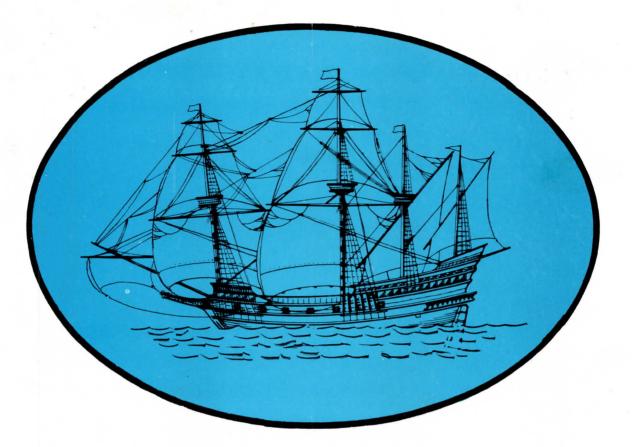
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#### EDTTORIAL

I have to warn readers that this issue will not have the customary wit, brilliance, not to mention aggression in its articles from the Editor!s pen. Alph Newman has, in fact, been through serious illness, but I am glad to report that he is now making good progress - and normal service will be resumed next issue!

Our thanks to those who have sent in reports, etc. and apologies where we have had to hold over details until the next time.

Meanwhile our best wishes to Halph Newman and also to Ron Powis who has a laso been laid up and is now recovering!

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#### Now is the time to enter the

#### WEST OF ENGLAND EASTER CONGRESS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

to be held from Thursday 19th April to Monday 23rd April 1984 at the KNightstone Theatre, Meston-Super-Mare, Somerset. Details and Entry Forms from Kon Powis, Gordano, Farmhill Lane, Stroud, Glos.

Please Note, however, that the

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#### W.E.C.U. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be held at Street, Somerset, on the 7th and 8th July 1984. Championships for Ul8, Ul6, Ul4, Ul2, Ul0 and Girls. For all details send for the full entry form to L.T.Walker, 3 Rowley Drive, Botley, Hants, 303 2SN.

The W.E.C.U. JUNION JAMBOREE was held very successfully on 11th February, organised by our Junior Secretary, L.T.Walker and controlled by J.Fewkes.

Four teams entered the Under 18 and the final results await adjudications. The present position is:- Gloucester 22 plus 1A; Somerset 5 plus 1A; Devon 7 plus 2A; Hampshire 62 plus 2A.

The Girls U18 was contested by Hampshire, Devon and Gloucester. Gloucester are winners with 100% score of 6; Hampshire scored 3 and Devon C.

The Under 14 had a record entry of nine teams. Devon, Gloucester and Cornwall tied for first place with 5 points, Gloucester winning on the tie break.

Full details next issue when adjudications are known.

#### BCF REPORT No.22

November, 1983

#### 1. JUNIOR CHESS. (Policy discussion)

Mr. D.C. Jarrett (Director of Junior Chess) presented an excellent report on the various aspects and sections of ever increasing activity in the field of Junior Chess.

#### (a) U18 Championships Finals

In the Open event there are six teams this year, the extra two being the Welsh (the sponsor's requirement) and the newly formed East Anglia Union. This makes difficulties in producing true team champions using the Hutton Pairing System, and although much thought was given, the Board could not find a suitable alternative.

#### (b) U16 and U14

At present U16 and U14 Championships are organised by the 'U14 Team Chesses Championship Association" which had sought to affiliate to the BCF some time ago and was not accepted because of certain points in their constitution, mainly the too rapid rate of play for Championship Chess. Mr. Jarrett reported possible changes and hopefully affiliation should be acceptable in the future. A decision will be taken at the January meeting, meanwhile the Board recognises the vital work done amongst this age group by the Association.

#### (c) BCF Grants to Union Junior Champions

At present there is one BCF grant of  $\pounds 25$  to the Union U18 Champion to assist with expenses involved in taking part in the British Championships. The Board voted to accept Mr. Jarrett's proposal that this grant be abolished and instead two free entries be awarded for each Union Junior Champions to Championship events of their choice.

#### (d) Junior Training

All Unions are now taking part in the Junior training scheme and the number of events has grown considerably. It was agreed that in future Regional Coaches shall be used for those events where the standard of the players is such that it would be a waste of resources to fund a National Coach. There are now 40 Regional Coaches and a register is maintained to meet enquiries.

#### (e) Training for Top Juniors

A "small group system" for training top juniors is being considered and a scheme will be put forward in January. The need for books for these juniors was stressed and it was reported that a special gift had provided £1,000 for books for girls.

#### (f) Certificate of Merit Scheme

The material is to be improved and updated with the emphasis on algebraic rather than descriptive notation.

#### 2. COUNCIL MEETINGS.

There is to be an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Saturday, 28th January 1984 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of reversing the venues for the Council Meetings of 12th May and 14th July 1984. Delegates will receive due

notice but need not actually attend and may vote by proxy.

#### 3. EAST ANGLIA CHESS UNION.

The Board voted to co-opt one representative (with voting powers) from the E.A.C.U. from now until the July Council. The E.A.C.U. are not participating in the Counties Championships this season, but will be proposing to take part in the Minor Counties Championship in the 1984/85 season. The sub-committee is still working on the implications of fuller membership.

#### 4. YEAR BOOK.

1983/84 Year Bock is now available price £2.50 plus postage.

#### 5. COMPUTER.

The Board agreed to fund the additional equipment necessary for the BCF Office to make use of the Computer about to be purchased and installed at B.C.M. Eventually this will be used for Grading purposes when satisfactory arrangements have been made and the Unions requirements have been met.

#### 6. BCF CONGRESS.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Congress at Brighton in 1984.

The Board agreed the Congress Director be authorised to accept the invitation from Southampton City Council to use the Guildhall for the BCF Congress in 1986. Apparently several prople were impressed with this venue when used for the Southampton Centenary Congress and made a point of approaching the Congress Director to ask if it had been considered for the Championships.

#### 7. INSURANCE.

Counties or Clubs who have not yet taken advantage of the block insurance policy arranged by the BCF are reminded of the attractive terms negotiated.

#### 8. TREASURER.

The Board were extremely sorry to receive Mr. Nicholas's resignation through illness.

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Mr. J. Dobson, 2, Buckstone Way, Alwoolley, Leeds, is appointed Treasurer until the July Council Meeting.

#### B.C.F. TRAINING WEEKENDS 1983

These events have been held very successfully at Frome, Cheltenham and Southampton. For 1984, we have been offered to host two more, a total of five. Another Girls weekend at Portsmouth and an Open Event at Paignton. the completion of these venues within the V.E.C.U. finalises the National Tetwork of training venues for these events. All this is due almost entirely to the hard work of Mr. Derek Evans, The National Junior Training Coordinator.

B.C.F. Training Weekend - Deanery School, Southampton Hosted by Southampton Junior Chess Club.

The B.C.F. training weekend on the 30th and 31st October was very successful. Due to good organisation the trainers, headed by Graham Lee and Paul Lamford with Andrew Kluth taking the younger hopefuls, were able to carry off their task with an efficiency that benefited all present.

Graham Lee took the A group and Paul Lamford the B.

The day began on Saturday morning for group A with an endgame study, conducted in pairs, and followed up with a discussion of the same which was well participated by all. After lunch Graham led another group discussion on openings with blocked positions in particular. To finish off the day the group played a clock simultaneous against Graham. Sunday morning began with all the groups meeting in the main hall for a simultaneous against Paul Lamford. (30players). While in turn Graham took aside members of his group to analyse the previous day's clock simul. Sunday afternoon was spent discussing certain positions in detail and then the main group was divided into four separate grounds in order to finish the weekend with two consultation games.

Paul Lamfords group was subject to amore intense form of training than even group A: Saturday morning began with three hours of solving tatical positions, followed by a group discussion. It says a lot for Paul's ability as a coach and the juniors keeness and concentration that the session was completed. The first hour and a half after lunch was spent analysing end games in groups of two and then discussing them. Saturday was finished off with a problem solving competition with a book prize kindly donated by Batsford publishers. After the Sunday moring siml. Paul went through a recent game discussing tatical and strategical concepts.

Group C covered basic principals such as space and control of the centre using examples. The main problem was keeping the interest of the young ones going. Andrew managed this well by not dwelling too long on one theme; say 90 mins. maximum. Much to his surprise this group showed much interest in the endgame studies he **d**id.

K.R. WALKER

#### PLYMOUTH LLOYDS BANK JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL

The Tournament was a total success for England Juniors obtaining first, second third and equal fourth. W.E.C.U. Juniors taking first, third and equal fourth places. Considering that England has never won this event before they took it by storm, with Philip Rossiter winning outright. Philip's determination to win. following his British under 14 success last year and good result in the Lloyds Bank Masters Open, ahead of his rivals, puts him in a good position with selection for the world under 16 still undecided. The good result in this event could be seen favourably, for possible selection. David Norwood from Bolton undoubtably the favourite has got to be concerned.

Selectors will now be looking to the "Arc Young Masters" event in February to help them with their selection.

Philip's progress round by round is as follows:

Round 1. Philip Rossiter 1 - Shtern Igor 0 (American 208)

A good first round win for Philip as Shtern Igor was considered favourite to was

Round 2. Lars Bo Hanson O - Philip Possiter 1

Round 3. Philip Rossiter 1 - Niall Carton O (Northern Ireland)

Round 4. David Norwood (Bolton) 0 - Philip Rossiter 1.

This game went on for around 90 moves. Philip lept with a Rock and Bishop David just a Rock. A book draw, but the game continued until David made a weak move allowing Philip to force home the win.

Round 5. Philip Rossiter 1 - Michael Adams 0 (Cornwall)

Round 6. Marcel Piket (Holland) 0 - Philip Rossiter 1

Round 7. Philip Rossiter 1 - Philip Stevenson 0 (Southampton)

Round 8. Jan Gogaerts (Belgium) 1 - Philip Rossiter 0

An opening error in a complicated position from which there was no recovery.

Round 9. Philip Rossiter 7 - Gian Luca Castagnetta O (Italy).

1stPhilip Rossiter (Hants.)8/92ndDavid Norwood (Lancs) $6\frac{1}{2}/9$ 3rdMichael Adams (Cornwall)6/9=4thPhilip Stevenson (Hants) $5\frac{1}{2}/9$ 

The event was once again well organised by Mr. Ken Butts providing comfortable spacious playing conditions and hospitality second to none.

#### W.E.C.U. JUNIOR JAMBOREE

W.E.C.U. Junior Jamboree eliminators are arranged for the 11th February at the Taunton Cricket Pavilion. Alongside this event will be the Under 14 Tean, Championship, Clubs, Schools and Counties may enter any number of teams. (Give your County Junior Organisers first choice or I may be in trouble). Please write to me for entry forms it required.

#### REPORT FROM REGISTRATION OFFICER

## Amendments to 1983 Grading List

In the light of information received the following gradings supercede those listed in September:

Brown A.P.	Portsmouth	127*
Chambers C.R.T.	Yatton and Clevedon	94
Dorley-Brown S.	Bath	122+
Farmer H.	Yeovil/Royal Navy	119*
Llewellyn J.D.	Bath/King Edwards S	145*

Registrations have now been received for the folloiwng against whom a U appeared in September:

Adams D.J.	Yatton & Clevedon	147+
Atkin M.	Nailsea	79
Burgon A.	Nailsea	123-
Carter D.	Nailsea	82
Dalton B.	Nailsea	97+
Eggington D.	Nailsea	143+J
Collier M.J.	Bristol Cabot	134*
Gladstone M.	Nailsea	137+
Gillett D.	Phoenix	94
Higgs D.	Phoenix	-99 <b>-</b>
Harding K.	Phoenix	80-
Lloyd H.S.	Phoenix	119+
Mobbs G.	Sun Life	55-
Orr M.	Nailsea	77
Price G.	Holsworthy	102+J
Peters G.	Nailsea	119+
Pither I.	Phoenix	133-
Poolake M.E.	Nailsea	170*
Saunders M.	Nailsea	107
Spiller Miss A.L.	Yatton & Clevedon	100*J
Spiller Miss B.R.	11 11	99*J
Standing D.	Nailsea	97

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#### 18th Torbay Congress 1983 Prize List

#### Open

1st K. Allen, Coventry 42/5; =2nd C. Beaumont, Bristol, D.C. Osbourne, Bristol, 4/5; =4th K.B. Hills, Coventry, A. Boyne, Teignmouth, N. Crickmore, Plymouth, S. Flesch, Exeter, H. Karrer, Totnes, G. Moore, Dublin, 32/5.

#### Grading Prizes:-

R. Burton, R.J. Johnson, P. Morrey and J.M. Soesan.

Major

=1st A.G. Cargill, Exeter, P.B. Helbig, Bath, M. Lucey, Reading, D. Roberts, Bournemouth, J. Hayward, Exeter, 4/5.

#### Grading Prizes:-

G. Body and P. Markham.

#### Minor

1st S. Scarbro, Plymouth 5/5, =2nd G. Collings, Paignton, J. Hansen, London, T.J. Hay, Teignmouth, P. Walters, Plymouth, D. Foley.

#### Grading Prizes

J.J. Glover, A. Hunt, V. Litvin, C. Selwood, G.C. Walker, R.B. Wilkinson, C. Wood, C. Howard, M. Brownbill, D.J. Helbig, J.P. Keane, A. Pickering, A.D. Rookes.

Team Prizes

1st Teignmouth:-J. Walker, T.J. Hay, G.C. Walker. 2nd Bristol:- C. Wood, C. Beaumont, D.O. Collier.

Special Hotel Prize: R.J. Smith, Barnstaple 41/5

#### DR. J.M. AITKEN

Dr. James Aitken died suddenly on Saturday, 3rd December 1983 following a heart attack.

Dr. Aitken began playing chess at an early age in his native Scotland and was ten times Scottish Champion, continuing to compete following his move to Gloucestershire where he became a well known figure among chess players in the West of England County Matches, congresses and Championships. He was West of England Champion in the 1950's, and for many years gave valuable help in annotating the championship games for the Congress Brochure. He was awarded the British Master title in 1964.

Becoming an Executive member of the West of England Chess Association in 1955, he was on the sub-committee formed to draw up the constitution for the new West of England Chess Union in 1956, and was a Vice President until elected to the Office of President for 3 years in 1969. In appreciation of his long service to chess in the West of England Chess Union he was then made the first Life Vice President.

The New Year Position in the Counties Championship is:-Match Do С De G H .S . . .Points CORNWALL Х 41++ 51/2 4 7  $\bigcirc$ DEVON 8: 7 Х 7 0 -DORSET ,5 9 X 2 51 .4 GLOS. 91+ ID. Х 10 6 4 HAMPSHIRE 10를 10 10h Х 4 G SOMERSET n 6 X 2

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ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE

#### (A.R.B. Thomas)

The Four Pawns' Attack. 1. P-K4, N-KB3; 2. P-K5, N-Q4; 3. P-QB4, N-N3; 4. P-Q4, P-Q3; 5. P-KB4, PxP; 6. BPxP, N-B3; 7. B-K3, This is all that Levy & Keene give on Alekhine's Defence in their book "How to play the opening in chess" (1974), with the comment "Current opinion favours White's central domination over Black's counterattacking chances". This is not enough for Barden & Harding, who say in "The Batsford Guide to Chess Openings" (1976), "The last word has not been said, but clearly only players who enjoy maniacal tactical adventures will feel at home in that line". They also give much fuller analysis, continuing 7. ..., B-B4; 8. N-QB3, P-K3; 9. N-B3, B-K2; (The latest twist, they say, is for Black to give up 9. ..., B-K2; altogether, and to prefer play against White's centre by N-N5 or B-KN5 with chances of equalising). 10. P-Q5!? (The first reaction to the discovery of this sacrifice was that Black is in trouble, in view of lines like 10. ..., PxP; 11. PxP, N-QN5; 12. N-Q4, B-N3; 13. B-N5ch, K-B1; 14. 0-0, K-N1; 15. N-B5! 'However, Penrose realised that if Black could avoid the Bishop check, the advanced White pawns might be very weak in view of White's retarded development, and he swiftly discovered the variation 10. .N.QN5; 11. N-Q4, B-N3; 12. P-QR3, P-QB4!; which seemed to put 10. P-Q5 out of business). For over a decade the move was not played, until in 1970 the Yugoslav grandmasters Parma & Velimirovic found 10. ..., N-QN5; 11. R-B1, with complications perhaps favourable to White, e.g. 11. ..., PxP; 12. P-QR3, N-R3; 13. PxP, 0-0; 14. P-QN4!?, N-N1; 15. B-KN5; 16. Q-Q4, BxN; 17. BxB, B-N4; 18. 0-0, BxB ch; 19. QxB, P-QB3; 20. QR-Q1, Q-Kr; 21. P-K6, PxP; 22. P-Q6, Q-K1; 23. B-R5! with a strong attack; Gorelov-Ignatiev, Moscow 1974". A final line, given also by Speelman in his "Pocket Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings" is 10. P-Q5!?, PxP; 11. PxP, N-N5; 12. N-Q4, B-Q2; 13. P-K6, PxP; 14. PxP, B-B3; 15. Q-N4, B-R5ch; 16. P-N3, BxR; 17. 0-0-0, Q-B3, 18. PxB, 0-0; 19. B-K2; and White, it appears from the games thus far played, has enough for his exchange but no safe way to play for a win. Lastly. in place of 10. P-Q5!?, Speelman gives 10. B-K2, 0-0; 11. 0-0, P-B3; 12. PxP, with slight advantage to White.

Hans Berliner, who won the World Correspondence Championship 1965-68 with a candidate's score of  $11\frac{1}{2}/13$  and a Final score of 14/16 (!), regularly played Alekhine's Defence, scoring 4 straight wins in the Final. He wrote, "It is curious to note that in my many years of playing this defence, there have been very few games with the Four Pawns' Attack. This tournament was no exception".

The Modern Line. 1. P-K4, N-KB3; 2. P-K5, N-Q4; 3. P-Q4, P-Q3; 4. N-KB3, P-KN3; Berliner says, "I invariably play 4. ..., P-KN3; as I am convinced it is perfectly sound and is the correct positional continuation. "Two of his four games in the Final continued 5. N-N5, which he says is unsound, although many opening books give it as the refutation of P-KN3. The correct play is now, 5. ..., PxP; 6. PxP, B-N2; when both his opponents played 7. B-QB4, P-QB3; Altshuler now played passively 8. Q-K2 after which Black easily obtained a clear edge with 8. ..., P-KR3; 9. N-KB3, B-N5; 10. QN-Q2?, P-QN4! (White should have played 10. P-KR2, BxN; 11. PxB, P-K3; 12. P-KR4 but Black clearly has the better game). Stern continued with 8. N-QB3, the only move to justify the previous play. At this point Black could obtain a minimal advantage by 8. ..., BxP; 9. NxN, PxN; 10. QxP, QxQ; 11. BxQ, P-K3, but instead chose the sharper and better continuation 8. ..., P-KR3! If now 9. N-B3, NxN; 10. QxQch, KxQ; 11. P x N, N-Q2; 12. BxP, NxP; 13. NxN, BxN; 14. 0-0, B-B4; with advantage to Black. Or 9. KN-K4, BxP; 10. NxN, PxN; 11. Q xP, Q x Q; 12. BxQ, N-B3; 13. P-QB3, B-B4 with a small edge for Black.

I give the game in full with Berliner's notes:- W. Stern (E. Germany) - H. Berliner (USA).

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17.	B-Q2(E) B-QB3 K-Q1	QxPch		BxR (F) B-R4 Resigns	R-Q1! (G) Q-N3 (H) (I)			

- (A) The only correct move. After 11. ..., P-K3; 12. Q-B3ch, K-N1;
  13. BxNP, BxB; 14. QxB, N-Q2; 15. P-KB4, White has 3 Pawns for the Piece, although Black still stands slightly the better.
- (B) White tries to keep Black bottled up. If, instead, 12. Q-Q3, B-B4;
   13. Q-N5ch, N-B3!; 14. BxNch, (14. QxP, QxB; 15. QxRch, K-B2; and Black's lead in development is immediately decisive.
- (C) Not an ideal square for the Knight, but this method of development is the only effective one and, as will be seen, involves many fine points. The immediate threat is N-B2.
- (D) Point number one: there is no convenient way to answer the check. This is markedly more effective than 15. ..., N-B2; 16. 0-0-0.
- (E) If 16. P-B3 then 16. ..., N-B2; 17. O-O-O, NxB; 18. RxN, BxP!
- (F) 19. BxB is met by 19. ..., R-Q1ch; 20. K-B1, Q-K6ch; 21. K-N1, RxN; and White cannot play 22. BxB, because of 22. ..., Q-K8ch.
- (G) Better than 19. ..., BxB; 20. QxB, R-Q1; 21. QxRch, KxQ; 22. BxB, N-N5; 23. R-QB1, N-Q4; 24. R-K1, N-K6ch; which also wins.
- (H) The most precise.
- (I) If 21. Q-R4ch, K-B1; 22. R-B1ch, K-N1; 23. P-QB4, BxB; 24. PxB, QxNP; 25. R-B1, RxPch with mate in view.

A final comment by Berliner on this variation, giving a game in an earlier round versus W. Dannberg (East Germany) 1. P-K4, N-KB3; 2. P-K5, N-Q4; 3. P-Q4, P-Q3; 4. N-B3, P-KN3; 5. N-N5? PxP; 6. PxP, B-N2; 7. P-QB4, N-N5; 8. QxQch, KxQ; 9. N-R3 (or A), K-K1; 10. B-Q2, QN-B3; 11. P-KB4, P-B3; 12. N-B3, PxP; 13. NxP, B-B4; 14.NxN, NxN; 15.0-0-0, R-Q1 with a distinct advantage for Black.

(A) If 9. NxPch, K-K1; 10. NxR, N-B2ch; 11. K-Q1, NxR; 12. NxP, PxN; 13. P-KB4, B-B4; 14. N-R3, N-B3; and the stranded Black Knight will emerge successfully, leaving Black with a winning material advantage.

All this serves to show that 5. N-N5 is wrong. Instead, Speelman gives 5. B-QB4, N-N3; 6. B-N3, B-N2 7. N-N5, P-Q4; 8. O-O, N-B3; 9. P-QB3, O-O; 10. P-KB4, P-B3; 11. N-B3, B-KB4; with slight advantage to White. He also mentions Olaffson-Larsen, Reykjavik 1978, which went 9. ..., B-KB4. 10. P-KN4, BxN; 11. Q-B3! with a considerable plus for White.

#### The Exchange Variation

Another, quite different, variation is when white decides to play PxP himself. Berliner comments 'Most opening books express the opinion that Black does best to recapture with the KP. I feel that this is not in the spirit of the variation and that Black should attempt to justify his strategy by obtaining the central majority of Pawns with BPxP. He will than be able to act in the centre with P-K4 or P-Q4 depending upon White's development. "He than gives games and analysis that are beyond the scope of this article.

Barden & Harding comment, "BPxP is a more fighting reply, in conjunction with a fianchetto of the KB, but then White's mobile Q-side majority presents a danger; even if Black achieves the 'freeing' advance P-K4, the result may only be that he is left with a weak QP". They give: - 3. P-Q4, P-Q3; 4. P-QB4, N-N3; 5. PxP, BPxP; 6. N-QB3 (White's plan is to prevent Black from developing his QB effectively), P-N3; 7. B-K3, B-N2; 8. B-Q3, O-O; 9. KN-K2, N-B3; 10. O-O (A critical position for Alekhines Defence). At first, 10. ..., P-K4; was tried here, but in 2 games Fischer got the advantage with 11. P-Q5, so other suggestions for Black's 10th move are B-N5, N-N5 and F-K3.

#### The Positional Line 3. N-QB3.

Barden & Harding jive only 3. ..., NxN; 4. QPxN, P-Q3; 5. N-B3, and end with the comment "White has the freer game". Speelman agrees, but gives as Black's cqualising line 3. ..., P-K3; 4. P-Q4, P-Q3; 5. N-KB3(A), NxN; 6. NP<sub>X</sub>N, PxP; 7. NxP, N-Q2; 8. B-KB4, P-QD4 =

(A) Suprisingly, he gives 5. N-K4!?; N-QB3; 6. N-KB3, and prefers White.

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