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Battle of the Giants



Sixteen intrepid Sussex Junior chess players congregated at Gatwick Airport on Friday 27th November, ready for Battle against eight teams from five countries: England, Holland, France, Germany and Russia!

Sussex were the reigning champions, fortunately we did not have to pay excess baggage whilst returning the enormous trophy.

We were very kindly met at Schipol Airport and driven to the Tulip Inn, Leiderdorp, where the tournament would take place. After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast our first pairing was the Dutch team, VAS Amsterdam. We had a fantastic start with a 13 - 3 victory. Second round was another Dutch team Zuckertort - another good round 10½ - 5.5. By this point most parents thought



their children were doing well enough, resulting in a parental exodus to soak up the cultural offerings in both Amsterdam and local town Leiden. By the time we had returned, the children had played their third round against German team, Stadt Auswahl Dortmund. Resulting in 12 – 4 scoreline.

At the end of day one, we had won our group convincingly. Parents retired to the bar to celebrate. Meanwhile the children participated in an extremely fun and well-organised evening of chess entertainment.

The Russians, possibly with the expectation of playing Sussex the next day, retreated to the training room with a list of our players, in order to prepare with a Grandmaster.

Sunday morning saw not only more rain, but the start of the fourth round against host, SV Leiderdorp. We sustained a narrow victory, $8\frac{1}{2}$ – $7\frac{1}{2}$, with the inevitable round against the Russians to follow. There was a tense atmosphere whilst the players played their final round against St Petersburg, with the slow drip,

drip of results coming out of the playing hall, alongside varying reports of progress still being made. Although we always managed to stay at least one point ahead as the results came in, the final 10 – 6 result to Sussex was a delight to hear. Sussex had retained the title!

We were then treated to a fantastic prize giving ceremony, and awarded not only a trophy but 400 euros prize money, and the sight of Jonathan Tuck with a small crown on his head.

Players were George Salimbeni, Grant Bucher, David Grant, Rhys Cumming, Chris Yates, Amy Hoare, Ram Mohan, Shyam Mohan, Robert Fitzgerald, Felix Haxby, Sambhav Aggarwal, Toby Harris, Otto Pyper, Billy Twigge Molecey, Cosima Keen, and David Liu.

Thank you to Grant who captained the team and to Shyam, Sambhav and David who scored maximum 5 points and to Jonathan for guidance and encouragement for the games.

Thanks also to our hosts; organiser Kees Hortensius of SV Leiderdorp, the Dutch sponsor Games Factory Online who made the tournament possible, and the very hospitable venue the Tulip Inn, Leiderdorp.

Report by Isabel Keen.

Captain's Report:

The final weekend in November saw a 16-man Sussex Junior squad head to the Netherlands for the Battle of the Giants. This tournament takes place every 2 years, and features 8 strong junior teams from around Europe, competing over 4



age groups (U20, U14, U12, U10), each of 4 players. This year's tournament saw the return of Dutch teams VAS Amsterdam, Zukertort and Schaakmaat, along with hosts Leiderdorp; Dortmund of Germany and Le Perchay from France had also competed before, but the real concern surrounded the only new team, an undoubtedly-strong outfit from St Petersburg, Russia.

Friday afternoon brought a dubious beginning to the weekend, as I managed to arrive at the wrong terminal of Gatwick airport! I eventually found the rest of the team and we made our way to the plane, but the confusion didn't end there. Upon touching down in Holland, we spent quite some time milling around the Amsterdam airport, mainly because our "guide" didn't seem to know where he was going! We eventually hunted down the cars that had been waiting for us, and a short time later arrived at the Tulip Inn, Leiderdorp. Even after a strange start to the weekend, there was a general optimism among the camp as we made our way to our rooms and settled down for the night.

There were a few bleary eyes as the team

surfaced on Saturday morning for breakfast, but any apprehension or tiredness evaporated as we cruised to a 13-3 win against VAS Amsterdam in our first match. I was particularly pleased with the faultless nature of my win, but only so much can go wrong when your opponent doesn't turn up! After a delicious buffet

lunch, it was time for our second match of the day, this time against Zukertort. Although this match was closer, finishing 10½-5½ in our favour, we were posed little trouble and comfortably qualified for the top group on Sunday. The only task that remained was to see off Dortmund in the final group game in order to ensure we entered the final day with points on the board, which we dutifully managed 12-4. Saturday evening consisted of another tasty meal courtesy of our hosts, followed by a tournament of different chess variants. These included exchange chess, pairs chess (with partners making alternate moves), and the bizarre "Gongschaak", with a cymbal to alert the players to random rule changes every couple of minutes! Although the evening activities provided great entertainment, there were definitely some nerves in the air going into the final day.

The first match on Sunday was effectively a semi-final against the hosts, Leiderdorp. The fact that we beat the Dutch team in the final a couple of years ago ensured that they would be highly motivated for the rematch, but even though they put up a strong fight (particularly

on the top boards), our younger players performed admirably and ensured us victory by the narrowest of margins, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$. This win set the stage for the tournament's final, between ourselves and the St Petersburg team: although the early stages of the match were tightly contested, a



Many thanks to Jonathan as well for his inspirational team talks, which really kept everyone going after some tough matches. With renewed optimism, I instantly checked the football scores when I arrived back in England, and what did I see? Arsenal 0-3 Chelsea. But I guess you can't have everything... Grant Bucher

sequence of several straight wins took us over the line, and eventually we ran out 10-6 winners. My opponent for this match was 12-year old Anna Styzakhina, sure to be a star of the future; I managed to pull out some of my better chess, took a solid draw and escaped with my dignity intact!

The atmosphere after the final was simply fantastic: although this was the 3rd time I'd captained the team to Battle of the Giants, this was definitely the most memorable. I'd particularly like to congratulate the younger players in the team, who performed brilliantly, especially when the older players struggled a little!

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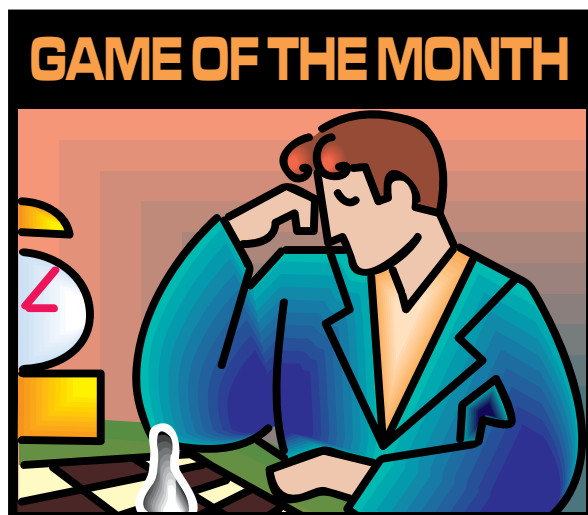
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EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

by **Andrew Martin**
International Master

We have a lot to get through this month, so I'll just say welcome!

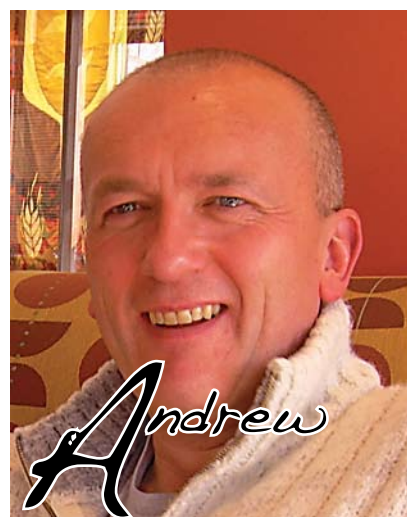
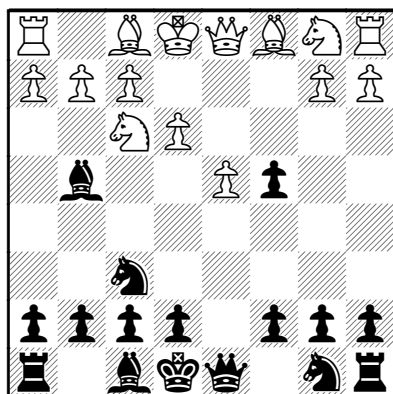


Quinteros, Miguel Angel (2555) - Miles, Tony (2555)

D25 — IBM Amsterdam (15), 1977

Let's all not forget Tony Miles, one of the great pioneers of English Chess, who inspired so many. Miles was an experimenter, who was willing to risk all in order to try to win. We can all learn from this uncompromising approach; this is the best way to play chess!

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4



A variation which is not as bad as its reputation would suggest, although I lost with it in the recent Hastings Masters. 4... Bg4 works best against opponents who want to come out and fight.

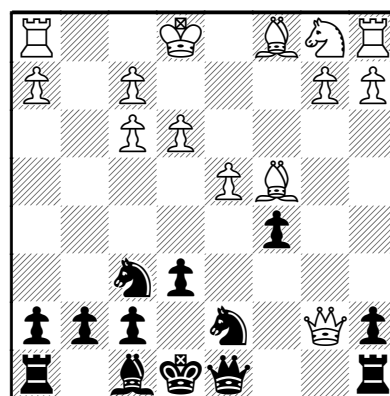
5.Bxc4 e6 6.Qb3!?

Quinteros intends to grab a pawn, but Black gets a strong initiative in this line.

6...Bxf3!

First, structural damage.

7.gxf3 Nbd7 8.Qxb7 c5!

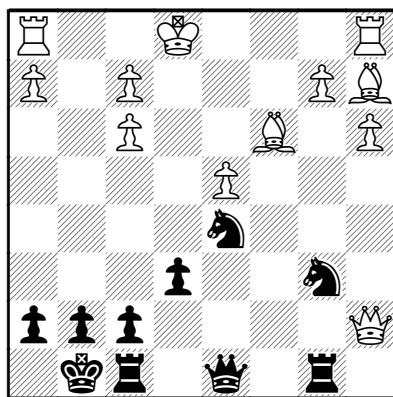


Now open up the game for our better-developed army.

9.dxc5

9.f4 allows the white Queen a retreat, but in all other respects is a pretty hideous move: 9...cxd4 10.exd4 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0

12.Qf3 Nb6 13.Bb3 a5 14.Nc3 a4 15.Bd1 g6 16.Be3 Qb8 17.Nb5 Nbd5 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rc1 Nh5 20.Rc4 a3 21.bxa3 Rxa3 22.Bb3 Nhx f4 23.Rc5 Rd8 24.Kh1 Ra7± **Korotylev,A (2480)-Fominyh,A (2552), Moscow 1999.** The Knights are more than a match for the Bishops and White has severe problems with both his pawns and his King.; Meanwhile 9.Nc3 cxd4 10.exd4 Rb8 11.Qxa7 (11.Qa6 Bb4 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bd3 Rb6 15.Qa4 Bd6 16.Nb5 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Qc6 18.Kxh2 Qxf3 19.Qc2 Ng4+ 20.Kg1 Nxf2 21.Qxf2 Qxd1+ 22.Qf1 Qg4+) 11...Bb4 will demonstrate how easy it is for Black to develop in this variation and to attain a coherent position: 12.Bd2 0-0 13.a3 Nb6 14.Ba2 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Nfd5



The white King has nowhere to run.
9...Bxc5 10.Nc3 0-0 11.f4

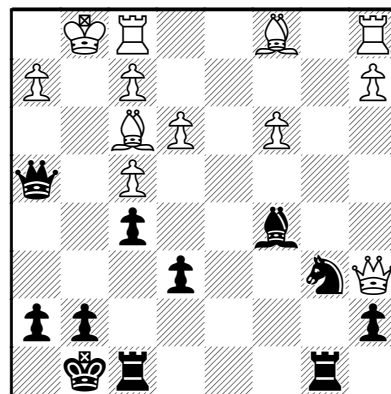
So Quinteros is trying to avoid the damage to his pawn structure that occurs after 9 f4.

11...Nb6 12.Be2 Nfd5!

But in return, Black gets the time he needs to establish a strong Knight on d5, which in turn stops the white Queen from defending.

13.0-0 Qh4 14.Bf3 Rab8 15.Qa6

Nxc3 16.bxc3 f5!

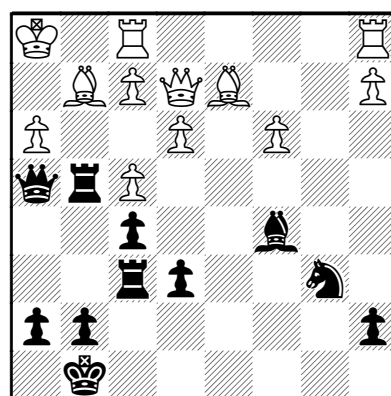


An excellent move, opening up the possibility of a Rook lift.

17.Bg2 Rf6! 18.h3 Rg6 19.Kh1 Rf8!

The understanding of how to use time in a game of chess is crucial to improvement. When you are building an initiative no time must be lost and all the pieces introduced into play without delay. That's why counterplay is so essential to the defence, distracting and slowing down the opponent by making him think about things other than the attack.

20.Qe2 Rff6 21.Bd2 Rg4



22.Rg1 Rfg6

The Rooks have been massed against the poor white King in a remarkable way.

23.Qf3 Nc4 24.Be1 h6!?

24...Qh5! was perhaps better.

25.Rb1 Bd6 26.Rb7

26.Qe2.

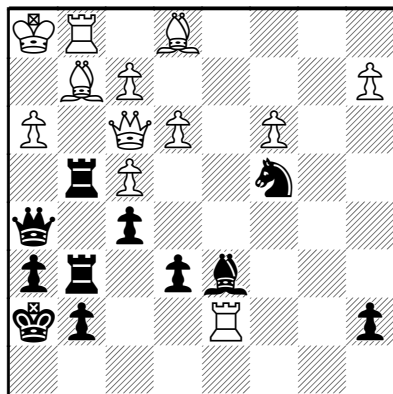
26...Kh7

26...Qh5.

27.Rf7?

White in turn misses 27.Qe2, but Miles often created complicated situations like this, forcing the opponent to think long and hard about difficult decisions and then cashed in during time trouble.

27...Qh5 28.Rd7



28...Rxcg2!

One slip by White and the game was over.

29.Qxcg2 Rxcg2 30.Rxcg2 Bf8

31.Rxa7 Qe2 32.Rg1 Nxe3 33.fxe3 Qxe3 0-1

Competitive chess is not a game for perfectionists. That way frustration lies. Instead Tony Miles held the very essence of the competitive game inside him; he was a supremely PRACTICAL player. He knew what he needed to do in most positions to maximise his chances of winning, even if it meant taking risks.



DVD REVIEW

The Killer Dutch

The young English Grandmaster Simon Williams has recently produced a new DVD entitled *The Killer Dutch*.

It's an excellent and highly entertaining piece of work. Williams is known for his dynamic and unorthodox attacking style and his character comes right out over six and a half hours of Dutch discussion.

One's first DVD can often be a nervous affair, but Williams has no problems at all. He's in full command of the material throughout and will teach you a lot about the fighting Dutch Defence. He holds nothing back and gives his own ideas.

The production quality is first-rate and so this all adds up to a tremendous package. I highly recommend the DVD. ECF members and Right Move readers can order their DVD direct from Simon at:

sales@gingergm.com for 19.95.

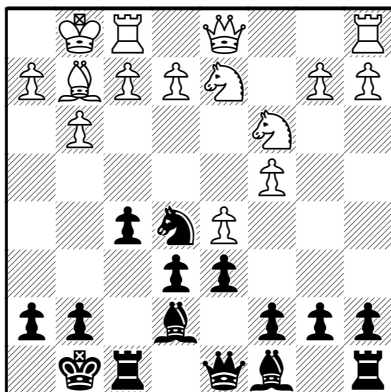
He will be delighted to sign each DVD personally for you; just let him know what you would like. His website can be found at www.gingergm.com if you would like to know more about this exciting and talented player.

Andrew Martin

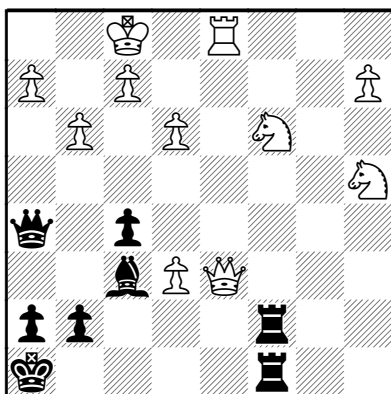
Sokolov,Ivan (2689) - Williams,Simon Kim (2452)

[A96] — Reykjavik op 22nd, 07.03.2006

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2
Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 Ne4
8.Bd2 Nc6 9.d5 Nxd2 10.Nxd2
Ne5



11.e3 c6 12.b4 Bf6 13.Qc2 Bd7
14.Rad1 a5 15.b5 cxd5 16.cxd5
Rc8 17.Ndb1 Bxb5 18.dxe6 Bxf1
19.Kxf1 Kh8 20.Bxb7 Rc7 21.Qb3
a4 22.Nxa4 Qe8 23.Nbc3 Qh5
24.Bg2 Nf3 25.Bxf3 Qxf3 26.Qd5
Qh5 27.Qxd6 Rfc8



28.Kg2 h6 29.Nb5 Rc2 30.Nb6 f4
30...Qe2.
31.exf4 Qe2 32.Rf1 Qe4+ 33.Kg1
Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Rc1+ 35.Rf1 Rc2
36.Qd5 Qe2 37.Qh1 Qe3+ 0-1

PRIZE PUZZLE

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Geller,E - Hansen,S

[A34] Reykjavik, 1978

Our puzzle this month features a complete game, if one can call it that.

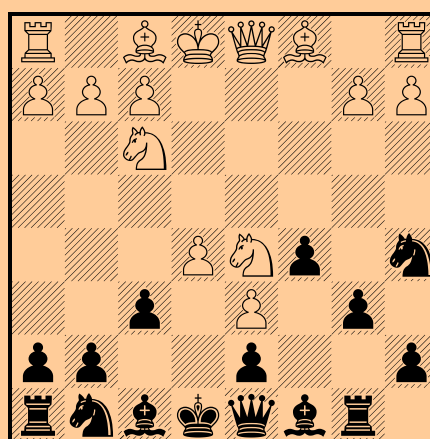
1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.d4 e6?!

4...cxd4.

5.d5! exd5 6.cxd5 Na5 7.e4 b6
8.e5 Ng8 9.d6

It is apparent that Black has misplayed the opening horribly.

9...f6 10.Nd5 Rb8?



QUESTION: This game will not appear etched on Hansen's tombstone. What happened next?

National Prep School Rapidplay Dec.19th, 2009

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2009

Despite the snow and ice there was an excellent turn out for this tournament with players from 15 different schools braving the weather.

There were over 120 players in 5 age groups. The standard of play was generally very high as most of the players had previous experience of tournament chess. Some of the top prep schools in the country had entered and the players all seemed to enjoy the day.

The individual champions were as follows:

U.13 Champion Nishant Bommayya (Homefield) 5/5

U.12 Champion Michael Banh (Homefield) 5/5

U.11 Champion Daniel d'Souza Eva (Magdalen Coll. (5/5)

U.10 Champion Luke Gonsalves (Homefield) 4½/5

U.9 Champion Andrew Smailes (Feltonfleet) 5/5.

The team competition took the best four scores from each school into account

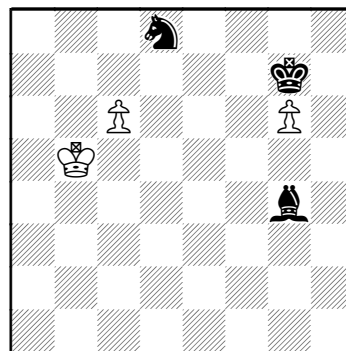
and was close again this year. We had a new winner of the competition, congratulations to Homefield who scored a remarkable 18½ points. Magdalen College School Oxford (17points) won the 2nd place shield and the 3rd place shield was won by Twickenham Prep who scored 15 points. In 4th= place were Collet Court and Aldro, 6th= was Newland House and St Aubyns, 8th= were Reigate St Marys and Warwick School, 10th Hawthorns, 11th Bishopsgate, 12th Bedford Modern, 13th Feltonfleet, 14th Buckingham Prep and 15th German School.

Well done to all the players and many thanks to the Aldro parents for running the refreshments and raising over £140 for the Cherrytrees charity.

D.J. Archer i/c chess Aldro School

**JANUARY'S PRIZE
PUZZLE
ANSWER** ■■■►

KUBBEL 1923. White to play and draw.



1.c7 ♖b7 2.c8♗ ♕xc8 3.♖b6 and there is no way out of the coming fork on c7 eg **3...♗d6 4.♖c7 ½-½**

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JUNIOR 4 NATIONS CHESS LEAGUE

Weekend 1 report by Claire Summerscale – 28th-29th November 2009

The first weekend of the Junior 4NCL started in fine form, in the excellent surroundings of De Vere Venues Wokefield Park. Tranquil acres of parkland, golf and a spa for the parents and a computer area complete with Nintendo and Wii for the children in between rounds.



We were pleased to welcome 37 teams of junior players to this ever expanding tournament and hope to see even more teams join us at the second weekend 27th-28th February 2010. We are proud to offer free top class coaching to all competitors at this event, which included lessons from IM Andrew Martin and former World Junior Champion Ruth Sheldon.



Our spectacular and extremely well attended evening event was an exchange tournament. There were no barriers to entry and competitors ages ranged from 4-80!



And so to the real business of the weekend.

Under 18

We were excited to be able to offer a FIDE rated under 18 section for the first time this year and hope to see this expand into the largest and most successful junior FIDE rated event in the UK. We attracted some extremely strong players and expect them to be joined by more teams at the February 2010 weekend.

Teams scored 2 points for a won match and 1 point for a drawn match.



The under 18 time control meant they were able to play 3 rounds over the weekend.



Current standings are below:

	1	2	3	Points
Reading Rooks	2	2	2	6
French Fries	2	0	2	4
Cardiff AJs	2	1	1	4
Woodbridge school	1	2	1	4
Winchester College	0	2	1	3
Winchester & Basingstoke Wildcats	2	1	0	3
Pride and Prejudice	1	2	0	3
Cardiff Crowns	0	0	2	2
Richmond Junior Under 18	0	0	1	1
Chess Point	0	0	0	0

Best Answers to Quiz on page 14

1. **1. Rxe6+**
2. **1... Nxd4**
3. **1... Rxb2+ 2. Kc1 Nd3+**
4. **1... Bxf2+ 2. Nxf2 Qxb1**
5. **1... Qxe5 2. fxe5 Rxg4 3. Ba3 Nd7**
6. **1. Bg4 Rxe1+ 2. Rxe1 — the white Q has nowhere to go.**

Under 14



	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Queen's Gambits	2	2	2	1	2	9
Yateley Manor u14	1	0	2	2	2	7
Richmond Juniors u14	1	2	0	2	1	6
King's College Junior School	2	2	0	1	1	6
Headington School	0	0	2	0	0	2

Under 11



	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Basingstoke A	2	2	2	2	2	10
Richmond Junior u11	2	2	2	1	1	8
Basingstoke B	2	2	2	0	2	8
Yateley Manor u11 A	2	2	0	2	1	7
Kings of Chaos	0	2	2	1	0	5
Heathside u11	2	0	0	1	2	5
Yateley Manor u11 B	0	0	0	2	2	4
Yateley Manor u11 C	0	0	2	1	0	3
St Mary & St Michael						
Bishops	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Mary & St Michael Knights	0	0	0	0	0	0



Under 9

9 teams competed for glory in this hard-fought section. The games started of extremely quickly, but by the end of the weekend, players were concentration much harder and playing much slower. Congratulations to all.



	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Fulham Prep School	2	1	2	2	2	9
Heathside u9	1	2	2	2	2	9
Richmond Juniors u9	2	2	0	2	2	8
Leopard Tigers	2	2	0	1	2	7
Yateley Manor u9 A	1	1	2	2	0	6
Basingstoke Tigers	0	1	0	1	1	3
Yateley Manor u9 B	1	0	2	0	0	3
Fireball	1	0	0	0	1	2
King's House & King's College	0	1	0	0	0	1

Individual round and team results will be available separately on the 4ncl website: <http://www.4ncl.co.uk> Please do not hesitate to contact me if any of the results are incorrect.

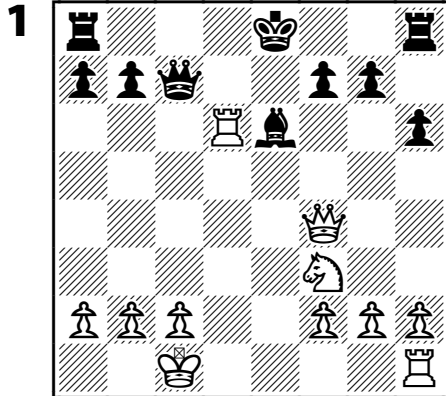
We welcome new teams for the 2nd weekend in February. Please contact Claire Summerscale if you require any further details or to enter a new team: chessuk@btinternet.com

Please contact Wokefield Park directly to book your room:
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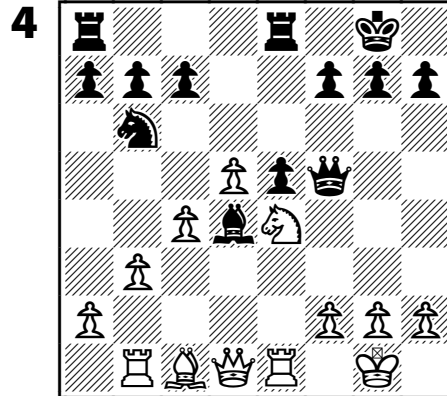


The POPULAR CHESS QUIZ PAGE

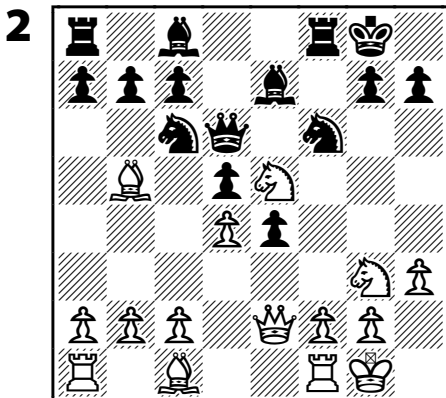
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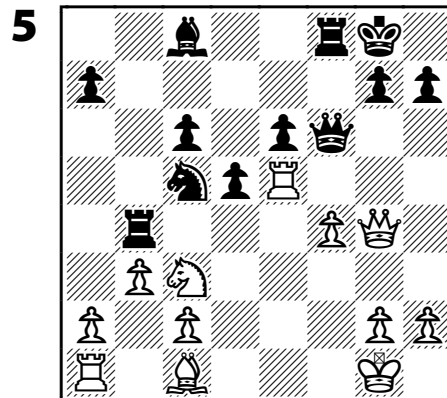
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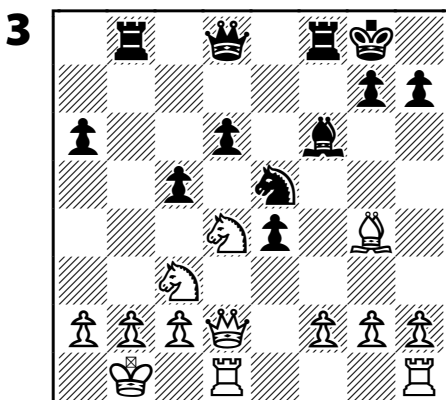
Black to move and win.



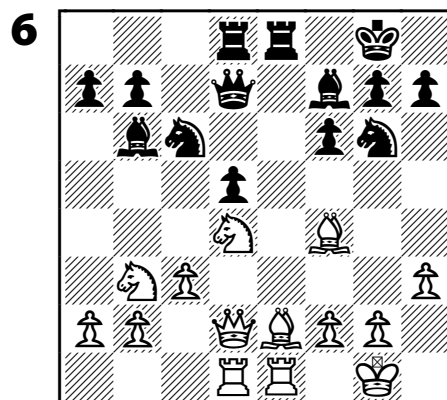
Black to move and mate.



Black to move and win.



Black to move and win.



White to move and win.



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