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WELLINGTON COLLEGE RETAINS YATELEY MANOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2010 Final of the ECF National Schools Championship sponsored by Yateley Manor took place at Uppingham School over 2 days at the beginning of July. Wellington College won a hard fought tournament and repeated their success of 2009. Route to the Final.



Wellington qualified for the Finals by winning their division; however they were well tested in the divisional stages by schools with strong reputations in this tournament most notably RGS Guildford, past winners, who met Wellington in the second round of the division. The score line of 5-1 did not reflect how close the teams really were.

In the National stages Wellington first met Torquay Grammar School who very sportingly agreed to travel to Wellington. Torquay has an excellent history in this tournament and Wellington had to turn around a couple of bad positions to win the match $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$.

The next match was the Quarter finals where Wellington travelled away to Winchester College. The team were on the best form of the year and won the fixture convincingly 5-1. This meant Wellington had now qualified for the Semi Finals, and hopefully the Finals, scheduled to take place in early July at Uppingham School.

This year external exams disrupted the team's preparation. All bar one of the students was involved in major exams. Last year the team prepared thoroughly for the finals with friendlies against Crowthorne and Local GMs. This year each player had to be responsible for their own preparation.

In the Semi Finals Wellington faced Manchester Grammar. Although Manchester was without three of their first team they fielded a young side that meant that Wellington would have to score more points to win under the handicap rules.

An early loss soon put the Wellington team under pressure in a match that should have been a straight forward win given the grade difference between the two sides. Adrian Archer Lock was the first to put points on the board for Wellington and he was soon followed up by Felix Ynojosa and Matthew Kim. At 3-1 and needing just $\frac{1}{2}$ of a point to secure the match, Akash Jain and Alex Galliano both offered draws to their opponents which meant that Wellington would win the match if they accepted. Given the position of both of their matches this was an understandable result and a sporting gesture of the Manchester players which allowed Akash and Alex to finish early.

Over night Wellington met to discuss the selection of their team. They were due to meet The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School in the Final. Habs had a very strong board six in the shape of Ravi Haria and it was felt that both Matthew Kim and David Lee would find it difficult to gain a result. The team players were unanimous in deciding to lower the team's average age so that they could complete on level terms. This brought David Lee in for the second time in the season.

In the final the match was hard fought all the way. Lateefah secured an early half point and was soon followed by wins from Felix Ynojosa and Alex Galliano. At $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ Habs pulled one back through board six this meant that Wellington needed only half a point to win. Adrian Archer Lock was ahead both on the clock and on the board in a complicated posi-



tion, but knowing he needed to secure the win as Akash was fighting in his game added extra pressure. In the end the Habs player ran out of time and the match was won. Akash made the score up to 4-2 with a draw in his game.

The top two performers were Adrian Archer Lock on board five and Felix Ynojosa on board one who both finished up with 2 out of 2. Felix has now played in the team for two years on Board 1 and has returned a 100% record! Many thanks go to both GM Nick Pert and IM Andrew Martin who coached the players in the team during the year.

Team: Felix Ynojosa, Alex Galliano, Akash Jain, Lateefah Messam Sparks, Adrian Archer Lock, Matthew Kim, David Lee.

Report by John Rawlinson

England Retains Glorney Cup

Glorney, Gilbert, Stokes and Robinson Cups

This annual event, which is now the British Isles Championships, is held in July, just before the British Championships and rotates round the four home countries. This year the event was held at Trefforest in Glamorgan University. Food, accommodation and playing conditions were all good but the hills...! Is all South

Wales steep sided valleys? At least we will have some very fit teams after this event.

David Levens stepped in at the last minute to take over running the teams and, although he has aged during the week, he did enjoy the experience and, he saw his teams produce the results.

Traditionally we have been the strongest team at both U12 and U14 level and the U14 team, which was nearly full strength, carried all before them. The team was Marcus Harvey, Peter Batchelor, Henry Broadley, Adam Taylor, William Foo and Martin Oliver and, between them, they only dropped 5½ points in 6 matches. Despite this, William Foo was the only player to record a perfect score. Wales came second (I have to mention this) but were 10 points behind. The U12 team had suffered some drop outs but those who did turn out certainly did England proud scoring 25½ points to win comfortably. The team was Robert Fitzpatrick, Alexander Harris, Nishant Bommayya, Aditya Mavinkurve, Ananth. Balaji and Marcus Rose. Ananth was the only other player in the whole tournament to score 6/6.

The Gilbert Cup was beset by cry offs but eventually we got out a very strong team (we do not usually play our World and European selections) but Lateefah Messam-Sparks and Sheila Dines joined Anna York-Andersen to try to regain the trophy won by the Scots last year. The first five rounds led to both teams being tied on 10½ with our girls facing the

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

**by Andrew Martin
International Master**

Welcome to what might be the last edition of *the Right Move*. The ECF has decided it cannot continue to publish the magazine as a free service. However, *the Right Move* staff can continue to offer you our prompt monthly magazine for an annual subscription of **£9**, or **75p** per issue. What are the benefits of this magazine?

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If I can get several hundred subscriptions together as a minimum, there will be a month's break while we get organised, and then the magazine will resume in **November**.

I will personally guarantee a minimum of 16 pages per month thereafter. I hope we will all pull together on this one and we can keep going.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Andrew



GAME OF THE MONTH



Richard Pert — Thomas Rendle

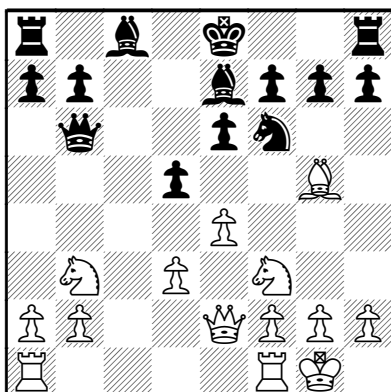
The following game was adjudged the best in the British Championship.

Pert (2460) - Rendle (2391)

[C03] French Defence

British Championship, 5 Aug. 2010

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5
5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Ng3 Nb4
8.0-0 Nxd3 9.cxd3 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Be7
11.Bg5 Qb6?!**



It is hard to believe that this is a mistake, but from now on Pert develops an enduring initiative. It appears that Black must force a decision with 11...h6, preempting e4-e5.

11...h6 12.Bh4 (12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e5 Be7 14.Rac1 0-0 15.Rc2 a5 16.Rfc1 Bd7 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.Rxc5 Qb6 19.R1c3 Rac8 20.Qc2 Rxc5 21.Rxc5 Bb5 22.d4 a4 23.Nd2 Qa6 24.h3 Ra8 25.Qc3 Bd7 26.Nf1 Qe2 27.Qd2 Qe4 28.a3 Bc6 29.Ng3 Qh4 30.Rc3 Ra6 31.Ne2 Qg5 32.Nf4 Qf5 33.Nd3 Ra8 34.Nb4 Rc8 35.Qc2 Qf4 36.Qd1 Qe4 37.g3 h5 38.h4 g6 39.Kh2 Kg7 40.Re3 Qf5 41.Rf3 Qg4 42.Nc2 Bb5 43.Ne3 Qe4 44.Rf4 Qd3 45.Qf3 Rc7 46.g4 Qe2 47.Qg2 hxc4 48.Nxc4 Qf1 49.Qxf1 Bxf1 50.h5 gxh5 51.Nf6 Kf8 52.Rf3 Ke7 53.Rg3 Rc2 54.b3 axb3 55.Rxb3 Ba6 56.Rf3 h4 57.Kh3 Rd2 58.Rf4 Rd3+ 59.Kxh4 Rxa3 60.Ng8+ Ke8 61.Nh6 b5 62.Rxf7 b4 63.Kg5 b3 64.Rf3 Be2 65.Rg3 b2 66.Rxa3 0-1 **Gu Xiaobing (2336)-Le Thanh Tu (2326)/Subic Bay 2009**) 12...Qb6 13.e5 (13.Rac1 dxe4 14.dxe4 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Bb5 16.Qc2 Bc6 17.e5 Nd5 18.Nfd4 0-0 19.Qc5 Rfe8 ½-½ **Svidler,P (2727)-Morozevich,A (2787)/Almaty 2008**) 13...Ng8 14.Bg3 a5 15.Bf4 a4 16.Be3 Qa6 17.Nbd4 Bd8 18.Bd2 Bd7 19.Rac1 Bb6 20.Bb4 Qa7 21.Nc2 Bc5 22.Qd2 Ne7 23.Bxc5 Qxc5 24.Nb4 Qb6 25.a3 0-0 26.Rc2 Rfc8 27.Rfc1 Qd8 28.Na2 Rxc2 29.Rxc2 Rc8 30.Rxc8 Qxc8 31.Qc3 Qxc3 32.bxc3 Ng6 ½-½ **Bojkovic,N (2429)-Vojinovic,J (2341)/Pozarevac 2009.**

12.e5! Ng8 13.Be3 Qb4 14.Nfd4

The biggest danger to Black now is the pawn lever f4-f5. Rendle tries to stop it.

14...Nh6 15.Rac1 Nf5

15...0-0 leaves Black with the same predicament after 16.Rc7! Bd8 (16...Re8 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Rfc1+-) 17.Rc3 Bb6 (17...f6 18.Rfc1+-) 18.Qd2

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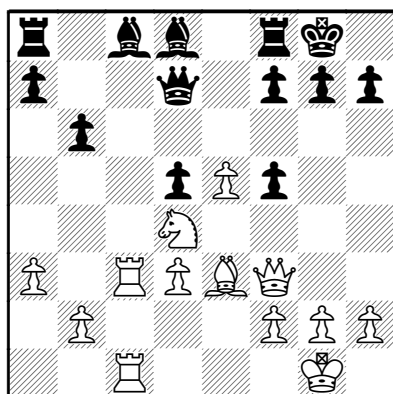


Ng4 19.Rxc8!

16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Rc7!

Good, but not quite as strong is 17.Bc5 Bxc5 18.Rxc5 when Black also has to suffer.

17...Bd8 18.Rc3 b6 19.Nd4 0-0 20.a3 Qa4 21.Qf3 Qd7 22.Rfc1



Flawless play by White over the past ten moves. Black has been driven passive and cannot free himself.

22...Re8 23.Qg3 Bb7

23...g6 24.h4 Bb7 25.h5+-

24.e6! Rxe6

24...fxe6 25.Rc7; 24...Qe7 25.Nxf5.

25.Nxe6 Qxe6 26.Bd4+-

Even the coming short, technical phase is handled perfectly.

26...g6 27.Qe5 Qxe5 28.Bxe5 f6

29.Bc7 Ba6

29...Be7 30.Bxb6 axb6 31.Rc7.

30.Bxd8 Rxd8 31.d4 Re8 32.Re3! Re4

33.Rxe4 fxe4 34.Rc7 f5 35.Rxa7 Bc4

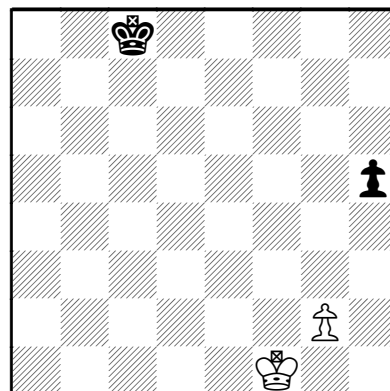
36.Rb7 b5 37.b3 Bxb3 38.Rxb5 Bc4

39.Rb7 1-0

A superb game by White.



PUZZLE ANSWER for AUGUST



White to play and win.

1.Kf2!

White simply wants to win the h-pawn. However, he must take care. 1.Kg1? does not work: 1...Kd7 2.Kh2 Ke6 3.Kh3 Kf5 4.Kh4 Kg6=

1...h4!

Black's idea. He threatens...h4-h3, followed by running the King to h8.

2.Kg1!!

2.Kf3 h3 3.g4 Kd7 4.Kg3 Ke6 5.Kxh3 Kf6 6.Kh4 Kg6 draws.

2...h3

2...Kd7 3.Kh2 Ke6 4.Kh3 Kf5 (4...Kf6 5.Kxh4+-) 5.Kxh4 Kg6 6.Kg4+-

3.g3!

Ensuring the white King can get in front of the pawn.

3...Kd7 4.Kh2 Ke6 5.Kxh3 Kf6 6.Kh4!

1-0

A neat study to begin proceedings. And, 6.Kg4? Kg6=

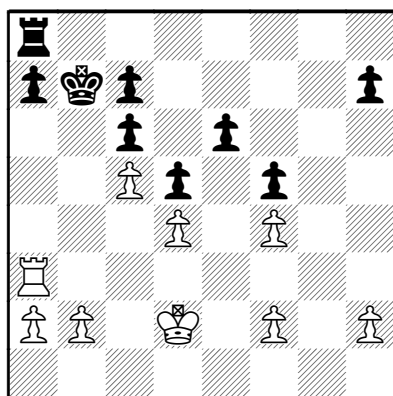


A CLASSIC ROOK ENDING



Mounting and sustaining pressure is the way to force mistakes. This applies to any game or sport and chess is no different. In the following instructive example we see Capablanca turning the screw, Kupchik getting chances, spurning chances, and in the end succumbing to the pressure. You'll note that Black did not defend actively enough and that is why he lost. Let us review the opening position.

Capablanca, JR - Kupchik
Havana, 1913



White is much better with his active Rook and more mobile KIng. This should

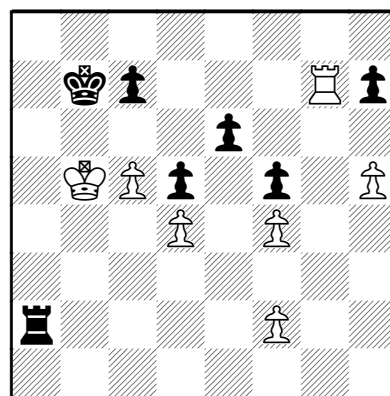
add up to a win. For the time being, Capablanca plays superbly.

- 1.Ra3 Rg8 2.Rh3 Rg7 3.Ke2 Ka6
4.Rh6 Re7 5.Kd3 Kb7 6.h4 Kc8
7.Rh5 Kd7 8.Rg5 Rf7 9.Kc3 Kc8
10.Kb4 Rf6 11.Ka5 Kb7 12.a4 a6
13.h5 Rh6 14.b4 Rf6 15.b5?**

So far, so good for White, but this obvious move is premature.

He should simply play 15.Rg7! and only then break with b4-b5: 15...Rh6 16.b5 axb5 17.axb5 cxb5 (17...Rxh5 18.b6) 18.Kxb5 Rxh5 19.c6+-

- 15...axb5 16.axb5 Rf8 17.Rg7
Ra8+ 18.Kb4 cxb5 19.Kxb5 Ra2!**



Kupchik responds correctly and with



his active Rook should now save the game.

20.c6+ Kb8 21.Rxh7 Rb2+ 22.Ka5 Ra2+ 23.Kb4 Rxf2?

23...Rb2+! was the drawing finesse: 24.Kc3 Rxf2 25.Re7 Rxf4 26.h6 Rh4 27.h7 Ka7! Black's King comes to life 28.Rxc7+ Kb6= This small variation teaches us that every detail counts.

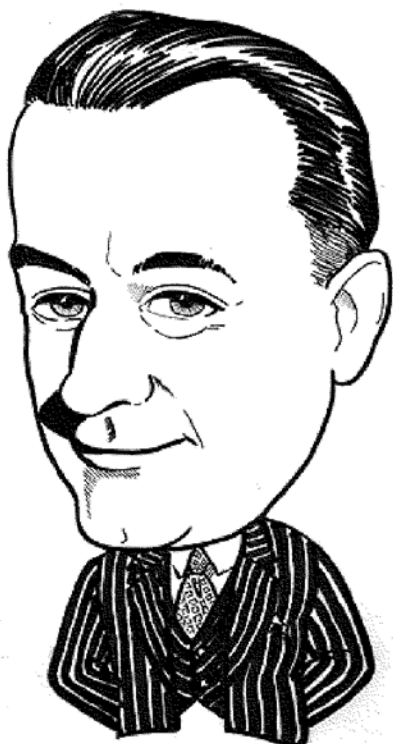
24.Re7 Rxf4?

Again 24...Rb2+ 25.Kc3 Rh2 26.Rxe6 Ka7! 27.h6 Kb6∞ gave much better chances to draw.

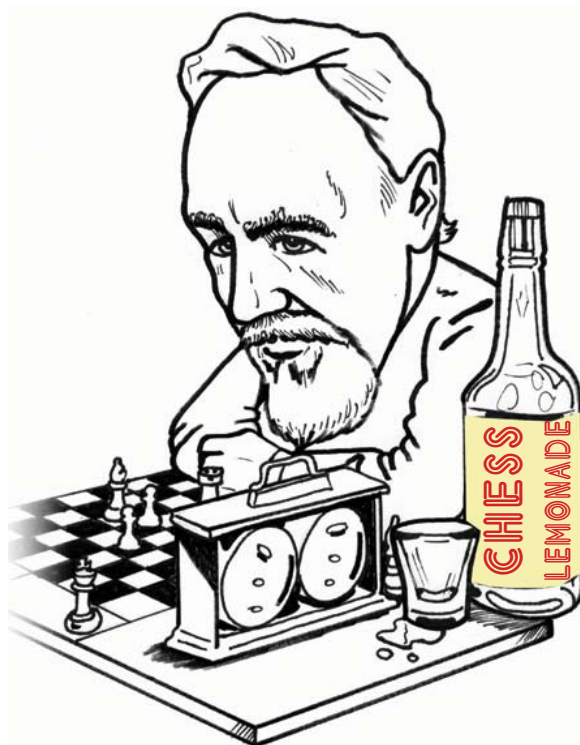
25.h6 Rxd4+ 26.Kb5 Rd1 27.h7 Rb1+ 28.Kc5 Rc1+ 29.Kd4 Rd1+ 30.Ke5 Re1+ 31.Kf6 Rh1 32.Re8+ Ka7 33.h8Q Rxh8 34.Rxh8 Kb6 35.Kxe6 Kxc6 36.Kxf5 Kc5 37.Ke5 1-0

Kupchik played fatalistically. He did not believe he could save the game against perhaps the greatest ever end-game expert. If that is your attitude, you are almost certain to lose.

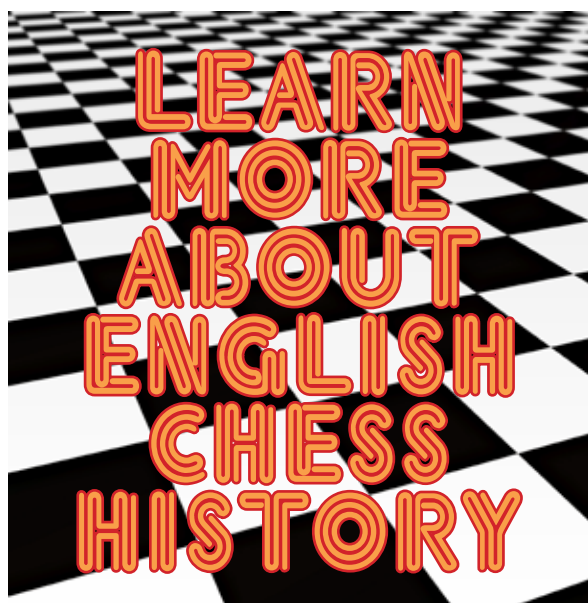
JOSE R CAPABLANCA
world champion 1921-1927



WHO WAS ONE OF ENGLAND'S VERY STRONGEST GRANDMASTERS?



Many thought and still do that it was Joseph Henry Blackburne from the 19th and 29th century. He was absolutely devastating in simuls and even played Steinitz in 1876, but lost all 7 games!



Glorney Cup continued from page 3

Scots in the final round and needing to win as the Scots had the better tie break. Anna drew first and, when Sheila brought in a draw I wondered if they knew what they were doing. They did! Lateefah had a won game and quickly secured the point that ensured the return of the cup to England.

It was, however, the Glorney Cup team that gave me the most satisfaction. We were minus our top 8 or 9 players for a variety of reasons and, as we had only won the event in the last game with our selected team in the last two years who would have betted on this team? They were: David Grant, William Jones, Elliott Auckland, George Tunstall and Michael Rabbitte. However some players have pride in what they do and reputations (or ratings) count for nought. By round four they had surpassed all expectations and built up a 5 point lead but (I hate to

say) we had played Wales twice and they had a very young team whilst Ireland and Scotland played them on the last day and both scored 5-0 victories. The morning saw the Scots thirsting for revenge (even our team would admit to luck in the first encounter) and they got it with no wins for us and draws from David, Elliot and Michael. At this point the Scottish coach and an Irish parent were seen rubbing their hands and congratulating each other. What were our players made of? They had to get at least two points against the Irish! Well they went in together and determined. Elliott took a steady draw, David lost, but Michael drew. Ten minutes left, five minutes left then – George got that all important win and shortly afterwards William drew to ensure we finished half a point ahead of Scotland. They thoroughly deserved their victory. They had come and they had given their all. We can be proud of them.

Peter Purland



British Championship Special

CANTERBURY 2010

The British Championships were held in the sports hall at the University of Kent, Canterbury. This was an excellent playing venue although we could have done with a couple of smaller extra rooms. However, as the arbiters' exam starts "There is no such thing as a perfect venue," and this was certainly one of our better ones, with cheap accommodations on site, plenty of off site accommodations and a good bus service to the venue...

The first week saw the U16s, U13s and U11s playing. The entries went as follows: U16 26; U13 26; U11 30. This is 17 down on last year.

The three sections were very competitive and none more so than the U11s. Going in to the final round we had Anna Wang on 5½, Harry Croasdale and Rohan Shiatis on 5 (both had played Anna but not each other) whilst Yasmin floated up to play Anna. Again we had two girls on top board (but only one other in the tournament.)

In the final round Rohan beat Harry whilst Anna drew with Yasmin leaving Rohan Shiatis and Anna Wang sharing the title with William Claridge-Hansen, Harry Croasdale and Matthew Wadsworth third equal.

The U13s was not quite as tight. Ravi Haria had taken the lead in round five and went in to the final round a full point ahead. A friendly draw with Max Wood-Robinson ensured he got the title ahead

of Ronan Magee (Ireland) with Max in third place Top Girl was Katherine Shepherd.

The U16s, which includes the U15s, was a very interesting event and a lot of good chess was played. In round 6 there were 4 players on 4 points: Sebastien Muheim, and Adrian Archer-Lock (both U16) and Brandon Clarke and Gordon Scott both U15.) The youngsters beat the "old ones" and, as all four won in round seven, this left Brandon and Gordon top and U15 champions with Sebastien and Adrian a point behind and U16 champions.

Abigail Pritchard was U16 girls' champion, whilst the U15 girls' was shared by Megan Owens (Wales), Ali Roy (Scotland) and Maria Wang (England). It was good to see all four home countries represented at the Saturday prize giving. The weekend saw the U8 and U9 Championships. Both of them were slightly up on last year. The U8s was won by Zheming Zhang 6/6 with Samir Samadov and Anthony Zhang second equal. Isabelle Gilbert took the girls prize.

The U9s was more dramatic. Arul Gupta and Akshaya Kalaiyalahan had taken the lead in round 4 and drawn in round 5. In round six Zheming Zhang had beaten Akshaya and went in to the final round half a point behind Arul. In an exciting game Zheming triumphed to add the U9 title to the U8s. Arul and Brian Tarhon were second equal whilst



Akshaya was top girl. The U14s and U12s started on Sunday with 22 and 30 players respectively and the U10s on Monday with 31 players. This meant we were 12 juniors down on last year which was not too bad considering Torquay is very popular with the younger players. Felix Ynojosa was the pre-tournament favourite for the U14s but in round four he suffered his first defeat in 5 junior championships at the hands of Marcus Harvey. Marcus was not going to let go, won his next two games and ended up with a quick draw against Jasdeep Gahir to claim the title.



Felix also won his next two games and he, too, had a quick final round draw with Radha Jain to gain second place whilst Radha was girls' champion. Joining Jasdeep and Radha in third place were Oskar Hackner, Daniel Noel and Frank Sabin.

The U12s saw Tarun Malhotra taking the lead in round four and, despite draws with Matthew Wadsworth and Anna Wang, never surrendered his position to add the U12 crown to the U11 he won last year.

Anna was girls' champion and shared second place with Matthew, Ananth Balaji and Robert Fitzgerald.

The U10s had a thrilling climax but also showed how cruel sport can be. Arul Gupta went in to the final round half a point ahead of Ashwin Kalyana having already drawn with him but, in his last game, he lost to David Liu whilst Ashwin defeated Gwilym Price to claim the title. Arul and David were joined in second place by Ned Ashcroft.

The girls' title was shared by Akshaya Kalaiyalahan and Imogen Turvey-Cross. The U18 championship is included in the British Championship and this year was won for Ireland by Ryan Rhys Griffiths.

This has proved another first class event with some very good chess and, for most of the time, an excellent atmosphere. As well as the main events juniors took part in Blitz Chess, Variants Chess, the Quiz and a Murder Mystery (the arbiters were not allowed to choose the victim!) These all add to the uniqueness of the British Championships and, with the line up of stars for next year and the reduction in junior entry fees Sheffield must be the place to head for next summer.

Sorry there are no photos but with all my "hats" there are limits.

Pete Purland

[Editor: Others are invited to send in photos!]

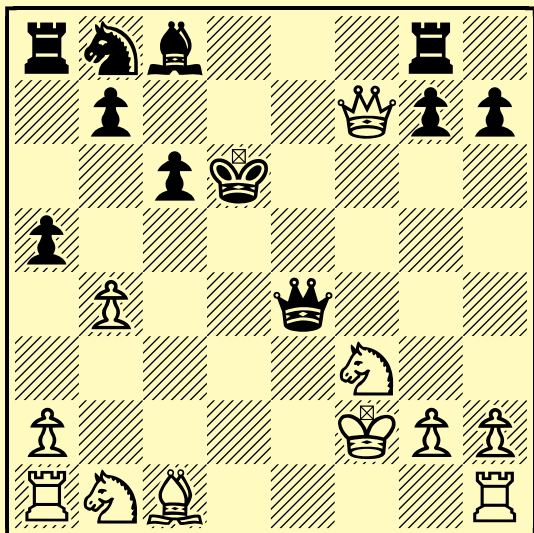
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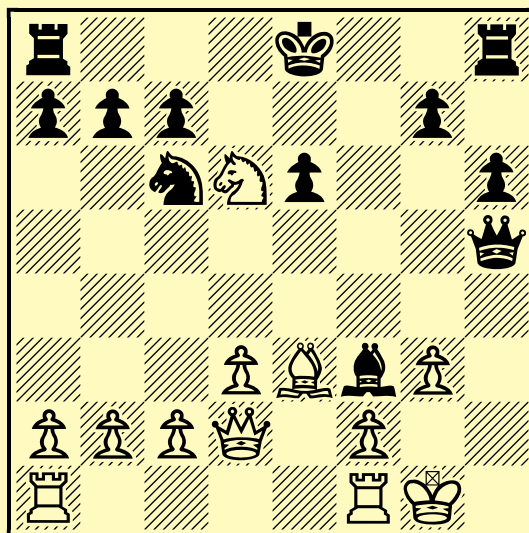
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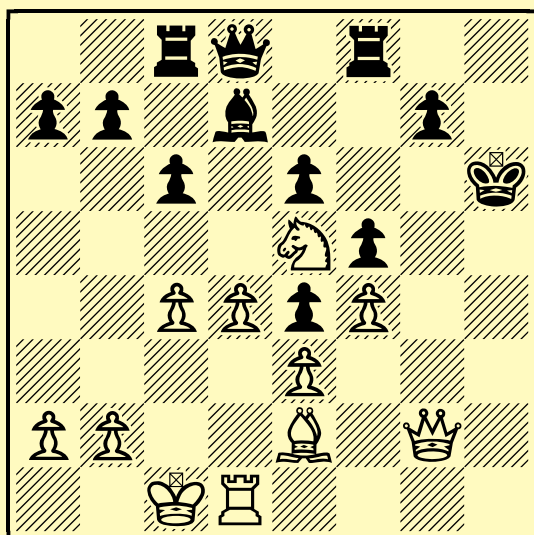
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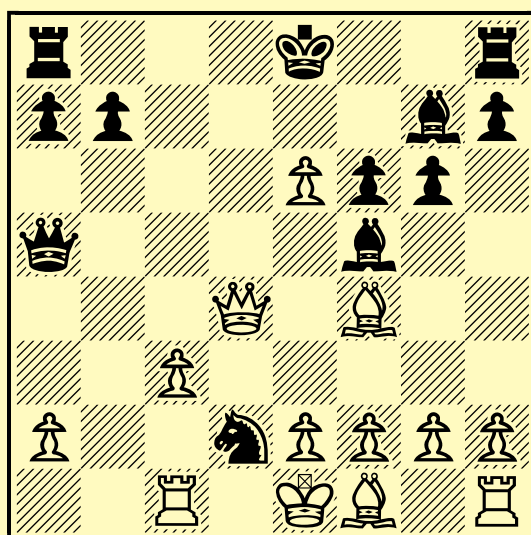
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White to mate in 1.

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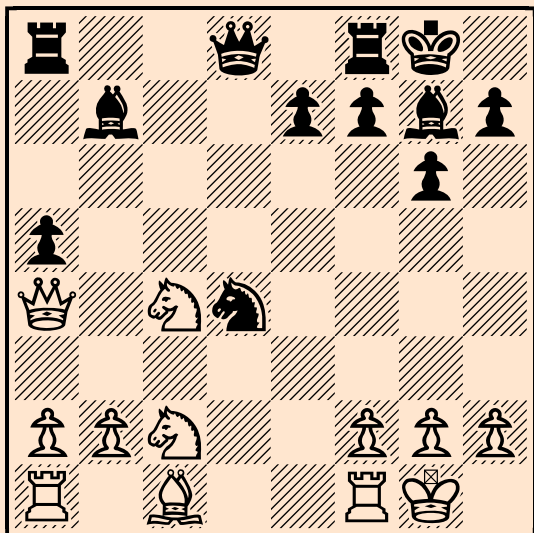
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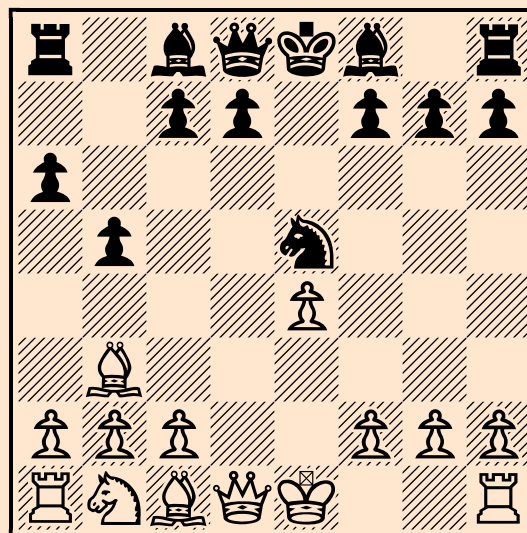
Find the Big Move to Win

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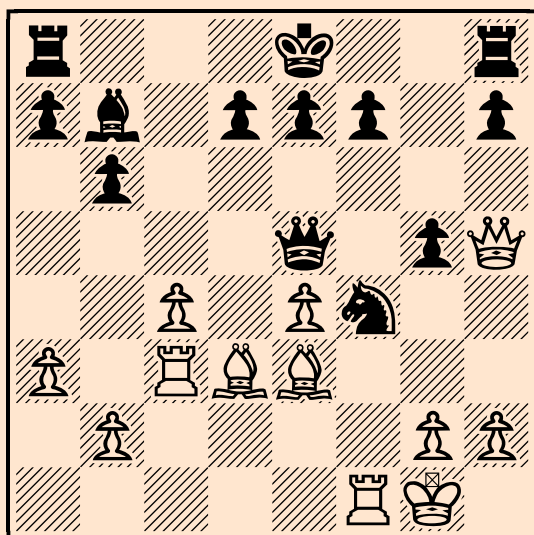
Black's moves will win the Q.

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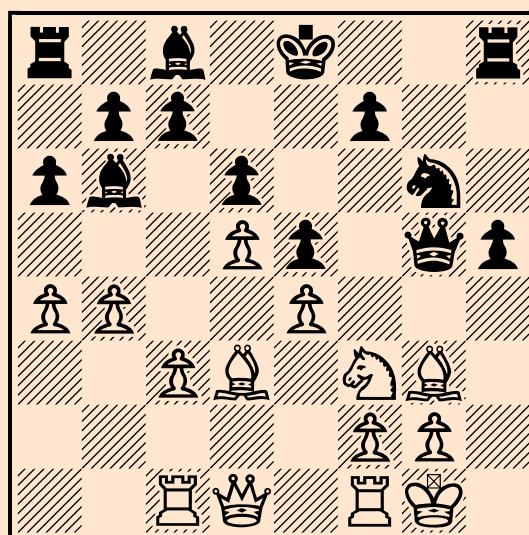
White to move and destroy.

3



White startles Black.

4



Black surprises White.

Answers are on the last page



POPULAR QUIZ ANSWERS



Find the Checkmate.

1. 1. Rd1+ Qd5 2. Bf4#
2. 1... cxd6 (or 1... Kf8 or 1... Kd7). Mate in 1 no matter what White does.
3. 1. Qg6#
4. 1. Qd7+ Kf8 2. Qf7#

Find the Crunch.

1. 1... Bc6 2. Qa3 Nxc2
2. 1. Qd5
3. 1. Rxf4 gxf4 2. Qxe5
4. 1... Qxg3

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