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I.A.P.S. National Championships 2009

**Team work reaps rewards
at Aldro School!**

The IAPS Chess Championships were held at Aldro School in Surrey from April 6th to 8th. We had 130 players from 19 different prep schools with the ability of the players varying from beginner to some of the best juniors in the country

for their age group.

All the teachers, coaches and parents with the teams helped run the tournaments and there were extra activities organised by the Aldro staff. One evening, our deputy head ran a five a side football competition which only finished when we couldn't see the ball. On another eve-



ning we held pool, table tennis and table football competitions for all the boarders and on one of the days, most of the teams spent an afternoon at Chessington World of Adventure.

There were five sections for the various levels of ability with the strongest 50 or so players playing a seven round swiss tournament over the three days. The other four groups had about 20 players each and they played a preliminary tournament followed by a six round Swiss tournament. There were also coaching sessions for the lower groups and these sessions proved to be good fun and inspirational.

Preliminary Group winners

1. Daniel O'Connell (Twickenham Prep)
2. Adam Dickinson (Millfield School)
3. Raghav Nayak (Lyndhurst) and Luke Thorn (St.Anselms)
4. Isobel Saunders (Highgate)

Championship section (54 players)

1st= Daniel Sutton (Great Walstead), Nicholas Clanchy (DCPS) and George Galliano (Millfield) 6/7 points

Joint National Prep School Champions 2009

- Sections A, B, C, D
- A 1st Ben Edwards (St Anselms) 5/6
- B 1st= Ross Milverton (Twickenham Prep) and Andrew Smailes (Feltonfleet) 5/6
- C 1st Tarun Puri (Ridgeway) 6/6
- D 1st Charlie Markland-Smith

(Reigate St. Mary's)

There were also cups for the top U11 player and the top girl in the Championship section.

Top U11 players (5/7 points)

Harry Croasdale (Nottingham High), Simon Leung (DCPS), Gwilym Price (Aldro) and Robert Wang (DCPS)

Top Girl – Catriona Jenkinson (Wellesley House)

The team competitions are always closely contested and this year was no exception. The top four players from each school in the Championship section are counted for these titles.

Hodgson Cup (Senior team)

- 1st Dulwich College Prep 19 points (National Champions)
- 2nd Aldro 18 points
- 3rd Twickenham Prep 16 points

David Bull Cup (U11 team)

- 1st Aldro 17½ points (National Champions)
- 2nd Reigate St. Mary's 15½ points
- 3rd = Dulwich College Prep and Hallfield 15 points

Congratulations to all the players who made the competition such an enjoyable event and many thanks to all the teachers and parents who did a superb job supervising the tournaments and all the other activities. It was a real team effort from all 19 schools and thanks to Grandmaster Matthew Turner for presenting the prizes.

D.J.Archer
IAPS Chess Organiser



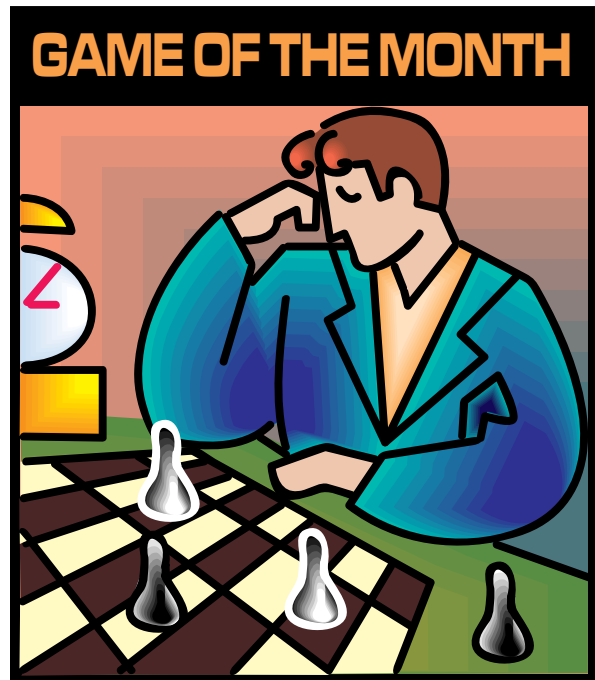
EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

by Andrew Martin
International Master

Welcome to the July edition. There is a lot to get through this month.

We welcome Ian Hunnable to *The Right Move* team as head proofreader. His diligence and thoughtful corrections can only help the magazine to become better. Ian is a leading light in Essex Chess, about which I'm sure he will have plenty to describe as time goes by.

Andrew



Nakamura, Hikaru (2701) - Friedel, J (2516)

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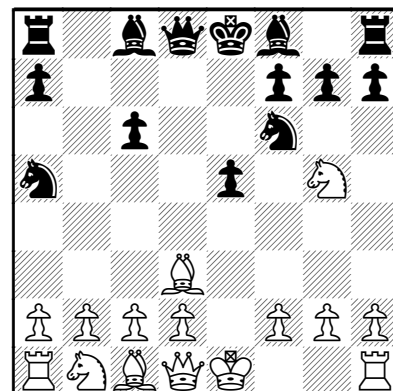
ch-USA Saint Louis, May 2009

The US Championship recently finished in St Louis with a victory for Hikaru Nakamura. Here is one of his wins, playing in the original and energetic style that has made him famous.

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♗f6
4.♗g5

Nakamura can literally play anything, which makes him very difficult to prepare against. He relies on his tremendous tactical talent enabling him to navigate in almost any position.

4...d5 5.exd5 ♞a5 6.♙b5+ c6
7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♙d3!?



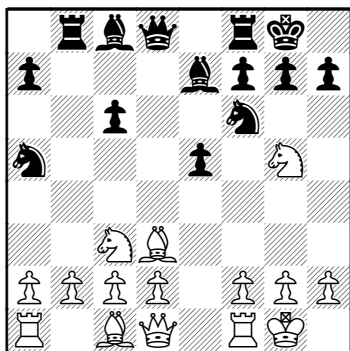
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This is very unusual, but perhaps we will see more of it now. White's idea is to sap Black's strength by reinforcing e4.

8...♙e7

If 8...h6 White simply drops his Knight back: 9.♘e4 ♘d5 10.0-0 ♙e7 11.♘g3 0-0 12.♚f3! The idea takes shape. White controls the light squares and denies Black compensation. 12...f5? (12...♘b4 13.♘f5 ♘xd3 14.♘e7+ ♚xe7 15.♚xd3±) 13.♙xf5 ♙xf5 14.♘xf5±

9.♘c3 0-0 10.0-0 ♖b8N



Black has to take whatever open lines he can and hope that his lead in development is enough to hold off the extra White pawn. The drawback of 8.Bd3 is obvious: White's Q-side development is clumsy, but if Black cannot find anything fast, White will simply catch up in development and remain a pawn up.

10...h6 11.♘f3 (11.♘ge4 ♘d5 intends ...f7-f5) 11...♙d6 12.♖e1 ♖e8 13.a3 ♘b7 14.♘e4 ♘xe4 15.♙xe4 ♙d7 16.d4± **Jurlina,R (2130)-Pielmeier,T/Germany 2002** looked good for White; meanwhile 10...c5 11.♚e2! Controlling light squares holds the key. 11...♘c6 12.♘h7! ♘xh7 13.♙xh7+ ♔xh7 14.♚e4+ ♔g8 15.♚xc6 ♖b8 16.d3+- **Molnar,T (2075)-Brignone,R/Budapest 1999** saw White initiating favourable tactics.

11.h3 c5 12.b3 ♖b4 13.♖e1± ♙b7 14.♙a3!

14.♖xe5 looks pretty good too: 14...♙d6 (14...♖f4 15.♙b2 h6 16.g3!± Something similar happens in the game.) 15.♖e1 h6 16.♘ge4 ♘xe4 17.♙xe4 ♖e8 18.d3 ♙e5 19.♙b2 ♙xe4 20.♖xe4 ♖xe4 21.dxe4 ♚f6 22.♘d5 ♙h2+ 23.♔xh2 ♚xb2 24.f3± Nakamura probably didn't do this because he thought the game move was clear-cut.

14...♖f4 15.g3 ♖d4 16.♘f3 ♖xd3

16...♙xf3 cedes a very powerful Bishop, but the text move isn't good enough.;

16...♚d7 17.♖xe5 ♚xh3 18.♙f1! ♙xf3 19.♚xf3 ♚d7 20.♖ae1 ♙d6 21.♙b5 ♚h3 22.♙xc5 ♘g4 23.♙xd4+-

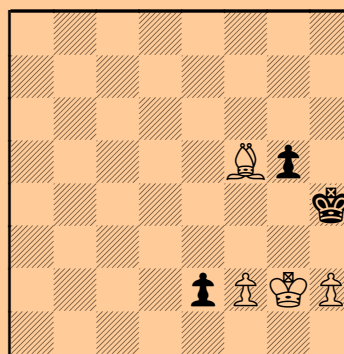
17.cxd3 ♚xd3 18.♘xe5 ♚f5 19.g4 ♚f4 20.d4

Black soon runs out of steam.

20...♖d8 21.♚e2 ♖xd4 22.♙c1 1-0

Players of the black pieces may have to take a very close look at 8.Bd3 in the coming months!

PUZZLE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



White to play.
What's the result to be?

CHESS IN THE CASTLE 2009

Played at Aydon Castle, 23rd May

Unlike last year when we had been beset by cold winds, this year Aydon was at its most benign. Warm sunshine in the morning made it far pleasanter to be outside than in, but nonetheless some 30 young players from as far away as Leeds, Kendal and Penrith as well as the usual Carlisle and North-Eastern contingent entered to take part what has now become a regular annual event. As usual we were warmly welcomed by English Heritage in the person of custodian Brian Siddle. Gerry Beldon, Tim and Abi Adams, together with many parents, helped control what proved to be a most enjoyable event. Dr Gupta offered to help and was promptly roped in to present the prizes at the end! Numbers in this event were down on last year, probably because it was Half-Term and a Bank Holiday weekend. Many potential entrants were away on school trips.

Zheming Zhang (Craggside, Gosforth) had been overwhelming favourite to win the U9 section, but seemed strangely vulnerable. He had a very lucky win against Manav Gupta (RGS Newcastle) in an earlier round, and going into the final round with 6/6 was well trounced by Aidan Byrne (St. Teresa's, Heaton). This led to a very close finish in which Zheming and Manav shared top place on 6/7; Aidan shared third place with Anthony Lai (RGS Newcastle) and Peter Owen (St. Teresa's) all on 5/7. Alexa Fetherstonhaugh (Penrith) was the best girl in the competition.

The U11 Section again produced a change of leaders right at the end. Joshua Levine (all the way from Talbot Road Primary in Leeds!) beat my tournament favourite, Chris Wilson (RGS Newcastle)

in an early round and strode on rapidly to 5/5. However his early start and the two hour road journey from Leeds took their toll; he tired and lost his final two games against back markers. This hard game was the only reverse Chris suffered all day and he took first place with 6/7. Joshua shared second place with Andrew Gatenby (Red Rose, Chester-le-Street) on 5/7. Jack Hughes (St. Teresa's) was 4th on 4½.

For the second year in succession the only 100% score on the day came from West of the Pennines. Jason Maxwell (Trinity, Carlisle) won 6/6, the critical game coming in the first round of the tournament when he beat Ben Cull (RGS Newcastle) in an exciting endgame. Ben took second place with 5/6 and no fewer than six players shared third place! We almost ran out of Bronze Medals on this occasion! The six players were Zak Bonnington (Durham Johnston); Tom Cleminson (RGS); Thomas Glenwright (Whitley Bay); Connor McGurk (Kirkbie Kendal); Oliver Rice (Queen Elizabeth's, Hexham) and Christopher Royle (Trinity, Carlisle). Well done to all.

I hope that the pictures I have put into this article will make up for the fact that I've not given everybody's detailed results. My laptop crashed on me when I got home and I have not been able to retrieve them yet!

This tournament was the ninth and last individual event of the current school year – the NJCA has also been involved in the organisation of three school team competitions. All these events have been reported on our website, www.njca.org.uk. Just over 100 of our children have taken out basic membership of the Eng-

lish Chess Federation and should be achieving ECF Rapidplay Gradings in August.

So far two tournaments have been arranged for the autumn term. The Junior Section of the Northumberland County Congress will be held at the Parks, North Shields on Sunday, 27th September and the RGS Junior Congress on Saturday, 10th October.

Paul Bielby

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION

U18 Jamboree

at Wilson's School, Wallington

Sunday, 29th March 2009

This year the SCCU U18 Jamboree was arranged to take place concurrently with the SCCU inter-county Jamborees (U180 and U135). The events took place at either end of Wilson's School 6th form block. This meant that the bookstall run by CCF Mindgames and the refreshment team had double the custom they otherwise would have had.

As in the previous two seasons the U18 jamboree included both an Open event and a Minor tournament. Play was over two rounds, with 65 minutes each on the clock, with a short gap between the rounds. (The adult event was over just 1 round, hence the need to be in different playing rooms.)

In the Open it was good to have an increase from two to four teams taking part in this year's event, from Bucks, Kent, Sussex and Surrey. The first round saw Surrey take a lead with 6½/8, followed by Sussex on 5, Kent on 3 and Bucks on 1½. The second round was much closer, giving a better reflection on the strengths of the teams, with Sussex again scoring 5/8, Kent and Surrey each scored 4½ and Bucks 2. So over the two rounds Surrey won with 11½ and Sussex were second

with 10.

The U18 minor event is aimed at encouraging those at secondary school age who might not otherwise have an opportunity to represent their county, and therefore has a lower age limit of 11. For the third year running the definition of 'minor' was tweaked, to mainly being an average grade of below 90 (similar to this year's ECF U18 county championships). Interestingly only 1 player exceeded last year's grade limit of 100.

Six teams entered this 6 board event, with two from both Surrey and CCF, one each from Kent and Sussex. The Surrey A team stormed to success, scoring a perfect 12/12. Second were CCF A with 7½ and third were Surrey B with 6/12.

Full details of both U18 events can be found on the SCCU website at www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/junjam.htm.

In the parallel adult events Surrey won the U180 Jamboree but Herts broke the host counties monopoly by winning the U135 event. With the opportunity offered by the arrangement of the fixtures at the same place and time one family had members playing in both events!

As an indication of the strength of the teams, most players in the Open were graded between 80 and 150). The U18 Minor is open to any junior team (clubs and schools can enter as well as counties) of the right ages (11 to 19) and grades (which will depend on the new grades, this year most players were graded between 50 and 90).

If you would like more information then please contact the SCCU Junior Organiser:

Neill Cooper, nsc@cplusc.co.uk or 01883 624051. Details of the 2010 event will be sent out later in the year to anyone interested.

Under 11

English Primary Schools Association

With one minute to go, we still didn't know who would win the final of the English Primary Schools Association U11 inter-association championships for 2009. The match that would decide the winners of the competition was still going on.

It was the end of a long day and Nottinghamshire player James Kenyon had 10 seconds left on his clock: if he won, his team won; if he lost, the winners would be Kent. Much to the delight of his team, James did win, and Nottinghamshire were winners with 47½ points to Kent's 47. This was Notts' first win since 1972 and the first time since 1992 that the title has gone to a team outside the south-east. Kent, the title-holders from 2008, had to be satisfied with second place; and third were Barnet.

Nottinghamshire's win had not been straightforward. They were strongly placed with 17½/20 in the first of the three rounds, ahead of Barnet and Kent, with 14 points each. In the second round, Kent had narrowed Notts' lead to 1½ (32½ - 31). It was then a nail-biting finish that gave Nottinghamshire their first win for 37 years, which thrilled team manager Bob Simpson, head coach David Levens and secretary John Crawley.

Notts' captain Sohum Dhir stepped forward to receive the B.H. Wood trophy from Grandmaster Chris Ward.

Kent, for whom Chris Ward is head coach, scored 47 points, a tremendous performance, which outscored their winning total of 43 in 2008. It was also a tight battle for 3rd place, with Barnet's 37 points just ahead of Sussex's 36½.

Kent were winners of the Audio Chess Grand Prix, based on this competition's result and also taking into account the U9 and Girls' competitions, both of which they had won in recent weeks. With Alexei Davis on board 1, Kent scored 54 points overall; Nottinghamshire were second on 52 and Barnet third on 39.

All credit to the reserves who also took part on the day, the Reserves team winners being Barnet with 10½/12, with Sussex second on 10 and Kent third on 9½.

It was a great day for all 16 Association teams taking part. The competition was held at High Wycombe School and thanks for the excellent organisation to Buckinghamshire Association and the EPSCA with particular mention of Nigel Dennis.

Chris O'Brien



SE and SW Regions v Wales

The match was held over the weekend of 30th-31st May at The Grange School, Monmouth. Each team consisted of twelve players and each team played each other twice.

The strongest region in England by England and Squad players is the SE and, it has to be said that SE do not put out their strongest team although at U14 level they had internationals down to board 9.

At U12 level it was a comfortable win for the SE although the Welsh did score 2 points more than last year.

The U14s was nip and tuck the whole way. Wales won round one 6½-5½ and with two games of round two remaining the score was tied at 11-11. SE won the penultimate game leaving Megan and Aidan battling it out for the decision. Megan took it leaving the match drawn after a tremendous fight. Such was the evenness of the sides that only Megan Owens and Varun Varma (Wales) and Raunak Rao and Max Wood-Robinson (SE) scored two points.

On Sunday it was the turn of the South West. Everyone from both sides turned up and we started fairly well on time. The games were even more exciting than yesterday with the U12s ending up 6-6 and the U14s finishing 6½-5½ for Wales in round one.

The second round promised to be equally close and with one game to go in the U12s the score was tied on 11½.

The final game was a titanic struggle and in the end Jack Brenton was victorious to give Wales victory by 12½-11½. Meanwhile in the U14s SW built up a 5-1 lead but this was pegged back to 5-4 meaning that with three games to go the score was 10½ each!

The top three boards were left playing and firstly there was a draw on board two followed by a draw on board one. This left Davin and Oliver playing for the match. This too was drawn (genuinely) to tie the match and bring to the end a really exciting weekend.

Peter Purland

Under 12 Group to Chotowa May 09

Everyone arrived on time at Luton Airport on Saturday 23rd May. Our party consisted of James Bowler, Joshua Cavendish, Nicholas Clanchy, Megan Cleaves, Miles Edwards-Wright, Chantelle Foster, Amy Hoare, Joseph Levene, Athar Mehmood, Martin Oliver, Gautham Reddiar,

and Jamie Tilston with Dawn Burroughs, Victor Cross, Nancy Mortimer and Peter Purland accompanying. Victor certainly earned his keep on the journey with minor alarums (Nick no longer owns scissors and yes we did get Joshua out Athar in and Megan on the coach!) De-

spite all this the 16 of us arrived safely at the Grand leisure and training resort at Chotowa. We were in little houses in the grounds and the accommodation seemed pretty good. We had dinner with the Mayor of the town and it was an excellent meal and without too many speeches. They are holding the world junior chess championships here in 2010 and we each got a commemorative polo shirt. We were then given a tour of the grounds, which are extensive, and the kids settled down on the play equipment. We left them there for 30 minutes before returning for our preliminary meeting. This accomplished we went to our rooms and silence reigned just after 2230.

Sunday morning we breakfasted at 0900 and left at 1017 for Czarna where we were to play a competition against the local club. There were 15 of them, with the two top players being 2000+, and we played a 6 round 10 minute tournament. This was interspersed with drinks and cakes (which had an adverse effect on lunch) and the final result saw Athar as our top scoring player with 4½ and 3rd place. The final scores of our other players were; 4 – Joseph and Amy, 3 - Chantelle, James, Nicholas, Megan, Martin and Joshua, 2½ - Jamie and Gautham, 2 – Miles. We then returned to the hotel for lunch before having a free afternoon. The players chose their first activity, half going to the fitness room and half on the pedalos after which they moved about between tennis, kayaks and pedalos. By the end they were rather wet but had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We then had our evening meal and afterwards

the players went to play in the grounds until it was time for our meeting after which we had an early night as we are in breakfast for 0700. On Monday we left at 0730 for a two hour drive to Wielicka where we were to visit the salt mines. These were even better than I remember and we had a brilliant two hour guided tour of the mine. We then had a meal in the tavern which, being self service, meant that everyone could have what they wanted. This claims to be the deepest underground restaurant in Europe. We then got the lift to the surface and, after some souvenir shopping, headed for Krakow. Here we climbed Wawel Hill and met our guide up there. We had a comprehensive tour of the cathedral including the tower and royal crypt followed by an external tour of the castle and a walk to the main square. Here we went in the Marian Kirche and saw the altar open. After admiring that we dispersed to shop and many chess sets were bought. We also listened to the bugler (warning of approaching Tartars) before rounding the trip off with a horse and carriage ride round the main square and back to the coach. We were very impressed with the sensible questions asked by the group and the high level of interest shown. We then had our evening meal and play outside before our meeting and turning in for the night. It had been a long but very enjoyable day.

We were blessed with a lie-in on Tuesday as our first assignment was breakfast at 0900 followed by chess at 1000. We started round one at 1010; there were 68 players from up to four countries and

we were to have nine rounds with 10 minutes each on the clock. We started off well with 8½/12 and only in round two did we score less than 50%. After round six we had Athar, James and Martin on 5/6. All three lost in round seven and were joined on 5 by Amy and Miles. Athar, James and Miles won and went in to the final round on 6/8. Miles was unlucky enough to play the eventual winner whilst James played Athar. This was won by James who reached 7 points and was third on tie break, a point behind the first and second. This was a good performance in an U16 tournament and he was followed by seven players on 6 who, on tiebreak were placed as follows:- Martin 7th, Nicholas 9th, Miles 10th, Amy 11th (3rd girl), Athar 13th, Chantelle 14th, Gautham 15th. Megan was 17th on 5½, Joseph 24th on 5, Joshua 34th on 4½ and Jamie 41st on 4. The top three got trophies, the top 25 got books and everyone got a diploma.

After the prize giving we ate then took our team photographs before heading for the pool. We had an hour in there and everyone enjoyed themselves greatly although all did not give the Director due deference! We then had some free time both before and after tea then had a camp fire at 1930 with sausages, chips and coke followed by more free time, our nightly meeting and bed. We had an 0800 breakfast before our day out to Zakopane. We left at 0900 but, unfortunately, the weather turned bad and we had heavy rain by the time we reached our destination. We managed to find a coach park near the market and station

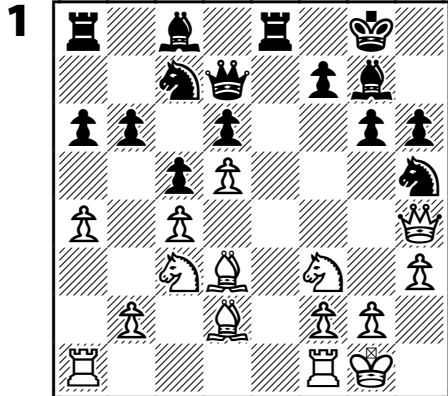
and also a stall that sold plastic maps for five zlotys. He sold nine!! We then got the funicular up the mountain and had a very nice lunch up there. Unfortunately there were no views, the toboggan was closed and we did not feel like going on a walk. We therefore returned down to the market and spent some time on last minute souvenirs before heading back to Chotowa. It was a long way to go for very little but one cannot legislate for the weather. We arrived back at 1930 and had supper soon afterwards then gave our presents to Wojtech and the hotel staff. After this it was packing and watching the Champions League final before bed. We were up at 0530 for an 0600 breakfast and bade farewell to the Grand and got the coach to Krakow Airport. Check in and security went fine although we again, had trouble with Athar at passport control. I could not understand the problem with him leaving! The flight was on time and we dispersed safely at Luton Airport after another very good trip. The players left an excellent impression after our first visit and both hotel and chess club have invited us back as soon as possible – and promised long play chess!

Peter Purland

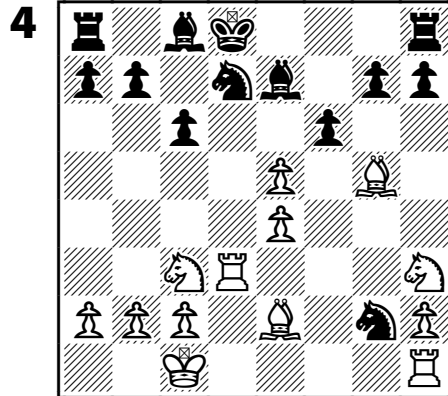


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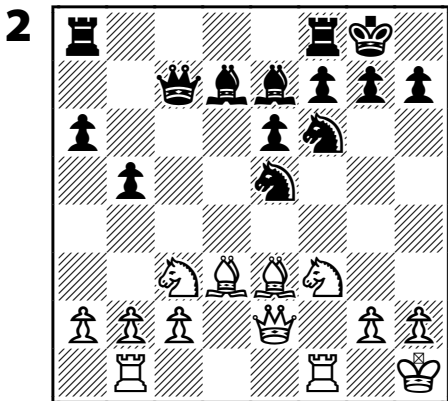
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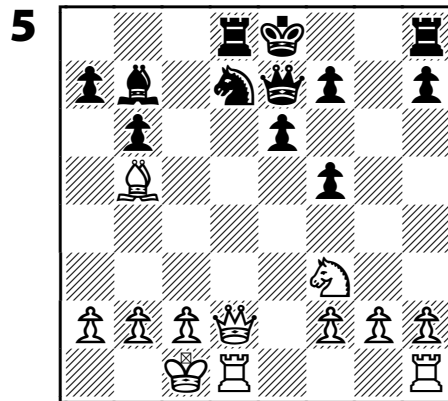
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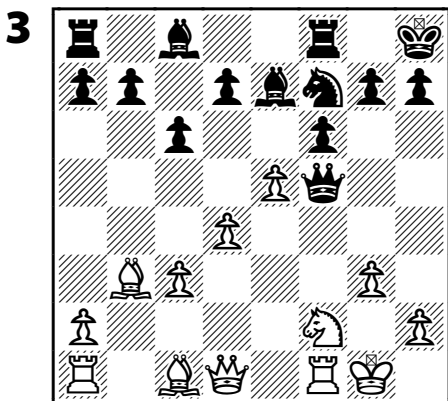
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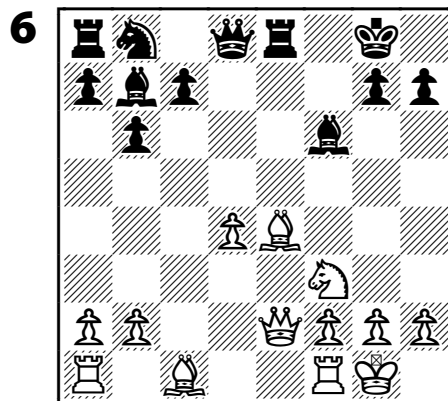
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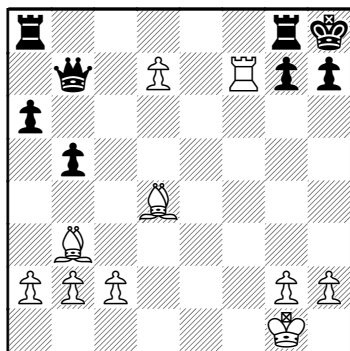
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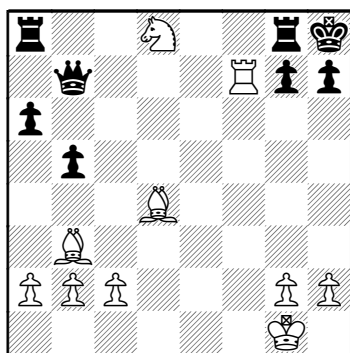
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JUNE'S PRIZE PUZZLE ANSWER



White, to move, promotes his pawn. Is this a good or a bad move?

1.d8♔!!



Rather a tricky question, wasn't it? Promoting to a Knight is an excellent move securing a better endgame:

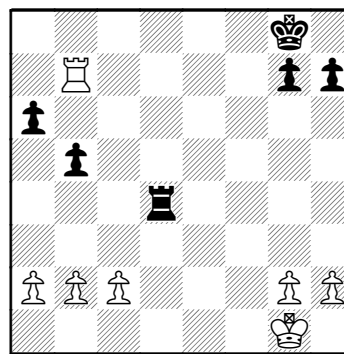
By contrast 1.d8♔? allows 1...♔xf7! 2.♔xa8 ♔xb3!!

1...♖axd8!

1...♔xf7 2.♔xf7#; 1...♔e4
2.♔xg7+ ♖xg7 3.♖f8+ ♖g8
4.♖xg8#

2.♖xb7 ♖xd4 3.♔xg8 ♔xg8

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The win is not certain for White, but of course he is much better. The moral of the story is that nothing can be taken for granted at the chessboard.

Best Quiz Answers for Page 11

1. 1... Bf6 2.Qg4 Qd8
2. 1.Bf4
3. 1.g4
4. 1.e6
5. 1.Ne5 0-0 2.Nxd7 a6
3.Qh6
6. 1.Qc4+

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