

holm 1969. We pick up the game at the second diagram, with Karpov (White) to make his 34th move.

34 Rg3-e3

White's next step is to exchange the white-squared bishops and leave Black seriously weakened on the white squares.

34 ... Bd7-e8

35 Nd2-f1

This knight keeps an eye on f5 and also makes way for the manoeuvre Qd2, Be2, Qd1, Bg4.

35 ... Qd8-c8

35 ... Na6 would be met by 36 Qd2! and if Rb1? 37 Rxb1 Rxb1 38 Bc2! followed by 39 Bxa winning.

36 Nf1-g3 Be8-d7

Preventing the threatened 37 Nf5.

37 Qe2-d2 Ng5-h7

38 Bd1-e2 Kg8-f7

39 Qd2-d1 Bf8-e7

40 Ng3-f1

Going to h2 and thus achieving the Bg4 idea.

40 ... Be7-d8

41 Nf1-h2 Kf7-g8

42 Be2-g4

At last the objective is reached. Note how Black has had to resort to 'shuffling' moves. The bishop manoeuvre to d8 was with the idea of removing this piece from the attack of the g6 knight and also to enable Black to play Na6 (threatening rook infiltration) without the a-pawn being en prise.

42 ... Nh7-g5

43 Bg4xd7 Qc8xd7

44 Nh2-f1

The knight heads back to g3 and f5.

44 ... f6-f5?

After this move White achieves his breakthrough very quickly; but passive defence would also have proved inadequate, for White can continue Ng3, Nf5, g3, f4, Qg4, etc., after which Black's game would collapse.

45 e4xf5 Qd7xf5

46 Nf1-g3 Qf5-f7

If 46 ... Qc2 then 47 f4! wins at least a pawn.

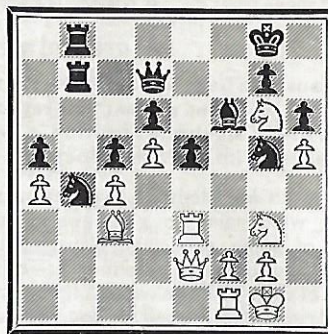
47 Qd1-e2 Bd8-f6

To prevent the threatened 48 f4!

48 Ra1-f1 Qf7-d7

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KARPOV TO MOVE

There is no defence to the coming breakthrough.

49 f2-f4!

Black's position collapses like a pack of cards, under the pressure of the major pieces on the e- and f- files, the mating possibilities, and the marauding white knights.

49 ... e5xf4

50 Rf1xf4 Bf6xc3

51 Re3xc3 Rb8-e8

Note that 52 ... Rxe2 is not a threat!

52 Rc3-e3 Rb7-b8

53 Qe2-f2!

Threatening to win the queen by 54 Rxe8+ and also preventing 53 ... Rxe3.

53 ... Ng5-h7

54 Ng3-f5

Gaining the e7 square by force.

54 ... Re8xe3

55 Qf2xe3 Nh7-f6

56 Ng6-e7+ Kg8-h8

57 Nf5xh6 Rb8-e8

58 Nh6-f7+ Kh8-h7

59 Rf4-e4!

Not 59 Rxf6? Rxe7 60 Qg5 Rxf7 and Black survives; but now the threats of 60 Ng5+, or 60 Re6, are too much.

59 ... Re8xe7

60 Re4xe7 Black resigns

An impressive demonstration of Karpov's strategical technique.

In our brief advertisement-pages-review we made special mention of Markland's second chapter: "Some middle-game themes: the two bishops; the passed pawn; spatial advantage;

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The Irish Championship 1975

The 1975 Irish Championship was played in St. Joseph's School for the Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin. 30 participated.

Players came from the North, South, East and, it was pleasing to note that the West of Ireland was again represented after several years absence. Connacht's new Champion, John Alfred carried the Western Province's banner.

Reigning champion A. Doyle got off to a flying start with an easy win over P. O'Tuathail but he had to be content with draws in Rounds 2 and 3 against Littleton and teenager P. Hadden from Ulster. Surprise result from Round One was the performance of Derry's young G. McCormick holding Jim Cummins to a draw. 16 year old Paul Wallace from Wexford proved to be a surprise contender. At the end of Round 2 only Wallace and the flamboyant Indian Sai Prakash, now studying in Dublin, were on full points. Wallace won convincingly. Taking a dominating open centre file he exploited it to full advantage.

French

P. Wallace White Sai Prakash Black

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-Q2 PxP

The provocative Burn Variation of the French. Sai Prakash is noted in Dublin for his swashbuckling style.

4 NxP N-KB3 5 NxN PxN!? 6 N-KB3 B-N2 7 B-KB4

Preventing 7 ... P-K4. White maintains control of the centre.

7 ...

P-QB4

8 P x P

Wallace is happy with his centre domination. The queen exchange is to White's advantage.

8 ... Q-R4ch 9 Q-Q2 QxBP 10

O-O-O! N-B3 11 B-Q6 Q-N3 12 B-R3 P-KR4

Black's king must remain in the centre. White now deals with the skewer threat ...

13 K-N1

P-R3

14 B-B4

Q-B2

Black's pieces lack mobility. He is desperately trying to prepare for queen's side castling. But White keeps up the pressure.

15 N-Q4

B-Q2

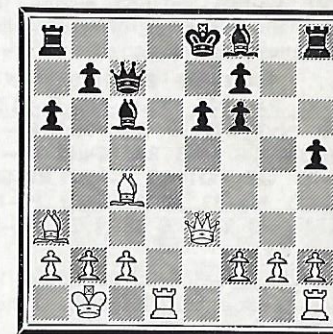
16 N x N

B x N

16 ... PxN would have been better. But there is no stopping White.

17 Q-K3!

B-B1



18 B x KP!

B x B

Not 18 ... PxB 19 QxPch B-K2 20 KR-K1!

19 B-Q7 dbl ch K-B1 20 QxBch K-N2 21 BxB PxP 22 Q-KN3ch

22 R-Q3 looks even stronger, but White's greater mobility tells now.

22 QxQ 23 RPxQ QR-K1 24 KR-K1 R-K4? 25 RxB PxR 26 R-Q6 P-R5 27 P-QB4

Mobilising the king.

(Black throws away his last drawing chances by exchanging off the rooks, leaving

White with a winning majority of pawns on the queen's side—Editor).

27 ... P x P 28 P x P R—R3 29 R x R K x R
30 K—B2 K—N4 31 K—Q3 K—B4
32 P—QN4 K—K3 33 P—N4 P—R4
34 P x P K—Q3 35 P—R6 K—B2 36 P—B5
P—B3 37 K—K4 K—N1 38 P—N5 Resigns

So Wallace became sole leader—but the issue was still open. The youngster faced veteran International Eamon Keogh in Round four and a draw resulted.

Another teenager, Paul Delaney, now joined Wallace at the top of the table with this fine win over O. McGuiness.

King's Indian Defence

O. McGuiness White P. Delaney Black

1 P—K4 P—KN3 2 P—Q4 B—N2
3 N—QB3 P—QB3 4 N—KB3 P—Q3
5 B—K2 N—B3 6 O—O O—O 7 P—QR4
Q—B2 8 B—KN5 P—K4 9 P x P P x P
10 Q—B1 QN—Q2

Black's queen's knight awakens and begins a campaign that proves damaging to White.

11 N—Q2 N—B4 12 R—Q1 N—K3!
13 B—K3 N—Q5! 14 B—B1

Black has enjoyed greater mobility and this is now beginning to tell:

14 ... N—N5 15 B—KN5 P—KR3
16 B—R4 P—KN4 17 B—N3 P—KB4!
18 P x P N x P (B4) 19 B—B4ch? K—R1
20 N(B3)—K4 N x B 21 R P x N B—B4
22 P—R5 QR—Q1 23 R—B1 R—Q5!
24 B—Q3 N—B3 25 P—KB3? P—N5
26 N x N B x B 27 P x B R x N 28 N—K4
R—B1

White keeps a knight posted at K4. But there is about to follow a queen hunt that succeeds ...

29 Q—K3 R(B1)—Q1 30 N—B5?
Q—K2! 31 QR—B1 R(Q5)—Q4 32
P—QN4 P—K5!

The weakness in White's defence now shows up.

33 Q x P B—Q5 ch!
34 R—B2

If 34 K—R1 (or R2), R—R4 mate.

34 ... R—K4! 35 Q—N6 R—Q3 36
Q x NP P—KR4

A pawn joins in the chase!

37 Q—B4 B—K6 38 Q—QB4 B x R(B8)!

All is now lost ...

39 Q x B and White resigned.

So at the half-way point, the youngsters were leading the way but the experienced old hands were not far behind: the Wallace v Delaney clash in Round 5 proved to be an exciting affair. Delaney went a pawn up but then had to hold out against a strong king's side onslaught for a draw.

Champion Tony Doyle outplayed Sai Prakash in an amusing swashbuckling affair and this win saw him now sharing the lead with Wallace and Delaney on four points. Ludgate, hotly favoured from the start, Keogh, Hadden and McGuiness were still contesting the affair with 3½ points.

Round six produced the major upset with Delaney beating Doyle to dent the latter's hopes of retaining the title. Wallace was again victorious and so it was Wallace and Delaney again sharing the lead. Keogh and Ludgate kept their hopes alive with good wins; here is how Delaney got the better of Doyle.

King's Gambit

P. Delaney White A. Doyle Black

1 P—K4 P—K4 2 P—KB4 P—Q4
3 P x QP P—K5 4 P—Q3 N—KB3 5
P x P N x P 6 N—KB3 B—QB4 7 Q—K2
B—KB4? 8 N—B3 Q—K2 9 B—K3

White is now catching up in development.

9 ... N—Q2 10 N x N B x N 11 B x B
N x B 12 O—O—O! O—O—O 13
P—KN3 KR—K1!

The battle for the centre rages—but White has a tempo saving move ...

14 B—R3 ch! K—N1
15 KR—K1

Re-establishing a slight edge and keeping Black's bishop pinned.

15 ... N—R5?

Delaney is too immersed in exploiting the pinned bishop—he misses 16 R—Q4 winning a piece.

16 Q—N5? N—B6? 17 P x N Q—R6ch
18 K—N1 P—QR3

The double attack on K8 keeps Black's bishop pinned.

19 Q—K2 Q x BP
20 N—Q4

White's knight escapes and Black's sacrifice now proves wasted. The bishop

stays pinned. The discovered attack on White's queen brings further losses.

20 ... P—QB4 21 N—N3 P—B5
22 Q—Q2

Forcing Black's retreat.

22 ... Q—B3 23 N—Q4 R x P? 24 Q—B3
Q—QN3ch 25 K—B1 R—QR4

A desperate last stand by Black.

26 B—B5!

Still pinned, Black's bishop must now surrender—so does Black.

26 ... Resigns

Two rounds to go—a highly exciting climax was expected. Youth versus Experience. Round seven was to tell its tale as Delaney faced Keogh and Wallace faced Ludgate.

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A. T. Ludgate White P. Wallace Black

1 P—Q4 P—KN3 2 P—K4 B—N2
3 P—QB3 P—Q3 4 P—KB4 N—KB3
5 B—Q3 P—K4 6 N—B3

Not 6 B x P P x P 7 P x P N—N5 giving Black a strong centre.

6 ... P x BP 7 B x P O—O 8 O—O
P—B4 9 QN—Q2 P x P 10 P x P 10 P x P
N—R4

Black still tries to activate the fianchettoed bishop to gain control.

11 B—K3 N—QB3
12 Q—N3 P—KR3

The more experienced Ludgate has a promising position. Black's king's knight does not look happy—"A knight on the rim is dim!" 11 ... P—Q4 was worth trying, e.g. 12 P—K5 P—B3! or 12 P x P N—K2 13 B—QB4 N—KB3.

13 N—B4 N—KB3

Coming back into play, but again 13 ... P—Q4!

14 P—Q5 N—QR4 15 N x N Q x N
16 K—R1 N—N5 17 B—KN1 Q—Q1
18 QR—B1 R—K1 19 Q—B2

Threatening to invade the seventh.

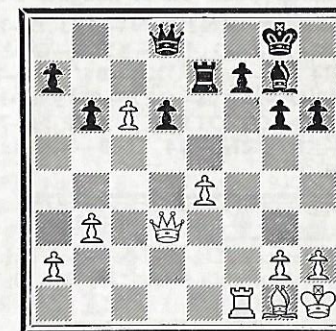
19 ... R—K2 20 P—QN3 P—N3
21 N—Q4 B—N2 22 N—B6 B x N 23
Q x B! N—K4 24 Q—B2 N x B 25 Q x N
R—B1

Wallace's offer of a draw was politely declined.



If you're flouting Article 19(a) of the Laws of Chess, don't do it so furtively yet blatantly that you positively focus attention on yourselves.

26 R—QB6! R x R
27 P x R



Creating an advanced passed pawn—quickly support rallies to its aid ...

27 ... R—B2 28 R—QB1 B—K4 29
P—QN4 Q—N4 30 R—B2 P—KB4!?

Wallace shows initiative—but there is not enough time for his plans.

31 P—N5 P—B5 32 P—QR4!

Making the queen's side majority work.

32 ... Q—R5 33 B—B2 Q—B3 34 P—R5! P×P 36 B×P P—B6!

Again Black tries a king's side onslaught.

36 Q×P Q—R5 37 P—N3 Q—R6 38 Q—N2 Q—N5 39 B—N1

Defence now shored—Black's next move expedites the inevitable.

39 ... Q—Q8! 40 P—N6! R—KB2! 41 P—B7!

After 36 ... RxB either 37 P—B7 or 37 P—N6 would win.

The check on queening destroys Black's hopes.

41 ... B—Q5 42 P—B8=Qch K—N2 43 R—B7 Resigns.

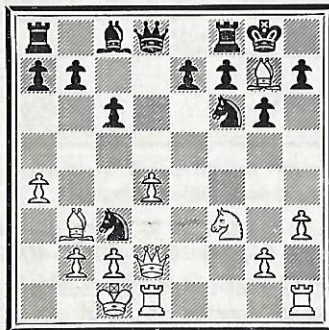
With one round to go it was now Keogh and Ludgate in the lead with Delaney, Doyle and Wallace ½ point behind. That is the way it finished with all vital matches ending in draws: Doyle could make no headway against Keogh with a draw agreed on move 24; Wallace and Littleton agreed on move 21 but Delaney v Ludgate kept the excitement alive with the former holding out for a good draw.

Creeping in from apparently nowhere, to take a share in 3/6th place came Ulster's Eugene O'Hare with a final round win over Paul Hadden.

Modern Defence

P. Delaney White A. T. Ludgate Black

1 P—K4 P—KN3 2 N—QB3 B—N2 3 P—Q4 P—Q3 4 B—K3 P—QB3 5 P—QR4 N—Q2 6 KB—B4 KN—B3 7 P—B3 O—O 8 Q—Q2 P—Q4 9 B—N3 P×P 10 O—O—O! P×P 11 NxP N—N3 12 P—KR3 QN—Q4 13 B—R6 NxN 14 BxB



Invades Black's weak squares.

14 ... KxB 15 QxN N—Q4 16 Q—K1 Q—Q3 17 K—N1 P—B3 18 P—N4 B—K3 19 Q—K4 QR—K1 20 QR—K1 B—B2! 21 P—R4 P—QN4 22 P—N5 P×RP 23 BxP N—B6ch!

White overlooked the sacrifice. His king is now exposed.

24 P×N Q—R6 25 B—N3 BxB 26 PxB QxPch 27 K—B1 QxPch

Black now has 3 pawns for the piece.

28 K—Q1 P—K4 29 N—Q2 P—KB4 30 Q—K3 Q—R8ch 31 K—B2 Q—R7ch 32 K—Q1 Q—R5ch 33 Q—N3 QxP 34 P—R5 R—Q1 35 Q—K3 Q—QR5ch 36 K—K2 R—Q4 37 P×P P×P 38 R—QR1 Q—KN5ch 39 K—K1 Q—Q5

Now Black is happy to exchange queens.

(He would have had better prospects keeping them on—Editor).

40 BxPch R—B2 41 RxRch KxR 42 QxQ RxQ 43 N—B3 R—K5ch 44 K—Q2 K—N2 45 R—QB1 R—KN5 46 R×P P—K5 47 R—B7ch K—B1 48 N—K5 R×P 49 K—K3 K—K1 50 R—KN7 K—B1 51 R×P Draw agreed.

Final placings: 1-2 E. Keogh, A. Ludgate 6/8; 3-6 P. Delaney, A. Doyle, E. O'Hare, P. Wallace 5½; 7-9 D. Blair, M. Littleton, O. McGuinness 5; 10-13 R. Byrne, M. Crowe, B. Denny, P. Hadden 4½; 14-17 D. Healy, E. Martin, A. McDaid, A. Pinkerton 4; 18-20 B. Beckett, D. Jackson, J. Noone 3½; 21-26 J. Alfred, J. Cummins, A. Gilmore, G. Heathwood, J. Kennedy, Sai Prakash 3; 27 G. McCormick 2½; 28-30 A. Cooles, E. Hall, P. O'Tuathail 2.

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Mrs. S. M. STEEDMAN

On Monday, October 6th, Mrs. S. M. Steedman died very suddenly. Although she had suffered two heart attacks in the past, she had recently been in good health. Her death, therefore, came as a terrible shock to us all.

Peg Steedman first entered the Scottish chess scene in 1948—a year after I, myself, did. She quickly endeared herself to us all, with her genial presence and her inimitable sense of fun. She continued to compete in the Scottish Ladies' Championships until her first heart attack a few years ago, winning the title outright in 1951 and 1959. Twice, also, she was joint holder. Along with Peggy Hogarth and myself, Peggy Steedman kept the Scottish Ladies' Championship alive in the late 50's and early 60's. She twice represented Scotland in Women's Olympiads.

In the 1950's she joined the British Ladies' Chess Association and took part in the Championship each year until 1969. She had a wide circle of friends. She was for many years Honorary Secretary of the B.L.C.A. At the time of her death she was a Vice-president. She ran the local club in her own spacious house. She was a founder member and President of the Lanarkshire League and was host to the first Lanarkshire Congresses and, in 1961 to the Glorney Cup. She entertained many visitors as well as the players. She was well beloved of all young players.

We have missed her sorely since she first became ill and will honour her memory through the years to come.

NANCY C. ELDER

(We are grieved at the passing of a lady who loved chess and its players and whose generosity and conviviality were famous—B.H.W.).

71-year-old Alex Schofield of Pontefract not only runs the Wakefield club as its hon. secretary: he won both the club championship and its handicap competition this year. Congratulations to an old friend!

But another old friend G. S. Sell is regularly playing in the Northumberland League at Alnwick B's top board. "I've never been expected to play and not turned up" he boasts. That is, in the course of 80 years. He has won the Northumberland championship three times—the last time at the age of 81. His wife whom he married in 1909, is 90.

RUSSIAN CHESS MAGAZINES

Of most Western periodicals, their circulation figures are confidential, disclosed only to prospective large-scale advertisers. In the Soviet Union, this figure has to be announced. For chess organs, it is:

"Chess in the U.S.S.R."	55,000 monthly
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IT'S NICE TO KNOW!

I am enjoying your Christmas Issue (a little early!) very much but is an article on the Lasker-Schlechter match, without including any match-games, worth six pages? I certainly don't think so. However, CHESS is a constant source of enjoyment and instruction for me...

P. WILKINSON

Liverpool, 29 November 1975

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London EC4, 19 December 1975

WINNING PLAY SOLUTIONS

- 1 | ... Q—R7ch 2 BxQ N—B7 mate.
- 2 | B—K4ch PxB 2 Q—Q5ch K—B1 3 Q—B6 mate.
- 3 Black's last was ... N(B3)—Q2? 1 N—B6 Q—K1 2 NxP winning a pawn, since if 1 ... RxN 2 Q—K4 and 3 QxR.
- 4 After 1 P—Q4 N—KB3 2 P—QB4 P—KN3 3 N—QB3 P—Q4 4 N—B3 B—N2 5 P×P N×P 6 B—Q2 O—O 7 P—K4 N—N3 8 B—K3 B—N5 9 B—K2 BxN 10 PxB Q—Q2 11 P—KR4 N—B3 12 P—Q5 N—K4? Bohm played unlucky 13 Q—N3?, instead 13 BxN RPxB 14 P—B4 wins the knight.
- 5 | ... NxP 2 RxN (2 KxN P—N5) 2 ... QxNPch 3 K—B1 B—R6ch and White resigned, since if 4 K—K2 P—N5.
- 6 | N—B3 Q—N5 (1 ... Q—B4 2 R—K3 or 1 ... Q—Q6 2 Q—N2! preventing 2 ... N—K7ch and in each case the knight is lost, or 1 ... Q—B3 2 P—K5) 2 P—QR3 QxNP 3 N—Q2 Resigns.

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