	5	2	1	12
Poisoned Pawns 1	5	1	2	11
S Wales Dragons 2	4	3	1	11
FCA Solutions 1	4	1	3	9
Poisoned Pawns 2	3	2	3	8
Wessex 2	3	1	4	7
SCS 1	3	1	4	7
Athenaeum	2	1	5	5
The Ads 2	0	1	7	1
Numerica 3Cs 2	0	0	8	0



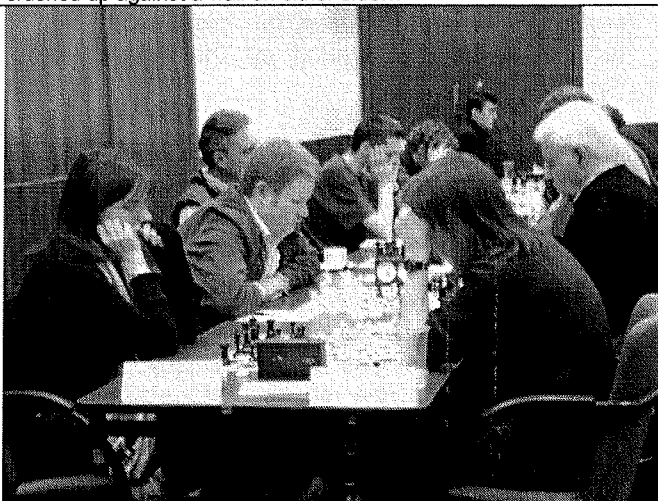
Kids these days... Richmond B's top boards in div 4: George O' Toole and Yang Fen Zhou, who both drew their games against Ian Webster and Dave Bruce respectively in Round 7 ... from better positions



The main hall in Telford, which houses the Divs 4a and 4b lot, with Simon Fowler (foreground) walking out (*not* in search of a barber's chair). A great location, slightly spoiled by the fact that boards 6 are crushed up against a wall on either side...



Kids these days (2): the SCS team (left) settle in for their match against Oxford 1 in round 7, with Nigel Moyse surrounded by three youngsters...



Round 6 drama as Oxford 1 (left: Partington, Duggan, Starkie, Coleman...) take on Guildford (with Claire Morris on board 8)



## 4NCL – Rounds 5 through 8

### Results in brief... rounds 5-8

Oxford 1 (2174)	5	Fca Solutions 1 (2068)	3	Oxford 2 (1950)	1.5	Nottinghamshire (1990)	4.5
Oxford 1 (2179)	4	Guildford-Adc 3 (2135)	4	Oxford 2 (1984)	3	Slough Sharks 4 (2019)	3
Oxford 1 (2144)	5.5	SCS 1 (2025)	3.5	Oxford 2 (2042)	3	Richmond B (1824)	3
Oxford 1 (2147)	5	Numerica 3cs (2003)	3	Oxford 2 (1903)	0.5	H'mark Coventry (2021)	5.5

### Player stats

Oxford 1	Score	P	%	Oxford 2	Score	P	%
Starkie, Ray	2	2	100.00%	Smith, Jonathan	1.5	2	75.00%
Milovanovic, Aleksander	2	2	100.00%	Ludbrook, Matt	2.5	4	62.50%
Smallbone, Kieran	3.5	4	87.50%	Hansen, Herve *	1	2	50.00%
Ozeren, Kemal	3	4	75.00%	Webster, Ian	0.5	1	50.00%
Partington, Anna G (F) *	1.5	2	75.00%	Zhang, Marco *	0.5	2	25.00%
Gai, Guangun (J) *	1.5	2	75.00%	Terry, Sean	0.5	2	25.00%
Duggan, Chris	1.5	2	75.00%	Henbest, Kevin B	0.5	2	25.00%
Savage, Ben D	2	4	50.00%	Bruce, Dave	0.5	2	25.00%
Rawlinson, Aidan	2	4	50.00%	Morris, Graham	0.5	3	16.67%
Coleman, James	0.5	4	12.50%	Harrison, Pete R	0	2	0.00%
Webster, Ian	0	1	0.00%	Burt, Will	0	2	0.00%
Morris, Graham	0	1	0.00%				

### Oxford's (avg 2174 in Rd 8) final opponents

Round 9 - 28/5/2005 vs. Athenaeum (Rd 8 average: 2125)

Round 10 - 29/5/2005 vs. Poisoned Pns 2 (average: 2093)

Round 11 - 30/5/2005 vs. S. Wal. Drag's 2 (average: 2117)

With three rounds to go, Oxford 1 are on course for promotion to the exalted ranks of Div 2 in 2005-06, although as Pete makes clear below, ***we need our strongest teams for the matches!***

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>Pete Harrison wrote:
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>>Dear all,
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>>I think it's time to start organising teams for the vital final 4NCL
>>weekend of the season on 28-30 May (the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of
>>May). I know some of you have already given me some indication of you
>>availability, but perhaps even if you have you could email me again to
>>confirm so that I make sure there is no confusion. In particular, please
>>could I urge the stronger players amongst you to make every effort to be
>>available for this weekend or at least for 1 or 2 of the games, since a
>>strong team will make all the difference to Oxford 1's chances of
>>promotion and winning division 3. I look forward to hearing from you all
>>soon.
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>>Many thanks,
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>>Pete
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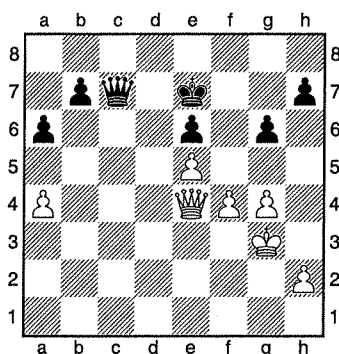


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### Round 5, 26 February: Oxford 5 - 3 FCA Solutions

Results scorelines are deceptive indicators of team performance. A seemingly comfortable win here didn't feel like it at the time, even taking into account the middle-game negativity that the prejudiced reporter falls prey to in the middle middle game. Solid technical wins with white by Kemal Ozeren and Aidan Rawlinson on the upper boards, and an adventurous win by Chris Duggan on board 6 cancelled out difficulties experienced on the bottom boards (Graham Morris getting blitzed in time trouble, and Anna Partington failing to convert a slightly better queen and pawn ending). Elsewhere, Ben held on for a draw on top board - although how that came to be is a mystery touched on below - while James Coleman blundered an exchange early on, and did well to reduce to a rook and pawn ending before losing.

I didn't see this at the time, so have only the pgn file as authority for this curiosity on top board:



Constantinou - Savage

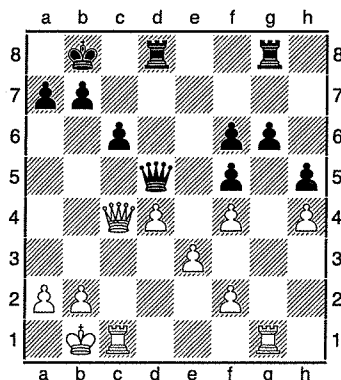
And here the game is recorded as ending as follows:

29...Qc6 30.Qxc6 = 30...bxc6 31.Kf3 h6 32.Ke4 c5

after which a draw was agreed. Well, call me old fashioned, but isn't this a simple technical win for White? After Kd3-c4, matched by a complementary manoeuvre by the Black king to d6, White plays a5 and it's zugzwang.

No doubt White was in time trouble, and perhaps Ben was playing for that particular win?

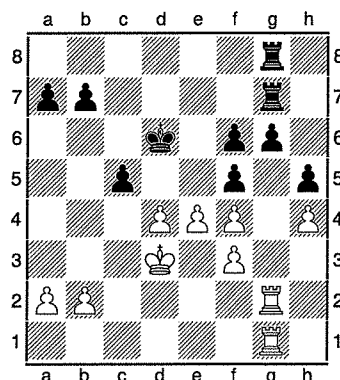
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Ozeren - Fraser-Mitchell

Black has just offered an exchange of queens, and a draw, which Kemal is right to decline, given the easy pressure on the g-file which is about to break.

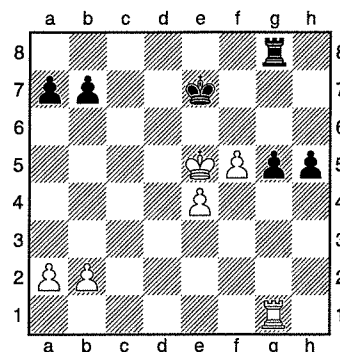
24.Qxd5 Rxd5 25.Rg2 Rd7 26.Kc2 Kc7 27.Kd3 Kd6 28.f3 Rdg7 29.Rcg1 c5 30.e4



30...fxe4+ 31.fxe4 cxd4 32.Kxd4 Ke7 33.f5 g5 34.hxg5 Rxg5 35.Rxg5 fxg5

a brave decision, since after capturing with the rook, 36. Rh1 ties down black's army.

36.Ke5



36...g4?

A decisive error in a position with plenty of play, which allows the central white pawns to roll to victory. Fritz recommends the manoeuvre ... Kf6 - g6, which releases the Black rook from its defensive duties and allows the Black king to defend against the onrushing pawns from the side. 37.f6+ Kf7 38.Kf5 Rc8 39.e5 Rc5 40.Rh1 g3 41.Rxh5 g2 42.Rg5 Rc2 43.e6+ 1-0

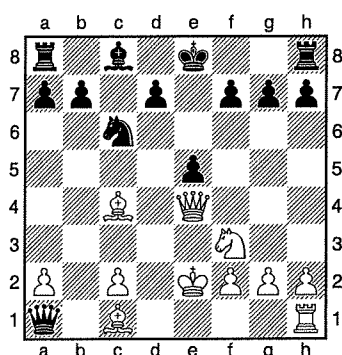


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### Round 6, 27 February: Oxford 4 - 4 Guildford ADCs 3

After appearing to be coasting to victory early on against championship contenders Guildford, Oxford end up grovelling for a draw courtesy exact escapes from dodgy endings by Kieran Smallbone and (rather miraculously) Chris Duggan. Aidan Rawlinson's plan French Defence went down like the proverbial lead balloon early on, we were glad to equalise when Anna Partington beat Claire Morris on bottom board. Other games being more or less equal (Kemal drew a long game which never looked to promise a win), comfortable plusses, albeit in positions of wildly different character, meant that we were looking for a 3/3 from Ben Savage (a rook + to the good), James Coleman (a rook for pawns up in the ending) and Ray Starkie. In the end we had to be content with 50% from that collection, leaving the two dodgy positions mentioned above with the scores tied.

In descending board order, let's have a brief look:



Granat - Savage

White's defence to the Sveshnikov attack has failed abysmally, and he's jettisoned a rook in search of compo. There isn't all that much in the line of exact compensation, but it's better than hanging on to a strategically lost position a pawn down - at least it is, on a Friday night in the Fir Tree.

#### 12.Bh6 Nd4+

12...Qxh1 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Qxh7 Ne7 15.Bf6 Rf8 16.Nxe5 d5 17.Bb5+ is one line that Fritz is quite confident of recommending to its readership. Black is content to aim at further simplification.

#### 13.Kd3 Qxh1 14.Bxf7+

in for the proverbial penny...

#### 14...Kxf7 15.Nxe5+ Kg8

and now the Nd4 can settle in on e6 to prevent mates after Qd5+, so ...

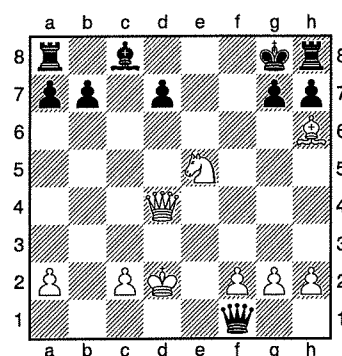
#### 16.Qxd4

16.Qf4 Qd1+ 17.Ke4 d5+ and the attack is on the other foot.

#### 16...Qf1+

16...Qxg2 is perhaps easiest, as it prepares d5, while keeping eye on another (as yet unrevealed) weak point in the Black position.

#### 17.Kd2



#### 17...Qa6?

17...Qxg2 is no longer any good, even though it defends both g7 and checks on the a2-g8 diagonal. After 18.Ng4 gxh6 19.Nxh6+ Kf8 20.Qxh8+ Ke7 21.Qe5+ Black can't avoid the perpetual (... Kd8??, 22. Nf7#); but 17...Qb5 is good enough to hold the win: 18.Ng4 gxh6 19.Nxh6+ Kf8 20.Qxh8+ Ke7 21.Qxh7+ Kd6 and either way the Black king escapes the perpetual.

#### 18.Nc6!!

The only move, which is good enough for a draw.

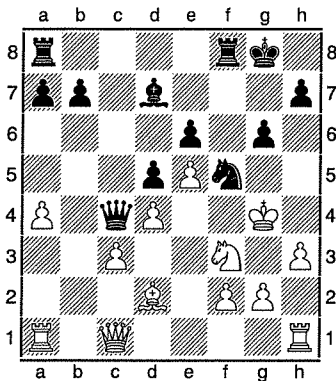
#### 18...gxh6 19.Qg4+ Kf8 20.Qf5+ Kg7 21.Qe5+ Kg8 22.Qe8+ 1/2-1/2

and on an adjoining board, Aidan was making the best of a botched French, and his king was heading up the board in search of negative brilliancy. This duly resulted:





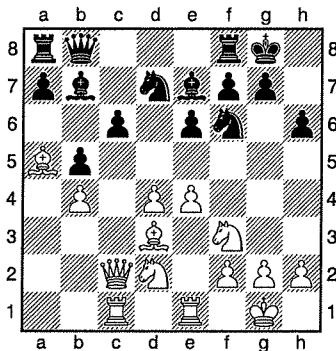
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Rawlinson - Anderton

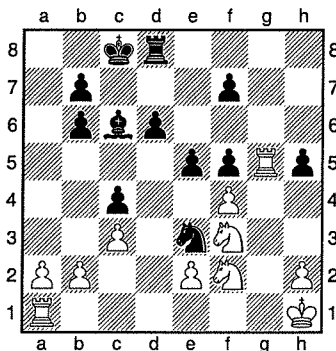
21...h5+ 22.Kg5Qc7 23.h4 Nd6 0-1

Meanwhile, Kieran's position wasn't looking all that promising, unless you're counting pawns: his pieces seem to be doing an impromptu homage to Bobby Fischer's shuffle chess concept, and have yet to threaten the 3rd rank..



Allinson - Smallbone

On board 5, though, things looked a lot better: James Coleman was a clear rook up, in an ending, albeit for the cost of a few pawns.



Coleman - Singleton

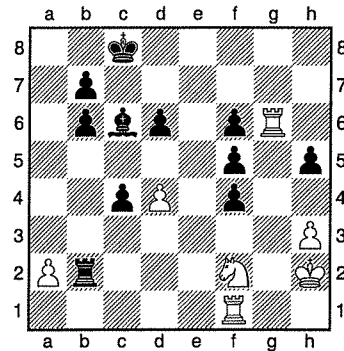
23...f6 24.Rg6

it's a little unclear why Rxh5 wasn't played here.

24...Re8 25.h3 exf4

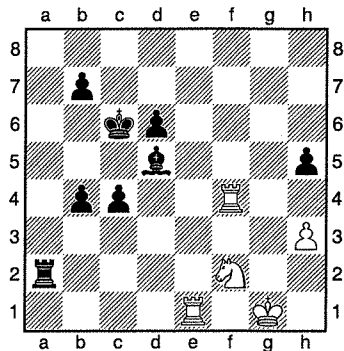
and now White has to deal with the threat of Nc2, Rxe2 and the resulting weakness of the pinned knight on f3.

26.Kh2 Nc2 27.Rf1 Rxe2 28.Nd4 Nxd4 29.cxd4 Rxb2



and now Fritz has reduced White's advantage to a mere +.53, which suggests that Black has more than enough compensation for the missing major piece: no doubt the positional assessment would change if White could boast a passed h-pawn, but.... James continues to mark time, failing to take the f-pawn(s) for a while.

30.Kg1 Rxa2 31.Re1 b5 32.d5 Bxd5 33.Rxf6 Kc7 34.Rxf5 Kc6 35.Rxf4 b4



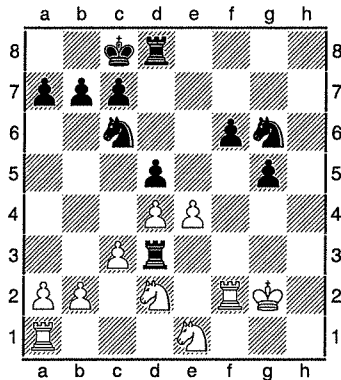
and by now the position is dead.

36.Rd4 Kc5 37.Red1 Bf3 38.Ne4+ Bxe4 39.Rxe4 b3 40.Red4 Kb4 41.Rxd6 b2 42.Rb6+ Kc3 43.Rxb7 Ra1 44.Rf1 Kc2 0-1



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Fortunately on board 6, Ray Starkie's enterprising h-pawn push had been reduced to a favourable ending, and he finished off in style...



Andersson - Starkie

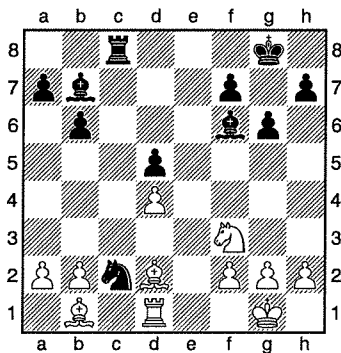
26...Nf4+ 27.Rxf4 Rxd2+ 28.Rf2 Rxf2+ 29.Kxf2 dxe4 30.Nc2 Rh8 31.Na3 Ne7 32.Ke3 f5 33.c4 Rh3+ 0-1

This left the teams all square, with the two dodgy endgame struggles left to rescue. Game scores are in the games section.

### Round 7, 16 April: Oxford 5½ - 3½ SCS

Another decent win, marginally flattering in the end. Kemal's game was destined for a draw until Tim Dickinson opted for a flash move which cost a pawn, while Ben was a bit lucky to eke out a quick draw on board 2. Elsewhere, wins for Alex (competitively against Nigel Moyses), Kieran (luckily) and Ray (decisively) compensated for James' managing to lose a knight in mid-board in the ending, and Witney junior Guangun Gai's loss of a decent initiative on board 8.

Two of the other top boards featured 'derby' games and neither was uninteresting:



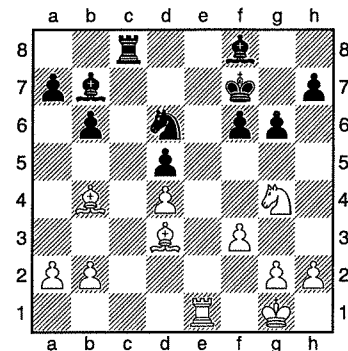
Dickinson - Ozeren

The game has been looking equal for some time - Tim had offered a draw on move 18 - but with the knight just arriving on some possibilities for manoeuvring arise...:

#### 22.Bc3 Na3

the crowd's favourite, although to be fair you'd need to have seen it before playing the knight to c2, so no points for guessing that move.

23.Bd3 Nc4 24.Ne5 Nd6 25.f3 Bg7 26.Re1 f6 27.Ng4 Kf7 28.Bb4 Bf8



#### 29.Nh6+?

Tim's venture into crowd-pleasing mode, though predicted, isn't quite as successful.

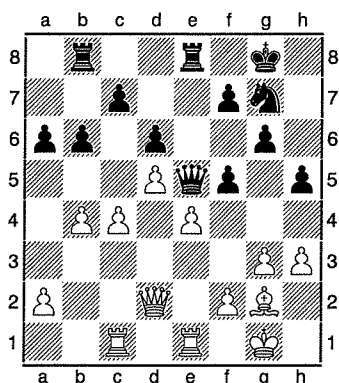
#### 29...Bxh6 30.Bxd6 Rc1!

and since this wins either the b- or d- pawn, Black has a technical advantage which he subsequently converted.

31.Kf2 Rxe1 32.Kxe1 Be3 33.Bb8 a5 34.Bg3 Bxd4 35.Bf2 Bc5 36.a3 Ke6 37.f4 Bxf2+ 38.Kxf2 d4 39.g4 Kd6 40.h4 Bc8 41.Kg3 f5 42.g5 Kc5 43.h5 Be6 44.h6 Bc4 0-1



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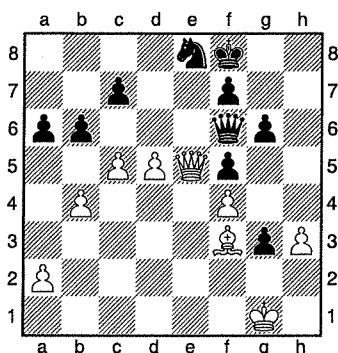
Milovanovics - Moyse

more excitement on board 4, where Nigel continues his 4NCL season by provoking White's pawns to advance to doom or glory:

**25.f4 Qf6 26.e5! dxe5 27.Qc3 h4 28.Rxe5 hxg3 29.Rce1 Qh4**

A few moves earlier Fritz was recommending Black to un-oppose rooks on the e-file; but now assesses Black as slightly better. Hmmm.

**30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Rxe8+ Nxe8 32.Qe5 Kf8 33.c5 Qf6 34.Bf3**



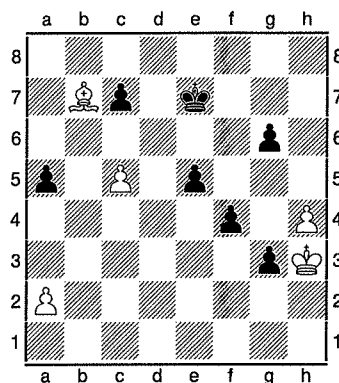
**34...Qxe5 35.fxe5**

here and later on Fritz suggests an exchange of b-pawns for Black. The point, as they say, will become clear... (see next note)

**35...f6 36.d6 fxe5 37.d7?**

This wins a piece, but 37.dxc7 Nxc7 38.cxb6 wins trivially: time trouble was afoot.

**37...Ke7 38.dxe8Q+ Kxe8 39.Bb7 a5 40.bxa5 bxa5 41.Kg2 f4 42.h4 Ke7 43.Kh3**



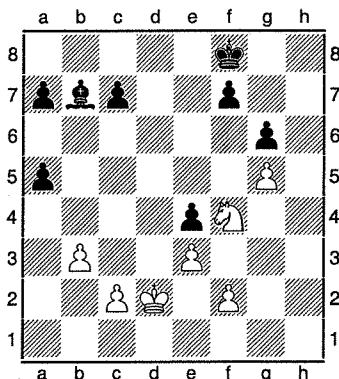
Coleman - Sen

**43...Ke6 =**

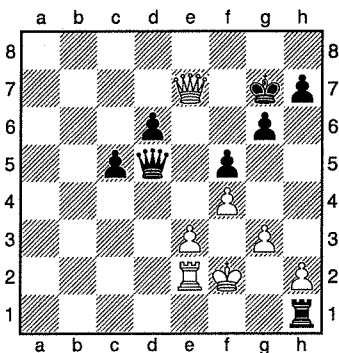
and notwithstanding Fritz's assessment of this as marginally better for Black, it's hard to see how White isn't winning. The bishop holds back the pawn chain allowing White's king to infiltrate.

**44.Kg4 Kf6 45.Be4 Kf7 46.Kg5 Kg7 47.a4 1-0**

James Coleman's miserable mid-season form continued with this loss of a piece in mid-board ending:



**32.Kc3 Ke7 33.Ne2 Kd6 34.Nd4 Ba6 35.f4 c5 0-1**



Hawrami - Rawlinson



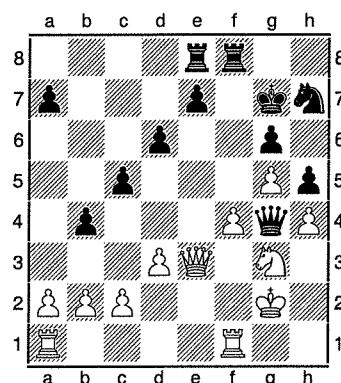
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Blacks's advantage has taken many different forms in the course of this game, and now Black needs to break the perpetual check. Play continued:

47...Qf7 48.Qxd6 Rxh2+ 49.Kf1 Rxe2 50.Kxe2 Qa2+ 51.Kf3 Qa7 52.Qe5+ Kh6 53.Qe6 Qb7+ 54.Kf2 Qh1 55.Qe7 Qh2+ 56.Kf3 ½-½

Post-match analysis confirmed the punter's choice (48...Qb7) would have retained Black's advantage in the position. Fritz backs up to the tune of +2 as follows: 49.e4 Rxh2+ 50.Kf3 Rxe2 51.Kxe2 Qxe4+ breaks any prospects for a White perpetual.

Ray Starkie's fine season continued with yet another brisk win with the black pieces. In the corridor, we pondered the diagram position and wondered what if d4... .. Ray showed in short order what if:



Mooring - Starkie

25.d4 cxd4 26.Qxd4+ e5! 27.Qxa7+ 27.Qxb4 exf4 28.Qd4+ Kg8 29.Qc4+ Re6 leaving no tactics against the Re6 because of the dual threats of Qxg3+ and f3+ (winning the queen)

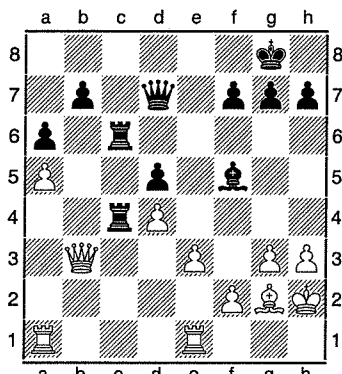
27...Rf7 28.Qxf7+ Kxf7 29.fxe5+ Kg7 30.exd6 Re2+ 0-1

## Round 8, 17 April: Oxford 5 - 3 Numerica 3Cs

Well, considering that the opposition have yet to accumulate a match point this season, heavy weather was made of this game. Was it the previous night's entertainment in Ketley's Elephant & Castle's Caribbean evening? Or, as the marathon league was drawing to its seasonal end, was the team just doing a Paula, and taking a pit-stop? Playing for the second team, and arriving 25 minutes late after being left stranded in Ketley it wasn't clear what the matter was at the chess table, but I did get a decent view of Paula's pee...

- Kemal quick draw in poor position one pawn up
- 2 uneventful draws for James and Ben
- Usual one-nil grind for Kieran
- Ian Webster goes AWOL on board 7 around move 8
- Default 1-0 on board 8

Alex finished off nicely, though:

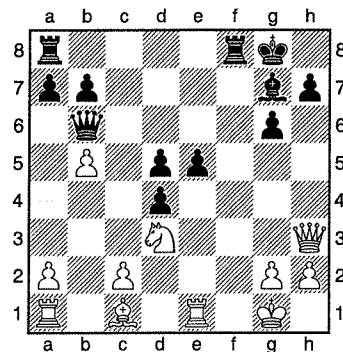


Lysons - Milovanovic

23.Re2? Bxh3 24.Bxh3 Rh6 0-1

While Aidan was looking good for a 1-0 on his board. Here, as White, he is better, and an early

win is in sight. 13...g6 14.Qh3 Nxe5 Black loses a piece preferring not to go into lines which allow e6 and the opening of the position. 15.Re1 Bg7 16.Nd3 f6 17.f4 0-0 18.fxe5 fxe5



Rawlinson - Hazlehurst

and White's extra piece is in some measure counterbalanced by the Black pawn mass.





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### 19.Bh6

19.Nxe5 Rfe8 is a bit difficult, as the disappearance of the e-pawn, allied to the threatened discovered check (d3+) opens up the Bg7 along the long diagonal.

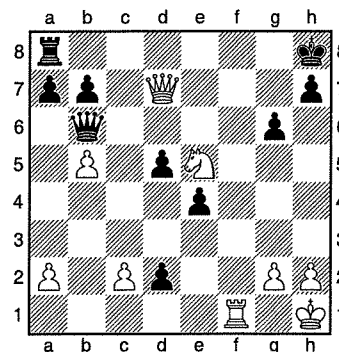
### 19...e4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Ne5

and Fritz now thinks that Black is doing better, and recommends ... Rf5.

### 21...d3+ 22.Kh1 d2

and White now takes stock and grovels for a draw.

### 23.Qd7+ Kh8 24.Rf1 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1



25...Qf2! 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nh6+ 1/2-1/2

**Oxford 2** in 4NCL coverage has been held over ... some highlights of a team performing as if middle table obscurity was too much to hope for:

**Fowler - Terry.** Against Simon Fowler in Round 5, I hit on the following silly move against 1.d4 while queuing up to register at the Moat House, and after a half-hour ponder in the shower, took the plunge over the board against the youthful sensation that was runner up in Jersey 2005. This worked well over the board, the youngster gobbling on h6 on move 2, and had I been more alert around move 30 would have been favourite. As it was, I was obliged to endure a poor post mortem, where the winner's moves are generally best, and the loser was generally lost from the beginning.

Were post mortems always so? Probably: it took a while for me to remember how much younger my opponent was - and how basically unsocial I was when I was his age, playing against people as old as I am now.

1. ... Nh6 has been recorded once in Database 2004, in Oliver Martinez Fornes, Carles (2215) - Comas Fabrego, Luis (2490). There, White wisely didn't take on h6, but got beaten in 28 moves.

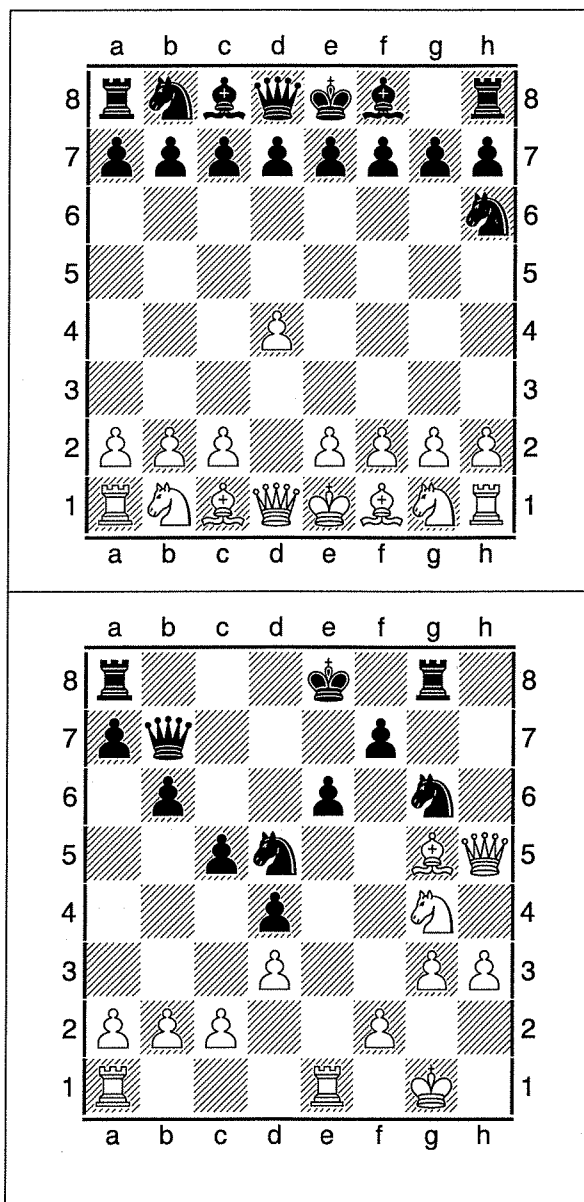
### Graham Morris - Scott Kenyon.

Graham failed to convert his game in round 7

### 21.Nf6+ Nxf6 22.Bxf6 Nf4 (whoops)

and he was obliged to sacrifice on e6 to avoid the loss of his queen or a mate on g2. Remarkable to notice how quickly the g-file and the h1-a8 diagonals empty themselves to allow the tactic make sense, though.

Instead, 21. Qh7 puts the black position in a bind, as Rxe6+ is threatened as well as the Rg8



## OCA – a round up of sorts 2004-05

Well, and not wishing to repeat Matt's seasonal coverage in the Oxford Times...

### Division 1

2004-05 was, against expectations, a runaway season for the leading Univ team. We had expected more of a struggle in the post-Palliser environment, but the Univ team got their act together on the night more often than not, while the opposition - including some strong teams in Cowley, City 1 and Witney - seemed to bottle it a bit at crucial moments in their individual games.

As if to illustrate this point, I managed to make it of the club to see the City 1 - Univ 1 match in early February. Even by now the title was with Univ, but this represented an opportunity for a full-strength City team to put a brake on the leader's runaway progress, restore some 'pride' to the City 1 season, and perhaps even challenge for the runner's up spot (won eventually by Cowley).



Some idea of the fun and games of the evening can be found in the game scores and some of the diagrams on the next page, which resulted in the end in a 3 ½ - 2 ½ win for the visitors: five wins with the black pieces, and excepting Matt's smooth win on top board and Jon's game on board 3, a collection of entertaining blunders rarely seen together on the same match night.

City 2 got relegated. A weakened side nonetheless managed to field a full side for most of the year, and one benefit was that many up and coming players, otherwise "unemployed" with City 4, got some strong opposition on match night. The issue of getting a better balance of team for the coming season by discussed at the club AGM (picture below) last Monday week.

### Division 2

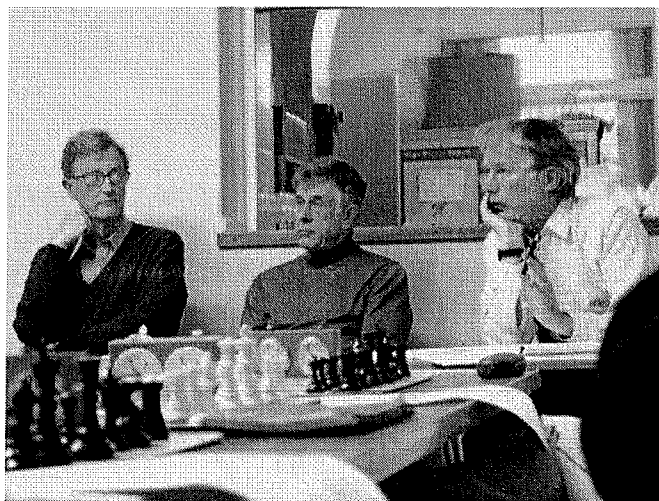
City 3 failed to get promoted, as captain Brooke forgot about the last match against Didcot 2, and took off for the weekend in Cork... this allowed Didcot 1 to get promotion to the top league in 2005-06 (while Didcot 2 avoided relegation!)

### Division 3

City 4 won their league with yards to spare.

### Frank Wood shield.

Following an unsuccessful appeal by the defeated semi-finalists Witney 1 after their defeat by Univ 3, the final is confirmed between MCS - Univ 3, both teams from the lower divisions. The match is as yet uncompleted.

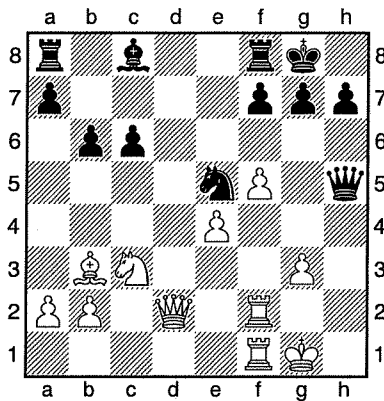


## Quiz answers (page 2)

- Kilpatrick - Smallbone is Game 444
- Spence - King: Simon found the neatest way of winning: 1. ... Nc5!; 2. Rxf4 Nb3#
- Kendal - Morris is Game 473
- Sayers - Taylor is Game 467
- Tozer - Palliser is Game 477
- March - Thompon is Game 468



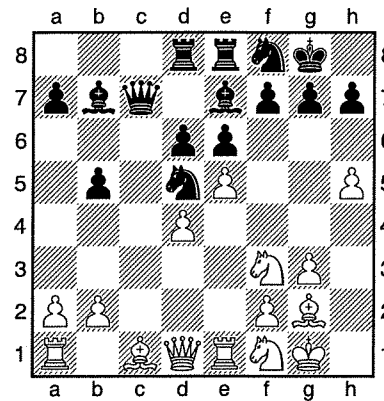
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**Moyse - Shaw**

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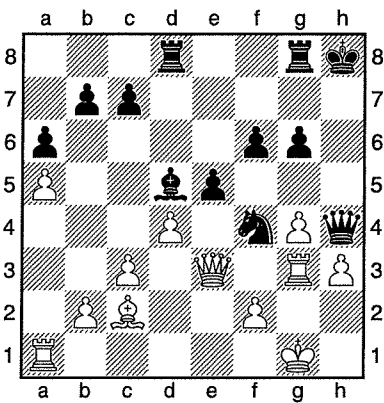
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**Brown - Webster**

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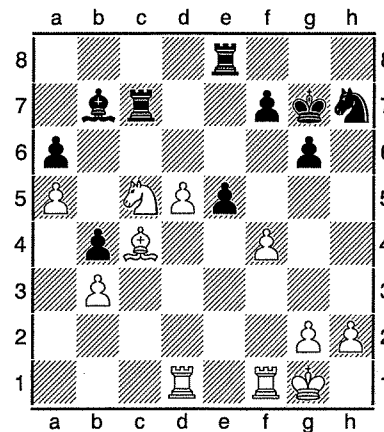
16. ♗g5 h6 17. ♗e4 dxe5 18. ♜g4 f5



**Duggan - Chapman**

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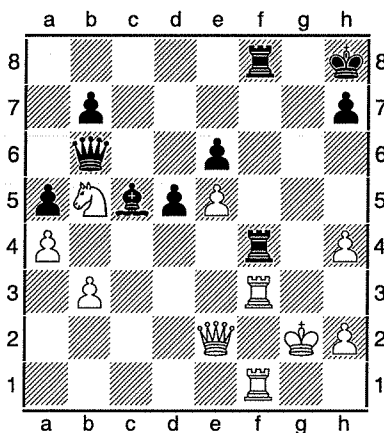
36. dxe5 ♗e6 37. exf6 ♜xf6 38. ♜h6#



**March - Breen**

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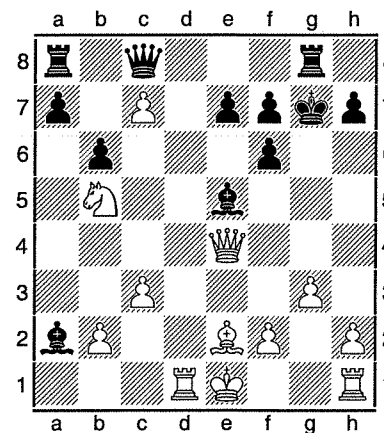
31. ♗xa6 ♜xc4 32. bxc4 ♗xa6 33. fxe5 ♗xc4 34. ♖f4 ♗b5 35. d6 DRAW



**Brown (Stephen) - Leigh (Matt)**

Cowley 2 - City 3

24... ♖g8+ 25. ♖g3 ♖e4 26. ♖xg8+ ♜xg8  
27. ♜h5 ... etc 1-0



**Yates - Partington**

City 2 - Univ 2

22. ♖a1 a6 23. ♖xa2 axb5 24. ♖xa8 ♜xa8  
25. ♜xa8 ♖xa8 26. ♗xb5 ♗xc7 etc 0-1



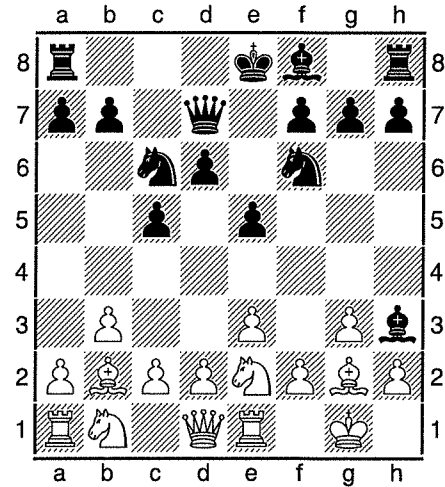
# Chilterns Chess

## Redmond, M – Hepworth, Nick [A00]

Chilterns – Berks, 12.03.2005

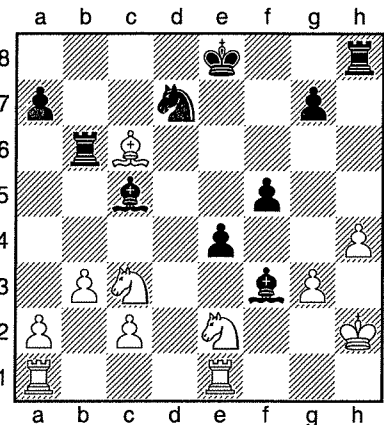
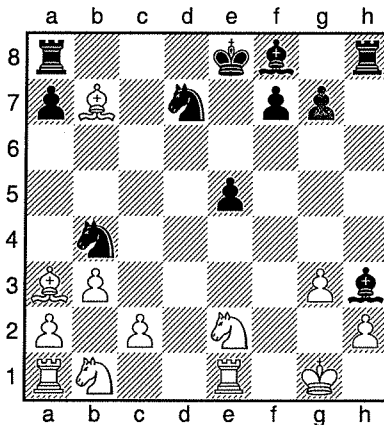
There's something refreshing about playing the Chilterns leagues: playing u-170 BCF, you get to meet players in circumstances a little less competitive than existed with the old County 1 team, and not half as strong or youthful as the 4ncl circuit. Come the Saturday, people pop up and, under little pressure to conform to normal competitive expectation, interesting games result.

Here's one of them which particularly took my eye - and not a bad standard, either. Nick gets an advantage and nurses it through the thick and thin of material reduction to a thematic victory



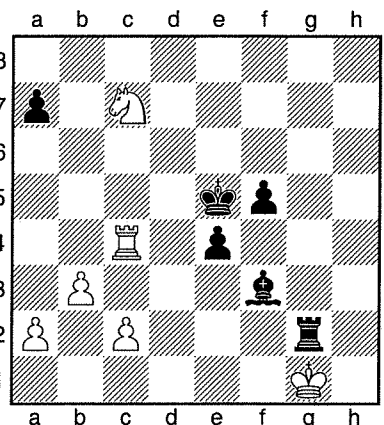
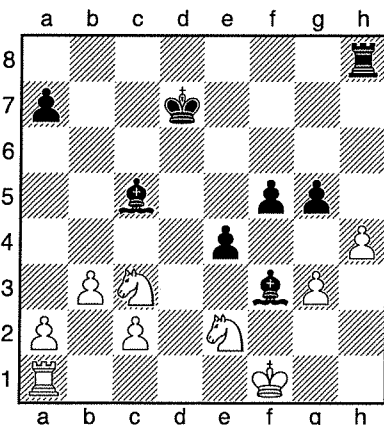
1.e3 c5 2.b3 ♘c6 3.♙b2 d6 4.g3 e5 5.♙g2 ♙e6  
6.♘e2 ♘f6 7.0-0 ♖d7 8.♞e1 ♙h3

9.♙h1 h5 10.d4 cxd4 11.exd4 h4 12.dxe5 hxg3 13.fxg3  
dxe5 14.♞xd7+ ♘xd7 15.♙a3 ♘b4 16.♙xb7



16...♙c5+ 17.♞h1 ♞b8 18.♙e4 f5 19.♙xb4 ♞xb4  
20.♙c6 ♙g4 21.♘bc3 e4 22.h4 ♙f3+ 23.♞h2 ♞b6

24.♙xd7+ ♞xd7 25.♞ed1+ ♞d6 26.♞xd6+ ♙xd6  
27.♞g1 ♙c5+ 28.♞f1 g5



29.♞d1+ ♞c6 30.♘d4+ ♙xd4 31.♞xd4 gxh4  
32.gxh4 ♞xh4 33.♞c4+ ♞d6 34.♘b5+ ♞e5  
35.♘c7 ♞h1+ 36.♞f2 ♞h2+ 37.♞g1 ♞g2+

38.♞f1 ♞d2 39.♞c6 ♞f4 40.c4 ♞g3 0-1





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459.	Yates,John - Partington,Anna	OCA 1 - Univ 2	07.03.2005
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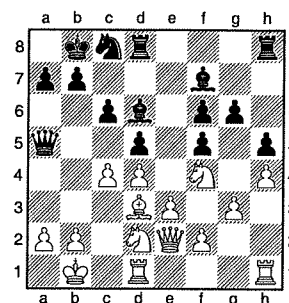
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### GAME 429: Ozeren,Kemal (2292) - Fraser-Mitchell,Jeremy (2092) [A80] 4NCL/Div3/FCAS1 26.02.2005

Very early on White sacrifices the two bishops in Trompovsky style, though here with the added advantage that Black's first move was ... f5, which gives White an advanced doubled f-pawn weakness around which to focus his development; after 8. Qf3 and 9. h4 which practically forces ... h5, the two knights are ideally prepared for any skirmishing that might follow in the middle game.

That said, I was surprised to see Black exchange on f4 in the diagram position, which set up the argument for the interesting rook ending covered elsewhere.

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| 1.d4 f5<br>2.♘c3 ♘f6<br>3.♙g5 d5<br>4.♙xf6 exf6<br>5.e3 c6<br>6.♙d3 ♙d6<br>7.♗f3 g6<br>8.h4 h5<br>9.0-0-0 ♙e6<br>10.♗ce2 ♗d7<br>11.♘f4 ♙f7<br>12.g3 ♗a5<br>13.♗b1 0-0-0<br>14.♗e2 ♗b6 | 15.♘f3 ♗b8<br>16.♘d2 ♗c8<br>17.c4 ♙xf4<br>18.gxf4 ♘d6<br>19.♞hg1 ♞hg8<br>20.♞c1 dxc4<br>21.♘xc4 ♙xc4<br>22.♙xc4 ♘xc4<br>23.♗xc4 ♗d5 =<br>24.♗xd5 ♞xd5<br>25.♞g2 ♞d7<br>26.♗c2 ♗c7<br>27.♗d3 ♗d6<br>28.f3 ♞dg7 | 29.♞cg1 c5<br>30.e4 fxe4+<br>31.fxe4 cxd4<br>32.♗xd4 ♗e7<br>33.f5 g5<br>34.hxg5 ♞xg5<br>35.♞xg5 fxg5<br>36.♗e5 g4<br>37.f6+ ♗f7<br>38.♗f5 ♞c8<br>39.e5 ♞c5<br>40.♞h1 g3<br>41.♞xh5 g2<br>42.♞g5 ♞c2 |
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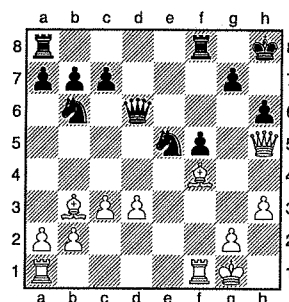


- 17... ♙xf4 18.gxf4 ♘d6 19. ♞hg1 ♞hg8  
43.e6+ 1-0

### GAME 430 Rawlinson,Aidan (2179) - Valentine,Brian (2050) [C28] 4NCL/Div3/FCAS1, 26.02.2005

Black's first move novelty backfires a little, in that it allows Aidan to transpose comfortably (for him) into a Vienna Four Knights. When White manages to exchange off his knights for Black's bishops, the open position resulting is ideal for the clerics, although in the absence of a direct mating attack there is some tension to the (near) end as it's never quite clear what shape a winning advantage with this material will take.

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| 1.e4 ♘c6<br>2.♘c3 e5<br>3.♙c4 ♘f6<br>4.d3 ♙b4<br>5.♘f3 0-0<br>6.0-0 d6<br>7.♘e2 d5<br>8.exd5 ♘xd5<br>9.♘g3 ♗b6<br>10.♙b3 ♙g4<br>11.c3 ♙d6<br>12.h3 ♙xf3<br>13.♗xf3 ♗d7<br>14.♘e4 ♗h8 | 15.♘g5 ♘d8<br>16.♗h5 h6<br>17.♘e4 f5<br>18.♘xd6 ♗xd6<br>19.f4 ♘c6<br>20.fxe5 ♘xe5<br>21.♙f4 ♗f6<br>22.♞ad1 c6<br>23.♞fe1 ♗g6<br>24.♗e2 ♘ed7<br>25.♗f2 ♞ae8<br>26.♞d2 ♞xe1+<br>27.♗xe1 ♞e8<br>28.♞e2 ♘f6 | 29.♙e5 ♘bd7<br>30.♙d4 a6<br>31.♞xe8+ ♘xe8<br>32.♗e7 ♘ef6<br>33.♙e6 c5<br>34.♙xc5 ♘e5<br>35.♗xb7 ♗e8<br>36.♙xf5 ♘c6<br>37.♗c8 ♘d8<br>38.♙e4 ♘xe4<br>39.dxe4 ♗h7<br>40.♗f5+ ♗h8<br>41.♗f8+ ♗xf8<br>42.♙xf8 ♗g8 |
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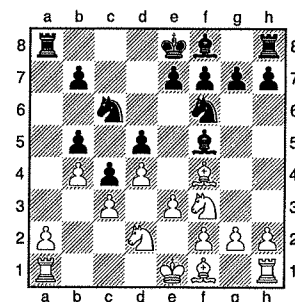
- 21... ♗f6 22. ♞ad1 c6 23. ♞fe1  
43. ♙d6 ♗f7  
44. ♗f2 ♗e6  
45.e5 g6  
46.c4 1-0

### GAME 431: Freeman,Richard C P (2117) - Smallbone,Kieran (2170) [D02] 4NCL/Div3/FCAS1 (6.5), 26.02.2005

For Kieran, a relatively simple day at the office: by move 9, a comfortable opening position with an open a-file, and one move later (diagram) he's won the c-pawn, after 10. Be2 aims a move too early to complete his development. White gets some counterplay going on the a-file, but a few accurate tic-tacs later it's time to head for the analysis chamber.

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| 1.d4 d5<br>2.♘f3 ♘f6<br>3.♙f4 c5<br>4.e3 ♘c6<br>5.c3 ♗b6<br>6.♗b3 c4<br>7.♗xb6 axb6<br>8.♘bd2 b5<br>9.b4 ♙f5 | 10.♙e2 ♞a3<br>11.0-0 ♞xc3<br>12.a4 bxa4<br>13.♞xa4 e6<br>14.♞a8+ ♘d8<br>15.♙d1 ♙xb4<br>16.♙a4+ ♗e7<br>17.♘b1 ♙xb1<br>18.♞xb1 ♞a3 | 19.♗f1 ♙d6<br>20.♙xd6+ ♗xd6<br>21.♘e1 ♘e4<br>22.♞b5 ♘c3<br>23.♞ba5 ♞xa4<br>24.♞xa4 ♘xa4<br>25.♞xa4 ♘c6<br>26.♘c2 b5<br>27.♞a6 ♗c7 |
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28. ♗e2 ♞b8 0-1



10. ♙e2 ♞a3 11.0-0 ♞xc3 12.a4 bxa4



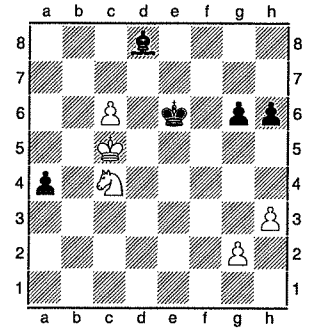


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### GAME 435: Allinson, Julian (2107) - Smallbone, Kieran (2170) [D23] 4NCL/Div3/GADC3 (6.4), 27.02.2005

This was the last game to finish, with the scores tied in the Guildford - Oxford 1 match. Kieran's position eventually frees itself from the opening entanglement, but come the ending White's king and knight seems to have the measure of the black bishop and a-pawn. White probably doesn't want to go into a queen and pawn ending that emerges after 46.Kb5 Kd5 47.Nb6+ Bxb6 48.Kxb6 a3 49.c7 a2 50.c8Q a1Q, and instead manoeuvres for position. This allows Kieran to bravely go up the board with his own king and exterminate the two remaining white pawns ... and though the bishop is lost, the subsequent queen and pawn ending is drawn.

1.d4 d5 2.f3 f6 3.c4 c6 4.c2 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.b3 cxb3 7.axb3 e6 8.d2 b7 9.a5 c8 10.b2 d2 e7 11.b4 0-0 12.d3 h6 13.0-0 b7 14.ac1 b8 15.fe1 e5 16.d5 cxd5 17.c7 e8	18.exd5 xd5 19.xb5 c8 20.a4 xc7 21.xc7 xc7 22.xd7 a8 23.xe5 d5 24.b5 f6 25.e1 b6 26.g4 xd7 27.xd7 d8 28.c7 d3 29.h3 g6 30.c4 d8 31.e8+ xe8 32.xd3 g7 33.e3 xe3 34.fxe3 d8	35.f2 d5 36.e2 f5 37.d3 f6 38.e4 b7 39.exf5 xf5 40.d4+ e5 41.c4+ f6 42.c6 xc6 43.bxc6 e6 44.d4 a5 45.c5 a4 46.a3 e5 47.b5 f4 48.d6 g3 49.d7 b6 50.a3 xg2 51.h4 g3
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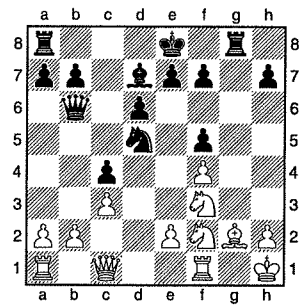


- 46.a3 e5 47.b5 f4 48.d6 g3
- 52.c4 xh4  
 53.xb6 a3  
 54.c7 a2  
 55.c8 a1  
 56.c4+ g5  
 57.c5+ g4  
 58.c4+ h5  
 59.e2+ g5  
 60.e3+ h5 DRAW

### GAME 436: Coleman, James (2225) - Singleton, Michael (2126) [A45] 4NCL/Div3/GADC3 (6.5), 27.02.2005

The extraordinary game of the season, for my part; winning a rook a pawn ending a rook down is one thing - and maybe some of it was luck - but Black was clearly on some sort of hangover cure that morning. Look at the order of moves in the diagram position....

1.d4 f6 2.g5 c5 3.xf6 gxf6 4.d5 b6 5.c1 f5 6.g3 g8 7.d2 g7 8.c3 d6 9.g2 d7 10.h3 h6 11.f4 f6 12.0-0 d7 13.f2 xf4 14.gxf4 xd5	15.f3 c4 16.g1 xg2 17.xg2 e3+ 18.g1 0-0-0 19.g1 c6 20.d2 h5 21.d4 e5 22.xb6 axb6 23.g5 f6 24.g6 e8 25.h3 exf4 26.h2 c2 27.f1 xe2 28.d4 xd4	29.cxd4 xb2 30.g1 xa2 31.e1 b5 32.d5 xd5 33.xf6 c7 34.xf5 c6 35.xf4 b4 36.d4 c5 37.ed1 f3 38.e4+ xe4 39.xe4 b3 40.ed4 b4 41.xd6 b2 42.b6+ c3
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- 16... xg2 17.xg2 e3+ 18.g1 0-0-0
- 43.xb7 a1  
 44.f1 c2 0-1





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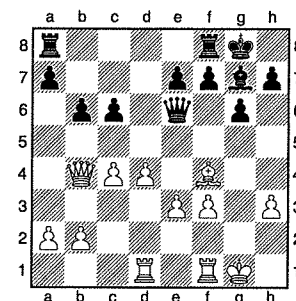
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1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♟f3 ♟f6 5.c4 e6 6.♟c3 ♟b4 7.cxd5 ♟xd5 8.♟d2 ♟c6 9.♟d3 0-0 10.0-0 ♟e7 11.♟e2 ♟f6 12.♟e4 g6	13.♟h6 ♟e8 14.♟ad1 b6 15.♟fe1 ♟b7 16.♟xd5 ♟xd5 17.♟xd5 exd5 18.♟xe8+ = ♟xe8 19.♟e3 ♟b4 20.♟b1 ♟c8 21.♟d2 ♟c2 22.♟c3 ♟a3 23.♟d3 ♟c4	24.♟e5 ♟d6 25.f3 ♟g7 26.♟e1 f6 27.♟g4 ♟f7 28.♟b4 ♟f8 29.♟h6+ ♟xh6 30.♟xd6 ♟c1 31.♟f2 ♟xe1 32.♟xe1 ♟e3 33.♟b8 a5 34.♟g3 ♟xd4 35.♟f2 ♟c5	36.a3 ♟e6 37.f4 ♟xf2+ 38.♟xf2 d4 39.g4 ♟d6 40.h4 ♟c8 41.♟g3 f5 42.g5 ♟c5 43.h5 ♟e6 44.h6 ♟c4 0-1
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**GAME 441: Savage, Ben D (2300) - Reynolds, D Ian (2101) [D00]** 4NCL/Div3/SCS1 (7.2), 16.04.2005

A quick Saturday afternoon draw that didn't much please Ben, who doesn't like playing after driving from London. Black was probably happy to take a draw in the game, but could have aimed for more in the diagram position with 18...g5 19.Bxg5 (19.Bg3 Qxe3+ 20.Bf2 Qxf3 21.Qxe7)

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 g6 3.♟c3 d5 4.♟f4 ♟g7 5.e3 c6 6.♟e2 ♟g4 7.♟d2 ♟bd7 8.h3 ♟f5	9.♟e5 ♟e4 10.♟xe4 dxe4 11.♟xd7 ♟xd7 12.f3 exf3 13.♟xf3 ♟e6 14.0-0 ♟e4 15.♟b4 b6 16.c4 0-0	17.♟ad1 ♟xf3 18.gxf3 ♟xh3 19.♟xe7 ♟h6 20.♟xh6 ♟g3+ 21.♟h1 ♟h3+ 22.♟g1 DRAW	
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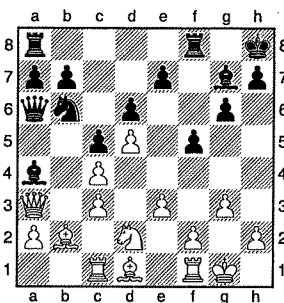


18...♟xh3 = 19.♟xe7 ♟h6 20.♟xh6

**GAME 442: Hawrami, Dana (2057) - Rawlinson, Aidan (2173) [A88]** 4NCL/Div3/SCS1 (7.3), 16.04.2005

A struggle all through but an entertaining post mortem, as Black establishes a bind over both players with his queen-side manoeuvres.

1.d4 f5 2.c4 ♟f6 3.♟f3 g6 4.g3 ♟g7 5.♟g2 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.♟c3 c6 8.♟b1 ♟e4 9.♟b3 ♟h8 10.d5 ♟xc3 11.bxc3 ♟a5 12.♟b2 c5 13.e3 ♟d7 14.♟d2 ♟b6 15.♟bc1 ♟d7 16.♟f3 ♟a4 17.♟a3 ♟a6 18.♟d1 ♟ab8	19.♟b3 ♟d7 20.f4 ♟a4 21.♟h1 ♟xb2 22.♟xb2 b5 23.♟c2 b4 24.cxb4 = 24...♟xb4 25.♟f3 ♟b7 26.♟b1 ♟b8 27.♟d2 e6 28.♟g1 exd5 29.cxd5 ♟a6 30.♟c4 ♟a3 31.♟b3 ♟xb3 32.axb3 ♟e8 33.♟e1 ♟b4 34.♟e2 a5 35.♟f3 a4	36.bxa4 ♟xa4 37.♟d3 ♟d1 38.♟xd1 ♟xc4 39.♟g5 ♟g8 40.♟e6 ♟a8 41.♟xg7 ♟xg7 42.♟d2 ♟a1+ 43.♟f2 ♟h1 44.♟b2+ ♟h6 45.♟f6 ♟xd5 46.♟g5+ ♟g7 47.♟e7+ ♟f7 48.♟xd6 ♟xh2+ 49.♟f1 ♟xe2 50.♟xe2 ♟a2+ 51.♟f3 ♟a7 52.♟e5+ ♟h6 53.♟e6 ♟b7+	
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18...♟ab8 19.♟b3 ♟d7 20.f4 ♟a4

54.♟f2 ♟h1  
 55.♟e7 ♟h2+  
 56.♟f3 DRAW



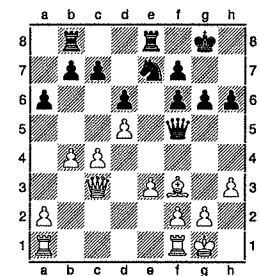


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### GAME 443: Milovanovics,Aleksander (2155) - Moyse,Nigel (2054) [E61] 4NCL/Div3/SCS1 (7.4), 16.04.2005

As a spectator, White seems to be doing beautifully until the diagram position, when it's clear that Black hasn't many weaknesses, and if this reaches an endgame White's advanced pawns will be there for the taking. On a more practical level, what is White going to do for the moment? A delicate struggle ensues...

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗f3 ♘g7 4.♗c3 0-0 5.♘g5 h6 6.♘h4 d6 7.e3 ♘g4 8.♘e2 a6 9.♖b3 ♖c8 10.♗d5 ♗c6 11.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 12.♗xf6 exf6 13.h3 ♗xf3 14.♗xf3 ♖b8 15.0-0 ♗d7	16.♖c3 ♖fe8 17.b4 ♗e7 18.d5 ♖f5 19.♖ac1 ♖e5 20.♖d2 ♗f5 21.g3 b6 22.e4 ♗g7 23.♖fe1 h5 24.♗g2 f5 25.f4 ♖f6 26.e5 dxe5 27.♖c3 h4 28.♖xe5 hxg3 29.♖ce1 ♖h4 30.♖xe8+ ♖xe8	31.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 32.♖e5 ♖f8 33.c5 ♖f6 34.♗f3 ♖xe5 35.fxe5 f6 36.d6 fxe5 37.d7 ♖e7 38.dxe8 ♖+ ♖xe8 39.♗b7 a5 40.bxa5 bxa5 41.♖g2 f4 42.h4 ♖e7 43.♖h3 ♖e6 = 44.♖g4 ♖f6 45.♗e4 ♖f7	46.♖g5 ♖g7 47.a4 1-0
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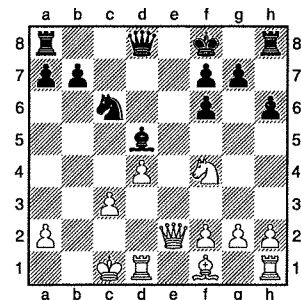


19. ♖ac1 ♖e5 20. ♗d2 ♗f5 21. g3 b6

### GAME 444: Kilpatrick,Callum (2048) - Smallbone,Kieran (2170) [B13] 4NCL/Div3/SCS (7.5), 16.04.2005

A game which excites in the opening, and the ending, with a gruelling middle-game ruck.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♘g5 ♘e6 7.♗ge2 h6 8.♗xf6 exf6 9.cxd5 ♗xd5 10.♗f4 ♗b4 11.♖e2+ ♖f8 12.0-0-0 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♖c8	14.♖b2 ♗a5 15.♗xd5 ♖xd5 16.♖b5 ♖xb5+ 17.♗xb5 ♖e7 18.♖he1+ ♖d6 19.♖e3 a6 20.♗f1 ♖c7 21.♖de1 ♖hc8 22.♖g3 g6 23.♖f3 f5 24.g4 f4 25.h4 ♗c4+ 26.♗xc4 ♖xc4	27.♖xf4 ♖xc3 28.♖xf7 ♖c2+ 29.♖b1 ♖d2 30.♖c1 ♖e8 31.♖c2 ♖xd4 32.♖xb7 ♖xg4 33.♖b6+ ♖d5 34.♖xa6 ♖xh4 35.♖xg6 ♖h1+ 36.♖b2 ♖b8+ 37.♖a3 ♖a8+ 38.♖b3 ♖b8+ 39.♖c3 ♖c8+	40.♖b3 ♖b1+ 0-1
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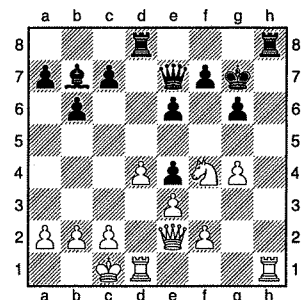


13... ♖c8 14. ♖b2 ♗a5 15. ♗xd5

### GAME 445: Coleman,James (2225) - Sen,Subin (1973) [D00] 4NCL/Div3/SCS1 (7.6), 16.04.2005

White can settle for a draw after losing a pawn on move 26 with Ne6+, but James gets carried away into the ending, and his minor piece gets carried away into the night.

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f4 ♘g7 5.e3 0-0 6.♘e2 b6 7.♗e5 ♗b7 8.h4 ♗bd7 9.h5 ♗xe5 10.♗xe5 ♗d7 11.hxg6 hxg6 12.♗xg7 ♖xg7	13.♖d2 ♖h8 14.0-0-0 e6 15.♗f3 ♗f6 16.g4 ♖e7 17.♗e2 ♗e4 18.♗xe4 dxe4 19.♗f4 ♖ad8 20.♖e2 ♖xh1 21.♖xh1 e5 22.dxe5 ♖xe5 23.♖f1 ♖h8 24.♖xh8 ♖xh8	25.♖h3+ ♖g7 26.♖h4 ♖a5 27.b3 ♖xa2 28.♖g5 ♖a1+ 29.♖d2 ♖a5+ 30.♖xa5 bxa5 31.g5 ♖f8 32.♖c3 ♖e7 33.♗e2 ♖d6 34.♗d4 ♗a6 35.f4 c5 0-1	20... ♖xh1 21. ♖xh1 e5 22.dxe5
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20... ♖xh1 21. ♖xh1 e5 22.dxe5



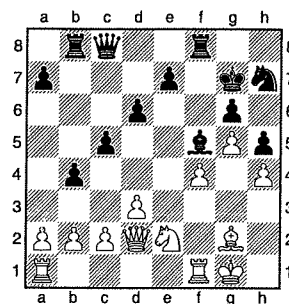
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### GAME 446: Mooring,Ross AC (2027) - Starkie,Ray (2090) [B24] 4NCL/Div3/SCS1 7.7), 16.04.2005

Ray adopts the same structural approach as in his previous effort this mag: play ...

h5, get rid of the White's fianchettoed bishop, play Qg4 ... etc.

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| 1.e4 c5<br>2.♗c3 ♗c6<br>3.g3 g6<br>4.♗g2 ♗g7<br>5.♗ge2 d6<br>6.d3 ♗d7<br>7.♗e3 ♗f6<br>8.h3 0-0<br>9.0-0 b5<br>10.♗d2 ♖b8 | 11.♗h6 b4<br>12.♗d1 ♗d4<br>13.♗xg7 ♗xg7<br>14.g4 ♗c8<br>15.♗e3 h5<br>16.g5 ♗h7<br>17.h4 f5<br>18.f4 fxe4<br>19.♗xe4 ♗f5<br>20.♗xf5+ ♗xf5 | 21.♗g2 ♗h3<br>22.♗e3 ♗xg2<br>23.♗xg2 ♗g4+<br>24.♗g3 ♖be8<br>25.d4 cxd4<br>26.♗xd4+ e5<br>27.♗xa7+ ♖f7<br>28.♗xf7+ ♗xf7<br>29.fxe5+ ♗g7<br>30.exd6 ♖e2+ 0-1 |
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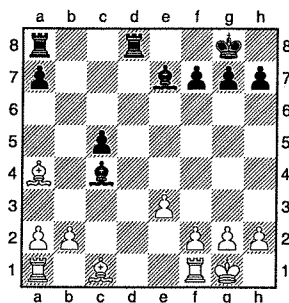


21... ♗h3 22. ♗e3 ♗xg2 23. ♗xg2 ♗g4+  
 ♗g4+ 24. ♗g3 ♖be8

### GAME 447: Ozeren,Kemal (2292) - Adams,Phil (2120) [E14] 4NCL/Div3/NUM2 (8.1), 17.04.2005

Kemal's early win of a pawn with an unusual tactic, but Black ends up with the better developed position, and it's clear that a draw is the best that will emerge.

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| 1.d4 ♗f6<br>2.♗f3 e6<br>3.e3 b6<br>4.♗d3 ♗b7<br>5.c4 c5<br>6.♗c3 ♗c6<br>7.d5 exd5<br>8.cxd5 ♗b4<br>9.♗c4 b5 | 10.♗xb5 ♗bxd5<br>11.♗xd5 ♗xd5<br>12.0-0 ♗e7<br>13.♗e5 0-0<br>14.♗xd7 ♗a5<br>15.♗a4 ♗xa4<br>16.♗xa4 ♗xd7<br>17.♗xd7 ♖fd8<br>18.♗a4 ♗c4 = | 19.♖d1 ♖xd1+<br>20.♗xd1 ♖d8<br>21.♗c2 ♗d3<br>22.♗a4 ♗f6<br>23.a3 ♖b8<br>24.♗a2 ♗b1<br>25.♖a1 ♗d3<br>26.♗a2 DRAW |
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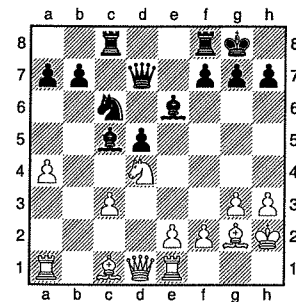


= 19. ♖d1 ♖xd1+ 20. ♗xd1 ♖d8  
 21. ♗c2 ♗d3

### GAME 448: Lysons,John (1960) - Milovanovic,Aleksander (2155) [D34]

4NCL/Div3/NUM2 (8.4), 17.04.2005

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| 1.♗f3 ♗f6<br>2.c4 e6<br>3.g3 d5<br>4.♗g2 c5<br>5.d4 ♗c6<br>6.cxd5 exd5<br>7.0-0 ♗e7<br>8.♗c3 0-0 | 9.h3 ♗e6<br>10.♖e1 ♗e4<br>11.dxc5 ♗xc3<br>12.bxc3 ♗xc5<br>13.♗d4 ♗d7<br>14.♗h2 ♖ac8<br>15.a4 ♗xd4<br>16.cxd4 ♗d6 | 17.♗a3 ♗xa3<br>18.♖xa3 ♖c4<br>19.e3 ♖fc8<br>20.♖a1 ♗f5<br>21.♗b3 a6<br>22.a5 ♖8c6<br>23.♖e2 ♗xh3<br>24.♗xh3 ♖h6 0-1 |
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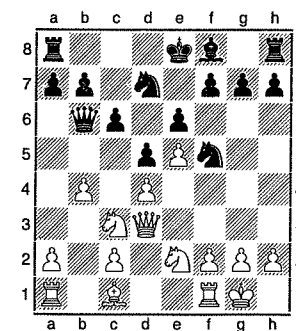


15... ♗xd4 16.cxd4 ♗d6 17. ♗a3  
 ♗xa3

### GAME 449: Rawlinson,Aidan (2173) - Hazlehurst,Cory (1960) [B12]

4NCL/Div3/NUM2 (8.5), 17.04.2005

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| 1.e4 c6<br>2.d4 d5<br>3.e5 ♗b6<br>4.♗c3 ♗f5<br>5.♗d3 ♗xd3<br>6.♗xd3 e6<br>7.♗ge2 ♗d7<br>8.0-0 ♗e7<br>9.b4 ♗f5 | 10.b5 c5<br>11.♗xd5 exd5<br>12.♗xf5 cxd4<br>13.♗f4 g6<br>14.♗h3 ♗xe5<br>15.♖e1 ♗g7<br>16.♗d3 f6<br>17.f4 0-0<br>18.fxe5 fxe5 | 19.♗h6 e4<br>20.♗xg7 ♗xg7<br>21.♗e5 d3+<br>22.♗h1 d2<br>23.♗d7+ ♗h8<br>24.♖f1 ♖xf1+<br>25.♖xf1 ♗f2<br>26.♗f7+ ♗g8<br>27.♗h6+ DRAW |
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10.b5 c5 11. ♗xd5 exd5 12. ♗xf5  
 cxd4

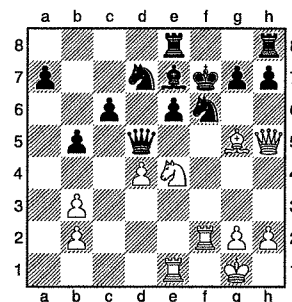
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### GAME 450: Webster,Ian (2116) - Compston,Michael (1835) [D00] 4NCL/Div3/NUM2 (8.7), 17.04.2005

White gets his opening wrong, and black sets about winning two pawns on move 8 - but Ian prefers to sacrifice a piece. No surprise there, then. The curious moment happens around move 19, when it would appear from the pgn file that Ian was offered a draw in the diagram position... and refused.. kids these days.

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| 1.e4 d5<br>2.d4 dxe4<br>3.♘c3 ♘f6<br>4.f3 exf3<br>5.♘xf3 c6<br>6.♙c4 ♙f5<br>7.0-0 e6<br>8.♘e5 ♙xc2<br>9.♘xf7 ♖xf7<br>10.♖g4 ♖d6<br>11.♙g5 ♘bd7<br>12.♞ae1 ♞e8<br>13.♞f2 b5<br>14.♙b3 ♙xb3<br>15.♘e4 ♖d5 | 16.axb3 ♙e7<br>17.♖h5+ ♖f8<br>18.♖h4 ♖f7<br>19.♖h5+ ♖f8 =<br>20.♖g4 h6<br>21.h4 h5<br>22.♖h3 ♖f7<br>23.♘c3 ♖xb3<br>24.d5 ♙c5<br>25.♙e3 ♙xe3<br>26.♞xe3 cxd5<br>27.♘e4 ♖d1+<br>28.♞f1 ♖g4<br>29.♘d6+ ♖e7<br>30.♖h2 ♖b4 | 31.♘f5+ ♖f8<br>32.♘d6 ♖e7<br>33.♘xe8 ♞xe8<br>34.♞fe1 ♖f7<br>35.♖c7 ♖c5<br>36.♖f4 ♞c8<br>37.♖h1 ♞c6<br>38.♞f3 ♖c4<br>39.♖g5 ♖g4<br>40.♞f4 ♖xg5<br>41.hxg5 ♖g6<br>42.gxf6 gxf6<br>43.g4 ♖g5<br>44.♞b4 hxg4<br>45.♞xb5 ♘e5 |
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- 46.♞b7 ♞c2  
 47.♞a1 ♘f3  
 48.♞h7 g3 0-1



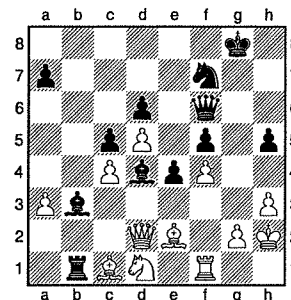
17...♖f8 18.♖h4 ♖f7 19.♖h5+ ♖f8

### GAME 451: McKeown,Paul (2095) - Moyse,Nigel (2054) [E94]

4NCL/Div3/SCS1-ATH (8.4), 17.04.2005

An entertaining game from Nigel, who has White in all manner of zugzwang trouble in the diagram position: 33.Ne3 Bc3 and the queen is trapped, or 33.Bxh5 Bxc4 34.Re1 Bxd5. Time trouble then breeds a mixture of blunders.

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|---|---|---|
| 1.d4 ♘f6<br>2.c4 g6<br>3.♘c3 ♙g7<br>4.e4 d6<br>5.♘f3 0-0<br>6.♙e2 ♘bd7<br>7.0-0 e5<br>8.♙e3 ♘g4<br>9.♙g5 f6<br>10.♙c1 c6<br>11.b4 ♖e7<br>12.d5 c5<br>13.bxc5 ♘xc5 | 14.h3 ♘h6<br>15.♘d2 f5<br>16.exf5 gxf5<br>17.♘b3 b6<br>18.♘xc5 bxc5<br>19.♞b1 e4<br>20.♖c2 ♘f7<br>21.f4 ♙d4+<br>22.♖h2 ♙d7<br>23.♘d1 ♞ab8<br>24.♞xb8 ♞xb8<br>25.♘e3 ♖f6<br>26.♖d2 ♙c3 | 27.♖c2 = ♞b4<br>28.♘d1 ♙d4<br>29.a3 ♙a4<br>30.♖d2 ♞b1<br>31.♙h5 ♙b3<br>32.♙e2 h5<br>33.♖a5 ♞xc1<br>34.♖xa7 ♖g6<br>35.♖b8+ ♖g7<br>36.♖xb3 h4<br>37.a4 ♞a1<br>38.a5 ♞xa5<br>39.♘f2 ♖g3+ |
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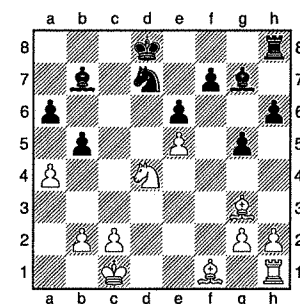


33.♖a5 ♞xc1 34.♖xa7 ♖g6

- 40.♖xg3+ hxg3+  
 41.♖xg3 ♞a3+  
 42.♖h4 ♞a2  
 43.♙g4 0-1

### GAME 452: Rose,Matt - Tidman,Sophie [B67] OCA 1, 02.2005

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|---|---|---|
| 1.e4 c5<br>2.♘f3 d6<br>3.d4 ♘f6<br>4.♘c3 cxd4<br>5.♘xd4 ♘c6<br>6.♙g5 e6<br>7.♖d2 a6<br>8.0-0-0 ♙d7<br>9.f4 b5<br>10.♘xc6 ♙xc6<br>11.e5 dxe5<br>12.♖xd8+ ♞xd8<br>13.♞xd8+ ♖xd8 | 14.fxe5 h6<br>15.♙h4 g5<br>16.♙g3 ♘d7<br>17.♘e2 ♙g7<br>18.♘d4 ♙b7<br>19.a4 bxa4<br>20.♙c4 ♙xe5<br>21.♙xa6 ♙xg2<br>22.♞d1 ♙xg3<br>23.hxg3 ♖e7<br>24.♙b5 ♘c5<br>25.♞d2 ♙e4<br>26.♞e2 f5 | 27.♙c4 h5<br>28.♖d2 ♖f6<br>29.♖c3 e5<br>30.♘b5 h4<br>31.gxh4 ♞xh4<br>32.♞d2 g4<br>33.♖b4 ♘b7<br>34.♘c3 g3<br>35.♘e2 g2<br>36.♞d7 f4<br>37.♞f7+ ♖g6<br>38.♞f8 f3 0-1 |
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19...bxa4 20.♙c4 ♙xe5 21.♙xa6

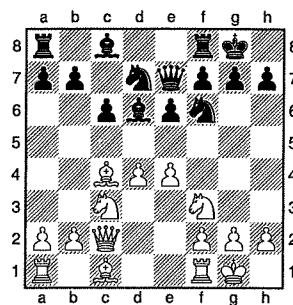


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### GAME 453: Moyse,Nigel - Shaw,David [D45] OCA 1, 02.2005

A poor night for Nigel; here the first oversight losing the h2 pawn is the smaller blunder leading up to the grand finale...

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| 1.d4 e6<br>2.♟f3 ♟f6<br>3.c4 d5<br>4.♟c3 c6<br>5.e3 ♗d6<br>6.♟c2 ♟bd7<br>7.♗d3 0-0<br>8.0-0 ♟e7<br>9.e4 dxc4 | 10.♗xc4 e5<br>11.♗b3 exd4<br>12.♟xd4 ♗xh2+<br>13.♟xh2 ♟e5+<br>14.♟g1 ♟xd4<br>15.♗e3 ♟e5<br>16.♞ae1 ♟g4<br>17.f4 ♟h5<br>18.g3 ♟xe3 | 19.♞xe3 ♟f6<br>20.f5 ♟g4<br>21.♞ef3 ♟e5<br>22.♞3f2 b6<br>23.♟d2 ♗a6<br>24.♗d1 ♟h3<br>25.♞h2 ♟xf1# 0-1 |
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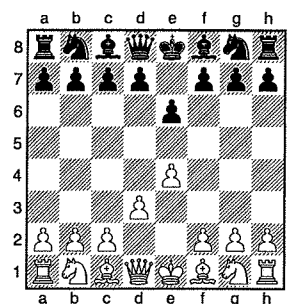


10...e5 11.♗b3 exd4 12.♟xd4

### GAME 454: Brown,Matt - Webster,Ian [C00] OCA 1, 02.2005

Monday nights aren't the best time to play chess, particularly if you have to teach kids during the day; and having come into contact with some of Matt's charges, it's surprising he retains the energy to move the pieces. Unfortunately, he moves them in the wrong order. The diagram (right) shows a position of no great interest, but since we've discovered that the Closed French raises a "yuk"-like sound from Dave Bruce, we thought we'd start off a modest campaign to advertise the fact...

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|---|---|---|
| 1.e4 e6<br>2.d3 c5<br>3.♟d2 b5<br>4.♟gf3 ♗b7<br>5.g3 ♟c7<br>6.♗g2 ♗e7<br>7.0-0 d6<br>8.c3 ♟f6<br>9.♞e1 ♟bd7 | 10.d4 cxd4<br>11.cxd4 0-0<br>12.e5 ♟d5<br>13.♟f1 ♞fe8<br>14.h4 ♟f8<br>15.h5 ♞ad8<br>16.♟g5 h6<br>17.♟e4 dxe5<br>18.♟g4 f5 | 19.♟h3 fxe4<br>20.dxe5 ♟b4<br>21.♟g4 ♟h8<br>22.♗xh6 gxh6<br>23.♞ac1 ♟xe5<br>24.♗xe4 ♗xe4<br>25.♞xe4 ♟g5 0-1 |
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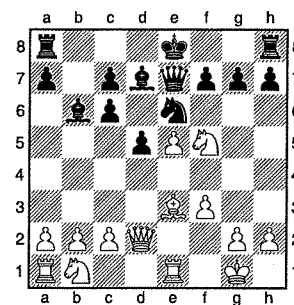


2...c5 3.♟d2 b5 4.♟gf3 ♗b7

### GAME 455: Gray,Mark - Manley,Jon [C55] OCA 1, 02.2005

An enjoyable scrap on board 3, with Jon refusing a draw in the early endgame, notwithstanding the slightly offside position of the black QR: the black pawn structure and knight position gives him a marginal dynamic plus. 27. d4 is an error, and an immediate ... c4 would have won material. The final 30 moves are missing.

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| 1.e4 e5<br>2.♟f3 ♟c6<br>3.♗c4 ♟f6<br>4.d4 exd4<br>5.e5 d5<br>6.♗b5 ♟e4<br>7.♟xd4 ♗d7<br>8.♗xc6 bxc6<br>9.0-0 ♗c5<br>10.♗e3 ♟e7<br>11.♞e1 ♗b6<br>12.f3 ♟g5<br>13.♟d2 ♟e6<br>14.♟f5 ♟g5<br>15.♗xb6 ♟xd2<br>16.♟xd2 axb6 | 17.♟b3 ♞a4<br>18.a3 ♞f4<br>19.♟g3= c5<br>20.♞ad1 ♗c6<br>21.♟e2 ♞f5<br>22.♟g3 ♞g5<br>23.♟f2 ♟f4<br>24.♟c1 ♗b5<br>25.♟d3 ♗xd3<br>26.cxd3 0-0<br>27.d4 h5<br>28.h4 ♞g6<br>29.♞d2 c4<br>30.♞g1 ♟d3+<br>31.♞xd3 cxd3<br>32.♞d1 ♞c6 | 33.♞xd3 ♞c2+<br>34.♟g1 ♞xb2<br>35.♟xh5 ♞a8<br>36.♟f4 c6<br>37.♞c3 ♞a4<br>38.♞xc6 ♞xd4<br>39.♟h3 ♞xh4<br>40.♟g5 ♞c4<br>41.♞d6 ♞c8<br>42.♞xd5 ♞b3<br>43.a4 ♞a3<br>44.♞d4 ♞a8<br>45.e6 fxe6<br>46.♟xe6 ♞3xa4<br>47.♞d7 ♞4a7<br>48.♞d5 ♞b8 |
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14...♟g5 15.♗xb6 ♟xd2 16.♟xd2 axb6

49.♞b5 ♞a5  
 50.♞b4 b5  
 51.♟c7 etc for about 30 moves more, to mate. 0-1

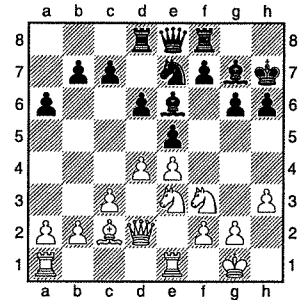


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### GAME 456: Duggan,Chris - Chapman,Graham [C77] OCA 1, 02.2005

If this were a decent mag, we'd spend loving time analysing the moves in this game - a tight, absorbing tense encounter which passed by my understanding for much of it - before it was decided by a blunder. A pity... but anyone wanting to write notes ... knows my address!

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 ♗d7 7.♘bd2 g6 8.♘f1 ♗g7 9.♗g5 ♖e7 10.♘e3 h6 11.♘d5 ♖d8 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.♖d2 ♗g7	14.h3 ♘e7 15.♗c2 0-0 16.♘e3 ♖h7 17.d4 ♖e8 18.0-0 ♖d8 19.♖fe1 ♗e6 20.a4 f6 21.a5 ♖f7 22.g4 ♖h8 23.♘h4 ♖g8 24.♖h2 h5 25.♖g1 ♗h6 26.♖g2 ♗f4+	27.♖g1 d5 28.♖d3 ♖h7 29.♘f3 dxe4 30.♖xe4 ♗xe3 31.♖xe3 ♘d5 32.♖e4 ♘f4 33.♖g3 ♗d5 34.♖e3 h4 35.♘h4 ♖xh4 36.dxe5 ♘e6 37.exf6 ♖xf6 38.♖h6# 1-0
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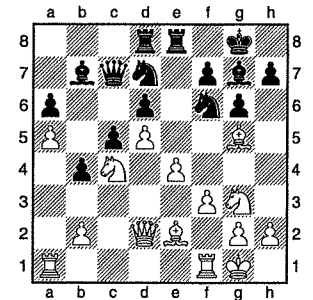


20.a4 f6 21.a5 ♖f7 22.g4 ♖h8

### GAME 457: March, Mike - Breen, Simon [A00] OCA 1, 19.03.2005

The last game to finish in the City - Univ match, with a draw agreed once Mike had lost the plot and was left 7 minutes to win a completely different game.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘ge2 0-0 6.f3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♗g5 ♖a5 9.♘g3 exd5 10.cxd5 ♖e8 11.♗e2 a6 12.0-0 b5	13.a4 b4 14.♘b1 ♗b7 15.♘d2 ♖c7 16.♘c4 ♘bd7 17.a5 ♖ad8 18.♖d2 ♘e5 19.♖f4 ♘xc4 20.♗xc4 ♖e7 21.♖ad1 ♖d7 22.b3 ♖d8 23.♖h4 h6 24.♗xh6 ♗xh6	25.♖xh6 ♘h7 26.f4 ♖f6 27.e5 dxe5 28.♘e4 ♖g7 29.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 30.♘xc5 ♖c7 31.♘xa6 ♖xc4 32.bxc4 ♗xa6 33.fxe5 ♗xc4 34.♖f4 ♗b5 35.d6 DRAW
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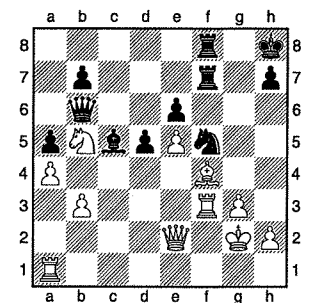


18...♗e5 19.♖f4 ♗xc4 20.♗xc4 ♖e7

### GAME 458: Brown, Stephen - Leigh, Matt [C02] OCA 2 - Cowley, 07.03.2005

I found this game quite interesting: from the opening Matt quickly gets the upper initiative hand, and gets to the diagram position in pole position. After Nh5+ and exchanges on f4, he is left with the question of what to do next? (And, as I didn't know myself, hence the interest!) Matt goes wrong at this point - Fritz suggesting either 24...Be3 25.Rxf4 Bxf4 26.Kh1 OR 24...Rxf3 25.Rxf3 Qd8 and also - when White is attacking later - 30...Rxh2+ 31.Kf3 (otherwise it's a draw) Rh3+ 32.Ke2 Qe7 33.Qxe7 Bxe7, but Black loses in the R+P ending for reasons that aren't evident from the final position I have recorded.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.♗e2 f6 7.a3 cxd4 8.cxd4 fxe5 9.♘xe5 ♘xe5	10.dxe5 ♖b6 11.0-0 a5 12.a4 ♗c5 13.♘c3 ♘e7 14.♗b5 ♗xb5 15.♘xb5 0-0 16.♖e2 ♘f5 17.g3 ♖f7 18.♖g2 ♖af8	19.f4 ♖h8 20.b3 g5 21.♖f3 gxf4 22.♗xf4 ♘h4+ 23.gxh4 ♖xf4 24.♖af1 ♖g8+ 25.♖g3 ♖e4 26.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 27.♖h5 ♖d8
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22...♗h4+ 23.gxh4 ♖xf4 24.♖af1 ♖g8+

28.♖f7+ ♖h8  
 29.♘c7 ♖xh4  
 30.♘xe6 ♖g4+  
 31.♖h1 ♖e7  
 32.♘xc5 ♖xc5  
 33.♖f8+ ♖xf8  
 34.♖xf8+ ♖g7 etc  
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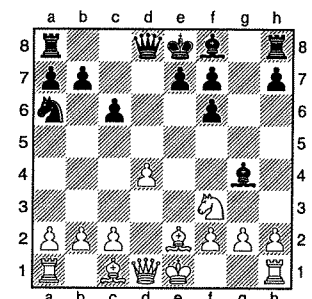


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### GAME 459: Yates,John – Partington,Anna [B16] OCA 1 – Univ 2, 07.03.2005

A bizarre game to watch - even for lovers of the Yates Method - as John steadily builds up a better position against Univ's Anna Partington (14. d5! sets up a great initiative). Anna hangs on as John first chooses quieter lines (16.Ng5 fxe4 17.Bxg4 Kg7 18.h4 or Bxd7 might have been a bit clearer) and then misses 22.Bf3 (which Fritz analyses as follows: Qa6 23.Qb4 Rac8 24.Bc6, but we thought was immediately decisive). In the end, John refused draw offers a plenty before going down gamely!

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 dxe4 4.♞xe4 ♞f6 5.♞xf6+ gxf6 6.♞f3 ♞g4 7.♞e2 ♞a6 8.c3 ♞c7 9.♞b3 b6 10.♞f4 ♞e6	11.♞g3 ♞h6 12.♞d1 ♞f4 13.♞xf4 ♞xf4 14.d5 ♞c7 15.dxc6 ♞f8 16.♞a4 ♞g8 17.♞e4 ♞e6 18.♞d4 ♞xa2 19.g3 ♞e5 20.♞b5 ♞c8	21.c7 ♞g7 22.♞a1 a6 23.♞xa2 axb5 24.♞xa8 ♞xa8 25.♞xa8 ♞xa8 26.♞xb5 ♞xc7 27.♞e2 ♞d8 28.♞d1 etc 0-1, as White refused draw offers... 0-1
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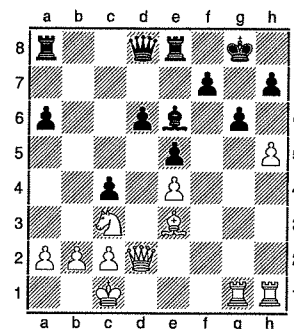


8.c3 ♞c7 9.♞b3 b6 10.♞f4 ♞e6

### GAME 460: Morris,Graham - Jones,GT [B77] OCA 1 - Univ 2, 07.03.2005

George goes amiss in his favourite Dragon and gets extinguished.

1.e4 c5 2.♞f3 ♞c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 g6 5.♞e3 ♞g7 6.♞c3 d6 7.♞c4 ♞f6 8.f3 0-0	9.♞d2 ♞e8 10.0-0-0 a6 11.g4 ♞e5 12.♞b3 b5 13.h4 ♞c4 14.♞xc4 bxc4 15.h5 ♞xg4 16.fxg4 ♞xg4	17.♞dg1 ♞xd4 18.♞xd4 e5 19.♞e3 ♞e6 20.♞h2 ♞d7 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.♞xg6+ hxg6 23.♞h8+ ♞f7 24.♞h7# 1-0
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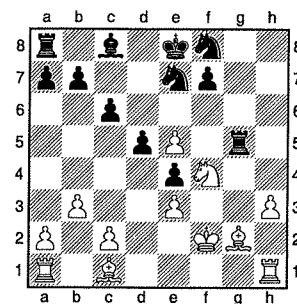


20.♞h2 ♞d7 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.♞xg6+

### GAME 461: Terry,Sean - Lang,Heather [A00] OCA 1 - Univ 2, 07.03.2005

An enjoyable game in uncharted territory for both players, where Heather figured she was doing a lot better until it dawned on her that White had secured a passed h-pawn as compensation for the central pawn mass. In the diagram position, a more enterprising player would have played h4, tempting black to take the e-pawn and clear the queening square), but later on White struggles to hold his position together in time trouble. A draw - and a drink - seemed a fair result.

1.h3 e5 2.g4 d5 3.♞g2 c6 4.d4 ♞d7 5.♞c3 ♞b6 6.e3 e4 7.♞ge2 ♞d6 8.♞g3 ♞xg3 9.fxg3 ♞e7 10.b3 ♞c7 11.♞e2 h5	12.♞f4 hxg4 13.♞xg4 ♞f8 14.♞xg7 ♞g8 15.♞e5 ♞xe5 16.dxe5 ♞xg3 17.♞f2 ♞g5 18.♞b2 ♞e6 19.h4 ♞g8 20.h5 ♞f5 21.♞h3 ♞xf4 22.exf4 e3+	23.♞f3 ♞g3+ 24.♞e2 b6 25.♞xf5 ♞xf5 26.♞ag1 ♞xg1 27.♞xg1 ♞e7 28.♞xe3 ♞h8 29.♞h1 ♞h6 30.c4 ♞g4 31.cxd5 cxd5 32.♞d4 ♞xh5 33.♞xh5 ♞xh5
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18.♞b2 ♞e6 19.h4 ♞g8 20.h5 ♞f5

34.♞xd5 ♞f3+  
 35.♞c4 ♞e2+  
 36.♞d5 ♞f3+ DRAW



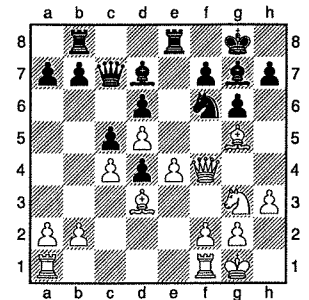


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### GAME 462: Neatherway,Phil - Pelling,Nick [E70] Chilterns - Berks, 12.03.2005

Phil has had a good season this year, both for Cowley and County, and I enjoyed this game. Like March - Breen (#457), Phil gets an advantage once his queen gets to f4, and Fritz suggests a more direct way (not quite to Phil's temperament) of increasing the advantage: 17.e5 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Rb6 19.Qxc5 Rxe5 20.Bf4 Re8 21.Bc7. But the real mystery for me is why White's b-pawn was left en prise (and not taken!) for as long as it was - as it was, once Phil plays 29. B4! Black's position begins to crumble, and time trouble does the rest.

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| 1.d4 ♖f6<br>2.c4 g6<br>3.♗c3 ♗g7<br>4.e4 d6<br>5.♗d3 0-0<br>6.♗ge2 ♗c6<br>7.0-0 e5<br>8.d5 ♗d4<br>9.♗xd4 exd4<br>10.♗e2 ♖e8 | 11.♗g3 c5<br>12.♗g5 ♖c7<br>13.♗d2 ♗d7<br>14.h3 ♖ab8<br>15.♗f4 ♗d8<br>16.♗xd6 b5<br>17.♗f4 bxc4<br>18.♗xc4 h6<br>19.♗xh6 ♗xh6<br>20.♗xh6 ♗xe4 | 21.♗xe4 ♖xe4<br>22.♖fe1 ♗e7<br>23.♗d2 ♖e8<br>24.♖xe4 ♗gxe4<br>25.♗d3 ♗f5<br>26.♗xe4 ♖xe4<br>27.f3 ♖e7<br>28.♖d1 ♗g7<br>29.b4 cxb4<br>30.♖xd4 a5 |
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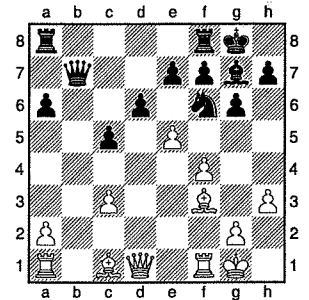
15...♗d8 16.♗xd6 b5 17.♗f4 bxc4

- 31.♗f2 ♗f6  
 32.g4 ♗d7  
 33.d6 ♖e8  
 34.♖f4+ ♗g7  
 35.♖xf7+ 1-0

### GAME 463: March, Mike - Watkins, Paul [A57] Chilterns - Berks, 12.03.2005

Not quite as interesting a game as I thought it was at the time, and perhaps this has something to do that I didn't notice at the time that Black is a clear rook adrift (and had been for some time...). The diagram position shows where Black loses the material, and Fritz how to avoid the loss: 19...Ne4 20.Qd3 d5 21.c4 e6 - and if anyone recommend a decent optician I'd be grateful!

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| 1.d4 ♖f6<br>2.c4 c5<br>3.d5 b5<br>4.cxb5 a6<br>5.b6 ♗xb6<br>6.♗c3 g6<br>7.♗f3 ♗g7<br>8.e4 d6<br>9.♗d2 0-0<br>10.♗e2 ♗bd7 | 11.0-0 ♗e5 time<br>12.h3 ♗b7<br>13.f4 ♗ed7<br>14.♗c4 ♗c7<br>15.♗f3 ♗b6<br>16.♗a5 ♗bxd5<br>17.♗xb7 ♗xc3<br>18.bxc3 ♗xb7<br>19.e5 ♗b6<br>20.♗xa8 ♖xa8 | 21.exf6 ♗xf6<br>22.♗f3 ♖b8<br>23.f5 ♗a5<br>24.fxg6 hxg6 time<br>25.♗e3 ♗xc3<br>26.♖ab1 ♖c8<br>27.♖fc1 ♗a3<br>28.♗b7 ♖d8<br>29.♗b3 ♗a5<br>30.♗b6 1-0 |
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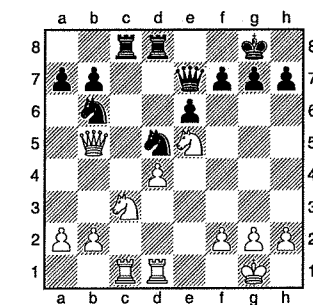


19...♗b6 20.♗xa8 ♖xa8 21.exf6 ♗xf6

### GAME 465: Chen, Ti - Spruogis, V [D53] Chilterns - Berks, 12.03.2005

A dull game in some senses in the early stages, but once the position gets down to Q R and minor piece, the game comes alight. Fritz points out an escape for (both) sides at move 38...Rd8 39.Qg4 fxe5 40.Rxh6 Re8 41.Rh8+ Kxh8 42.Qh5+

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| 1.d4 d5<br>2.c4 e6<br>3.♗c3 ♗f6<br>4.♗g5 ♗e7<br>5.♗f3 ♗bd7<br>6.e3 c5<br>7.cxd5 ♗xd5<br>8.♗xe7 ♗xe7<br>9.♗c4 ♗7f6<br>10.♗b5+ ♗d7<br>11.♗a4 ♗b6<br>12.♗b3 ♖c8<br>13.♗e5 cxd4<br>14.exd4 0-0<br>15.0-0 ♖fd8 | 16.♖fd1 ♗xb5<br>17.♗xb5 ♗fd5<br>18.♖ac1 ♗g5<br>19.♗f3 ♗e7<br>20.♗e2 ♗b4<br>21.a3 ♗xc3<br>22.♖xc3 ♗a4<br>23.♖dc1 ♖xc3<br>24.♖xc3 ♗d5<br>25.♖c1 ♗b3<br>26.♗c2 ♗b6<br>27.b4 h6<br>28.♗e4 a5<br>29.bxa5 ♗xa5<br>30.♗d3 ♗f4 |
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18...♗g5 19.♗f3 ♗e7 20.♗e2 ♗b4

- 31.♗e3 ♗d5  
 32.♗b3 b6  
 33.g3 ♗f6  
 34.♖c6 ♗d5  
 35.♗g2 ♖a8  
 36.♗e5 ♗e1  
 37.♗f3 f6  
 38.♖xe6 fxe5  
 39.♗xd5 ♗a5  
 40.♖e8+ ♗h7  
 41.♗e4+ g6  
 42.♖xa8 ♗c3  
 43.♖a7+ ♗g8  
 44.♗xg6+ ♗f8  
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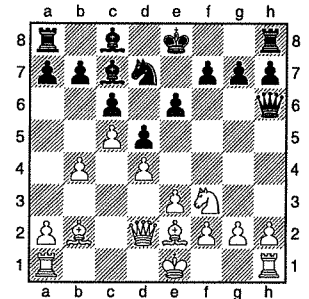


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### GAME 466: Brown,R - Bush,Martin [A06] Chilterns - Berks, 12.03.2005

I enjoyed this game, stumbling on it in the diagram position with a hangover and a great curiosity to find out how the black queen had stumbled to h6! After 26. f4 Martin went into a deep think and decided on the game plan – which didn't work out that well. The alternative is to take en passant and play ... b6. In the end he blunders a rook, but white is doing a bit better anyway, as Fritz confirms: 32...Kh8 33.Bxe5+ Qxe5 34.Rxd5 is pretty and secures a safe extra pawn, albeit in a rook and pawn ending.

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| 1. ♖f3 d5<br>2. b3 ♗f6<br>3. ♗b2 e6<br>4. e3 ♗bd7<br>5. ♗e2 ♗d6<br>6. d4 ♗e4<br>7. ♗bd2 ♗xd2<br>8. ♗xd2 ♗f6<br>9. c4 c6<br>10. c5 ♗c7<br>11. b4 ♗h6 | 12. h3 f6<br>13. 0-0 0-0<br>14. ♖c2 e5<br>15. e4 dxe4<br>16. ♗xe4 f5<br>17. ♗c2 e4<br>18. ♗e5 ♗xe5<br>19. dxe5 ♗e6<br>20. ♗c4 ♗d5<br>21. ♖fd1 ♖ad8<br>22. ♗b3 ♗e6 | 23. ♗xd5 cxd5<br>24. ♖d2 ♖f7<br>25. ♖ad1 ♖fd7<br>26. f4 ♗f7<br>27. ♗d4 g5<br>28. ♗e3 gxf4<br>29. ♗xf4 ♖e7<br>30. ♖f1 ♗xe5<br>31. ♗xf5+ ♖g8<br>32. ♗g5+ ♗g7<br>33. ♗xg7 1-0 |
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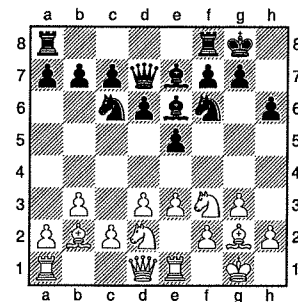


12.h3 f6 13.0-0 0-0 14.♖c2 e5

### GAME 467: Taylor,John - Sayers,Ivan [A05] Chilterns - Berks, 12.03.2005

The end of the game needs an explanation: at which point (21. ... Nh3) White picked up his Knight to put it on f3, but having reached there, and without taking fingers off the piece realised that this lost the queen. "Oh dear, I have to move the knight" he said as he retreated the knight to its original square - "I suppose I should resign here", he continued. John, who witnessed this as he returned to the board, then asked if this meant White was resigning... and White confirmed his honourable intentions. Whereupon John, and some spectators, pointed out that Ne4 would have prevented immediate catastrophe, although as John said afterwards, Black wins a pawn and the ending is won... 0-1

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| 1. ♖f3 ♗f6<br>2. g3 d6<br>3. ♗g2 e5<br>4. d3 ♗c6<br>5. 0-0 ♗e7<br>6. b3 0-0 | 7. ♗bd2 h6<br>8. ♗b2 ♗e6<br>9. e3 ♗d7<br>10. ♖e1 ♗g4<br>11. ♗c1 ♗h3<br>12. a3 ♗xg2 | 13. ♖xg2 ♗h5<br>14. ♗d1 g6<br>15. e4 f5<br>16. exf5 ♗xf5<br>17. ♗f1 ♗g5<br>18. ♗e3 ♗xe3 |
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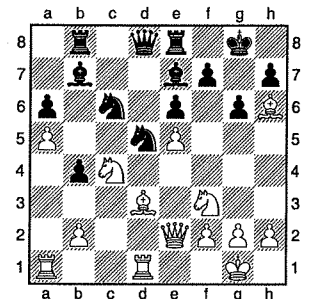


10...♗g4 11.♖c1 ♗h3 12.a3 ♗xg2

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| 19. ♖xe3 ♗g4<br>20. ♗d2 ♗f4+<br>21. ♗h1 ♗h3 0-1 |
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### GAME 468: March,Mike - Thompson,David [D25] Chilterns (pre 2005), 11.2004

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| 1. d4 d5<br>2. c4 dxc4<br>3. ♗f3 ♗f6<br>4. e3 a6<br>5. ♗xc4 b5<br>6. ♗d3 ♗b7<br>7. a4 b4<br>8. ♗bd2 e6 | 9. e4 c5<br>10. e5 ♗d5<br>11. ♗c4 ♗c6<br>12. dxc5 ♗xc5<br>13. 0-0 ♗e7<br>14. a5 0-0<br>15. ♗e2 ♖b8<br>16. ♖d1 g6 | 17. ♗h6 ♖e8<br>18. h4 b3<br>19. h5 ♗cb4<br>20. ♗e4 ♗c6<br>21. ♗d4 ♗b5<br>22. ♗g4 g5<br>23. ♗xe6 ♗d7<br>24. ♗f5 1-0 |
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18.h4 b3 19.h5 ♗cb4 20.♗e4 ♗c6

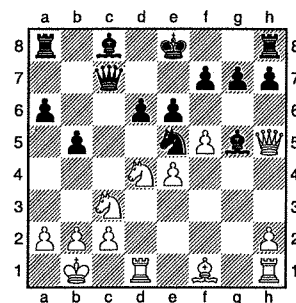


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### GAME 469: Chapman, Graham - Bonavent, Philip [B99] Chilterns - Bucks, 03.05

What seems like a smooth win by White is on closer examination a less sure event; if White has to play b3 then Black must have chances, and the only problem is that he found the wrong ones over the board.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♖f3 ♖c7 9.0-0-0 ♘bd7 10.g4 b5 11.♗xf6 ♘xf6 12.g5 ♘d7	13.f5 ♗xg5+ 14.♖b1 ♘e5 15.♖h5 ♖d8 16.h4 ♗f6 17.fxe6 g6 18.exf7+ ♖xf7 19.♖h6 ♗g7 20.♖f4+ ♖f6 21.♖g3 ♖f8 22.♗xb5 ♖g8 23.♖hf1 ♖d8 24.♗c6 ♖b8	25.b3 ♖h8 26.♗d5 ♗g4 27.♘e6 ♗xe6 28.♗xe6 ♖a5 29.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 30.♖xd6 ♘c4 31.♗xc4 ♗xc3 32.♖d5 ♖b4 33.a3 ♗e1 34.♖e5+ 1-0
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15...♖d8 16.h4 ♗f6 17.fxe6 g6  
18.exf7+ ♖xf7

### GAME 470: Robertson, Stuart - Dickinson, Tim [A58] OCA 1 (Wantage - Cowley), 06.04.2005

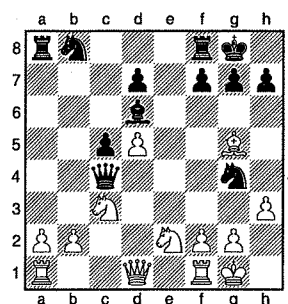
5... e6!? introduces the open volga gambit, a line with more in common with the benoni than its close relative the closed volga or benko gambit (with g6 and d6 instead of e6). Stuart remarks that it is sharp and tactical and not supposed to be very good. 8... Qxb2?? is duff since 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Nb5 Qxa2 11.Nc7+ wins a rook for two pawns. 9... Bd6 is more commonly associated with the snake benoni (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 ed5 5.cd5 Bd6!?) an opening with a dodgy reputation. (Stuart doesn't think much of it here, either.)

After 12.Bxa6 Qxa6!? Is probably best: after Rxa6?! b3, White is back into a typical benko plan of a4 and Nb5 when my extra pawn is decisive. Nxa6 may well also be playable.

14.Bg5! the key move of the game, the bishop leaves its awful post on d2 and releases the queen to protect the d-pawn while simultaneously covering h4 from the black queen coming there and putting an annoying attack on the knight. 14...Ng4?! is dubious - I had thought that 14...Ne4! was better, 15.h3 h6!? c however, it is too slow and allows me to kick his queen 16.b3 Qb4 17.a3! after which Tim blunders a piece with 17. ... Rxa3?.

Notes adapted from Stuart's

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 e6 6.♘c3 ♖a5 7.♗d2 ♖b6 8.e4 exd5	9.exd5 ♗d6 10.♗c4 0-0 11.♘ge2 ♗xa6 12.♗xa6 ♖xa6 13.0-0 ♖c4 14.♗g5 ♘g4 15.h3 h6 16.b3 ♖b4	17.a3 ♖xa3 18.♖xa3 ♖xa3 19.♗c1 ♖b4 20.hxg4 ♖xg4 21.♘f4 ♖f5 22.g3 g5 23.♖d3 ♖g4 24.♖e2 ♖f5	25.♘d3 ♖g6 26.♘e4 f5 27.♘xd6 ♖xd6 28.♖e5 ♖xe5 29.♘xe5 d6 30.♘c4 1-0
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15...h6 16.b3 ♖b4 17.a3 ♖xa3  
18.♖xa3 ♖xa3 19.♗c1

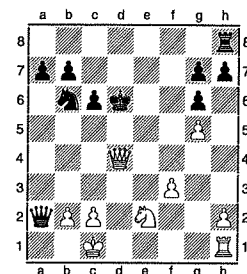


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### GAME 471: Dickinson, Timothy R (2176) - Spreeuw, Jaap (2306) [A00], 4NCL, 17 April 2005

Decent king chase after Tim's monarch decides to avail of the fresh air available in Telford...

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| 1. ♖c3 d5<br>2. e4 dxe4<br>3. d3 exd3<br>4. ♗xd3 ♗f6<br>5. ♗g5 ♗g4<br>6. ♖d2 ♗bd7<br>7. f3 ♗h5<br>8. 0-0-0 c6<br>9. ♖f4 ♖a5<br>10. ♖h4 0-0-0<br>11. g4 ♗g6<br>12. ♗xg6 fxg6<br>13. ♗d2 e5<br>14. g5 ♗d5 | 15. ♗ge2 ♗7b6<br>16. ♖g4+ ♖c7<br>17. ♗xd5+ ♖xd5<br>18. ♗c3 ♖xa2<br>19. ♗xe5+ ♗d6<br>20. ♗xd6 ♗xd6<br>21. ♗xd6+ ♖xd6<br>22. ♖d4+ ♗d5<br>23. ♗c3 ♖a1+<br>24. ♗b1 b5<br>25. ♗e1 ♗d8<br>26. ♖xg7 ♖a4<br>27. ♗e4 ♖a6<br>28. ♗c3 b4 | 29. ♖e5+ ♖c5<br>30. ♖d4+ ♖d6<br>31. ♗xd5 ♖f1+<br>32. ♖d2 ♖g2+<br>33. ♖d3 ♖xf3+<br>34. ♖c4 ♖f1+<br>35. ♖b3 cxd5<br>36. ♖xb4+ ♖c6<br>37. ♗e6+ ♖c7<br>38. ♖a5+ ♖d7<br>39. ♖xd5+ ♖c8<br>40. ♗c6+ ♖b7<br>41. ♗d6+ 1-0 |
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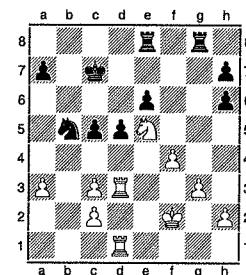


22... ♗d5 23. ♗c3 ♖a1+ 24. ♗b1 b5  
25. ♗e1

### GAME 472: Fowler, Simon A (2116) - Terry, Sean (2015) [A40] 4NCL/Div4a/HCV- (5.1), 26.02.2005

Showing this to Will in the pub the following Wednesday, we get to the diagram position when he says fairly immediately, "of course, 25. Nxa3 is suicidal", so what did you do instead? Aha - was it that obvious? The simple interpolation ... c4 closes the position and allows the pawn to be taken safely, and if I'd had the wit to play it on move 26, then maybe 25. Nxa3 would have been less suicidal after all...

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| 1. d4 ♗h6<br>2. ♗xh6 gxh6<br>3. e4 e6<br>4. ♗c4 ♗g8<br>5. ♗c3 b6<br>6. ♖e2 ♗b4<br>7. f4 ♖h4+<br>8. ♖f2 ♖xf2+<br>9. ♖xf2 ♗xc3<br>10. bxc3 ♗b7<br>11. ♗d3 f5 | 12. ♗e1 fxe4<br>13. ♗xe4 ♗xe4<br>14. ♗xe4 ♗a6<br>15. ♗f3 0-0-0<br>16. g3 c5<br>17. a3 ♗c7<br>18. ♗e5 d6<br>19. ♗e2 ♖d7<br>20. ♗he1 ♗de8<br>21. ♗d2 ♗b5<br>22. dxc5 bxc5 | 23. ♗ed1 d5<br>24. ♗e5+ ♖c7<br>25. ♗d3 ♗xa3<br>26. ♗a1 ♗b5<br>27. c4 dxc4<br>28. ♗d7+ ♖c8<br>29. ♗xh7 ♗d8<br>30. ♗a5 ♗d2+<br>31. ♖e3 ♗xc2<br>32. ♗xb5 ♗d8<br>33. ♗xc5+ ♖b8 |
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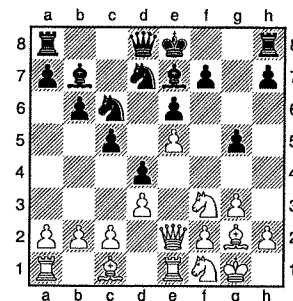
25... ♗xa3 26. ♗a1 ♗b5 27. c4 dxc4

34. ♗c6+ ♖a8  
35. ♗xa7# 1-0

### GAME 473: Morris, Graham (2050) - Kenyon, Scott (1875) [C00] 4NCL/Div4a/RIC2 (7.3), 16.04.2005

Graham's closed French gets to a strong position before he loses his way and then gets hit by a cheapo...

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| 1. e4 e6<br>2. d3 d5<br>3. ♗d2 ♗f6<br>4. ♗gf3 b6<br>5. g3 ♗b7<br>6. e5 ♗fd7<br>7. ♗g2 d4<br>8. 0-0 c5<br>9. ♗e1 ♗c6<br>10. ♗f1 ♗e7<br>11. ♖e2 g5 | 12. h3 h5<br>13. ♗1h2 ♗g8<br>14. ♗d2 ♗dxe5<br>15. ♖xh5 ♖d7<br>16. ♗e4 ♗b4<br>17. ♗xg5 ♗xg5<br>18. ♗xb7 ♖xb7<br>19. ♗xg5 ♗g6<br>20. ♗g4 ♗d5<br>21. ♗f6+ ♗xf6<br>22. ♗xf6 ♗f4 | 23. ♗xe6+ ♗xe6<br>24. ♗e1 ♖c6<br>25. ♖h2 ♗g6<br>26. ♖e5 ♖d7<br>27. f4 ♖f3<br>28. ♗h4 f5<br>29. ♗g1 ♗f8<br>30. ♗g2 ♖c6<br>31. ♖g1 ♖e3+ 0-1 |
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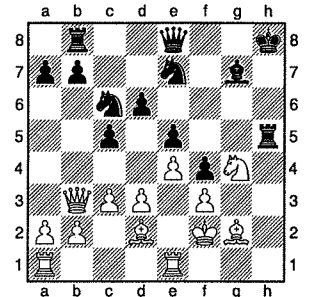
12.h3 h5 13. ♗1h2 ♗g8 14. ♗d2 ♗dxe5

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### GAME 474: Zhou, Yang-Fan (1880) - Bruce, Dave (2075) [A04] 4NCL/Div4a/RIC2 (7.2), 16.04.2005

And, on an adjoining board against a youngster, Dave's opponent's closed French and some too-enterprising play puts White in the driving seat, and a spoke in Dave's 'yech' argument about the merits of 2. d3 against his pet defence. An entertaining post-mortem with the youngster had him showing some variations or tries he had in mind - and had he opted for one of them: [23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Rh1 c4 25.Qxc4 (25.Qb5 Rxh1 26.Rxh1+ Kg8 27.Qxc4+) 25...d5 26.exd5 Na5] then Black would not have been able to rescue himself from his optimistic opening play.

1.e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.♘d2 ♘c6 4.♘gf3 g6 5.g3 ♗g7 6.♗g2 ♘ge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♞e1 d6 9.c3 e5	10.♘f1 ♞b8 11.h4 f5 12.♙b3+ ♗h8 13.♘g5 ♙e8 14.♘e6 ♗xe6 15.♙xe6 ♞f6 16.♙b3 f4 17.g4 g5 18.♘h2 h5	19.hxg5 ♞g6 20.f3 hxg4 21.♘xg4 ♞xg5 22.♗f2 ♞h5 23.♗d2 ♘a5 24.♙e6 ♘g8 25.♙xe8 ♞xe8 26.♞h1 ♞h7 DRAW
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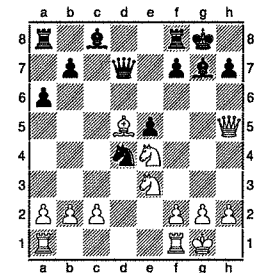


23...♗a5 24.♙e6 ♘g8 25.♙xe8  
 ♞xe8 26.♞h1 ♞h7 ♙h7 ♙h7

### GAME 475: March, Mike - Adamski, Andrzej [B33] Offhand, Warsaw, 1966

*Mike March:* "You asked me some time ago if I could find my game against Adamski that I told you about. I can't find the score, but I've reconstructed it and am pretty confident that I've got it right. It was an offhand game - very offhand by him, played in deadly earnest by me - played at Warsaw Central Chess Club in 1966 when I was a student in Poland. He was certainly a national master at the time, but I don't know whether he was yet an IM..."

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6	8.♗xf6 gxf6 9.♘a3 f5 10.♙h5 ♘d4 11.♗c4 d5 12.♗xd5 ♙c7 13.0-0 ♗g7 14.♘c4 0-0	15.♘e3 fxe4 16.♘xe4 ♙d7 17.♞ad1 h6 18.f4 ♘f5 19.♘g4 ♙e7 20.fxe5 ♙h4 21.♞xf5 1-0
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17.♞ad1 h6 18.f4 ♘f5 19.♘g4 ♙e7  
 20.fxe5 ♙h4 21.♞xf5 1-0

... anyway, my 15 minutes of fame!"

### GAME 476: Tozer, Richard - Palliser, Richard [A66]

1.d4 ♘f6  
 2.c4 c5  
 3.d5 e6  
 4.♘c3 exd5  
 5.cxd5 d6  
 6.e4 g6  
 7.f4 ♗g7  
 8.e5 ♘fd7

9.♘e4 dxe5  
 10.♘d6+ ♗e7  
 11.♘b5 ♘a6  
 12.d6+ ♗f8  
 13.♘f3 e4  
 14.♘g5 h6  
 15.♘xe4 ♘f6  
 16.♘g3 ♗d7

### Doncaster Open, 27.02.2005

17.♘c3 ♙b6  
 18.♗c4 ♞e8+  
 19.♘ge2 ♘e4  
 20.♘xe4 ♞xe4  
 21.♗d5 ♞e8  
 22.0-0 ♘b4  
 23.♗c4 ♗f5  
 24.♘c3 ♘c2

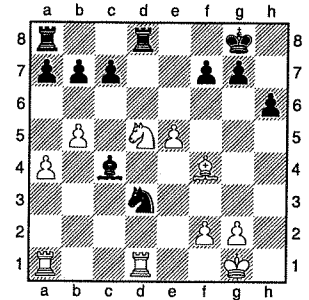
25.g4 ♗d4+  
 26.♗h1 ♙c6+  
 27.♗d5 ♙xd5+  
 28.♘xd5 ♗e4+  
 29.♞f3 ♗xd5  
 30.♗g2 ♞e1 0-1



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### GAME 477: Stembridge,Ed - Ryan,Joe [C01] Cork congress, 02.04.2005

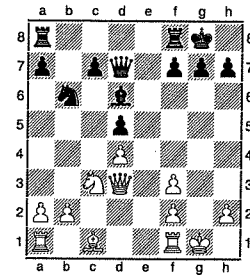
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| 1.e4 e6<br>2.d4 d5<br>3.exd5 exd5<br>4.c4 dxc4<br>5.♗xc4 ♗d6<br>6.♟f3 ♟f6<br>7.h3 0-0<br>8.0-0 h6<br>9.♟c3 ♟c6<br>10.a3 ♗f5<br>11.b4 ♗d7<br>12.b5 ♟a5<br>13.♗d3 ♗xh3<br>14.♟e5 ♗xe5<br>15.dxe5 ♗g4<br>16.♗a4 ♗xd3 | 17.♗xa5 ♟d7<br>18.♗f4 ♗c4<br>19.♗b4 ♗e6<br>20.♗fd1 ♟c5<br>21.♗xc4 ♗xc4<br>22.♟d5 ♟d3<br>23.a4 ♗fd8<br>24.♟e3 ♗b3<br>25.♗db1 ♗e6<br>26.♗g3 ♗d4<br>27.♗a3 ♗ad8<br>28.♗c3 ♗8d7<br>29.♗d1 ♟f4<br>30.♗xf4 ♗xd1+<br>31.♟xd1 ♗xd1+<br>32.♗h2 ♗d7 | 33.♗e3 b6<br>34.♗g3 ♗f8<br>35.♗f4 ♗e8<br>36.g3 ♗d8<br>37.♗e4 ♗c8<br>38.♗d4 ♗b7<br>39.f4 g6<br>40.♗e3 h5<br>41.♗c6 ♗b3<br>42.a5 ♗a4<br>43.axb6 axb6<br>44.e6 ♗e7<br>45.♗e5 ♗xb5<br>46.♗xc7+ ♗xc7<br>47.♗xc7 fxe6<br>48.♗e5 etc DRAW |
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24. ♗e3 ♗b3 25. ♗db1 ♗e6 26. ♗g3 ♗d4

### Stembridge,Edward - Baburin,A (2523) [B03] Weekender Cork IRL (4), 02.04.2005

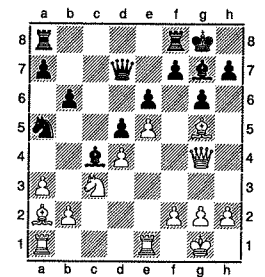
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| 1.e4 ♟f6<br>2.e5 ♟d5<br>3.c4 ♟b6<br>4.d4 d6<br>5.exd6 exd6<br>6.♟f3 ♗e7<br>7.♗d3 ♗g4<br>8.0-0 ♟c6<br>9.♗e4 ♟xc4<br>10.♗xc6+ bxc6 | 11.♗a4 ♗xf3<br>12.gxf3 ♟b6<br>13.♗xc6+ ♗d7<br>14.♗e4 0-0<br>15.♟c3 d5<br>16.♗d3 ♗d6<br>17.♟b5 f5<br>18.♟xd6 ♗xd6<br>19.♗h1 f4<br>20.♗g1 ♗ae8 | 21.a4 ♗e6<br>22.a5 ♟d7<br>23.b3 ♗h3<br>24.♗a3 ♗f5<br>25.♗ae1 ♗xe1<br>26.♗xe1 ♗h5<br>27.♗e8+ ♗f7<br>28.♗e7+ ♗f6<br>29.♗g1 ♗g5+ 0-1 |
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17. ♗b5 f5 18. ♗xd6 ♗xd6 19. ♗h1 f4  
20. ♗g1 ♗ae8

### Cicak,S (2530) - Palliser,R (2402) [B50] 03.04.2005

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| 1.e4 c5<br>2.♟f3 d6<br>3.♗c4 ♟f6<br>4.d3 ♟c6<br>5.c3 g6<br>6.0-0 ♗g7<br>7.♗b3 0-0<br>8.♗e1 b6<br>9.a3 ♗a6<br>10.d4 cxd4<br>11.cxd4 d5<br>12.e5 ♟e4<br>13.♟g5 ♟xg5<br>14.♗xg5 ♟a5<br>15.♗a2 ♗d7<br>16.♟c3 e6<br>17.♗g4 ♗c4<br>18.♗e3 ♗xa2 | 19.♗xa2 f5<br>20.exf6 ♗xf6<br>21.♗h6 ♟c4<br>22.♗e1 ♗fe8<br>23.h4 ♗ac8<br>24.b4 ♗f7<br>25.♟e2 ♟d6<br>26.g3 ♗c4<br>27.♗d2 ♟e4<br>28.♗a2 ♗g5<br>29.f3 ♗xh6<br>30.fxe4 ♗e3+<br>31.♗h1 h5<br>32.♗h3 ♗f3+<br>33.♗g2 dxe4<br>34.♗f1 ♗xg2+<br>35.♗xg2 ♗f8<br>36.♗xf8+ ♗xf8 | 37.g4 hxg4<br>38.♗g3 ♗xd4<br>39.♗xg4 ♗e5<br>40.b5 ♗f7<br>41.a4 ♗b4<br>42.♟g1 e3+<br>43.♗h3 ♗f6<br>44.♟f3 ♗f5<br>45.a5 ♗e4<br>46.axb6 axb6<br>47.♗g4 ♗d3+<br>48.♗g5 ♗c3<br>49.♗a3 e2<br>50.♗xg6 ♗f4<br>51.♟e5+ ♗d2<br>52.♗a2+ ♗d1<br>53.♟d3 ♗f3 0-1 |
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18. ♗e3 ♗xa2 19. ♗xa2 f5 20.exf6 ♗xf6





## ... and finally ...

### Book reviews

Two books have caught my eye this time around.

#### **The Modern Benoni Revealed**, Richard Palliser (2005) – Batsford / Chrysalis (£14.99)

Some (usually stronger) players can ingest lines of analysis and +/- signs - like coke fiends during a lively session of Mardi Gras; others like myself prefer to have it more verbalised in print format, with the aid of relevant games and a few more diagrams. This tends to serve as a longer-lasting preparation for the job of translating the learning into actual practice. Although fewer books of the latter variety are available to the practical player, this gap in the shelves may be remedied by the latest series from Batsford, of which Richard Palliser's book on the Benoni is the second – this follows Neil McDonald's recent book on the Benko Gambit.

I hope that my current openings preferences won't influence my approval of Richard's book, which is a highly readable and instructive account of the opening. By 'highly readable', I mean it can be read in a café without need for a board: it's full of words, and this is one reason for liking it. Others will include the strong narrative style, the easy explanation of the opening's concepts and the inclusion of a wide selection from past and present praxis (Alekhine – Capablanca 1927 through to Leko – Kramnik 2004) illustrate the opening's power – and continued vitality. (I was under the impression that it had gone under the shade, after the main line push – f4, e5 and Bb5+ - had been played successfully. Not entirely the case.)

As you'll have gathered, the book format is different to the 'tree of analysis' openings book. Successive chapters take you through "First Moves" to "Heros and Zeros" (a historical overview of its chief proponents), and then to considerations of strategy and a theoretical overview – the way, I feel, many chess players would actually come to a new opening or research area. Reading it I get the impression I'd be armed with the answer to a practical OTB question (e.g. "where does this bloody Knight belong") and feel more confident in playing a sensible move than before.

While there is an Index of Variations, some players might have preferred a more detailed one – but this, I feel is to miss the point (and advantage) of the book's format. And besides, I was able to trace the Tozer – Palliser game (#476) fairly easily. The absence of a Games Index is to be regretted though.

#### **Imagination in Chess**, Paata Gaprindashvili (2004) – Batsford (£15.99)

I found this book in Dublin last Christmas and have been dipping into it on a regular basis since. The author, from Georgia, is a chess trainer and has collected 756 problems from practical play into a self-tutor training format for the reader. The problems are grouped into 7 chapters, each with its own short introduction, and where the key to resolving the problem is similar. So, Chapter 5 has 30 or so problems where "mental agility" is the key to finding the idea. All chapters go into some brief detail explaining the thought process in solving OTB issues as before letting the reader loose on the material.

The format is deliciously simple, and while none of the problems are trivial, nor are they all inaccessible. A further advantage is the absence of any 'hint' section, which adds to the reality of the exercise. Indeed, apart from the few pages of general advice on how the mind works – which are well written although perhaps more speculative than comprehensive – the reader is just provided the bare diagram along with the implied indication that there is something there to be found.

As a confirmed reader of chess problems in the newspapers – and finding how much easier such problems are when given the large narrative hint which frequently accompanies those problems (Leonard Barden is one exception to the rule) – I found, and continue to find this book useful and entertaining.

(The diagram position here is taken from the "logic" chapter.)

